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JOURNAL,

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P R O C E E D I N G S

OF THE *House*~~GENERAL~~ ASSEMBLY,for the PROVINCE of
NOVA-SCOTIA.

THE Names of the Members chosen for the several Towns and Counties within this Province to represent the same in a General-Assembly, summoned to meet at Halifax, the 5th December, 1785.

County of HALIFAX.		Town of HALIFAX,
<i>Sampson Salter Blowers,</i>	} Esqrs.	<i>Johnillis, Esq;</i>
<i>Richard John Uniacke,</i>		<i>Mr. William Cochran,</i>
<i>John George Pyke,</i>		Town of TRURO.
<i>Michael Wallace.</i>		<i>Mr. Matthew Archibald,</i>
County of LUNENBURG.		Town of ONSLOW.
<i>D. Christopher Fessen;</i>	} Esqrs.	<i>Charles Dickson, Esq;</i>
<i>John Wm. Schwartz,</i>		Town of LUNENBURG,
County of ANNAPOLIS,		<i>Gasper Woollenhaupt, Esq;</i>
<i>Thomas Barkley, Esq;</i>		Town of LONDONDERRY,
<i>Mr. David Seabury,</i>		<i>Mr. James Smith.</i>
KING's County.		Town of ANNAPOLIS,
<i>Jonathan Crane,</i>	} Esqrs.	<i>Stephen Delancy, Esq;</i>
<i>Elisha Laurence,</i>		Town of GRANVILLE,
County of CUMBERLAND,		<i>Benjamin James, Esq;</i>
<i>John Butler Dight,</i>	} Esqrs.	Town of HORTON,
<i>Christopher Harper.</i>		<i>Gurden Dennison, Esq;</i>
QUEEN's County.		Town of CORNWALLIS,
<i>Simeon Perkins,</i>	} Esqrs.	<i>Mr. Benj. Belcher,</i>
<i>Benajah Collins,</i>		Town of WINDSOR,
County of HANTS,		<i>Mr. John M Monagle,</i>
<i>Benjamin Derwolf,</i>	} Esqrs.	Town of NEWPORT,
<i>Winkworth Tonge.</i>		<i>Mr. John Day.</i>
County of SHELBURNE		Town of FALMOUTH.
County of SEDNEY.		<i>Jeremiah Northup, Esq;</i>
		Town of AMHERST.
		<i>Mr. William Freeman.</i>
		Town of LIVERPOOL,
		<i>Mr. Ephraim Dean,</i>
		Town of YARMOUTH.
		<i>Mr. Sam. Sheldon Poole,</i>
		Town of BARRINGTON,
		<i>William Aplin, Esq;</i>
		Town of DIGBY,
		Town of SHELBURNE,

Monday December 5th, 1785.

House met and
Members Chosen.
And appearing,
take the Oaths.

On which Day being the first Day of the Meeting of this present Assembly, a Committee of the Council attending, the following Members who appeared, took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration in their Presence, viz.

COUNTY OF HALIFAX. { SAMPSON SALTER BLOWERS,
RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE,
JOHN GEORGE PYKE,
MICHAEL WALLACE, } Esqrs.

COUNTY OF LUNNENBURG { D. CHRISTOPHER JESSEN,
JOHN WILLIAM SCHWARTZ, } Esqrs.

COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS. { THOMAS BARKLEY, Esqr;

KING'S COUNTY. { JONATHAN CRANE,
ELISHA LAWRENCE, } Esqrs.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND { JOHN BUTLER DIGHT, Esqr;

QUEEN'S COUNTY. SIMEON PERKINS, Esqr;

COUNTY OF HANTS. { BENJAMIN DEWOLF,
WINKWORT TONGE, } Esqrs.

TOWN OF HALIFAX. { JOHN FILLIS, Esqr;
Mr. WILLIAM CCCHRAN,
Town of Truro. Mr. MATTHEW ARCHIBALD,
Town of Londonderry. Mr. JAMES SMITH,
Town of Granville. BENJAMIN JAMES, Esqr;
Town of Horton. GORDEN DENNISON, Esqr;
Town of Windsor. Mr. JOHN M'MONAGLE,
Town of New-port. Mr. JOHN DAY,
Town of Falmouth. JEREMIAH NORTHUP, Esqr;
Town of Liverpool. Mr. EPHRAIM DEAN,
Town of Yarmouth. Mr. SAM. SHELDON POOLE.

His Excellency
desires a Speaker to
be chosen.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Governor, by the Honourable *Richard Bulkeley* Secretary of the Province, desiring the House to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker. And the House having proceeded thereon, *Sampson Salter Blowers*, Esqr; His Majesty's Attorney General was unanimously chosen, and conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

Speaker Chosen.

Message from the
Governor to require
the Attendance of
the House.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Governor by the Honourable *Richard Bulkeley* Secretary of the Province, desiring the Attendance of the House at the Government House.

Mr. Speaker elect
with the Members
wait on his Excel-
lency.

Mr. Speaker elect, with the other Members present, went accordingly, and having presented their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased

ed to approve of their Choice, when he spake to the following effect.

May it please your EXCELLENCY.

THE House of Assembly for this Province having done me the very high Honor to elect me their Speaker, it becomes my Duty in their behalf, to request of Your Excellency as the privileges of this House, that the Members thereof during this Sessions may be freed from all Molestation; that they may have Freedom of Speech in their Debates; that they may have the Power of punishing their own Members; and have free and favourable Access to your Excellency as His Majesty's immediate Representative on all Occasions.

Mr. Speaker's
Speech to His Ex-
cellency.

“ His Excellency replied, that he would to the utmost of his Power secure the Rights and Privileges of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and that they should have Access to him on all Occasions.

His Excellency's
Answer.

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following
S P E E C H.

GENTLEMEN of the Council and House of Assembly.

“ **T**HE Dissolution of the late *House of Assembly*, and the calling of you together, I have been obliged to defer until this Time, from unavoidable Necessity.

His Excellency's
Speech to the House

“ Several Matters, well worthy of your Attention will at this time, present themselves to your Consideration, which from the Progress of Agriculture and Commerce, did not before appear.

“ In respect of the latter, the Prospect of an Establishment of the Whale Fishery here, particularly affords a well founded Expectation of great Benefit and Advantage: And I am confident you will not fail to give every suitable Encouragement to a Matter of so much Concern, as far as you shall think it necessary, and consistent with the Condition and Circumstances of the Province.

“ The Year being so far advanced, I recommend to your particular Attention the re-enacting of those Laws which will expire at the End of it, and must be continued and to defer to a more convenient time, those matters which are not immediately pressing, and require a full and mature Deliberation.

“ I earnestly recommend Unanimity in your Proceedings, and that you will give the publick Business the Dispatch necessary at this Season to prevent the Inconvenience, which a long Session may Occasion in your Return to your Respective Homes and to your private Affairs.

“ The proper Officers will lay before you all Papers necessary for your Information, and you may be assured, GENTLEMEN, that my utmost Wishes, will be satisfied in giving my Assent, to every Proposition, which may promote or secure your Happiness and Welfare.

HALIFAX, 5th Dec. 1785.

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.

Mr. Pyke then moved for leave to read a Petition from *Alexander Howe*, Esq; complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Annapolis*, which was read accordingly, and *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Petition from *Alex. Howe*, Esq; read, and *Order* thereon.

Mr. Solicitor-General also moved for leave to read a Petition from *Philip Marchinton*, complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Cumberland*, which was read, and *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Petition of *Philip Marchinton* read, & *Order* thereon.

The Solicitor-General moved, That the proper Officer be directed to apply at the Secretary's Office for the Return of the Member for *Amberst*, to be laid before this House,

Motion from the Solicitor General, and Resolution thereon.

Ordered accordingly.

The Petition of *George Brighman*, Esq; was read, and *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Petition of *George Brighman*, Esq; read, and Resolution thereon. Motion of Mr. *Dewolf*, and Resolution thereon.

On Motion of Mr. *Dewolf*, *ordered*, that the House meet at seven o'Clock in a Committee of the whole House on the Petitions against undue Elections.

The Solicitor-General moved, that the Correspondence of the Committee of the late House with their provincial Agent be read, which was read accordingly.

Correspondence of the late House with their Agents read, on Motion of the Solicitor General

The House being informed, that the Governor would be ready to receive their Address at Twelve o'Clock To-morrow, *ordered*, that the House wait on him accordingly.

Message that the Governor will be ready to receive the Address,

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

Wednesday, 7th December, 1785.

The Committee on the contested Elections *reported* the following Progress they had made,

Committee on contested Elections report Progress.

The Petition of *Alexander Howe*, Esq; together with the following Papers, which were exhibited in Support of it viz.

- No. 1 Affidavit of *Joseph Winniett*, junr. Esq;
- 2 Do. of *Bertrand de Chevery*,
- 3 Do. of Mr. *Benjamin Cornwall*,
- 4 Do. of *Wm. Willett Beavens*, Esq;
- 5 Do. of *Thomas Cornwall*,
- 6 Do. of *Ebenezer Cutler*,
- 7 Do. of *John Robertson*,

Were read, and thereupon the Committee agreed, that the further Consideration of the Business be deferred to a future Day, and that the Clerk obtain from the Secretary's Office the Return of the Writ for the County of *Annapolis*, and a copy of the Instructions sent to the Sheriff, and also Copies of such other Papers as relate to the said Election.

Agreed, that the Petition of *George Brighman*, be read, which being read, the Committee also agreed, that it be referred to a future Day, and

and that the Clerk call on the Surveyor General, and the Register, to request the Attendance of their Deputies with a copy of the Plans and Grants of the Townships of *Rawdon* and *Douglafs*.

Agreed, that the Petition of *Philip Marchinton*, be read, which being read, the Committee also agreed it should be deferred to a future Day, and that Mr. *Harper*, should have timely Notice to make Proofs of his Freehold.

On Notice of *Major Barkley*, resolved, that the Thanks of this House be given to Mr. *Cumberland* the Provincial Agent for his great Attention to the Affairs of the Province, and that the Speaker be desired to acquaint him therewith.

Resolved, also on the Motion of *Major Barkley*, that the Thanks of the House be given to the Committee appointed by the late House to correspond with the Agent, and that the Approbation of the House of that Correspondence be entered on the Journals.

