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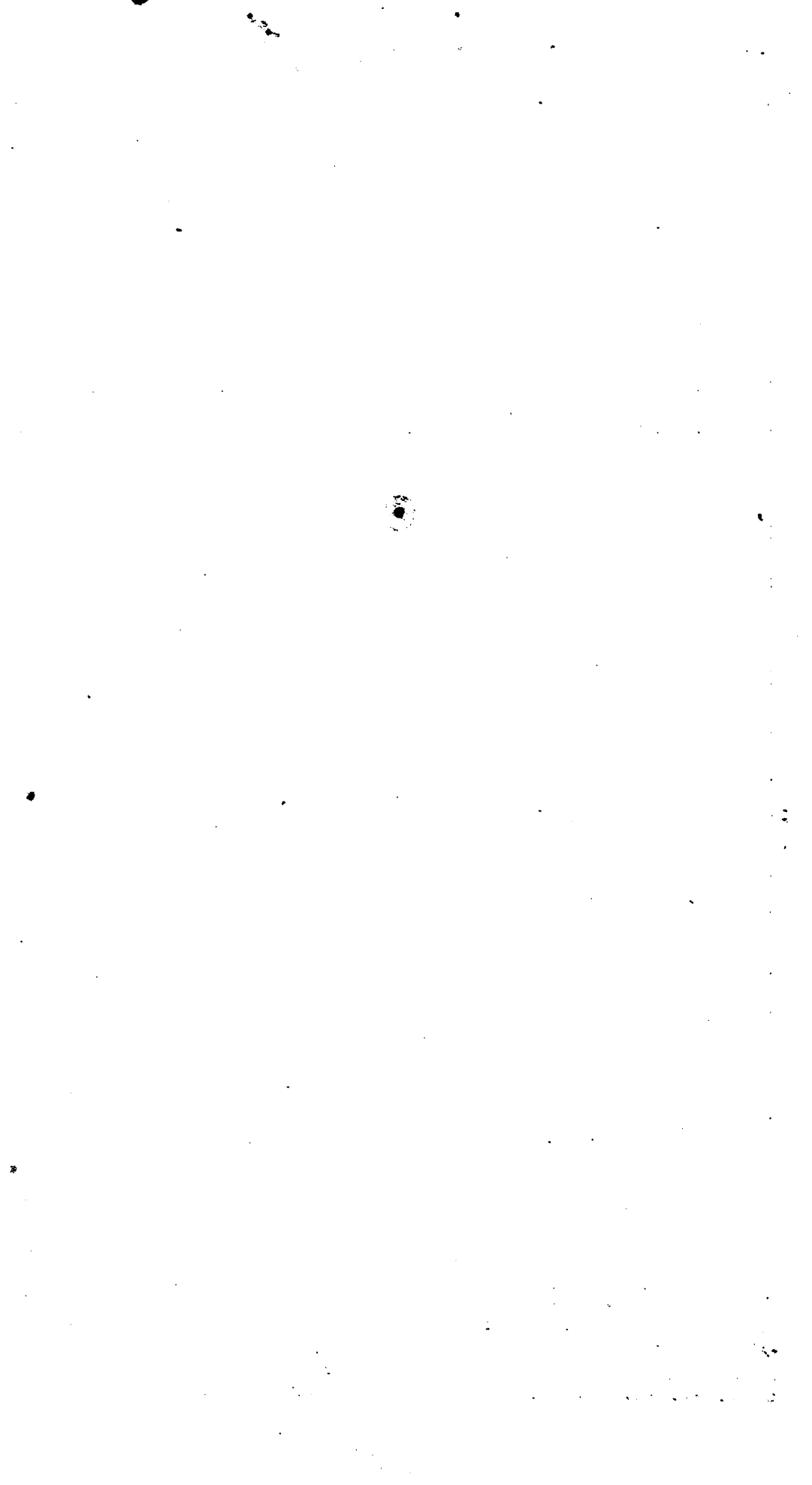


