

JOURNAL

AND

VOTES

OF THE

HOUSE of ASSEMBLY,

FOR THE

Province of *Nova-Scotia*.Wednesday, *June 6*, 1770.*A LIST of the MEMBERS return'd by the*
PROVOST-MARSHAL.

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| | { John Newton, Esq; | <i>derry.</i> | { |
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| | | <i>land.</i> | { |
| <i>Town of</i> | { Mr. William Fisher. | <i>Town of</i> | { |
| <i>Truro.</i> | | <i>Sackville.</i> | { Mr. R. Foster. |
| <i>Town of</i> | { Mr. Joshua Lamb. | <i>Town of</i> | { |
| <i>Onslow.</i> | | <i>Liverpool.</i> | { John Doggett, Esq; |
| <i>Town of</i> | { Mr. Ob. Wheelock. | | |
| <i>Annapolis.</i> | | | |

The

Members met.

The Members being met, a Committee waited on his Excellency the Governor, to acquaint him therewith; and that they were ready to proceed on Business; on which a Message came from his Excellency requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber, to be qualified, and being qualified accordingly, his Excellency directed, that the House would proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, the Members then returned to their House, and chose *William Nesbitt*, Esq; and presented him to His Excellency, who approved of their Choice.

Attend the Governor.

Qualified.

Speaker chosen.

Privileges pray'd.

Mr. Speaker then pray'd His Excellency that the Members of the Assembly might have their usual Privileges, to which His Excellency was pleased to answer, that he would allow them all such Privileges as His Majesty's Instructions would permit.

The Governor's Speech.

Then his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech :

Gentlemen of the COUNCIL and HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

I Have called you together at that Season of the Year wherein you are most likely to be at Leisure for deliberating on such Matters of Public Concern, as will properly come under your Consideration.

Among these, the Provincial Funds claim your principal Attention, and the Means of providing such Supplies as are necessary to make up their Deficiencies.

I earnestly recommend to you an attentive View of the present State and Circumstances of the Province, that you may be the better enabled to discern what Means are in your Power to promote it to that Degree of Prosperity which may be expected from its natural Advantages. Your Efforts, Gentlemen, for this Purpose, shall have all my Assistance, and the Success will give me the utmost Satisfaction.

I shall direct the proper Officers to lay before you the Papers necessary for your Inspection. And I recommend

to you that Unanimity and Dispatch which the Importance of your Deliberations, and your private Affairs require.

The House went down to the Assembly Room and proceeded to the Choice of Officers, and appointed

Officers appointed.

Isaac Deschamps, Esq; Clerk of the House.

The Rev. Mr. *Breynton*, Chaplain.

And Mr. *John Kent*, to be Messenger and Door-Keeper.

Mr. Speaker having reported his Excellency's Speech: *Resolv'd* and *Order'd*, that an Address be prepared in Answer to the same.

Governor's Speech reported.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, *June 7, 1770.*

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellency the Governor's Speech, reported an Address prepared accordingly, which being read, was agreed to.

Address reported.

Mr. Speaker and the Members waited on his Excellency, and presented the same as follows:

Presented.

To his Excellency the Right Honorable

LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL,

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

The humble Address of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY:

' *May it please your EXCELLENCY,*

' **W**E, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of this Province, beg leave to return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech from the Chair, and for calling us together
at

at a Season the most convenient for our Attendance on the Public Buſineſs.

‘ We ſhall, agreeable to your Excellency’s Recommendation, pay the ſtricteſt Attention to the State of the Provincial Funds, and uſe every poſſible Means to provide for any Deficiencies, and the Honorable Support of Government, with a due Conſideration of the preſent Circumſtances of the Province.

‘ Our Endeavours ſhall be exerted to the utmoſt of our Abilities, to improve the natural Advantages of this Province, and we are fully convinced of your Excellency’s Readineſs to forward every Meaſure that may contribute to its Proſperity.

‘ We beg your Excellency will be aſſured, that we ſhall with Zeal, Unanimity, and Diſpatch, deliberate on the ſeveral Matters which may come before us, and on every Occaſion ſtrive to ſecond your Views for the Public good.’

To which his EXCELLENCY was pleaſed to make the following Answer :

“ GENTLEMEN,

“ IT is with great Pleaſure I have received your Address, and with Satisfaction obſerve the Reſolution it breathes, of taking into mature Conſideration the State of the Province Funds, and the Requiſites for the Support of Government; and I do aſſure you, the greateſt Satisfaction which can reſult to me from your Deliberations is, that they may prove advantageous and honorable to yourſelves and Poſterity.”

Order for Bill to regulate Commons.

The Houſe was moved for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Commons belonging to the ſeveral Townſhips within this Province.

Order'd, That a Bill be prepared accordingly.

Upon a Motion, that this Houſe do take into Conſideration

deration the further Amendments and Additions necessary to be made to the "Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships to maintain their Poor," And the same being taken into Consideration accordingly ;

Order for Bill to amend the Act relating to the Poor.

Order'd, That a Bill be prepared for that Purpose.

A Motion was made that this House do take into Consideration the 15th Section of the "Act for punishing Criminal Offenders," and the said Section was read ;

Consideration of the 15th Section of the Act for punishing Criminal Offenders,

Resolved, That a Bill be prepared to alter that Part of the said Act:

and Bill order'd to alter the same.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, June 8, 1770.

A Bill to regulate the Commons belonging to the several Townships within this Province was presented to the House, and the same was read a 1st Time :

Bill to regulate Commons

Order'd, That it be read a 2d Time To-morrow.

Read.

According to Order, a Bill in further Amendment and Addition to the "Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor," was presented to the House and read, and the same having been taken into Consideration, several Amendments were made to the said Bill.

Bill in further Amendment and Addition to Act relating to Poor.

Order'd, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be deferred.