Christopher Harper, Esqr; being introduced by Mr. *Dight*, Member for *Cumberland*, offered himself to be sworn as a Member for the County of *Cumberland*, but it being objected that he was not an Inhabitant of the Province, and this being admitted by him.

Resolved, That *Christopher Harper*, Esq; one of the Persons returned as a Member for the County of *Cumberland*, not being an Inhabitant of this Province is ineligible to a Seat in this House.

Resolved also, That the Election of Mr. *Harper* for the County of *Cumberland* is null and void, and that the Speaker be directed to request His Excellency the Governor would be pleased to order a new Writ for the Election of a Member for that County.

The Solicitor General moved, that a Committee of five be appointed for taking into Consideration the Instructions for regulating the Election of Members to serve in *General Assembly*, and to report to the House thereupon, which being agreed to, the following Gentlemen were nominated for that purpose, Mr. *Uniacke*, Mr. *Day*, Mr. *Perkins*, Col. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Archibald*.

The House according to the Resolution of Yesterday waited on His Excellency the Governor with the following Address.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

J O H N P A R R, Esqr.

Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of *Nova-Scotia*, the Islands of *St. John's* and *Cape-Breton*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of REPRESENTATIVES in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

“ W E His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects in *General Assembly* convened, return you our sincere Thanks for your “ Speech. We

Thanks of the House voted to their Agent Mr. *Cumberland*.

Thanks of the House voted to the late Committee of Correspondence with Mr. *Cumberland*.

Christopher Harper, Esq; offers to take his Seat.

Mr. *Harper* declared ineligible to a Seat in the House.

Mr. *Harper's* Election declared null and void.

Committee appointed to consider the Instructions concerning Elections.

“ We beg leave to express our entire Satisfaction in being assembled
“ under your just and prudent Government ; and to assure you we
“ shall most heartily co-operate with your Excellency in every Thing
“ that may tend to promote the Welfare and Happiness of this Pro-
“ vince.

“ We observe with the highest Satisfaction the rapid Progress of
“ Agriculture and Commerce in this Country. The Establishment of
“ the Whale-Fishery, we consider as an Object of the first importance.
“ The Number of Vessels that have already been fitted out in that
“ useful Branch of Business ; and the flattering Prospect we have of
“ that Fishery being effectually and permanently established on our
“ Coasts, afford us the highest Pleasure. We heartily concur with your
“ Excellency in considering the encouragement of an Undertaking so
“ highly beneficial, to be an Object of the greatest public Concern.
“ We shall give our most serious Attention to this and the other im-
“ portant Subjects which you have recommended.

“ Fully persuaded that your Excellency will on all occasions be
“ ready to forward the Prosperity of this very improveable Country,
“ We, on our Parts, shall be solicitous to demonstrate our readiness
“ to preserve Unanimity, and to contribute to the Ease and Permanency
“ of your Government.

“ We thank your Excellency for your Attention, in having been
“ pleased to direct the proper Officers to lay before us the several Pa-
“ pers necessary for our Information: In the Consideration of which,
“ and in the Dispatch of all public Business, we shall be as expedi-
“ tious as the Nature thereof will admit.

“ Animated with the strongest Sense of Duty and Loyalty to the
“ best of Kings and possessed with the fullest Confidence in your
“ Excellency's affectionate Regard for the Province, we shall not fail
“ to use every Means in our Power to make your Government agree-
“ able to your Excellency, as it will prove happy and advantageous
“ to the Public.

The Council having appointed a Committee, to meet the Com-
mittee of this House on the Publick Accounts, and requested that the
Committee should meet at Ten o'Clock To-morrow in the Council
Chamber, the Members named by this House of that Committee are
ordered to meet accordingly.

Committee of the
House to meet a
Committee of the
Council on publick
Accounts.

Ordered, That the Members of this House who are a Committee
for examining the publick Accounts, be a Committee for examin-
ing, and reporting on the Laws of this Province, which are near ex-
piring.

Committee on
the Laws near ex-
piring.

Ordered, That a Message go to the Council to inform them, that
the Committee of this House will be ready to attend them To-Morrow
at Ten o'Clock on the publick Accounts, and that the same Members
are appointed a Committee for the examining and reporting on the
Laws near expiring.

Message to the
Council.

Ordered, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of
the

the whole House To-morrow at Eleven o'Clock on the Petitions against undue Elections.

The House then adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Thursday December 8th, 1785.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Benjamin Belcher, returned as Member for the Town of Cornwallis, being introduced by Mr. Pyke, Member for the County of Halifax, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Mr. Belcher Member for Cornwallis took the Oaths and his Seat.

The Solicitor General moved for leave to withdraw the Petition of Philip Marchinton,
Ordered Accordingly,

Mr. Marchinton's Petition withdrawn

The House then according to Order of the Day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, and Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

House resolve itself into a Committee on contested Elections.

When Alexander Howe, Esqr; was called on, and examined before the Committee, as also Major Barkley, Member for the County of Annapolis, and Mr. John Perrott, who were produced as Witnesses for the Petitioner.

Report of that Committee

Mr. Day then Moved the following Resolution, that the Return of the Sheriff for the County of Annapolis, so far as it relates to the Election of Mr. David Seabury for that County be null and void, which being seconded.

The Attorney General moved, that the Committee adjourn, which motion being seconded, was put, and the Committee divided thereon, when there appeared for the Adjournment seven Ayes, against it Sixteen Noes; Tellers for the Ayes, Attorney General, Tellers for the Noes, Solicitor General.

The main Question was then put, and passed without a Division. The Speaker having resumed the Chair.

Mr. Pyke, Chairman of the Committee, reported, the above Proceedings of the Committee, which were agreed to by the House.

Agreed to by the House.

The House then adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday, 9th, December, 1785.

On Motion of Mr. Day, resolved, that the Speaker be directed to request his Excellency the Governor would be pleased to order a new Writ for the Election of a Member for the County of Annapolis.

Motion of Mr. Day on a new Writ for Annapolis County.

On Motion of the Solicitor General, Ordered, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on Petitions against undue Elections.

House resolve itself into a Committee on contested Elections.

Mr. Pyke then took the Chair.

When Mr. Brightman was called on and examined before the Committee, also Mr. Day Member for the Town of New-port, who was sworn

sworn on the Part of Col. *Tonge*, the fitting Member, and Mr. *M Monagle*, Member for the Town of *Windsor*, sworn on the Part of Mr. *Brightman*, were produced as Witnesses.

Mr. *Schwartz* moved, That the Sense of the Committee be taken, whether Mr. *Brightman* ought not to have demanded a Scrutiny at the close of the Poll before his Application to this House, which being seconded by Mr. *Day*, was put and passed in the affirmative.

The Solicitor General then moved, That the Committee proceed no further in the Consideration of Mr. *Brightman's* Petition, which being seconded by Mr. *Dight*, it was thereupon resolved unanimously, That this Committee will not proceed further in the Consideration of the said Petition.

The Speaker having resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pyke*, Chairman of the Committee reported the above Proceedings of the Committee, which were agreed to by the House.

Agreed to by the House.

On Motion of the Solicitor General resolved, That the Petition of *George Brightman*, Esq; complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Hants* be dismissed.

Petition of *George Brightman* dismissed

The Solicitor General then moved for leave to read a Petition from *Charles Hill*, complaining of an undue Election for the Town of *Amberst*, and that the said Petition should be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections. Ordered accordingly.

Motion of the Solicitor General for leave to read Mr. *Hill's* Petition.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, and Mr. *Pyke* having taken the Chair.

House resolve itself into a Committee on contested Elections.

Mr. *Hill's* Petition complaining of an undue Election for the Town of *Amberst* was read, and Mr. *Godfry Schwartz*, was sworn as a Witness on the Part of Mr. *Hill*.

The Solicitor General moved, as the Sense of this Committee, that the Sheriff not having determined in his Return, who was the Member chosen for the Town of *Amberst*, and *William Freeman*, who is said in the return to have had the Majority of Votes not appearing to take his Seat, and it being proved before this Committee, that the said *William Freeman* is not an Inhabitant of *Nova-Scotia*, nor resident in the Province; the Committee are of Opinion, That the return of the Sheriff for *Amberst* is null and void, and ought to be so declared. which being put, was agreed to.

Report of that Committee.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pyke*, Chairman of the Committee reported, the proceedings of said Committee to the House, which report, was agreed to.

Agreed to by the House, nem. con,

The Solicitor General moved, That the Speaker be desired to request His Excellency the Governor would be pleased to order a new Writ for the Election of a Member for the Town of *Amberst*, which being seconded, was voted accordingly.

Motion of Solicitor General, on a new Writ for the Town of *Amberst*.

The House then adjourned to Monday at 11 o'Clock.

Monday, 12th December 1785.

Mr. Dickson Member for *Orfords* take the Oaths and his Seat.

Charles Dickson Esq; returned as a Member for the Town of *Orfords* took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Motion of the Solicitor General to consider the Revenue Laws, near expiring

The Solicitor General moved, That the House proceed to a consideration of the Laws relating to the Impost and Excise, which are near expiring.

Ordered accordingly, and the Clerk proceeded to read the several Laws relative to those Duties.

Mr. Wallace's motion respecting these Laws.

Mr. Wallace thereupon moved, that a Committee of Seven be appointed to take into Consideration the several Laws relative to the Revenue of the Province, and to report thereon as expeditiously as possible.

Committee appointed to consider Revenue Laws.

Voted accordingly, and Mr. Wallace, Mr. Day, Col. Perkins, Mr. Dean, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Dight, and Mr. James were appointed a Committee for that Purpose.

Mr. Day's motion relative to the repair of Roads and Motion thereon.

Mr. Day requested that the Resolves of the late *House of Assembly*, relative to the repair of Roads, which passed the Third of *July*, One Thousand and Seven Hundred and eighty One, be read; read accordingly; and thereupon moved, that the Treasurer be desired to lay before the House an Account of all Monies paid by him for defraying the Expences of repairing Roads and Bridges, agreeable to those Resolutions, and how the Expenditure thereof has been accounted for.

Mr. Belcher's notice respecting Payment of Members.

Mr. Belcher requested that the Resolves of the House which passed the Twenty First of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One, relative to the Payment of the Members for their Travel and Attendance on the Business of the House be read, which being done.

