

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to join Mr. Speaker for the above purposes, and that they do transmit to the Agent of the Province a copy of the Journals containing these Resolves.

*Resolved*, That this House will provide a suitable compensation for the Agent for his services herein.

The said Report and Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to unanimously by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Lawson be a Committee, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution reported by the Committee of Privileges.

On motion, *resolved*, That Mr. Speaker and the said Committee do also correspond with the Agent of the Province, requesting his best services and influence to obtain a relinquishment of the Quit Rents, at present demanded and paid in this Province.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Quit Rents, and presented an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

#### TO HIS EXCELLENCY

#### SIR GEORGE PREVOST, BARONET,

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

*May it please your Excellency,*

**W**E, His Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Representatives of his loyal people of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to state to your Excellency, that His Majesty's subjects in this Province, have, for many years past, been using their utmost exertions in the cultivation and improvement of the Country, with a view of rendering themselves independent of the United States of America, from whom they have been long obliged to procure many of the necessaries of life; and it is with great pleasure we can state to Your Excellency, that their efforts are likely to be universally successful.

We further beg leave to state to your Excellency, that the inhabitants of this Colony, who have devoted their attention to agricultural pursuits, have long entertained serious apprehensions, lest his Majesty should demand of them His Royal Quit Rents, which, from the general poverty of that description of persons by whom new lands are cultivated, they are unable to pay; and, although the sum to be paid by each individual may appear inconsiderable; yet, the enforcing the collection would produce uneasiness, and, in many cases, distress. We have considered it our indispensable duty, to state to Your Excellency the circumstances of His Majesty's Subjects in this Colony, as the collection of these Rents would greatly impede the improvement of the Country; and to request that your Excellency would be pleased to represent the same to Our Most Gracious Sovereign, and in behalf of His Majesty's Subjects of Nova-Scotia, to request that His Majesty would be graciously pleased to suspend the collection of these His Royal Rents, which are or may become due, upon lands already granted, or to be granted, to His Subjects in this Country.

The House of Assembly forbear, at present, to urge for Your Excellency's consideration, the many reasons for this application; satisfied that the knowledge your Excellency

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