The Treasurer of the Province, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House

Publick Accounts presented.

*A General State of the Treasury the 7th }
June, 1770, Ballance in the Treasury } £.26. 13. 8.*

*A Contingent Account between the 7th
October, 1769, and the 7th June, 1770* } £.719. 7. 8:

*An Account of Money paid for Salaries
between the 7th October, 1769, and
the 7th June, 1770,* } £.475 10. 6.

*A Road Account at the Treasury between the 7th Octo-
ber, 1769 and the 7th June, 1770.*

*An Account of Demands at the Trea-
sury, for Interest, Salaries, &c.* } £.2329. 1. 5:
amounting to

The Collectors of Impost and Excise Duties also
presented to the House,

*An Abstract of the Impost and Excise
Duties, from the 1st August, 1769,
to the 31st May, 1770, amounting to* } £.2303. 3. 9:

*An Account of Debts outstanding on
the said Duties the 31st May, 1770,* } £.449. 18. 3:
amounting to

*An Account of Payments made by them
into the Treasury, between the 3d Oc-
tober, 1769, and the 31st May, 1770,* } £.1853. 5. 6:
amounting to

Considered.

Report.

And the House having resolved itself into a Committee
of the whole House to take the said Accounts into
Consideration, after some Time spent therein, Mr.
Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Butler* reported
from the Committee, that they had made some Pro-
gress therein, and desired leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will again To-morrow
Morning, in a Committee of the whole House, resume
the Consideration of the said Accounts.

Committee to wait
on the Governor.

Order'd, That a Committee do wait on His Excel-
lency the Governor, to request that he will please to
order the Treasurer of the Province to attend the Com-
mittee of this House To-morrow Morning, with such
Vouchers

Vouchers or other Papers as may be required in the Course of their Consideration and Examination of the publick Accounts.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, June 9, 1770.

The Bill for regulating the Commons belonging to the several Townships in this Province was read a 2d Time.

Bill for regulating Commons.

Order'd, That it be Ingros'd.

The Bill in further Amendment and Addition to an Act made in the 3d Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor," was read; and the House having resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill, the same was reported agreed to, and being read a 2d Time,

Bill relating to Poor.

committed.

Order'd, That it be Ingros'd.

The Order of the Day being read, the House in a Committee of the whole House, proceeded to the further Consideration of the Public Accounts, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Butler* reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the same, and desir'd leave to sit again.

Further Consideration of Publick Accounts.

Resolv'd, That this House will again on Tuesday next further consider the said Accounts.

The House was moved for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the " Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Raw Hides, &c."

Motion for Bill concerning Exportation of Raw Hides, &c.

Order'd, That a Bill be prepared accordingly:

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday

Monday, *June* 11, 1770.

Bill relating to
Poor.

Read a Third Time and pass'd, the Bill in further Amendment of and Addition to, an Act made in the third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitl'd "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor."

& Bill for regulat-
ing the Commons.

And also the Bill for regulating the Commons be-
longing to the several Townships in this Province.

Pass'd,
& sent up.

Order'd, That the said Bill be sent to His Majesty's Council with a Message, that this house doth desire their Concurrence to the same;

Bill to alter and
amend Act relating
to Hides, &c.

According to Order, a Bill for altering and amend-
ing an Act made in the 1st Year of His present Ma-
jesty's Reign, intitl'd "An Act for prohibiting the
Exportation of Raw Hides, Sheep or Calf Skins out of
this Province, other than for *Great-Britain*," and to
prevent the cutting, splitting, or flawing of Hides.

& Bill to alter Part
of Act for punishing
Criminal Offenders

And a Bill to alter the Manner of proceeding against
certain Offenders mention'd in an Act made in the 32d
Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intitl'd "An Act
for punishing Criminal Offenders,"

presented

Were presented to the House and read a 1st Time.

Order'd, That the said Bills be read a 2d Time To-
morrow.

Bill for establishing
Toll at Mills

Upon a Motion, *Order'd*, That a Bill be prepared for
establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grist-
Mills in this Province.

Bill for altering
Time of holding
Courts for *Queen's*
County.

It being represented to the House, that the Time li-
mitted for holding the Courts for the County of *Queen's*
County, is found to be very inconvenient;

Order'd, That a Bill be prepared for altering the
Times of holding the said Courts.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine
o'Clock.

Tuesday

Tuesday, June 12, 1770.

According to Order, a Bill for altering the Times of holding the Courts of Sessions, and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, at *Liverpool*, in the County of *Queen's County*,

Bill for altering the Times of holding the Courts at *Liverpool*.

Was presented to the House and read.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass, and be sent to His Majesty's Council, with a Message that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

pass'd.

Upon a Motion, Leave was given to bring in a Bill to enable the several Counties within this Province to raise Money for the Payment of their Representatives;

Bill for Payment of Representatives

And a Bill for that Purpose having been presented accordingly, the same was received and read;

presented.

Order'd, That it lie on the Table.

The House was moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Poor.

Leave for Bill for Regulating the Poor.

Order'd, That a Bill be prepared accordingly.

Read a third Time, and pass'd, the Bill for altering and amending the Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Hides, &c.

Bill for altering and amending Act prohibiting Exportation of Hides, &c.

Order'd, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council, with a Message that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

Resolved, That a Bill be prepared in Addition to the Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*.

Bill for additional Duty on Wheel Carriages.

Message from His Excellency the Governor :

' *Gentlemen of the COUNCIL and HOUSE of ASSEMBLY*;

Message from the Governor.

' *HAVING* received His Majesty's Order in Council declaring His Royal Disapprobation of a Bill passed by the Council and Assembly of this Province, intitled, An Act to prevent the importing impotent, lame, and infirm Persons into this Province.