He gave Notice, that he intended at a future Day to move a like Resolution of this House in Favor of the Members thereof.

Major Barkley's Motion to bring in Heads of a Bill to punish Criminal Offences.

Major Barkley moved for leave to bring in the Heads of a Bill, enabling His Excellency the Governor to appoint Commissioners in the several Counties and Towns within the Province, for the Trial of Criminal Offences, which come under the Denomination of *Petit Larceny*.

Leave given.

Leave given accordingly.

The Solicitor General motion to take in to consideration the Table of Fees.

The Solicitor General moved, that a Committee of five be appointed to take into Consideration the Table of Fees, and to report such Alterations and Amendments, as they may find to be reasonably necessary.

Order thereon.

Ordered accordingly.

Committee appointed for that purpose

Committee appointed, Major Barkley, Col. Lawrence, Col. Perkins, Mr. Pyke, and Mr. Dickson.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock, To-morrow.

Tuesday

Tuesday December 13th, 1785.

The Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received from His Excellency the Governor, the following Answer, to the Address of the House,

GENTLEMEN,

" Your Loyalty to His Majesty, and the Sense you entertain of my Administration of the Government of this Province, give me the highest Satisfaction.

" And I hope that our joined Endeavours will not fail of Success in promoting your Welfare ; and gratifying, the anxious Wishes of our most Gracious Sovereign for the Happiness of his People, in every Part of the Empire."

The Speaker also acquainted the House, That agreeable to the Request of the House, new writs have been issued. by Order of His Excellency the Governor, for the Election of a Member for the County of Cumberland, and also One for the Town of Amberg.

The Committee for considering the Revenue Laws reported sundry Amendments as necessary to be made in the Laws of Excise, And thereupon,

Major Barkley moved, That the Act for more effectually Raising a Duty of Excise be read a first Time, read accordingly ; and Ordered to be read a second Time To-morrow.

On Motion of the Solicitor General, resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Act imposing Duties on the Importation of certain enumerated Articles, commonly called the Sunk Duties should be continued for another Year.

The Act entitled, *An Act for the more effectually raising a Revenue, &c.* was thereupon read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered also, That the Bill which passed the late House entitled, *An Act to amend, alter, and continue the several Laws now in force relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors* be revived and thereupon read a first Time.

As Also the Bill to provide for the Maintainance and Support of transient Poor, maimed and disabled Seamen and Soldiers, and other distressed People, who have no fixed Place of Abode.

The Solicitor General then moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the further regulating the Culling and packing of Fish, and the surveying and measuring of Lumber, allowed accordingly,

Mr. Wallace moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the further regulating of Ferries ; allowed accordingly.

The House then adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

His Excellency's Answer to the Address of the House.

New Writs issued for the Elections of Members for the County of Cumberland and Town of Amberg.

The Committee on the Revenue Laws reports sundry Amendments.

Act for raising a Duty of Excise, read a first Time.

Resolution for the Sunk Duty another Year.

Act for Raising a revenue, read a first Time.

An Act to alter and Continue sundry Revenue Laws read a first Time.

Also a Bill for Maintainance of Transient Poor, &c.

Leave given to bring in a Bill for further regulating the culling of Fish, &c.

Also a Bill for the Further Regulating Ferries of.

Wednesday

Wednesday, 14th December, 1785.

Committee of Council and House of Assembly report on publick Accounts

The Committee of His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly appointed to examine the publick Accounts, laid before the General Assembly by Order of his Excellency the Governor; report, that they have examined said Accounts and find them as follows; viz.

Treasurer's Account.

The Treasurer's Accounts we find exact, well stated and properly Vouched up to the Twenty Sixth of *November*.

Collectors of Impost and Excise for *Halifax* their Account.

The Accounts of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the district of *Halifax* up to the Thirtieth of *September* last, we find them exact, vouched and well stated.

Collector of *Lunenburg*.

The Collector of *Lunenburg* his Account up to the Thirtieth of *June* last, we find exact and regular.

Collector of *Liverpool*.

The Collector of *Liverpool* his Accounts up to the Thirtieth of *June* last we find correct.

Collector of *Shelburne*.

The Collector of *Shelburne*, his Account rendered up to the Thirtieth of *September* last, we find correct, but not agreeable to form.

Collector of *Yarmouth*.

The Collector of *Yarmouth* his Account up to the Nineteenth of *April* last, we find incomplete and unsettled, but he has made a Remittance to the Treasurer.

Collector of *Annapolis*.

The Collector of *Annapolis* we find no Account from, but he has paid into the Treasury £44. 1.

Collector of *King's County*.

The late Collector of *King's County* his Account up to the Thirty First of *December* last, we find very exact and correct, but there is no Account rendered by his successor for this year, but he has remitted £50. to the Treasurer.

Collector of *Hants*.

The Collector of *Hants* County his Account up to the Thirty First of *December* last, we find correct and very regularly stated.

Collector of *Colchester*.

The Collector of the district of *Colchester*, we find no Account from, nor any Remittance to the Treasurer.

Collector of *Cumberland*.

The Collector of *Cumberland* we find no Account from, but a Remittance of £50. on a Ballance due.

Collector of *Canfo*.

The Collector of *Canfo* his Account up to the Twenty Sixth of *November* last, we find correct, and stated very regular.

Collector of Licences.

The Collector of Licences, his Account up to the Thirty First of *May* last, we find regular and correct.

Mr. *Theodore Chamberlain*.

We find no Account from Mr. *Theodore Chamberlain* of the Expenditure of £50. granted him, and are informed by the Treasurer, that several accounts from the different Collectors at the Out Ports have been received by him with Remittances since his Account were made up.

Dr. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA being a general State of the Province Account to the 26th November. Cr.

1785. To Amount of the Sum due on Interest, } Treasurer's Notes and Loan Warrant	£ 3992. 1. 7½			
Demands on the Treasury.	259l. 0. 0.			
<i>John Newton</i> , Esq; for Amount of his Account against the Light House being the whole Expense incurred except Keeper's Wages, this Year.	£ 379 15. 7.			2213. 6. 9½
So much due the School Lottery Fund from the Impost and Excise.	514. 7. 6.			685. 2. 10.
				530. 17. 4.
				102. 1. 6.
				38. 5. 7½
				100.
				614. 8. 6.
				124. 11. 11½.
				57 0. 0.
				107. 10. 3.
				57. 14. 5.
				£ 4630. 19. 2½.
				7846. 5. 6.
				£ 12477. 4. 8½

1785. By Balance of Sunk Duty Account to 30th
September, on Bonds, £ 1832. 14. 6½
By Ditto Ditto, for three Ditto
in the Hands of the Attorney General, 380. 12. 3.

By outstanding Debt as per Treasurer's Account, 2213. 6. 9½
By Balance of sinking Fund Account in the Hands
of the Treasurer, 530. 17. 4.
By Balance on the Licence Duty Fund in the
Hands of the Treasurer, 102. 1. 6.
By Balance due on Light House Fund, 38. 5. 7½
By so much advanced *John Newton*, Esq; by the
Treasurer on Account of the Light House,
100.
By the Amount School Lottery Money in the
Treasury, being the Proceeds of £ 750. 614. 8. 6.
By Balance of General Account of Impost and
Excise and Sunk Duties, 124. 11. 11½.
By Province Notes on this Account in the Treas-
ury, amounting 57 0. 0.
By Balance of Licence Duty Account to 25th May
in the Hands of the Collector to be paid into the
Treasury, 107. 10. 3.
By three Accounts in the Hands of the Attorney
General for Excise Duties in the *Yine* Quarter, 57. 14. 5.

Signed, JONATHAN BINNEY, } Committee of
ALEXANDER BRYMER. } Council.
THOMAS COCHARN. }

JOHN FILLIS, }
MICHAEL WALLACE, } Committee of the
JOHN WILL. SCHWARTZ, } House.
BENJAMIN JAMES, }
J. B. Dight,

Report on the Laws
near expiring.

The Committee appointed to examine and report on the several Laws, which are near expiring, made the following Report, viz.

An Act for licensing Butchers and preventing them in future from being guilty of Extortion, and other Misbehavior.

An Act for regulating Inns and Taverns on all the public Roads throughout this Province, and establishing the Prices of Entertainment for Travellers.

An Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum, and certain other enumerated Articles, and for preventing Frauds in the Collection of the Revenue.

An Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province, for the support of its Government.

An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act for continuing the several Laws, relating to the Duty on licensed Houses and for the Appropriation of the Money raised thereby.

An Act for continuing the several Acts therein mentioned, which are,

An Act for preventing the Multiplicity of Law Suits,

The Acts for the Summary Trials of Actions,

The Acts for the Establishment of Fees, as regulated by His Excellency the Governor and Council, at the request of the House of Assembly.

An Act for raising a Sum of Money towards keeping in Repair the Roads leading from Halifax to Windsor, and the district of Colchester.

An Act to exempt all Molasses, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors imported into this Province, or purchased for the Use of His Majesty's Navy or Careening Yard from paying the several Impost Duties by the Laws of this Province.

An Act for establishing the Standard Weight of Grain, and for appointing proper Officers for measuring Grain, Salt and Coals, and ascertaining the Standards and Size of Bricks.

Petition of Matthew Pinnell presented.

Mr. Fillis presented a Petition from the Keeper of the Light House, praying an Allowance for his Services for the Year past, which being read;

He thereupon moved the following Resolution, that the Keeper of the Light House shall be intitled to receive by Warrant on the Treasury One Hundred Pounds for the Year, 1785, and that a Salary of One Hundred Pounds payable Quarterly, should be allowed him for his Services during the Year 1786, *Voted accordingly.*

Bills read a second time viz.

Act for raising a Duty of Excise &c.

Act for raising a Revenue &c.

Act to alter and continue sundry Revenue laws.

Then according to the Order of the Day the following Acts were read a second Time, viz.

An Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum, and certain other enumerated Articles, and for more effectually preventing Frauds in the Revenue.

An Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within the Province for the Support of its Government.

As also the Bill which passed the late House, entitled, An Act to amend, alter and continue the several Laws now in force relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors. And the
Bill

Bill to provide for the Maintenance and support of transient Poor, maimed and disabled Seamen and Soldiers, and other Distressed Persons, who have no fixed Place of Abode."

