

*Ordered*, on Motion of Mr. *Solicitor General*, seconded by Mr. *Murray*, That the House do on Tuesday next at its sitting, resolve itself into a Committee, to resume the consideration of the Loyalist Bill, and that the Honorable Thomas Desbrisay, Secretary and Registrar of the Province, be requested then to attend, with the original Proclamation of Governor Patterson in Council bearing test the 13th day of October, 1783, respecting Loyalist Lands.

Adjourned 'till Ten o'clock Monday Morning.

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MONDAY, August 17, 1812.

THE House met pursuant to Adjournment.—PRAYERS.

The Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, inclosing communications, from Lord Liverpool, dated 22d May 1811, which were ordered to be read, and laid upon the Table.

Mr. *Solicitor General*, from the Committee appointed to draw the Militia Bill, reported, that they had frequently sat upon the same, and had began to prepare the Draft of the Bill, but felt themselves at a loss to proceed without having received previous instruction as to the specific points which were to be enacted, the disposable force if any which was to be raised, and the means of providing for the same, therefore prayed, the further instruction of the House on the subject.

*Ordered*, on Motion of Mr. *Solicitor General*, seconded by Mr. *Curtis*, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House (Mr. *Solicitor General* in the Chair) to take the same into consideration, and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On Motion leave was given to bring in the Petition of Elisha Le Page, Merchant, against the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the relief of John Stowe, an insolvent Debtor," passing into a Law—*Ordered*, that the same be laid on the Table.

*Ordered*, on Motion, That a copy of the petition of Elisha Le Page, against the passing of a Bill, to discharge John Stowe, be furnished to the said John Stowe.

The Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, which was ordered to be read; on Motion the same was ordered to be inserted on the Journals, and is as follows, viz.

"Government House, Charlotte-Town,  
17th August 1812.

"SIR,

"IN answer to the Requisition of the House of Assembly, desiring to know  
"If any and what pay and allowances would be made, by His Majesty's Government  
"to such Militia Men, as might be called out to do duty, in the respective Counties, or  
"act as a disposable Force;" I have to reply, that I am unable at present to lay before the House, any perfect scheme on the subject, which it is my desire, however should, correspond with the measures adopted, by his Majesty's Government in Nova-Scotia, and in order to ascertain exactly what those measures are, I propose immediately dispatching an express to Halifax for the purpose of obtaining from Lieutenant General Sir JOHN SHERBROKE, the necessary information on this head; but in the mean time, being extremely anxious to afford the House, all the intelligence I am possessed of, which I hope, may enable it, to make a provision for the object in view