' *Also*

‘ *Also His Majesty’s Order respecting a Bill intituled*
 ‘ An Act for establishing the Rate of Interest. *Sig-*
 ‘ *nifying the Royal Permission to me, to assent thereto,*
 ‘ *provided that Care be taken to insert a Clause therein,*
 ‘ *for saving and indemnifying Persons who may have*
 ‘ *previously made Contracts and Agreements upon Loan,*
 ‘ *at Interest of another Rate than that prescribed by the*
 ‘ *said Bill. I therefore communicate to you His Ma-*
 ‘ *jesty’s Pleasure herein, that you may provide a Bill for*
 ‘ *establishing the Rate of Interest with the aforesaid*
 ‘ *saving Clause.*’

Bill for Establish-
 ing Rate of Interest
 sent down.

His Majesty’s Council sent down a Bill for establish-
 ing the Rate of Interest ; with a Message that they de-
 sire the Concurrence of this House to the said Bill.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to fur-
 ther consider of the Public Accounts laid before the House,

Public Accounts
 to be considered
 To-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will Tomorrow Morning
 take the same into further Consideration.

Then the House adjourn’d till Tomorrow Morning, Nine
 o’Clock.

Wednesday, June 13, 1770

Bill for Establish-
 ment of the Rate of
 Interest

The Bill sent from His Majesty’s Council, for estab-
 lishing the Rate of Interest,

Was read a 2d and 3d Time.

Pass’d.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Bill for Payment of
 Representatives

The Bill presented Yesterday to enable the several
 Counties within this Province to raise Money for Pay-
 ment of their Representatives,

Agreed to.

Was read a 2d Time, and agreed to with some
 Amendments.

Order’d, That it be Ingross’d.

Further Considera-
 tion of the publick
 Accounts.

The House proceeded to take into further Considera-
 tion the Public Accounts and the Report of the Com-
 mittee

mittee of the whole House of their Proceedings therein, was received.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Secretary of the Province.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

" I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor to lay before you an Estimate for the publick Services of one Year, calculated according to the present Circumstances of the Province; and trusting that, as they improve, you will chearfully make such further Allowances as may excite the Public Officers readily and faithfully to perform their Duty, and enable Government effectually to execute the Purposes of your Happiness and Welfare, without respect to which, his Excellency conceives all Oeconomy to be misapplied, and Frugality prejudicial.

" I am further commanded by his Lordship to assure you, that he neither has, nor can entertain any View but for your Advantage, and all that he requires is, that he may be enabled to promote that, to the utmost of his Power."

And the said Message, together with the Estimate therein mentioned, having been taken into Consideration,

Consideration thereof, and of the Estimate.

Resolved, That the Sums hereafter-mentioned be allowed to the several Persons, and for the several Services and Purposes following, viz.

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| To the two Judges of the Supreme Court, | | |
| £50. each, | - - - - - | £100. |
| To the Treasurer of the Province, for himself, his Clerk, and Office-Rent | - - - - - | £160. |
| To the Clerk of the Council General Assembly | - - - - - | £60. |
| To the Clerk of the House of Assembly | - - - - - | £60. |
| To the Clerk of the Audits | = | £25. |

To

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| To the two Collectors of the Impost and Excise Duties at <i>Halifax</i> , each £100 | £200. |
| And for a Clerk, Office-Rent and Stationary | £50. |
| To the Waiter to ditto | £40. |
| To the Gaugers to ditto | £80. |
| To the Clerk of the Crown | £40. |
| For the Expences of the Council in General Assembly, about | £30. |
| For the Expence of the House of Assembly | £100 |
| For Firewood and Stationary for the Supreme Court | £10. |
| For Stationary for the several Offices | £40 |
| For printing for the Government and the General Assembly, about | £50. |
| For the Coroners of the several Counties, about | £15. |
| For the Keeper of the House of Assembly | £20. |
| For Provisions for the Goal, about | £20. |
| For Contingencies, about | £300. |

£1400.

For Interest of Money borrow'd, £1323.

And that there be allowed to the Collectors of the Duties at the Outports 20 *per Cent.* on the Sum collected, if the Sum do not exceed £300. and 15 *per Cent.* if upwards of £300.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow Morning proceed to the further Consideration of the Publick Accounts, and the State of the Province Funds.

Bill for establishing
Toll at Mills
presented.

According to Order, a Bill for establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grift Mills in this Province,

was

was presented to the House and read, and several Alterations and Amendments were made to the same: and then the said Bill was read a 2d Time;

Order'd, That the said Bill do lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, June 14, 1770.

The Bill to enable the several Counties within this Province to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives, being ingross'd, was read a third Time;

Bill for Payment of Representatives,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass, and be sent to His Majesty's Council, with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

pass'd.

According to Order,

A Bill in Addition to the Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*,

Bill in Addition to Act for Duty on Wheel Carriages

Was presented to the House,

Presented.

And the same was read,

Order'd, That it lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, the House proceeded to consider further of the State of the Province Funds.

State of the Province Funds considered.

Resolved, That a Committee do take into Consideration Ways and Means for supplying the Deficiencies therein; and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Committee appointed.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Bill for altering the Times of holding the Courts at *Liverpool*, and to the Bill in further Addition and Amendment to the Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships to maintain their Poor.

Report of the Com-
mittee.

The Committee of Ways and Means for supplying the Deficiencies in the Province Funds, reported such Expedients as appeared to them to be the only Methods for that Purpose, and the House having proceeded to take the said Report into Consideration; after some Time spent therein, *Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow Morning resume the Consideration of Ways and Means for supplying the Deficiencies of the Province Funds.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, June 15, 1770.

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolutions of the
House on Ways &
Means for supply-
ing the Deficiencies
of the Funds.

The House resumed the Consideration of Ways and Means for supplying the Deficiencies of the Province Funds.

Resolved, That a Bill be prepared for granting an Aid to His Majesty by a Tax upon certain Lands granted in this Province, and that the said Tax be 1-8th of 1d. *per* Acre.