Bill for the Maintenance of Transient Poor.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House; Mr. Pyke took the Chair, and the Committee proceeded in the Consideration of the Revenue Laws, after which the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Pyke, Chairman of the Committee reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolutions.

House resolve itself into a Committee on the revenue Bills.

That the Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum and certain other enumerated Articles and for preventing Frauds in the Collection of the Revenue (except the following sentence written in a Parenthesis in the second Page beginning at the Eighth Line, viz. *except the Produce and Manufactures of Great Britain or Ireland legally and directly imported therefrom*) be continued for another Year.

Report of that Committee on excise Laws, &c.

And also that the Act for more effectually Raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government, be continued for another Year, Which Report was agreed to,

Agreed to.

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

Thursday December 15th, 1785.

According to the Order of the Day,

An Act for continuing An Act of the General Assembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government, as also An Act for continuing, and explaining An Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wines Rum, and certain other Enumerated Articles, for preventing Frauds in the Collection of the Revenue, being read a first, and second Time.

Bill entitled an Act for continuing the several Revenue Acts read a first and second time.

The Solicitor General moved, That the Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time To-morrow,
Ordered accordingly.

Bill ordered to be engrossed.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor with the return of the Writs for the Election of Members for the Town and County of Shelburne, which were read.

Message from His Excellency with the return of the Writs for Shelburne

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Revenue Bills,

House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And the Chairman of the Committee reported the Draft of a Bill entitled, *An Act to provide for the Maintenance and Support of transient Poor, maimed and disabled Seamen and Soldiers, and other distressed Persons who have no fixed Place of Abode."*

Draft of a Bill for support of Transient Poor reported.

The Solicitor General moved, that the Draft of the Bill as reported, be engrossed, and read a Third Time to Morrow.

Ordered, accordingly.

The House then adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday

Friday December 16th, 1785.

Mr. *Woollenhaupt* takes the Oaths and his Seat.

Caspar Woollenhaupt, Esq; returned Member for *Lunenburg*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Petition of *John O'Brien*, and *John Sargent*, presented to the House and Order thereon.

The Solicitor General presented a Petition recommended to the Consideration of the House by His Excellency the Governor, viz, From *John O'Brien*, Landwaiter at *Shelburne*, praying some Allowance for his Services.

Also a Petition of *John Sargent*, Gauger, praying some Allowance for his Services.

Which Petitions were ordered to lay on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

Petition of *Joseph Brewer*, *Alexander Lerkey* & *Charles M^r Neal*, presented and Order thereon.

The Solicitor General presented a Petition from *Joseph Brewer*, *Alexander Lerkey* and *Charles M^r Neal*, praying to be allowed to take their Seats as Members for the Town and County of *Shelburne*; and thereupon moved, that the same together with the several Returns of the Sheriff be referred to a Committee of the whole House, Ordered accordingly, and that the house will meet in Committee for that Purpose at Six o'Clock this Evening.

A Bill for continuing the Revenue read a third Time and sent to the Council.

The Bill for continuing an Act of the *General Assembly* of this Province, intituled, an Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government, And also for continuing and explaining an Act entitled, An Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum and certain other enumerated Articles, and for preventing Frauds in the Revenue, was read a third time and Ordered to be sent to the Council by a Member of the House.

Bill for Maintenance of Transient poor &c. read a third time and sent to the Council.

The Bill for to provide for the Maintenance and Support of transient Poor, maimed and disabled Seamen and Soldiers, and other distressed Persons, who have no fixed Place of Abode, was read a third time; when *Major Barkley* moved, That the following Clause should make part of the Bill, Provided always, That any thing in this Act, contained shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Goods, Wares, or Marchendizes legally and directly imported from Great-Britain or Ireland, which being seconded, was put and rejected, and the Bill as reported by the Committee was thereupon, ordered to be sent to the Council by a Member of the House.

Mr. *Uniacke*, who was sent with the aforementioned Bills acquainted the House he had delivered them.

House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House.

According to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair.

A Message from the Council, with the Revenue act agreed to.

The Committee adjourned, and the Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council with the Bill for continuing and explaining an Act for more effectually raising a revenue, for the support of its Government, and also for continuing and explaining an Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum and certain other enumerated Articles, and for preventing Frauds in the Revenue, agreed to by the Council.

The House again *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House.

House resolve itself into a Committee,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair, and the Committee proceeded on the consideration of the Impost bill, after which,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pyke*, Chairman of the Committee *reported* the progress which the Committee had made, and prayed leave to sit again, *ordered* accordingly.

Mr. *Pyke* Chairman reported the progress they had made

The Solicitor General presented a Petition from *Isaac Wilkins, Alex. Leekey, Robert Ross, and John Grabam*, which Petition was recommended by his Excellency the Governor to the Consideration of the House, and was *ordered* to lie on the Table for the Information of the Members.

Petition of *Isaac Wilkins*, and others presented and order thereon.

Major Barkley presented a Petition from *Isaac Wilkins, Esqr*; praying, that he might be allowed to take his Seat as a Member for the Town of *Shelburne*, which Petition was read, and referred to the Committee of the whole House.

Petition of *Is. Wilkins* praying leave to take his Seat presented.

Col. Tonge presented a Petition from *Richard Cunningham*, late Clerk of the House, praying some Allowance for his Services, which being read, it was *resolved*, That he be paid his Salary up to the Appointment of the present Clerk, and that the Sum of Thirty Five Pounds be also allowed him for his extra Attendance and Services.

Petition of *Richard Cunningham* presented and resolution thereon.

On Motion of *Col. Tonge*, *ordered*, That a Committee of three, be appointed to consider of the Utility of giving Bounties on the Produce of this Province, and of the best Mode of Application for obtaining Bounties of the Mother Country, on the Exportation to *Great Britain*, of Hemp, Pot and Pearl Ashes, and other Articles; the Growth or Manufacture of the Province, and also on the Exportation, of Whale Oil.

On Motion of *Col. Tonge* Committee appointed to consider of Bounties &c.

Col. Tonge, Col. Perkins and *Mr. Wallace* were appointed a Committee accordingly.

The House then adjourned till To-morrow at 11 o'Clock.

Saturday December 17th, 1785.

The House having met,

Mr. *Jessen*, Chairman of the Committee of the whole House *reported* the Proceedings of that Committee, which report being read is as follows.

Mr. *Jessen*, Chairman of the Committee reports the Proceedings of the Committee.

The Petition of *Joseph Brewer, Alexander Leekey, and Charles M^r Niel, Esqrs*; was read, and it was *Resolved*, That the Merits of said Petition so far as it related to *Mr. Brewer's* Election should be considered, when the Committee should take *Mr. Wilkins's* Petition into Consideration; *Mr. Leekey* and *Mr. M^r Niel* were then called on, and examined before the Committee with *Mr. Clarke, Sheriff* for the County of *Shelburne*, who was sworn for that Purpose.

The Attorney General moved, as the Sense of this Committee, That it appearing from the Poll Book produced by the Sheriff of the

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County of *Shelburne*, that the Majority of Votes, on the close of the Poll for the Election of two Members for that County was in Favor of *Alexander Leekey* and *Charles McNeal*, Esqrs; and no specific Challenges appearing to said Votes, the Committee is therefore of Opinion, that the said *Alexander Leekey* and *Charles McNeal* were the Members chosen, and ought to be declared so duly elected for said County, *resolved* accordingly.

The Petition of *Isaac Wilkins*, Esq; being read, together with such Part of Mr. *Brewer's* Petition, as related to the Election for the Town of *Shelburne*, and they having been examined before the Committee, together with Mr. *Clarke*, Sheriff of the County of *Shelburne*.

The Attorney General *moved*, That it is the Sense of this Committee, that the Sheriff being commanded to return his Writ at Ten o'Clock on the First Day of *December*, ought not to have kept the Poll open after that Period, but should have then cast up the Poll, and declared the Majority of Votes, which being put, was agreed to.

The Solicitor General *moved*, the following Resolution, That the Election for the Town of *Shelburne*, be null and void ; which being put, passed in the Negative, for the motion Eleven, against it Thirteen.

The Attorney General then *moved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that *Isaac Wilkins*, Esq; who had the Majority of Votes at Ten o'Clock, on the First Day of *December*, is duly elected for the Town of *Shelburne* ; which being put, passed in the affirmative, for the motion Thirteen, against it Eleven.

The Report being read.

The Solicitor General *moved*, That the above Proceedings of the Committee so far only as they related to the Election for the County of *Shelburne* should be first considered ; which was agreed to.

The Solicitor General then *moved*, That Mr. *Leekey* and Mr. *McNeal*, having been declared duly elected for the County of *Shelburne*, be now permitted to take their Seats ; which Motion was seconded.

Major *Barkley* *moved*, That the House should immediately proceed in the further Consideration of the Report of their Committee, and the Speaker being of Opinion, that the latter Question ought regularly to be first put to the House, The Solicitor General *moved*, That the Sense of the House might be taken thereon, which being seconded, was put, and the House divided, when Fifteen were for proceeding immediately on the Consideration of the Report, and Eleven against it.

Proceeding on the report.

- Mr. Wallace,*
- Mr. Dight,*
- Major Barckley,*
- Mr. Fillis,*
- Mr. Day,*
- Mr. Dean,*
- Mr. Dewolf,*
- Mr. Dennison,*
- Mr. Crane,*
- Mr. James,*
- Col. Lawrence,*
- Col. Perkins,*
- Mr. Schwartz,*
- Mr. Northup,*
- Mr. Jessen,*

Against it.

- Solicitor General*
- Col. Tonge,*
- Mr. Pyke,*
- Mr. Cochran,*
- Mr. Pool,*
- Mr. Woollenhaupt,*
- Mr. McMonagle,*
- Mr. Archibald,*
- Mr. Belcher,*
- Mr. Smith,*
- Mr. Dickson,*

Motion of the Solicitor General relative to the proceedings of the Committee.

Motion of the Solicitor General that Mr. *Leekey* and Mr. *McNeal*, should take their Seats.

Motion of Major *Barkley* and division of the House thereon.

The Solicitor General *moved*, That the House adjourn to a future Day, for a further Consideration of the Proceedings of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Election for the Town of *Shelburne*, and presented a Petition from *Joseph Brewer, Esq*; praying the same, the Question being put, the House divided, and there appeared for the adjournment Eleven, against it Fifteen.

