

Read a second time the Bill for laying an *ad valorem* duty on certain importations from the United States. Ordered, that the said Bill be committed.

The House in Committee, Mr. *J. Fraser* in the Chair;—Went into the consideration of the Bill for the better regulating the Militia. The *Speaker* resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into the consideration of the business before them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again. Which report is accepted.

The House then Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 23d FEBRUARY, 1810.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Agnew* Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, reported as follows—

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Province, report that they have attended to that duty and find, that,

“ No. 1. Contains a General Account Current of the Province of New-Brunswick, whereby it appears that there was on the 1st day of January, 1810, Cash, Bonds, and Treasury Notes, in the Chest to the amount of £5122:9:0½, of which sum there are redeemed Notes now in the Treasury to the amount of £1582:0:5½. In this Account there appears an error of £1, in the sum charged. Treasury Notes redeemed of 1st May, 1805, viz. £22:9 instead of £21:9, the real amount of the Notes redeemed.— There appears also a charge of £1:10 paid *William Whitney* for Clerkship. This charge the Committee are unanimously of opinion is improper, because unauthorised, on former occasions; and because the Treasurer's Salary ought to cover all contingent expences. The Committee remark that besides the sum of £1000:3 remitted from Charlotte, there remains in the hands of the Deputy Treasurer of that County, the sum of £656:17:7 in Bonds, subject to drawbacks. The Committee further remark that besides the sum of £84:3 remitted from Westmorland, there remained on the 24th November, 1808, in the hands of the Deputy Treasurer of that County the sum of £150 in Bonds; since which period he has transmitted by *Amos Botsford*, Esquire, the sum of £160. The Committee further remark that besides the sum of £466:3:4, remitted up to the 25th November, 1808, by the Deputy Treasurer of Northumberland, there appears, by his Letter to Mr. *Oliver*, as also by the statement of Mr. *James Fraser*, the further sum of £462:2:6½ remitted on account of duties since that period. The Committee submit to the House the irregular conduct of the Deputy Treasurer of Northumberland, and of Westmorland, in not forwarding any account to the Treasurer of the Province since November 1808; and also that of Mr. *Crookshank*, in not rendering an account of Sales at Auction since the 30th September 1808, thereby preventing the Committee making a full report; but with respect to other particulars in this Account mentioned, the Committee find them regularly stated and vouched.

“ No. 2. Contains an account of Duties in the Port of Saint John, from the 19th July 1808, to the 1st January 1810, amounting to £6709:4:9½; and also contains the Auction Account of Mr. *Crookshank* to the 30th September 1808, and that of Messrs. *Peters & Wiggins* to the 1st November 1809, amounting to the sum of £192:9:3.

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