

The House being returned,

Speaker's Report thereon.

The Speaker reported, That the House had attended His Excellency, and that he had been pleased to make the SPEECH, as before mentioned which being read,

Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Answer to the Speech.

Ordered, That Col. *Tonge*, Major *Barkley*, Mr. *Uniacke*, Col. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Fillis*, be a Committee to draw up an ADDRESS in Answer to His Excellency's Speech.

House chuse their Officers.

The House then proceeded to the Choice of Officers, when Mr. *James B. Francklin* was chosen Clerk,

The Rev. *Wingate Weeks*, Chaplain,
And *Peter Ester*, Messenger.

Grand Committee of Justice appointed.

The Clerk took the usual Oaths,

Ordered, That Major *Barkley*, Mr. *Wallace*, Col. *Lawrence*, Col. *Tonge*, Mr. *Uniacke*, Mr. *Dight*, Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *M'Monagle*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Perkins*, Mr. *Dewolf*, Mr. *Jessen*, and Mr. *Fillis*, be a grand Committee of Justice.

Ordered, That all Breaches of Privileges and contested Elections shall be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council to examine the public Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Schwartz*, Mr. *Fillis*, and Mr. *Dight*, be a Committee of the House, to join a Committee of the Council for the Purpose of examining the public Accounts, and reporting thereon.

Speaker to provide Robes and Mace.

Ordered, That the Speaker do provide suitable Robes for himself and the Clerk of this House, as also a Mace, for the Payment of which this House will provide.

House to attend Divine Service on Sunday.

Ordered, That the House attend divine Worship at St. PAUL'S Church on Sunday next, and that the Chaplain be acquainted therewith.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday 6th December, 1785.

Committee appointed to answer the Governor's Speech, report a Draft.

The Committee appointed to consider of the Answer to the Governor's Speech, reported a Draft, which being read, was agreed to unanimously, and thereon ordered to be engrossed.

Message sent to the Secretary to know, when His Excellency would be ready to receive the Address of the House.

The Clerk was sent with a Message to the Secretary of the Province to know, when the Governor would be ready to receive their Address, who acquainted the House, that they should be informed of the Time, so soon as he could know the Governor's Pleasure.

All applications to the House be by Petitions,

Ordered, That all Applications to this House be by Petition, and be presented by a Member in his Place.

Petition from *Geo. Brightman* Esq; returned to be amended.

The Solicitor-General then moved for leave to read a Petition from *George Brightman*, Esq; complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Hants*, which was read accordingly, and appearing to be inaccurately expressed was thereupon taken back to be amended.

Mr.