Major *Barkley* then *moved*, That the subsequent Part of the Report of the Committee, relating to the Election of a Member for the Town of *Shelburne* be agreed to, which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion. Ayes Sixteen, Noes Ten.

For the Motion.

- Mr. Wallace,*
- Mr. Dight,*
- Major Bakley,*
- Mr. Fillis,*
- Mr. Day,*
- Mr. Dean,*
- Mr. Dewolf,*
- Mr. Dennison,*
- Mr. Crane,*
- Mr. James,*
- Col. Lawrence,*
- Col. Perkins,*
- Mr. Schwartz,*
- Mr. Northrup,*
- Mr. Jessen,*
- Mr. Woollenbaapt.*

Against it.

- Solicitor General,*
- Col. Tonge,*
- Mr. Pyke,*
- Mr. Cochran,*
- Mr. Pool,*
- Mr. M' Monagle,*
- Mr. Archibald,*
- Mr. Belcher,*
- Mr. Smith,*
- Mr. Dickson.*

Motion of the Solicitor General for Adjournment, and Resolution thereon

Major *Barkley's* motion relative to the Election for the Town of *Shelburne*, and Division of the House thereon.

Mr. Fillis, then *moved*, That *Alexander Leekey*, and *Charles M'Neal*, Esqrs; should be sworn and admitted to take their Seats in this House as Members for the County of *Shelburne*, and that *Isaac Wilkins*, Esq; should be Sworn, and permitted to take his Seat for the Town of *Shelburne*, *resolved* accordingly, and thereupon the said Gentlemen took the usual Oaths and their Seats.

On Motion of *Mr. Fillis*, *Mr. Leekey*, *Mr. M'Neal*, and *Mr. Wilkins*, take the usual Oaths and their Seats.

Mr. Jessen, prayed leave to bring in a Bill for the further regulating and preventing of Disorder at Elections, leave given accordingly.

Leave given to bring in a Bill for Regulating Elections. House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House.

The House then *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Impost Bill.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, Chairman of the Committee reported a Draft of a Bill, intitled *An Act to Revive, alter and continue the several Laws relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors*, which Laws expired the Thirty First Day of *December*, 1784.

Report a Draft on Impost Bill, on Beer Rum, &c.

And thereupon *moved*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time on Monday, *ordered* accordingly.

Bill Ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The House adjourned to Monday at 11 o'Clock,

Monday, 19th December, 1785.

The House having met.

And the Journals of Saturday being read,

Motion of the Solicitor General, relative to the Journal of the House,

The Solicitor General *moved* that, that Part of the Journals, which related to the Division of the House on the Motion of Major *Barkley*, and the Solicitor General, might be corrected, and that instead of the Words *Fifteen were for proceeding immediately on the Consideration of the Report*, there should be inserted *Fifteen were for proceeding immediately on the Consideration of Major Barclay's motion*, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Impost Bill read a third time, and sent to the Council

The Bill entitled, *An Act to revive, alter and continue the several Laws, relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors*, which Laws expired the Thirty First December, 1785, was read a third time, and ordered to be sent to the Council by a Member.

Mr. *Pyke*, who was sent with the above Bill, reported he had delivered it.

Petitions presented, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of *Robert Collins*,

Do. of *John Wisdom*,

Do. of *John Newil*,

Do. of *Joseph Toler*,

Do. of *John Prince*,

Do. of *Is. Andrews*,

Do. of *Beltbezer Creamer*.

Act for continuing the several Laws, relating to licensed Houses, continued

Resolved, That the Act for continuing An Act, intituled *An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act for continuing the several Laws, relating to the Duties on licensed Houses* be continued for another Year, or to the end of the next Session of *General Assembly*.

Act for the Establishment of Fees, continued

Resolved also, That the Act for the Establishment of Fees, as regulated by the Governor and Council, be continued to the End of the next Session of *General Assembly*.

The Solicitor General moved, That the several Laws relative to the Repair of the Roads, leading from *Halifax to Windsor*, and the District of *Colchester*, should be continued for another Year, which being seconded, and put, passed in the negative.

Resolve of the House, relating to Mr. *Cunningham* sent to the Council.

The Resolve of the House, relating to Mr. *Richard Cunningham*, late Clerk, was sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

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

Tuesday 20th December, 1785.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Rawdon*, praying for Assistance to repair their Roads, was presented, and ordered to lie on the Table. The

The Solicitor General *moved*, That the House should re-consider, and continue for another Year the several Laws relative to the Repair of the Roads leading from *Halifax* to *Windsor* and the District of *Colchester*, which being seconded, was put and carried in the affirmative.

Laws relating to the Repair of Roads reconsidered and continued

Major *Barkley* *moved* for leave to bring in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing the several Laws therein mentioned*, which being allowed the said Bill was read a first and second time, and *ordered* to be engrossed.

Major *Barkley's* Bill for the Continuing of several Laws read a first & second Time.

Mr. *Belcher* prayed leave to present a Petition from the Overseers of the Poor at *Cornwallis*, praying the House would defray fundry Expences therein mentioned, which was read, and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

Petition from the Overseers of the Poor at *Cornwallis*.

On Motion of the Solicitor General, *Ordered*, That a Committee go to the Council with a Message from this House, requesting that the Government Estimate for the Expences of the Current Year should be sent to this House. The Solicitor General, and Mr. *Belcher* were nominated for that Purpose.

Committee appointed to request from the Council the Government Estimate for the current Year

The Committee appointed to go with the above Message acquainted the House they had declared it.

Col. *Perkins*, presented an Account of Expences incurred by the Sheriff at the *Special Court of Oyer and Terminer* held lately at *Shelburne*, *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Account from the Sheriff of *Shelburne*, presented

The Speaker requested the Members attending this House from the several Counties and Towns to give in to the Clerk for the Information of Government, Lists of the Saw Mills erected or building in their respective Counties or Towns.

Mr. *Wallace* presented the Draft of a Bill for *establishing a free Ferry between Halifax and Dartmouth*, which was read a first and second time, and *Ordered* to be engrossed.

Bill for establishing a free Ferry, read a first and second Time.

On Motion of the Solicitor General, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Uniacke* and Mr. *Schwartz* be a Committee of this House, to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Expediency of erecting a Building for the better Accomodation of the *General Assembly*, and Courts of Judicature, and to procure a Plan or Design of the same with an Estimate of the Expence.

Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council on erecting a publick Building

Agreed that the House will go into the Consideration of private Petitions To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Leekey* and Mr. *Cochran*, be added to the Committee for considering on the Utility of giving Bounties &c. &c.

Mr. *Smith* *moved* for leave to bring in a Bill to *relieve certain Conscientious Persons from being obliged to take Oaths*; and also A Bill for the *Establishment of Religious publick Worship*, leave given accordingly.

Leave given to bring in Bill for the relief of conscientious Persons and also for establishing publick Worship. Petition from Mr. *Morau* presented,

Mr. *M Monagle* presented a Petition from *Elizabeth Morcau* Widow, praying for Relief.

Ordered, to lie on the Table.

The House then adjourned till To-Morrow at 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday 21st December, 1785.

Joseph Aplin Esq; take the Oath and his Seat.

Joseph Aplin, Esq; Member for the Town of Barrington took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Transient poor Bill and Impost Bill not agreed to by the Council.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Maintenance and Support of transient Poor, maimed and disabled Seamen and Soldiers, and other distressed Persons, who have no fixed Place of Abode.* Not agreed to. Also with the Bill intituled, *An Act to revive, alter and continue the several Laws relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors,* which Laws expired the Thirty First of December 1784. Not agreed to.

Petition of John Harris presented

Mr. Smith presented a Petition from John Harris, relating to *Pierson Road,* Ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of Mr. Jessen presented.

Mr. Dight presented a Petition from D. Christopher Jessen, Esq; praying some Allowance for his Losses sustained during the late War, Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House having according to the Order of the Day proceeded to take into Consideration the Petitions on the Table.

Petition of John Sargent, read

The Petition of John Sargent, Gauger at *Shelburne* was read, and thereupon resolved, That he be allowed the Sum of *Forty Pounds,* for his Service in that Office for the Year past.

Petition of John O'Brien read.

Petition of John O'Brien, Landwaiter at *Shelburne,* was read, and the Consideration thereof deferred to a future Day.

Petition of John Nevil read

The Petition of John Nevil, late Goaler, read and dismissed.

Petition of B. Creamer read

The Petition of *Beltbezer Creamer,* read and dismissed.

Petition of John Toler read.

The Petition of John Toler, late Tide Waiter at *Halifax,* was read, and deferred to a future Consideration.

Petition of John Prince read

The Petition of John Prince was read, and thereupon resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Forty three Pounds and Ten Pence,* should be paid to him out of the public Monies in the Treasury, pursuant to the prayer of his Petition.

Petition of John Prince sent to the Council.

The Petition of John Prince with the above Resolve of the House, was sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

Petition of Robert Collins, read.

The House proceeded on the Petition of Robert Collins, and deferred the further Consideration thereof until To-morrow.

Government Estimate for 1786 received

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor with the Estimate of Expences of Government for the Year 1786, and thereupon it was agreed, that the House should proceed in the Consideration thereof To-morrow, and that in the mean Time the Estimate should lay on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

Petition of Arthur Gould, and John Newton received.

The Petition of Arthur Gould, and John Newton, Esqrs; Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax,* recommended to the Consideration of the House by his Excellency the Governor, was received, and Ordered to lie on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

The House adjourned till 11 o'Clock, To-morrow.

Thursday

Thursday, December 22d, 1785.

The Bill intituled, *An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act for establishing and regulating Ferries*, was read a third Time, and ordered to be sent to the Council by a Member, also the Bill entitled *An Act for continuing the several Laws therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and ordered to be sent to the Council by a Member.

The Bill for regulating Ferries, &c. read a third Time.

The Petition of *Joseph Bourg*, Missionary to the Indians recommended by His Excellency the Governor, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of *Joseph Bourg*, read,

The Petition of the Church Wardens at *Cornwallis*, recommended by His Excellency the Governor was also read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Inspection of Members.

Petition of the Church Wardens at *Cornwallis*, read

The Report of the grand Jurors, respecting the State of the Goal at *Halifax* recommended to the Consideration of the House by His Excellency the Governor, was read and referred to the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Expediency of erecting publick Buildings, &c.