Resolved, Also that Bills be prepared to continue the following Acts to the 1st July 1771, *viz.*

The Act for laying a Duty of Excise on Wines sold within or brought into this Province;

The Act for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and granting to His Majesty a Duty on Persons licensed;

The Act for amending, rendering more effectual and reduce into one Act the several Laws relating to the Duties of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors; And

The Act for amending, rendering more effectual, and reduce into one Act the several Laws relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, &c.

And

And a Committee was appointed for that Purpose accordingly ;

The Bill to alter the Manner of proceeding against certain Offenders mentioned in an Act made in the 32d Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled; An Act for punishing Criminal Offenders. And

Bill to alter Part of an Act for punishing Criminal Offenders.

And

Bill for establishing Toll at Mills

The Bill for establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grift Mills in this Province, were read a 2d and 3d Time,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass and be sent to His Majesty's Council with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

pass'd.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, June 16, 1770

A Bill for granting to His Majesty a Tax upon certain Lands granted within this Province, was presented to the House and read.

Bill for Tax on Lands.

And a Motion being made, that the said Bill be committed; the House *Resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Bridge* reported the said Bill agreed to with Amendments.

Committed.

Reported.

The said Bill was then read a 2d Time.

Order'd, That it be ingross'd.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Monday, June 18, 1770.

The Bill for granting to His Majesty a Tax upon certain Lands granted within this Province, was read a 3d Time.

Bill for Tax on Lands

Resolved

Pass'd. *Resolv'd*, That the said Bill do pass, and be sent to His Majesty's Council with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

Bills presented.

According to Order, the following Bills were presented to the House, *viz.*

To continue Excise on Wines.

A Bill to continue an Act made in the 8th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty an Excise on Wines sold with-
" in or brought into this Province."

License Duty.

A Bill to continue an Act made in the 8th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for granting to his
" Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed."

Impost Act.

A Bill to continue an Act made in the 8th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act to
" amend, render more effectual, and reduce into
" one Act, the several Laws made by the General
" Assembly of this Province, relating to the Duties
" of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spi-
" rituous Liquors."

Excise Act.

A Bill to continue an Act made in the 8th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act to amend,
" render more effectual, and reduce into one Act
" the several Laws made by the General Assembly
" of this Province, relating to the Duties of Excise
" on Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors."

Read.

And the same were read.

Pass'd.

Resolv'd, That the said Bills do pass, and be sent to his Majesty's Council with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

Bills agreed to by the Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the following Bills, *viz.*

• To the Bill for establishing the Toll to be taken at
" the several Grift Mills.

‘ To the Bill to alter the Manner of proceeding against
‘ certain Offenders mentioned in the Act for pu-
‘ nishing Criminal Offenders.’

And to the Bill for regulating the Commons belong-
ing to the several Townships in this Province.

Upon a Motion, *Resolved*, That a Bill be prepared
for raising a Sum of Money, by a Lottery, for the
building of Bridges, and making Roads of Communi-
cation through the Province,

Order’d, That a Bill be prepared accordingly.

Then the House adjourn’d till To-morrow Morning Nine
o’Clock.

Tuesday, June 19, 1770.

According to Order,

*A Bill for raising a Sum of Money by a Lottery or
Lotteries, for the building Bridges and making Roads
of Communication through the Province,*

Bill for a Lottery
for Roads & Bridges
presented.

Was presented to the House, and read a 1st Time;
Order’d, That it be read a 2d Time To-morrow.

Read.

Resolved, That this House do proceed to consider
further of Ways and Means for supplying the Defici-
encies of the provincial Funds, and thereupon, *Re-
solv’d*, that a Duty of Excise be laid on Tea, Coffee,
and Playing Cards; and that an additional Duty of
Impost be laid on Beer, and a Duty of Impost on Loaf
Sugar, and Cyder.

Further Considera-
tions of Ways and
Means.

Resolution thereon.

Order’d, That Bills be prepared accordingly.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that
they had agreed to the Bill for altering and amending the
“ Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Hides, &c.”

Bill agreed on by
the Council.

Then the House adjourn’d till To-morrow Morning Eleven
o’Clock.

Wednesday

Wednesday, *June 20, 1770.*

Bill for Lottery

The Bill for raising a Sum of Money by a Lottery of Lotteries, for the building Bridges and making Roads of Communication through the Province,

pass'd,

Was read a 3d Time,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass ;

Message to the Council.

Order'd, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council, with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same : And that His Excellency the Governor may be requested to forward the said Bill to *England*, with the humble Request of the General Assembly to His Majesty, that he will please to give his Assent thereto.

Conference desired by the Council.

His Majesty's Council, by Message, desired a Conference, by Committee, on the Subject Matter of the Bill for granting a Tax on Lands, and a Committee of this House was appointed for that Purpose.

According to Order,

Bills for Excise on Teas, Coffee, and Playing Cards,

and for additional Impost on Beer, & Impost on Cyder, and Loaf Sugar,

presented.

A Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty of Excise on Teas, Coffee, and Playing Cards, and a Bill for granting to His Majesty an additional Duty of Impost on Beer, and a Duty of Impost on Cyder, and Loaf Sugar imported into this Province,

Were presented to the House, and the same were read a 1st Time.

Order'd, That the said Bills do lie on the Table.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Bill to enable the several Counties within this Province to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, June 21, 1770.

The Committee of this House appointed to hold a Conference with a Committee of Council, on the subject Matter of the Bill for a Tax upon Lands, reported from the said joint Committee, that it had been proposed by the Committee of Council, to exempt from the Tax laid by the said Act, certain Townships which are under particular Circumstances, and the House having taken the same into Consideration,

Report from the Committee of Conference.

Resolv'd, That this House do not agree to any such Exemption.

Resolution thereon.