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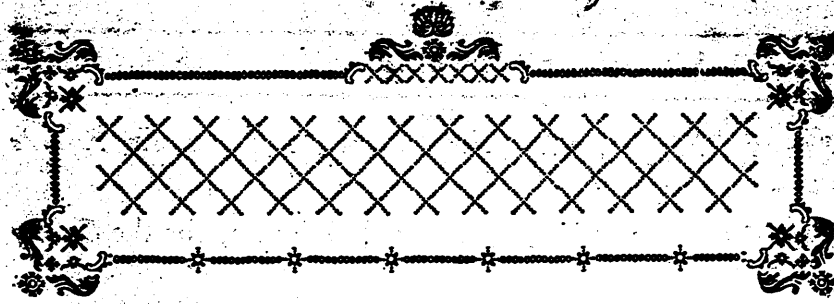
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# Journal and Votes

OF THE

## *House of Assembly,*

Of the PROVINCE of

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

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TUESDAY, 3d JANUARY, 1786.

THE house being met pursuant to writs issued from Chancery for the electing an House of Assembly for this province, the Clerk of the Crown delivered to *William Paine*, Esquire, clerk of the assembly, the returns made by the different sheriffs of members elected to serve in the Assembly.

The usual oaths were administered by the hon. *James Putnam*, Esquire, unto the following members, he being appointed commissioner under the great seal of the province for that purpose, viz.

*Jonathan Bliss, Ward Chipman, Christopher Billop, William Paine, Stanton Hazard, and John McGeorge*, Esquires, returned members for the city and county of *Saint John*. Members sworn in.

*Amos Botsford*, Esquire, for the county of *Westmoreland*.

*William Paine*, Esquire, for the county of *Charlotte*.

*John Coffin*, Esquire, for *King's County*.

A

*Samuel*

Members sworn  
in.

*Samuel Dickinson*, and *John Yeamans*, Esquires, for *Queen's County*.

*Daniel Murray*, and *Isaac Atwood*, Esquires, for the *County of York*.

Who took their seats.

Message to the  
Governor.

The *Solicitor General* and *Mr. Paine* were requested to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and to acquaint him that the house were met, and wait his commands.

Message from  
his Excellency.

His Excellency the Governor sent a message to the house requiring their attendance.

The House at-  
tended his Ex-  
cellency.

The House attended, and his Excellency was pleased to direct them to return, and elect a Speaker, and present him to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Speaker chosen.

The members returned to their house, and proceeded to the choice of a speaker, when *Amos Botsford*, Esquire, was unanimously elected, and immediately conducted to, and placed in the chair.

The House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

### WEDNESDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1786.

Speaker pre-  
sented.

The House being met they waited upon his Excellency and presented their speaker—He was pleased to approve of their choice.

The Speaker de-  
mands the privi-  
ledges.

The Speaker demanded the privileges that was usually granted to members of the House of Commons.

His Excellency's  
reply.

His Excellency replied that they should enjoy all the privileges that he was authorized to give them by his Majesty's instructions.

His Excellency recommend it to the House to adjourn until Monday next.

The House returned and the Speaker having taken the chair, the House adjourned until next Monday at eleven o'clock.

### MONDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1786.

Members sworn  
in.

House met—*Daniel Lyman* and *Edward Stelle*, Esquires, returned members for the *County of York*.

*James*

*James Campbell, Robert Pagan, and Peter Clinch, Esquires,* Members sworn  
for the County of Charlotte. in.

*William Hubbard, and Richard Vandeburgh, Esquires,* for the  
County of Sunbury took the oaths, and their seats accordingly.

His Excellency the Governor sent a message to the House, re-  
quiring their attendance in the Council Chamber. Message from  
his Excellency.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House attended his Excel-  
lency, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that his Excel-  
lency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses. The House at-  
tend his Excel-  
lency.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

“ *And Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ **A** MEETING of the several branches of the legisla-  
“ ture, for the first time in this new province, is an e-  
“ vent of so great importance, and must prove so conducive to  
“ its stability and prosperity, that I feel the highest satisfaction  
“ at seeing his Majesty’s endeavours, to procure the inhabitants  
“ every protection of a free government, in so fair a way of be-  
“ ing finally successful. His Excellency’s  
Speech to the  
Council and As-  
sembly.