Report of the Grand Jury respecting the *Halifax* Goal, read,

On the Motion of the Solicitor-General, Ordered, That the Naval Officer of this Province lay before the House an Account of the Vessels entered and cleared in the District of *Canso* during the last Summer, distinguishing Fishing Vessels from trading Vessels, and that the Deputy Naval Officer for that District, be directed to attend this House to explain such Account.

Order to the Naval Officer respecting *Canso*.

Agreed, that this House will meet in a Committee of the Whole House this Evening at Seven o'Clock, on the Consideration of the Accounts abovementioned, and the Clerk is directed to acquaint Mr. *Binney*, the Magistrate at *Canso* with the same.

Mr. *Pyke* who was sent with the Bills to the Council, reported, he had delivered them.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for establishing the Times and Place of holding the several Courts of Justice in the County of Cumberland*, was read a first and second Time, and Ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-morrow.

Bill for establishing the Time of holding Courts in County of *Cumberland*, read.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Consideration of the Government Estimate be deferred until To-morrow.

Consideration of the Estimate deferred.

His Majesty's Council having rejected the Bill sent them for their Concurrence, entitled, *An Act for the Maintenance and Support of transient Poor, maimed and disabled Seamen, and Soldiers, and other Persons who have no fixed Place of Abode*, and also the Bill entitled, *An Act to revive, alter and continue the several Laws, relating to the Duties of Impost, on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors*.

The transient Poor Bill, and Impost Bill considered.

And this House conceiving the Regulations in said Bills essentially necessary for the well being of this Government.

The

Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council on enacting Laws for Encouragement of the Trade

The Solicitor General *moved*, That a Committee of five Members of this House, be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the Propriety of enacting Laws for the immediate Encouragement of the Trade and Commerce of the Province.

Ordered accordingly, That the Solicitor General, Major *Barkley*, Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Col. *Tonge*, be appointed a Committee for that Purpose.

Act for regulating Ferries, agreed to by the Council.

A Message from the Council with the *Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act for the establishing and regulating Ferries*, and also the *Act for continuing the several Laws therein mentioned*, agreed to by the Council, was received.

William Lawlor's Account presented

Mr. *Pyke* presented an Account from *William Lawlor* for Work done at the Government House, amounting to Eighty Five Pounds, two Shillings, *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Thanks of the House voted to Major General *Campbell*.

The Solicitor General *moved*, That the Thanks of this House should be presented to Major General *Campbell*, Commanding His Majesty's Troops in this Province, for his Compliance with the Request of His Excellency the Governor, in ordering a Party of Soldiers to assist in repairing the Road leading from *Halifax* to *Windsor*. and that the Speaker be desired to acquaint him therewith, which being put, passed unanimously.

Petition of *Jfrael Andrews* read, and Resolution thereon.

The Petition of *Jfrael Andrews* being read and considered, it was thereupon *resolved*, That the Sum of Fifty nine Pounds, Nineteen Shillings be paid him for the necessary Repairs of the Road leading from *Halifax* to *Windsor* near St. *Croix* Bridge in the Year 1783, pursuant to the Prayer of his Petition.

The Petition of *Jfrael Andrews* with the above Resolve was sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

Bill to empower the Justices to hold Special Sessions, read a first and second Time:

The Bill intituled, *An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace to hold Special Courts of Sessions for the Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a first and second Time, and *ordered* to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-morrow.

Resolution for Payment of the Members.

Resolved, That the Members of this House who require it shall be paid at the Rate of Ten Shillings *per* Day during their Attendance in *General Assembly*, and for the Time necessarily expended in travelling to and from their several Homes, and that the Speaker of this House shall grant Certificates to the Members who apply for the Number of Days they shall attend, and for the Time necessarily expended in travelling from and to the respective Counties and Towns, where they reside, which Certificates shall be lodged at the Secretary's Office, and the Amount thereof shall be paid by Warrant from the Governor or Commander in Chief on the Treasurer of the Province, pursuant to such Certificate.

The House then adjourned till To-morrow at 11 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday December 23th, 1785.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace to hold Special Courts of Sessions for the purposes therein mentioned*, was read a third time, and ordered to be sent to the Council by a Member ; Also the Bill entitled, *An Act for establishing the Times and Places of holding the several Courts of Justice in the County of Cumberland*, read a third Time, and ordered to be sent to the Council.

Bill to empower the Justices to hold Special Sessions, read a third Time.

Mr. Perkins, who was sent to the Council with the above Bills reported he had delivered them.

On Motion of Mr. Day resolved, That a Sum of Money shall be Voted this Session for the Repair of the Road leading from the *Wind- for Road to the New-Port Mill* so called in the Township of *New-port*.

Resolution respecting *Newport* Road.

The Account of *Joseph Tinkham*, Sheriff for *Queen's County*, amounting to Fourteen Pounds for Expences incurred in attending the *Special Court of Oyer and Terminer*, held at *Shelburne*, the Second Day of *November*, 1784, was presented by Col. *Perkins* for Payment, which being put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Joseph Tinkham's Account presented, and Resolution thereon.

The Solicitor General reported, That the Committee of this House, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Propriety of enacting Laws for the immediate Encouragement of the Trade of the Province had accordingly met, and had agreed on the Propriety of such Laws, and thereupon moved for leave to bring in a Bill entitled, *An Act to encourage and extend the export of Fish, Lumber, and other Produce of this Province to the West Indies*, and also to revive, alter and continue the several Laws relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, which Laws expired the Thirty First Day of *December* 1784, leave given accordingly.

Leave given to the Solicitor General to bring in a Bill to revive, alter and amend the Impost Laws.

The Solicitor General, also moved, That a Committee of three Members be appointed, to join a Committee of the Council in preparing an Address of both Houses to His Excellency the Governor, requesting, that he would be pleased to prohibit by Proclamation all Trade with the United States of *America*, except in the Articles of Flour, Rye, Rice, Wheat, Indian Corn and Meal, which was agreed to, and Mr. *Wilkins*, Major *Barkley*, and Mr. *Aplin*, were appointed for that Purpose.

Committee to prepare an Address to the Governor on the Trade to the United States of *America*.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill entitled, *An Act for establishing the Times and Places of holding the several Courts of Justice in the County of Cumberland* agreed to.

Bill for establishing the times of holding Courts in the County of *Cumberland*, and also the Bill to empower the Justices to hold Special Sessions, agreed to by the Council.

And also with the Bill entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of the peace to hold Special Court of Sessions for the purposes therein mentioned*, agreed to.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to encourage and extend the Export of Fish, Lumber, and other Produce of this Province to the West Indies*, and also

Bill to alter, revive and amend the Impost Laws, read a first and second time.

to revive, alter and continue the several Laws relating to the Duties of Im-
post on Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, which Laws ex-
pired the Thirty First Day of December 1784, was read a first and se-
cond Time, and ordered to be immediately engrossed.

Read a third time
and sent to the
Council.

The above mentioned Bill being engrossed, was read a third Time,
and ordered to be sent to the Council.

Col. Tonge, who was sent with the above Bill reported he had de-
livered it.

Agreed to by the
Council.

A Message was received from the Council, with the Bill entitled,
*An Act to encourage and extend the Export of Fish, Lumber and other Pro-
duce of this Province to the West Indies, and also to revive, alter, and con-
tinue the several Laws, relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum and
other distilled spirituous Liquors,* which Laws expired the Thirty First
Day of December 1784; agreed to.

Committee appoint-
ed to prepare an
Address to His
Excellency the
Governor report a
Draft.

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council
on an Address to His Excellency the Governor to prohibit the Trade
with the United States of America, reported, the following Draft,
which being read, was agreed to, and presented accordingly.

To His Excellency JOHN PARR, Captain General, and Governor in
Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of *Nova-Scotia*, and the
Islands of *St. John* and *Cape Breton*, Vice Admiral of the same, &c.
&c.

The ADDRESS of His Majesty's COUNCIL and HOUSE of
ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

" I T appearing from sundry Representations made by many re-
" spectable Inhabitants of this Province, that it is no longer neces-
" sary to admit the Importation of all the Articles allowed by the King's
" Order in Council of the Eighth April last past from the United States
" of America.

" They therefore request your Excellency will be pleased to issue
" your Proclamation prohibiting from and after the Eight of *February*
" next the Importation of any of those Articles from thence into this
" Province, Flour, Wheat, Rice, Corn, Rye, and Meal excepted.

Signed,

RICHARD BULKELEY.

S. S. BLOWERS,

Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Committee appoin-
ted to consider of
the Trade at *Canso*
reported.

The Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider of the Trade
carried on at *Canso*, reported their proceedings, which being read, are
as follows.

Mr. *Amos Chipman*, and Mr. *Foster Sherlock*, Deputy Naval Officer
at *Canso* being sworn and examined before the Committee.

Resolved, That the Trade of this Province is much injured by Ves-
sels belonging to the United States of America, resorting to its Har-
bours, particularly the Harbour of *Canso* under Pretence of curing Fish,
and under that Colour supplying the Inhabitants thereof with Salt,
West India Produce, and other Articles.

Resolved.

Resolved, That it appears to this Committee, that the Collector of *Canfo*, has during the last Summer suffered two Vessels belonging to the United States of *America* to take on board Cargoes of Fish, and granted them Permits to proceed with the same, one to the Port of *Bilboa*, and the other to the Port of *Lisbon* in Europe.

Resolved, That it appears to the Committee that the Collector of *Canfo* has received from a Number of American Vessels for their Entry or Clearance in that Port, three Pounds each, and also six Shillings and eight Pence for Anchorage, for each American Vessel coming into the said Harbour.

The above Report was agreed to by the House, and the Solicitor General moved, that a Copy of the Report should be delivered to His Excellency the Governor by a Committee of this House, who should be instructed to pray His Excellency would take the same into Consideration.

Ordered accordingly, and Mr. *Wallace*, the Solicitor General and Mr. *Cochran*, were appointed for that Purpose.

The House directed them at the same Time they presented the Report, to represent to His Excellency the present inconvenient and very detached Situations of the Custom House and Impost and Excise Offices in the Suburbs of *Halifax*, and to request those Offices might be kept in Places more convenient for the Trade.

The Order of the Day being called for,

Mr. *Craxe* moved, That the House should not now proceed on the Consideration of the Government Estimate, but should proceed on the Consideration of the Repair of Roads, which being put, passed in the affirmative.