Upon a Motion, *Resolved*, that a Conference with His Majesty's Council be desired by Committee on the great inconveniences which the several Settlements in this Province labour under by not having a Sheriff in each County.

Conference desired with the Council.

Order'd, That a Message be sent to His Majesty's Council accordingly:

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, June 22, 1770.

His Majesty's Council sent down the Bill for granting to His Majesty a Tax upon certain Lands granted within the Province of *Nova-Scotia*,

Bill for Tax on Lands sent down not agreed to.

Not agreed to.

A Message came from His Majesty's Council, that they had appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee of this House on the Subject proposed Yesterday.

And a Committee was appointed for that Purpose.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday

Saturday, *June 23,*

Further Consideration of Ways and Means for supplying the Deficiencies in the Provincial Funds.

Upon a Motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of this House do immediately proceed to take into Consideration such further Ways and Means as may, consistent with the Abilities of the People, for supplying the Deficiencies of the Province Funds, and a Committee having proceeded thereon accordingly.

Reported, That it had been proposed in the said Committee, that over and above the additional Duty of Impost on Beer, the Duty of Impost on Cyder and Loaf Sugar, and the Duty of Excise on Tea, Coffee, and Playing Cards, already agreed to by the House, there be laid an additional Excise on Rum of 2d *per* Gallon, and of 6d *per* Gallon on Wine; and the House having taken the same into Consideration, *Resolved* and *Order'd*, that such Additions as are necessary for the Purposes aforesaid be made to the Bills now on the Table, or that other Bills be prepared for that Purpose.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, *June 25, 1770.*

Bills presented.

According to Order, the following Bills were presented to the House, *viz.*

A Bill for granting to his Majesty an Excise on Tea, Coffee, and Playing Cards, sold within this Province.

A Bill in Addition to and for prolonging an Act made in the 8th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act to amend, render more effectual, and reduce into one Act the several Laws made by the General Assembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors."

A Bill in Addition to and for prolonging an Act made in the 8th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act to amend, render more effectual, and reduce

“ reduce into one Act the several Laws made by the
“ General Assembly of this Province relating to the
“ Duty of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spi-
“ rituous Liquors.”

And a Bill in Addition to, and for prolonging an Act
made in the 8th Year of His present Majesty's Reign
intituled “ An Act for granting to His Majesty an
“ Excise on Wines sold within or brought into this
“ Province.”

And the said Bills were read.

And the House having resolved itself into a Com-
mittee of the whole House, to take the said Bills into
Consideration, after some Time spent therein, they
were reported agreed to with Amendments.

According to Order, a Bill for granting to his Ma-
jesty a Duty of Impost on Loaf Sugar and Cyder, was
presented to the House and read a first Time.

Bill for Impost on
Loaf Sugar and
Cyder,

Order'd, That the said Bill be read a 2d Time To-
morrow.

presented.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tuesday, June 26, 1770.

The Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty of Im-
post on Loaf Sugar and Cyder, was read a 2d and 3d
Time.

Bill for Impost on
Loaf Sugar and
Cyder,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

passed.

The Bill for granting to his Majesty an Excise on
Teas, Coffee, and Playing Cards;

Bill for Excise on
Tea, &c.

The Bill in Addition to, and for prolonging the Im-
post Act;

& Bills in Addition
to, and for prolorg-
ing Impost and Ex-
cise on Rum,

The Bill in Addition to, and for prolonging the Ex-
cise on Rum;

And

& Excise on Wines,
passed.

And the Bill in Addition to, and for prolonging the
Excise on Wine,

Were read a 3d Time and pass'd.

sent up.

Order'd, That the said five Bills be sent to his Ma-
jesty's Council with a Message, that this House doth
desire their Concurrence to the same.

Order'd, That the Bills now before his Majesty's
Council for continuing the Impost and Excise on Rum,
and the Excise on Wine, be withdrawn; and the two
first of those Bills were withdrawn accordingly.

Bill for Settlement
of Poor presented.

According to Order, a Bill for the Settlement of the
Poor in the several Townships within this Province,

committed.

Was presented to the House and read, and having
been taken into Consideration in a Committee of the
whole House, the said Bill was reported agreed to, with
several Amendments;

Order'd, That it be ingross'd.

Amendment pro-
posed by the Coun-
cil to the Excise Bill.

His Majesty's Council sent down the Bill in Addi-
tion to and for prolonging the Excise on Rum, with
an Amendment, and the House having taken the same
into Consideration;

Resolved, That this House do not agree to the said
Amendment.

Order'd, That a Message be sent to His Majesty's
Council to acquaint them thereof.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Ten o'Clock.

Wednesday, June 27, 1770.

Bill for Settlement
of Poor

The Bill for the Settlement of the Poor in the several
Townships within this Province, was read a 3d Time.

passed.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Order'd,

Order'd, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

His Majesty's Council sent down the Bill in Addition to, and for prolonging the Excise on Rum, with an Amendment, by which it is propos'd to omit so much of the said Act as relates to the prolonging the same ;

Amendment propos'd to the Excise Bill

And the House having taken the said Amendment into Consideration,

Agreed thereto.

agreed to;

Order'd, That a Message be sent up to the Council accordingly.

A Message came from his Excellency the Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber, and Mr. Speaker with the House having attended accordingly, at their return, Mr. Speaker reported, that his Excellency had been pleas'd to give his Assent to the following Bills, viz.

Message from the Governor.

The House attend His Excellency.

A Bill for establishing the Rate of Interest.

A Bill to regulate the Commons belonging to the several Townships in this Province.

Bills assented to.

A Bill to alter the Manner of proceeding against certain Offenders mentioned in an Act made in the 32d Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for punishing Criminal Offenders.

A Bill for altering and amending an Act, made in the 1st Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Raw Hides, Sheep, or Calf Skins out of this Province, other than for Great-Britain, and to prevent the cutting, splitting, or flaving of Hides.

