

Grassie, Esquires, were proposed, and did offer themselves Candidates for that important Office. That at the firing of the Gun for Sunset on the Evening of the Twenty-fourth Day of the said Month, being the last day the Election could, by Law, be continued, the Sheriff closed the Poll by the previous consent of all the Candidates, and declared John Albro, Esquire, one of the Candidates, duly elected a Member to represent the said Township; and, at the same time, notified that an equal number of Votes appeared on the Poll-Book for the said John Pryor and George Grassie, from which circumstance he did not then declare in favour of either of those Gentlemen. That a Scrutiny was then demanded which was not proceeded in, and the death of the said John Pryor has lately, and since the said Election, taken place. That, from the long residence of Mr. Grassie in this Country, as a Merchant, and his thorough knowledge of this District, the Petitioners conceive him to be a most fit and proper person to take the charge of, and, in conjunction with this Honorable House, to guard the interests of this District, and the Province in general. That the Petitioners are extremely anxious that the said Township should be, without delay, fully represented, and praying that the House may be pleased to give such direction as that the said George Grassie may be summoned to take his seat in this Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

It appearing to the House by the Return made by the Sheriff of the County of King's County, that Jonathan Crane, Esq. was duly elected to represent the Town of Horton in this General Assembly; and it also appearing to the House by the Return of the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland, that George Oxley, Esq. was duly elected one of the Representatives of that County, and Mr. Wells, and Mr. Chipman and Mr. Roach, having informed the House that the said Jonathan Crane, and George Oxley, have both died since the said Elections and Returns.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do make application to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and request that he will be pleased to direct Writs to be issued for the Election of a Member to represent the Town of Horton, in the room of the said Jonathan Crane, deceased, and one Member to represent the County of Cumberland, in the room of the said George Oxley, deceased.

Edward James, Esq. returned duly Elected as a Representative for the Township of Lunenburg, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual declaration at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the Petition of George Grassie, Esq. complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Halifax.

A Petition of George Grassie, and others, Commissioners appointed for the Building the Province House, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying payment of a balance due to them, of £491 5 9¹; and also, of the further sum of £350 19, due to sundry individuals, on account of erecting the said House.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the several Papers following, viz.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, the Agent of the Province, to Mr. Speaker, dated London, 6th Jan. 1820, on the subject of the Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to Mr. Speaker, dated London, 8th April, 1820, on the same subject.

A Copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker, to Mr. Atcheson, dated Halifax, 20th April, 1820, enclosing Copies of the Report of the House of Assembly, in their last Session, relative to the Custom-House.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to Mr. Speaker, dated London, 31st May, 1820, acknowledging the receipt of the above.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, to Mr. Speaker, dated, London, 7th July, on the subject of the Custom-House.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, to the President of His Majesty's Council, and Mr. Speaker, on the subject of Timber Duties.

An Order from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, Earl of Dalhousie, to the Attorney-General