

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table to be perused by the members of the House.

On Motion, of Mr. Robie, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that his Excellency will be pleased to direct the Attorney General to commence a prosecution against all Officers of this government without distinction who have public monies in their hands, or who have not rendered their accounts, and that said Committee do deliver to his Excellency a list of such delinquents.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr Chipman, and Mr. Millidge, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A petition of James Eager, of the township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Moody, and read, setting forth, that a public road has been laid out through the lands of the petitioner, by a jury, agreeable to the law of the province, who accordingly allowed him a sum of upwards of £60, as a compensation for the damage he sustained thereby, but which sum he has not yet been able to obtain from the Treasury, and praying relief, and thereupon

On motion *ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Morton, Mr. Dimock, and Mr. Crane, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

A petition of James Frazer and others, Merchants of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, setting forth, that the petitioners experience great hardships, by goods and merchandise being introduced into the province by transient persons, who pay no higher, or other duties than those paid by the resident merchant. That the petitioners also are much injured as likewise the revenue of the province, by the illicit importation from the United States of America of large quantities of East and West-India goods; and other foreign merchandise, and praying the House would take the premises into consideration and adopt such measures for laying a duty on all goods imported by transient adventurers, and preventing illicit trade, as to them in their wisdom shall seem fit.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, who are to consider the present state of the revenue of the province.

A petition of Rowland Ames and Samuel Morine was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, setting forth, that a suit has been instituted against the petitioners by the Attorney General, for the recovery of £26 5 5. due from them for Impost and Excise duties, which sum, from unavoidable misfortunes in their dealings, the petitioners are at present totally unable to pay, and praying the house to take their case into consideration, and grant them the term of one year to discharge the said debt.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled, an Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the 32d year of the reign of His late Majesty, entitled, an Act to provide for the support of Bastard Children, and the punishment of the Mother, and reputed Father, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the said Bill, and the same having been read throughout a first and second time, it was thereupon,

Resolved That the amendment be rejected, and that the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them with the same.