The House then proceeded to take into Consideration the Repair of Roads in different Parts of the Province and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds be granted and applied for the Purpose of opening Roads from *Halifax* to *Shelburne*, and from thence to *Yarmouth*.

Resolved, That of the above Sum Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds shall be appropriated for making the Road between *Yarmouth* and *Shelburne*.

That Five Hundred Pounds shall be appropriated for making the Road between *Shelburne* and *Liverpool*.

That Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds shall be appropriated for making the Road between *Liverpool* and *Lunenburg*.

That two Hundred and Fifty Pounds shall be appropriated for making the Road between *Lunenburg*, and *Halifax*.

That two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be appropriated for making the Road from *Halifax* towards *Lunenburg*.

And that the same shall be paid to such Commissioners as His Excellency the Governor may be pleased to appoint in said Townships respectively, to be by them laid out and expended for Purposes aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Sum of one Hundred Pounds be granted and applied

Agreed to by the House, and Committee appointed to pray His Excellency would take the same into Consideration.

Repair of Roads taken into Consideration, and Resolutions thereon.

Roads from *Halifax* to *Shelburne* and *Yarmouth*.

Road between *Yarmouth* & *Shelburne*.

Road between *Shelburne* and *Liverpool*.

Road between *Liverpool* and *Lunenburg*.

Road between *Lunenburg* & *Halifax*.

Road from *Halifax* towards *Lunenburg*.

Commissioners to be appointed.

Road from the Windsor Road to the Newport Mill.

applied for repairing the Road, leading from the *Windsor* Road to the *Newport Mill* so called, in the Township of *Newport*.

And that the same shall be paid to such Commissioners in the Township of *Newport*, as his Excellency the Governor may be pleased to appoint, to lay out and expend the same for the Purpose aforesaid.

Road between the Ford at Falmouth and Horton.

Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and applied for the Repair of the Road between the Ford at *Falmouth* and *Horton*, and that of the above sum of One Hundred Pounds shall be laid out by such Commissioners as His Excellency the Governor may please to appoint in the Township of *Falmouth*, and also one Hundred Pounds be laid out by such Commissioners as his Excellency the Governor may please to appoint in the Township of *Horton* to lay out the same for the purposes abovementioned.

Road leading from the Windsor Road to the Truro.

Resolved, That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted and applied for repairing the road leading from the *Windsor* Road to the Bounds of the Township of *Truro*, and that One half of the said Sum shall be paid to such Commissioners as his Excellency the Governor may be pleased to appoint in the District of *Colchester* to lay out the same, and that the Remainder be paid to such Commissioners as his Excellency the Governor may be pleased to appoint in the District of *Halifax* to lay out the same for the Purposes abovementioned.

Road leading from the Windsor Road to the Settlements of Rawdon and Douglass.

Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and applied for making a road leading from the *Windsor* Road to the Settlements of *Rawdon* and *Douglass* to be disposed of by five Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Governor from the Townships of *Windsor*, *Falmouth*, *Newport*, *Rawdon* and *Douglass*.

Road between Truro and Pigeon.

Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and applied for repairing the road between *Truro* and *Pigeon*, to be disposed of by such Commissioners as his Excellency the Governor may be pleased to appoint from the District of *Colchester*, to lay out the same.

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

Saturday December 24th, 1785.

Trade of Canoe and Publick Office.

The Solicitor General acquainted the House, that pursuant to the Order of Yesterday the Committee had waited on His Excellency the Governor, and acquainted him with the Requisitions of the House, respecting the Trade of *Canoe* and the publick Offices, and that His Excellency was pleased to signify that he would take them into immediate Consideration.

Address to the Governor, presented.

Major Barkley also acquainted the House, That the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor had presented it, and that his Excellency was pleased to signify that it met his Approbation.

Mr. Tucker's Petition rejected.

Mr. Aplin moved, for leave to present a Petition from *Doctor Tucker*, respecting his Conduct at the late Election for the County of *Annapolis*, but the House would not receive it.

The Committee appointed to consider what Premiums and Bounties are

are necessary for the promoting of Agriculture and Commerce, reported several Resolutions, which being read, are as follows.

Report of the Committee on Premiums and Bounties.

1st, Article of HEMP.

Your Committee are of Opinion, That it may be a Year or two before any considerable Quantity of this Article can be raised to export, but as the Soil and Climate are both exceedingly favourable to its Cultivation, and by suitable Encouragement may become a valuable staple Commodity for Exportation, they would therefore recommend to this House, that the Committee which may be appointed to correspond with the Provincial Agent in *London*, may be directed to write to him for Information, whether the Bounty heretofore granted on Hemp from *America*, would be continued if sent from *Nova-Scotia*, likewise if Bounties would be granted on Potash and Flax Seed.

2d. FLAX SEED.

Your Committee are also of Opinion, That the following Bounty on this Article would prove extremely beneficial to this Country, viz. Two Shillings and Six Pence Per Bushel on all clean, fresh merchantable flax Seed raised in the Province, that may be delivered and pass Inspection at any Port of Exportation within the Province within two Years next ensuing,

3d, POT-ASH.

Your Committee consider this a most important Manufacture at this Time especially, which ought to meet with immediate and effectual Encouragement, as it will not only enable the Poor and Industrious to clear their Lands, but also prove a very considerable Staple to export to Europe, which this Country stands so much in need of, they therefore submit to the House whether the following Premium should not be immediately offered, that the new Settlers may have Employment and become attached to their Lands and Possessions, viz- five Pounds Per Ton on all Clean, well Manufactured Potash that shall be delivered and pass Inspection at any Sea Port within the Province.

4th SAW MILLS.

In Order to secure to ourselves the supplying of the *West-India* Islands with Lumber on reasonable Terms, Your Committee are of Opinion that a Premium of Twenty Pounds be given for every Saw Mill, well and sufficiently constructed and erected within the Province in the year 1786.

5th, SHIP BUILDING.

A Premium of Ten Shillings Per Ton, Carpenters Measurement, on all Vessels built in the Province of the Burthen of Forty Tons and upwards.

6th OIL,

With respect to this Article your Committee are of opinion, That the Duty imposed on Foreign Oil carried to Britain is a sufficient and more effectual Bounty than any within the Ability of this Province to offer, but as the Increase of the Whale and other Oil Fisheries will greatly depend on the Number of useful Settlers, that may be induced to come here, and avail themselves of our Laws, Constitution and Protection, it is submitted, and your Committee think it well worth the Consi-

deration of the House the Propriety of Voting a Sum of Money to purchase, Lumber, Nails, Lime, and other Materials to enable such Poor, but useful Mechanicks and others connected with the Whale Fishery to construct Habitations, and to be distributed from Time, to Time by Commissioners under the Governor's Directions to such Persons, as they may judge fit and deserving of such Assistance.

This Mark of Attention and Encouragement from the *House of Assembly*, to so valuable a Branch of Business, we humbly conceive is a duty incumbent upon them to shew at this Time, that all those who may be disposed to embark in the Trade may be convinced of the good Wishes and sincere Disposition of the Legislature, and the Country in general to promote and protect it.

Mr. *Leekey moved*, That the House should proceed immediately in the Consideration of said report, *ordered* accordingly, and thereupon

Resolved, That a Premium of Fifty Pounds shall be allowed and paid on the greatest Quantity of Merchantable Hemp, not less than a Ton raised and manufactured by any one Person in the Province, and brought to Market within two Years from this Session of *General Assembly*

Twenty five Pounds on the next greatest Quantity, not less than a Ton raised, Manufactured and brought to Market as aforesaid.

Fifteen Pounds on the next greatest Quantity not less than a Ton raised manufactured, and brought to Market as aforesaid, and Ten Pounds on the next greatest Quantity not less than a Ton, raised, manufactured and brought to Market as aforesaid. And that a Bounty at the Rate of five Pounds per Ton shall be allowed and paid on all other Hemp raised, manufactured and brought to Market as aforesaid.

Resolved, That a Bounty of Two Shillings and six Pence Per Bushel be allowed and paid on all Clean, fresh merchantable Flax Seed, raised and manufactured within this Province, which shall be brought to Market within two Years and pass Inspection at any shipping Port in the Province.

Resolved, That a Bounty of five Pounds Per Ton, shall be allowed and paid on all Potash made within this Province, which shall be delivered clean and well manufactured within two Years next ensuing at any shipping Port in the Province.

Resolved. That a Premium of *Twenty Pounds* shall be given and paid to the Proprietor of every Saw Mill within the Province, which may be begun and compleated within the Year 1786, on Proof being made, that there hath been sawed at such Mill One Thousand Feet of Merchantable Boards at the least.

Resolved, That a Bounty of Ten Shillings *per* Ton, be allowed and paid on all Vessels built in the Province, and launched, and fitted for Sea within the Year 1786, of the Burthen of Forty Tons, and upwards Carpenters Measurement.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be impowered and requested to order Materials for House Building to be purchased and Supplied from Time to Time as they may be wanted to such poor Persons being Whale Fishers and Mechanics, as may come into this Province

House proceed in Consideration of the Report

Premiums and Bounty on Hemp.

Bounty on Flax Seed.

Bounty on Flax Seed.

Premiums on Saw Mills.

Bounty on Ship Building.

Resolution respecting the Whale Fishery.

Province within Twelve Months for the Purpose of carrying on the Whale Fishery, and that a Sum not exceeding Fifteen Hundred Pounds be granted and applied for that Purpose.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be empowered to appoint Commissioners for the Purpose of paying and distributing the several Sums of Money granted by the foregoing Resolutions, which Commissioners shall be accountable to the Committee of public Accounts for all Sums of Money by them paid and expended for the Purposes aforesaid.

The House adjourned to Monday at 11 o'Clock,

Monday, 26th December, 1785.

A Message from the Council was received with the Resolution of the House respecting the Payment of the Members ; Not agreed to.

Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to Commissioners to be appointed by his Excellency the Governor at *Shelburne*, for the Purpose of distributing the same in premiums to such Persons as may settle under their Directions on the Road lately cut from *Shelburne* to *Annapolis*.

On Motion of Mr. *Jessen*, *Resolved*, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid for the Purpose of making, opening and repairing the Road leading from *Houghton's* Mill in *Chester* to the Forks of *Windsor* River, and that the above Sum be laid out and expended on said Roads under the Direction of Commissioners to be appointed at *Lunenburg* by His Excellency the Governor.

