

sient duty on sundry articles imported into the Province in May 1816, the sum of *twenty-one pounds nine shillings and eight pence*.

The Chairman also informed the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be accepted and leave granted,

A Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT.

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK,  
“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

“ 13th FEBRUARY, 1817.

“ H. W. HAILES.

“ The PRESIDENT directs to be laid before the House of Assembly, a Letter addressed to him by the Secretary of the Province, with an Account for services performed by him in preparing copies of the Laws of the last Session, to be transmitted to England as required by the Royal Instructions, and recommends to the House the making of provision for payment of the same.”

“ H. W. H.”

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o’Clock.

FRIDAY, the 14th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time “ A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expences of Trials in the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

Ordered that the said Bill be committed on Monday the seventeenth day of February, instant.

Mr. *Peters* presented a petition of *William Flood* in behalf of himself and forty other black people brought into this Province by order of His Majesty’s Government, in the year 1815, praying aid to assist them in forming a Settlement at Loch Lomond.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Agnew* reported from the Committee appointed to enquire into the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop : 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 followeth :

“ The Committee of the House appointed to inquire into the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province occasioned by the failure of the last Crop, beg leave to report, that the Committee have attended to the business referred to them, and from a careful examination of the subject, are of opinion that Legislative aid will be required to alleviate the same. They therefore submit to the House the following sums as necessary to relieve the wants of the several Counties :---

City and County of Saint John,	£1000
Charlotte County,	750
York,	1000
Northumberland,	1000
Sunbury,	500
Queen’s,	300
King’s,	750
Westmorland,	500
	£5,800

And thereupon, on motion, ordered that the House do go into Committee on the said Report to-morrow.