A Bill for establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grist Mills in this Province.

His Majesty's Council sent down the Bill in Addition to, and for prolonging the Impost Act, with an Amendment,

Amendments to the Impost Act,

ment, by which it is proposed to omit so much of the said Act as relates to prolonging the same,

And the House having taken the said Amendment into Consideration, agreed thereto.

Order'd, That a Message be sent up to the Council accordingly.

His Majesty's Council sent down the Bill in Addition to, and for prolonging the Excise on Wines,

Not agreed to;

And acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Bill for continuing the License Act,

And to the Bill for continuing the License on Wines.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, *June 28*, 1770.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Bill for granting to His Majesty an Excise on Tea, Coffee, and Playing Cards sold within or brought into this Province;

And to the Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty of Impost on Cyder and Loaf Sugar.

Motion for Tax on Cattle.

A Motion was made, for Leave to bring in a Bill for laying a Tax on all Horses, Oxen, and Cows in this Province, at 6d each, and on Sheep, at 2d each; and the Question being proposed, Whether such a Tax shall be laid? It was carried in the Negative.

Memorial from George Smith.

A Memorial from *George Smith*, in behalf of himself and others, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that great Detriment is done to the Fishery along the Coasts of this Province, by the throwing overboard the Offal of the Fish by the Fishing Vessels and Boats, and praying that a Law may be passed to prevent the same for the future; and the
House

House having taken the same into Consideration ;

Resolved, That a Conference be held thereon with His Majesty's Council, by Committee, and a Conference having been held accordingly ; the Committee of this House reported, that it had been agreed upon in the said Conference, to prepare a Bill to prevent as much as possible the Evils complained of.

Resolution thereon.

Order'd, That the Resolution of this House of the 13th June, on the Estimate laid before the House by his Excellency the Governor, be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

Order concerning Resolution of the 13th.

A Memorial from Dr. *Reeve*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he has attended a great Number of poor sick People in the Poor-House, for the Year past, and administred Medicines to them ; and the House having taken the same into Consideration.

Memorial from Dr. *Reeve*.

Voted, That there be paid to Mr. *Reeve*, the Sum of Sixty Pounds for his said Services and Medicines supplied.

Vote thereon.

Resolved, That this House will not for the future make any further Allowance to Mr. *Reeve* for such Purposes.

Order'd, That he be acquainted therewith.

Mr. *Butler*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Public Accounts, reported that the said Committee had fully inspected and gone through the same, and find the State thereof to be as follows, *viz.*

Dr. The Province of *Nova-Scotia*.

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| To Amount of first Loan in 1762, | £.850. | |
| To Ditto 2d ditto ditto - | 4500, | |
| To ditto 3d ditto 1763, - | 4000. | |
| To ditto 4th ditto 1764, - | 2900. | |
| To ditto 5th ditto - - | 1500. | |
| To ditto 6th ditto - - | 2500. | |
| To ditto 7th ditto - - | 3648 | 4. |
| To ditto 8th 1767 | £.1600. | } 1250 II. |
| of which is issued | - - | |
| | | £.21148. II. 4. |
| To Interest due on £.21939. 5. 6 ¹ / ₂ . Treasurer's | } £.1316. 7. 1 ¹ / ₂ . | |
| Notes and Warrants to the 7th June, 1770, at 6 per Cent, as per Treasurer's Account, | | |
| To Amount of Demands on the Treasury, for which Warrants are signed and granted, | } £.535. 4. 4. | |
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| To Amount, of 2 Warrants not entered at the Treasury, | } £.30. | |
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| To Amount, will be due for Salaries to the Officers of Government to the 30th June, 1770, per Treasurer's Account, | } £.477. 10. | |
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| To Amount due to the Collectors of Excise and Impost, Waiters and Gauger at <i>Halifax</i> , to the 1st May, as per Account from the Excise Office, | } £.285. 7. 6. | |
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| To Amount of Account of Repairs to the Go- vernors House, exclusive of £.100. paid by his Excellency Lord William Campbell, out of his private Purse, and also for sundry Paints, Locks, and Labour of his own Joiner, and Servants, | } £.417. II. 6. | |
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| By Ballance in Treafurer's Hands 7th June, 1770, as per his Account, - - - - - | } £.26. 13. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$. |
| By ditto in Treafurer's Notes, £.1. 18. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. | |
| By outstanding Debts due in <i>Halifax</i> , per Col- lectors of Impoft and Excife Account £.449. 18. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. of which is fupposed will be received, - - - - - | } £.400. |
| By ditto at <i>Cumberland</i> , per Collectors of Im- pofit and Excife Account, - - - - - | } £.100. 17. 9. |
| By ditto in Notes of Hand, - - - - - | £.25. 3. 3. |
| By ditto from <i>Samuel Weatherhead</i> , for Licence Duty, - - - - - | } £.49. 14. |
| By ditto at <i>Canso</i> , £.68. 9. 3. of which is fupposed will be received, - - - - - | } £.11. 9. 9. |
| By ditto at <i>King's County</i> , - - - - - | £.15. 12 6. |
| By Amount of outstanding Debts at <i>Louifbourg</i> , amounting to a confiderable Sum, which cannot be afcertained for want of the Col- lectors Accounts, - - - - - | } - - - - - |
| By Amount of Duty, &c. collected at <i>Barring- ton</i> , and <i>Yarmouth</i> , not rendered by the Col- lectors, - - - - - | } - - - - - |
| By Amount ditto at <i>Annapolis Royal</i> , £.20. 8. 10. outstanding, the whole of which is doubtful. - - - - - | } - - - - - |
| By Balance - - - - - | £.23581. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$. |
| | £.24210. 11. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. |

And the faid Account was received and read.

Voted,

Vote to *John* and
Richard Woodin
for Chairs.