Resolved, That no further Applications respecting Roads will be received this Sessions.

The House then according to the Order of the Day, proceeded in the Consideration of the Government Estimate for the Year 1786, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Sum of £400 be granted and paid to each of the Assistant Justices of the *Supreme Court*, in Lieu of all Fees, whatever for the Year 1786. - - - - - £800. 0. 0.

Resolved, That the Sum of £400 be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province for himself, Clerk, and Office Rent for the Year, 1786. - - - - - £400. 0. 0.

Resolved, That the Sum of £100 be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Council in *General Assembly* for the Year 1786. £100. 0. 0.

Resolved, That the Sum of £100 be granted and paid to the Clerk of the *House of Assembly* for the Year 1786. - £100. 0. 0.

Resolved, That the Sum of £30. be granted and paid for the Expenses of Council in *General Assembly* for the Year 1786.

Resolved, That the Sum of £100 be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Crown for the Year 1786, provided he attends the *Supreme Courts* in all their Sittings. - - - - - £100. 0. 0.

Resolved, That the Sum of £100. be granted and paid to the Speaker of the *House of Assembly*. - - - - - £100. 0. 0.

Resolved,

Resolution empowering the Governor to appoint Commissioners for the Purpose of paying Bounties, Premiums &c.

Resolution for payment of Members not agreed to by the Council.

Resolution respecting Road between Shelburne and Annapolis.

Motion relative to Chester Road and resolution thereon.

House proceed to consider the Estimate for the Year 1786.

- Resolved*, That the Sum of £80. be granted and paid to the Printer, for printing for the Government and *General Assembly*, - - - - - £80. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That the Coroners in the several Counties be paid by the Counties for their Services.
- Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor be impowered to draw Money from the Treasury from Time to Time to defray the Expences of maintaining Prisoners committed to the Goal at *Halifax*, and not chargeable on the County, the expenditure of such Sums to be accounted for to the Committee of public Accounts at the next Sessions.
- Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid to the Collectors of the Impost and Excise Duties for the Districts of *Halifax* and *Shelburne*, the Sum of Five per cent. on the Amount of their Collections, in lieu of all other Allowances whatever.
- Resolved*, That there be granted and paid for two Waiters for the Port of *Halifax*, provided they do not act as Clerks in the Collector's Office £60. each. - - - - - £120. 0. 0.
- And also for one Gauger. - - - - - £80. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid to the Collectors of the Impost and Excise Duties at the Out-Ports Ten per cent. on the Amount of their Collections.
- Resolved*, That the Agent of the Province be allowed and paid £100. Sterling for the Year 1786. And that *Richard Cumberland*, Esqr; the present Agent be allowed and paid a further Sum of one Hundred Pounds Sterling for past Services; the Payment of which has hitherto been delayed.
- Resolved*, That there be granted and paid to the Keeper of the Light House for the year 1786 agreeable to the resolve of this House. - - - - - £100. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That there be granted and paid to the Solicitor General for the Year 1786. - - - - - £100. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be allowed to draw by Warrant on the Treasury any Sum not exceeding £150. for contingent Expences for the year 1786. - - - - - £150. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That there be paid to the Reverend. Mr. *Weeks* Chaplain to the House for his Attendance on the House during this Session. - - - - - £10. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That there be paid to *Peter Etter*, Senior. the Messenger of this House for his Attendance 25 Days at 5s. £6. 5. 0.
- Resolved*, That there be paid to the Speaker of this House to defray the Expence of Fuel, the making of Seats and other incidental Charges to be accounted for. - - - - - £30. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That the Sum of Five Hundred and forty Pounds be granted and allowed to enable the Treasurer to pay the Interest on Government Securities, as it becomes due, £570. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That Ten per cent. on all the Monies arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise paid into the Treasury, be appropriated to pay off, and discharge the Government Securities, the same to be paid off and cancelled at the Times, and in the Manner heretofore directed by the several Laws of this Province, for raising a fund to pay off and sink the Province Debt.
- Resolved*, That the Governor, Lieut. Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, be impowered to grant Warrants on the

the Treasury for the several Sums granted as aforesaid, and for the Purposes for which the same have been voted and allowed, and for no other Intent and Purpose whatever.

Resolved, That in Case the Revenue of the Province should not be sufficient to defray the several Sums voted by this House, and drawn for by the Governor, that the Treasurer be empowered to write off such Warrants, bearing lawful Interest for all such Deficiencies until this House can provide for the Payment thereof.

The House adjourned till 11 o'Clock, To-morrow.

Tuesday 27th December, 1785.

On Motion *ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governor, requesting he would be pleased to appoint active and able Officers to collect the Duties of Impost and Excise at the several Out-Ports hereafter mentioned, viz, Cumberland, Colchester, Annapolis-Royal, Yarmouth, Barrington, Manchester, Cornwallis, and Horton. Major Barkley, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Wilkins, and Col. Perkins were appointed for that Purpose.

Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Governor.

On motion *Ordered*, That a Committee of Six be appointed to correspond with the Agent, and that the Committee be particularly careful to state fully to the Agent the Reasons which prevented several Ships, that arrived from England with Government Provisions from procuring Cargoes for the West Indies. The Speaker, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Cochran, and Mr. Dight appointed for that Purpose.

Committee appointed to correspond with the Provincial Agent.

The House adjourned till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Wednesday 28th December, 1785.

The Estimate for the Year 1786, being read and agreed to, was sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to appoint active Officers for collecting the Duties of Impost and Excise, reported the following Draft, which was read and agreed to, and *ordered* immediately to be engrossed.

Committee appointed to prepare Address to the Governor report a Draft.

To His Excellency JOHN PARR, Captain General, and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of *Nova-Scotia*, and the Islands of *St. John* and *Cape Breton*, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Province of *Nova-Scotia* in *General Assembly* convened.

May it please your Excellency,

“THE large Sums of Money we have been necessitated to vote this Session for the Support of the Civil Establishment in this Province, and other essential Purposes, calling for every Attention in

“ the collecting of the Revenue to pay off the same, in order that the
 “ Province may not unnecessarily be involved in a new Debt,

“ And it also appearing to this House from the report of the Com-
 “ mittee, who were appointed to examine the publick Accounts, that
 “ such of the Revenue, as has been paid into the Treasury by the
 “ Collectors of the Out ports for the present Year, has been very in-
 “ adequate to our Expectations, owing either to the Negligence of
 “ the Officers, or insufficiency of their Numbers, especially, when we
 “ consider the very great Increase of Inhabitants in the Province, and
 “ the consequent Consumption of those Articles that are subject to
 “ Duties.

“ We therefore request, that your Excellency will be pleased to ap-
 “ point faithful and active Officers to be Collectors of Impost and
 “ Excise at the following places, viz. *Cumberland, Annapolis Royal,*
 “ *Colchester, Yarmouth, Barrington, Cornwallis and Horton,* with Instruc-
 “ tions to them and others in Office, enjoining them in the strongest
 “ Manner to the faithful Execution of their Duty, and that your
 “ Excellency may Order the Laws to be put in Force, against all
 “ those that are or may be found Delinquents.”

Signed

S. S, BLOWERS,

Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Address order to be
 presented by a Com-
 mittee.

The Address being engrossed the Solicitor General, Major *Barkley*,
 and Mr. *Wallace*, were appointed a Committee to present it, and
 were instructed to request his Excellency would be pleased to give
 Orders that the delinquent Collectors and Clerks of the Licenses
 should be prosecuted according to Law without Distinction.

Consideration of
 Private Petitions
 deferred to next
 Sessions.

Ordered, That all private Petitions to this House be referred for
 Consideration until next Sessions, and that Applications for Monies
 due for public Services be in future submitted to the Committee of
 publick Accounts to report thereon.

Ordered, That the Clerk wait on the Secretary to know at what
 Time his Excellency will be ready to receive the House.

Message from the
 Council.

A Message from the Council was received proposing, that the Sum
 of One Hundred pounds be allowed to the Collectors of *Halifax*,
 over and above their Commissions of five per Cent. for the year 1786;
 Not agreed to.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor with the Ad-
 dress, reported they had presented it, and that having mentioned to
 his Excellency the Request of the House, relative to the delinquent
 Collectors and Clerks of the Licenses, his Excellency was pleased to
 signify, that he would immediately take it into Consideration.

Committee appoin-
 ted to confer with a
 Committee of the
 Council on Bounties
 and Premiums.

A Message was received from the Council requesting the House
 would appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council
 on the Subject of Bounties and Premiums voted by the House, *ordered*
 accordingly, and the Solicitor General, Col. *Perkins*, and Mr. *Wallace*
 were appointed for that Purpose.

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council

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cil reported, That the Committee would agree to the Resolves of the House, respecting Bounties and Premiums, as also respecting the Roads, provided there be a Fund appropriated for those Purposes.

Whereupon Resolved, That this House conceive the House of Assembly pledged to provide for the Payment of the Sums voted this Session, so far as the Revenue of the Province shall prove deficient for such Purposes, after Payment of civil Establishment as voted by the House for the Year 1786.

Resolution relative to payment of the several Sums voted by this House this Session.

The above Resolve was sent to the Council, as also a Message, That this House had appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of the Council on the expediency of erecting publick Buildings for the better Accomodation of the General Assembly, and Courts of Judicature.

Sent to the Council

A Message from His Excellency the Governor requiring the Attendance of the House of Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The Speaker with the House accordingly attended, when his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, viz. An Act for continuing An Act of the General Assembly of this Province intituled, An Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government, as also for continuing and explaining An Act entitled, An Act for the more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum, and certain other Enumerated Articles and for preventing Frauds in the Collection of the Revenue.

An Act for continuing the several Laws therein mentioned.

An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries.

An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace to hold Special Courts of Sessions for the Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for establishing the Times and Places of holding the several Courts of Justice in the County of Cumberland.

An Act to encourage and extend the export of Fish, Lumber and other Produce of this Province to the West Indies, and also to revive, alter and continue the several Laws, relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, which Laws expired the Twenty First Day of December, 1784.

Then the Clerk of the Council, by his Excellency Command declared the General Assembly prorogued to Tuesday the Second Day of March next, and the same was prorogued accordingly.

