

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue, alter and amend. an Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the support of a Light House, erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso : and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Marshall reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province, and for regulating and supporting the same, was referred, that the Committee had made several alterations and amendments to the said Bill, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, as altered and amended by the Committee, in at the Clerk's Table ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill to direct in what cases Writs of Attachment shall hereafter issue, and to secure to Creditors a just and equal dividend and payment out of the Effects and Estate of their Insolvent Debtors, was read a second time ; and thereupon, Mr. Dewolf moved, that the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed to this day three months : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen ; against it, fifteen. So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend and continue an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to limit and restrain the issuing and levying of Writs of Attachment upon Goods, Chattles and Estate, to the cases of insolvent, fraudulent, or absent, or absconding Debtors : to which several Bills they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Lawton reported from the Committee, appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to examine the Public Accounts, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :—

Treasurer of the Province.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance in his hands

£10,401 18 3

Collectors of Impost and Excise.

Halifax.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his Hands

£23,209 0 6

Ditto in the hands of the Attorney-General

1,607 6 10

£24,816 7 4

The Attorney-General states, that from the amount of the foregoing Bonds, he retains in his hands the sum of £466 6 6 received by him to pay sundry law expenses, on account of Plaster of Paris Bonds, and others. There is also included the sum of £524 7 2 due by John Liddell and Hill, as sureties, who are now insolvent and unable to pay.

Thomas Moody is also indebted as surety for the sum of £585 16 6, has been arrested, and committed to Jail, and discharged therefrom as insolvent and unable to pay.

Shelburne.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct, except a charge made for Commissions on Bonds placed in the hands of the Attorney-General, which makes him accountable for the sum of

£510 5 3

Bonds in the hands of the Attorney General

309 1 3½

£819 6 6½
Annapolis.