Voted, That there be paid to *John* and *Richard Woodin*, the Sum of £.13. 1. for 12 new Chairs for the Use of this House, and for repairing the old Chairs.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, *June 29*, 1770.

Charles Morris, jun. Esq; returned as Member of this House for the County of *Sunbury*, took the Oaths and his Seat.

His Majesty's Council by Message acquainted the House, that they agree to the Bill for raising £1000. by a Lottery or Lotteries, for the building Bridges and making Roads of Communication through the Province.

His Majesty's Council sent down the following Vote:

In Council the 28th June, 1770.

Vote to Dr. *Abercrombie*.

Voted, That there be paid to Mr. *Abercrombie*, the Sum of Twenty Pounds for his Services and Medicines in attending the Orphans, and other poor helpless Persons for the Year past, with a Message, that they desire the Concurrence of this House to the same; and the House having agreed thereto; ordered, that the said Vote be returned accordingly.

Whereas, by several Bills passed this present Session, certain Duties are granted to his Majesty, towards discharging the Debt due by Government, not bearing Interest, amounting to £3062. 5.

Resolv'd, That the following Demands on the Government be discharged out of the Monies arising from the said Duties, *viz.*

Interest due to the 7th *June*, 1770, - £1316. 7. 1½.

Warrants signed by the Governor, *viz.*

To *John Collier, Esq;* for Salary as Assistant Judge, to the 31st *October*, 1767, } £25.

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| To <i>Robert Fletcher</i> , for Stationary supply'd the Lieutenant Governor, - - - } | £16. 16. 3. |
| To <i>James Brenton</i> , Esq; for his Services as Sol- licitor General, and on Account of Law Charges for Prosecutions, - } | £41. 4. 8. |
| To Dr. <i>Reeve</i> , per Vote of Assembly, | £60. |
| To <i>John Colbeck</i> , for publishing sundry Laws and Proclamations, - - - } | £12. 1. |
| To <i>Joseph Rous</i> , as Keeper of the <i>Light-House</i> , to 3d May, 1769, - - - } | £33. 15. |
| To <i>Jane Harris</i> , per Vote of Assembly, | £20. |
| To <i>John Duport</i> , Esq; on Account of his Sa- lary, as first Justice of the Inferior Court, } | £35. 6. |
| To <i>Thomas Fitzpatrick</i> , on Account of Poor- House, - - - } | £55. 10. |
| To <i>John Cunningham</i> , Esq; for the Expence attending the Trial of <i>James M'Dermot</i> , at <i>Windsor</i> - - - } | £3. 2. 6. |
| To <i>Benjamin Gerrish</i> , Esq; Ballance of Bread furnished for the Use of the Prisoners in Goal, - - - } | £28. 3. 3. |
| To <i>John Mergerum</i> , Ballance on Account of Roads, - - - } | £42. 11. |
| To <i>J. F. W. Desbarres</i> , ditto. | £19. 12. 6. |
| To <i>Joshua Lamb</i> , and others, Ballance of ditto, | £7. 2. 2. |
| To <i>Joseph Rous</i> , per Warrant signed by Go- vernor <i>Wilmot</i> , 3d October, 1765, - } | £135. |
| To a Warrant, as per a Vote of the Assembly to Dr. <i>Abercrombie</i> , - - - } | £20. |
| To ditto to Mrs. <i>Bath</i> , as Keeper of the House of Assembly, per Vote of ditto, } | £10. |
| | £1881. 11. 5. |

Salaries due to Officers of Government to the 3d
June, 1770, as per Treasurer's Account, viz.

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| To the Attorney General, - - - | £75. |
| To the Assistant Judges - - - | £100. |
| To the first Justice of the Inferiour Court, | £60. |
| To the Clerk of the Council in General Assembly | £120. |
| To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, - | £60. |
| To the Clerk of the Supreme Court, - | £10. |
| To the Clerk of the Audits, - - - | £12. 10. |
| To the Treasurer and Clerkship, - - - | £40. |

Salaries due to the Collectors of the Town
of *Halifax*, and their Inferiour Officers
to the 1st of *May*, 1770.

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| To <i>John Newton</i> , Esq; - - - | £105. 10. |
| To <i>Archibald Hinshelwood</i> , Esq; - - - | £107. 5. |
| To <i>Philip Hammon</i> , Waiter, - - - | £39. 13. 9. |
| To <i>James Brown</i> , - - - | £7. 7. 11½. |
| To <i>Lewis Piers</i> , - - - | £25. 10. 9½. |

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| To Amount paid by the Right Honorable Lord <i>William Campbell</i> , for Materials, Workmanship, and Labour for Repairs on the Province House, as <i>per</i> Account render- ed 6th <i>June</i> , 1770, - - - | } £417. 11. 6. |
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£3062. 0. 5½.

Order'd, That this Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, setting forth, that this House, on considering the State of the publick Accounts, do find

That the Sum of £100. 17. 9. is due from *Benoni Danks*, Esq; Collector of Impost and Excise at *Cumberland*, to the 25th *April*, 1770, exclusive of four Notes of Hand from different Persons, on which there remains due £25. 3. 3.

That the Sum of £49. 14. is due from Mr. *Samuel Wetbered*.

Weathered of Cumberland, for License Money long since collected by him.

That it appears from the Accounts of *George Cottam*, Esq; Collector of the Duties of Impost and Excise at *Louisbourg*, to *February*, 1768, that there has been collected by him the Sum of £201. 7. of which there has been paid into the Treasury only £90. which with the Charge of £40. for Commissions, and £40. for Waiters and Gaugers, and £19. 0. 6¹/₂. for other Expences, such as Court House, Goal, &c. leaves a Ballance due by him to the Government of £12. 6. 5¹/₂. that there is also due by sundry Persons at *Louisbourg* for Duties, the Sum of £89. 16. 10. and that no Account of Duties, &c. collected at *Louisbourg* has been rendered since *February*, 1768.

