

The Treasurer, pursuant to Order, delivered in to the House his Accounts, as also the respective Accounts and Papers, of other public Officers, lodged with him, together with the several Vouchers attending the same.

Ordered, That the said Accounts, and Papers do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Ten of the Clock.

Monday, 25th March, 1793.

PRAYERS.

*John Stuart*, Esquire, returned duly elected, for the County of *Sydney*.

*Edward James* Esquire, returned duly elected, for the County of *Lunenburg*.

*Simeon Perkins* Esquire, returned duly elected for *Queen's County*.

*Stephen Skinner*, and *James Humpbreys*, Esquires, returned duly elected, for the County of *Shelburne*.

*Colin Campbell* Esquire, returned duly elected, for the Township of *Shelburne*.

*John Bolman* Esquire, returned duly elected, for the Township of *Lunenburg*, and

*John Sargant* Esquire, returned duly elected, for the Township of *Barrington*, severally took the usual Oaths, and their Seats.

*Mr. Sterns*, moved, That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the Petition of *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, complaining of an undue Election for *King's County*; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eighteen, against it Fourteen. So it passed in the Affirmative.

The House, then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the said Petition.

*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair,

*Mr. Pyke*, took the Chair,

*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that the Petition of *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, having been read, and Counsel appearing before the Committee, on his behalf; together with the Sheriff of *King's County*, and his Deputy; as likewise, Counsel on the part of the sitting Member, *Jonathan Crane* Esquire, and the Committee having heard the Parties, and it being admitted by the sitting Member, that he had executed Deeds, subsequent to the Teste of the Writ, under which certain Persons voted for him, at the Election, thereupon, the Committee had come to two Resolutions, which the Chairman read in his place, and after delivered in at the Table, where they were again read by the Clerk, and are as follows, viz.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Deeds executed subsequent to the Teste of the Writ, for electing Members to serve in *General Assembly*, are illegal, and insufficient, to entitle a Person to vote under such Deeds.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a select Committee should be appointed, to take into Consideration, the Merits of the contested Election, for *King's County*.

The said Report, and Resolutions of the Committee being again read, the House was moved, that the second Resolution only, be received; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, eight, against it Twenty six.