

ject, we beg leave to state, that almost every Commodity enumerated in your Excellency's Proclamation, can be purchased cheaper in this Country, than in the neighbouring States ; We further beg leave to state, that the Continuance of that Proclamation, cannot but be injurious to the Population of this Country, by the Means of Emigration from other Places, as it is not reasonable to expect, that many Persons from abroad will be hardy enough to attempt a Settlement for the Purpose of Agriculture in a Country, which, by the most public and solemn Acts of its Government, is pronounced to be in Distress for almost all the Necessaries of Life.

Under these Impressions, we hold it our indispensable Duty to our Constituents earnestly to request, that your Excellency will be pleased, after the Expiration of the Term limited by your Proclamation of the Twenty third of *March* last, to restrict the Articles to be imported into this Province, from the United States of *America*, to Wheat, Rye, Pease, Indian Corn, Flour, Bread, Rice, Boards, Plank, Scantling, Staves, and Heading, until it shall be found by a fair Experiment, whether this Country is able to supply itself with the other Articles heretofore permitted to be brought into this Country from the United States.

The said Address being read a second Time, was upon the Question put, thereupon agreed to by the House,

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by a Committee of this House,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *McMonagle*, and Mr. *Dimock*, be a Committee to present the said Address.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley* do wait on his Excellency to know his Pleasure, when he will receive the said Address.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province*, without any Amendment.

The Council have not agreed, to the Bill intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, &c.*

And then the Messenger withdrew,

The Prothonotary, having by Order, attended the House, and stated the Proceedings had in the *Supreme Court*, at the Suit of the King, against *John Newton*, Esq; Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, for the Recovery of Monies by him received as Collector as aforesaid, and not accounted for.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform him, that this House are extremely dissatisfied with the said Proceedings ; and to state to him, that the Sum of £920. 2. 94, is now really due as Principal and Interest from the said *John Newton*, to the Province, on the Judgement obtained against him in the said *Supreme Court*,
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