That very little Benefit has arisen to Government from the Collectors of Impost and Excise Duties at *Canis*, *Louisbourg*, *Barrington*, *Yarmouth*, and *Liverpool*; and therefore this House requests His Excellency will be pleased to give Directions that the several Sums abovementioned, and all other outstanding Debts be paid, and that Measures may be taken for the more effectual collecting and paying into the Treasury the Duties which may arise at those Places.

That the House do also further request His Excellency will be pleased to put the several Collectors at the Outports on the same Footing in respect to their Allowance for collecting the Duties, and not allow any of them Salaries.

That the House is informed there is not at present any Collector at *Liverpool*, and that they conceive such an Officer to be very necessary there;

And that the House do humbly request His Excellency will please to give Directions to the Treasurer to keep a separate Account of every Fund, and not blend them together. and that all the publick Accounts may be made up to the 1st of *July* annually, for the better
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and more exact settling the general Provincial Accounts.

Order'd, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by Mr. Speaker, when his Lordship shall be in the Chair.

The House attend His Excellency in the Council-Chamber.

A Message came from His Excellency the Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber, and Mr. Speaker with the House having attended accordingly, at their Return Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, *viz.*

Bills assented to

- A Bill in further Amendment of and Addition to an Act made in the 3d Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor.*
- A Bill for altering the Times of holding the Courts of Sessions and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas at *Liverpool* in the County of *Queen's County.*
- A Bill to enable the several Counties within this Province to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives.
- A Bill to continue an Act made in the 8th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty an Excise on Wines sold within or brought into this Province.*
- A Bill to continue an Act made in the 8th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed.*
- A Bill in Addition to an Act made in the 8th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend, render more effectual, and reduce into one Act the several Laws made by the General Assembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors.*

A Bill in Addition to an Act made in the 8th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitl'd *An Act to amend, render more effectual, and reduce into one Act the several Laws made by the General Assembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Excise on Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors.*

A Bill for granting to His Majesty an Excise on Tea, Coffee, and Playing Cards sold within or brought into this Province.

A Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty of Impost on Cyder and Loaf Sugar.

A Memorial from fundry Persons Owners of small Vessels, some of which bring Roots, Greens, &c. to the Market at *Halifax*, from the neighbouring Harbours, and others who carry Salt and Fishing Stores for the Fishery, was read, setting forth, that the small Freights they make will not admit of their paying the Light-house Dues; and praying that such Vessels may be exempted for the future from paying the said Dues.

And the House having taken the same into Consideration;

Order'd, That a Bill in Addition to, and to explain and amend the Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-house on *Sambro Island* be prepared; and a Bill having been prepared accordingly, the same was read and agreed to.

Order'd. That it be sent to His Majesty's Council, with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, *June 30, 1770.*

His Majesty's Council sent down a Bill, intitl'd *An Act for the benefit of the Fishery on the Coasts of this Province,*

Province, with a Message that they desire the Concurrence of this House to the same ; and the said Bill was read and agreed to.

His Majesty's Council sent down the following Vote.

At a COUNCIL in GENERAL-ASSEMBLY,
June 29, 1770.

Voted, That the Thanks of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly be return'd to *Richard Cumberland*, Esq; for the Readiness with which he has undertaken to serve this Province, and to assure him, that they have the highest Sense of the Zeal and Judgment he has shewn in the Measures he proposes for that Purpose.

Resolved, That this House do most readily agree to the said Vote.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, *July 2*, 1770.

The Council, by Message, acquainted the House, that they agree to the Bill for the Settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.

Voted, That the Sum of Four Pounds One Shilling be paid by the Treasurer of the Province, out of the publick Money in the Treasury, to Mr. *John Kent*, Messenger and Door-keeper of this House, for his Services this Session.

Voted, That the Sum of Four Pounds One Shilling be paid by the Treasurer of the Province, out of the Publick Money in the Treasury, to the Rev. Mr. *Breynton*, for his Services as Chaplain to this House, this Session.

Voted, That the Sum of Thirty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eight Pence, be paid by the Treasurer of the Province, out of the Publick Money in the Treasury, to Mr. *Robert Fletcher*, for printing the
Votes

Votes of this House for three Sessions, and Stationary supplied.

A Message came from his Excellency the Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the *Council-Chamber*, and Mr. Speaker with the House having attended accordingly, his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, *viz.*

A Bill for the Settlement of the Poor in the several Townships in this Province.

And to a Bill for the Benefit of the Fishery on the Coasts of this Province.

His Excellency was then pleased to acquaint his Majesty's Council and this House, that he would send to *England* for his Majesty's Approbation to the Bill for raising £1000. by a Lottery or Lotteries, for the building and making Roads of Communicatibn through the Province.

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech.

‘ Gentlemen of the *Council*, and *House of Assembly* :

‘ **I** Thank you for your Services during this Session, and
‘ I wish that the Provision made for discharging the
‘ Demands on the Treasury, had been more stable and
‘ permanent, as it appears to me very uncertain and
‘ precarious, and by no Means sufficient to support the
‘ Credit of the Province.’

‘ Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

‘ **A**NY longer Absence from your Affairs in the
‘ Country, would be not only inconvenient, but
‘ prejudicial; I shall therefore close this Session, with
‘ earnestly recommending that you would use your best En-
‘ deavours to excite Industry, Frugality, and a diligent
‘ Application to Husbandry; for these are the only
‘ Sources whence the Welfare of this Province, which I
‘ greatly desire, can be expected.’

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Then the Clerk of the Council, by his Excellency's Command, declared the *General-Assembly* prorogued to *Friday*, the 3d Day of *August* next; and the same was prorogued accordingly.

a True Copy of the Journals and proceedings
of the House of Assembly for the province
of *Nova Scotia*, between the 6th Day of
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