“ The preceding winter was necessarily spent in guarding the  
“ people against those numerous wants incident to their peculiar  
“ situation, and the summer has been employed as well in the  
“ prosecution of this essential business, as in dividing the pro-  
“ vince and establishing the several Offices and Courts of Justice  
“ requisite for the security of the farmer while engaged in raising  
“ a support for his family: And now that the season of the year  
“ renders travelling commodious and allows you leisure to attend  
“ the public business without interruption to your private affairs,  
“ I have called you together in compliance with the royal in-  
“ structions, that you may put a finishing hand to the arduous  
“ task of organizing the province, by re-enacting such of the  
“ *Nova-Scotia* laws as are applicable to our situation, and passing  
“ such bills as you shall judge best calculated to maintain our  
“ rapid advance towards a compleat establishment in this coun-  
“ try.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

“ That branch of the laws of the old province which relates  
“ to crimes and misdemeanors I would recommend to your first  
“ consideration; they are for the most part, if not altogether,  
“ extracted from the statute law of England, and will become  
“ our best security for the quiet and permanent enjoyment of  
“ private liberty and property. As it may in some instances per-  
“ haps admit of a doubt what part of those laws extend to this  
“ province, and which are lost by the erecting of the distinct ad-  
“ ministration it will be most eligible, by renewing them, to  
“ leave To the Council.

“ leave no possibility of uncertainty in a matter so nearly affecting  
 “ the happiness of individuals and peace of the community.  
 “ Those laws also which relate to the execution of justice, civil  
 “ and criminal, make another important object of your attention;  
 “ and as the assistance of the judges will be required in forming  
 “ or reviewing them, they will of course, I suppose originate  
 “ with you.

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

The Assembly.

“ Among the numerous subjects which will fall under your  
 “ consideration after you have adopted such acts of the province  
 “ of *Nova Scotia* as you may find necessary or proper, I would  
 “ particularly point out a bill providing for the election of mem-  
 “ bers to serve in General Assembly, and for regulating all such  
 “ elections, as well as determining the qualification of electors.  
 “ A law for registering anew all grants of lands, lying within  
 “ this province, and made before our division from *Nova Scotia*,  
 “ is necessary for ascertaining titles to estates, and will prove of  
 “ the greatest use in their preservation—I am therefore instruc-  
 “ ted to recommend it.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

“ *And Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

To the Council  
and Assembly.

“ I shall decline entering further into the particular objects  
 “ that may be proper for your consideration in the course of the  
 “ present session; but shall leave them to be occasionally commu-  
 “ nicated by message: in the mean time I have the fullest con-  
 “ fidence, that you will enter on the public business with a hear-  
 “ ty disposition to join me in whatever may tend to the welfare  
 “ of this infant colony.

“ The liberality of the British Government to the unfortu-  
 “ nate loyalists in general, and the peculiar munificence and  
 “ parental care of our most gracious sovereign, to those of them  
 “ settled in *New Brunswick*, call loudly for every return that  
 “ an affectionate and favoured people can make; and I am per-  
 “ suaded you cannot better shew your gratitude on this behalf  
 “ for the many unexampled instances of national and royal boun-  
 “ ty, than by promoting sobriety, industry, and the practice of  
 “ religion, by discouraging all party distinctions amongst us,  
 “ and inculcating the utmost harmony between the newly ar-  
 “ rived loyalists and those of his Majesty's subjects formerly re-  
 “ sident in the province. And gentlemen, it is with real plea-  
 “ sure I declare, that our prospects are so favourable that your  
 “ exertions for those beneficial purposes can scarcely fail to ren-  
 “ der this asylum of loyalty the envy of the neighbouring states,

“ and



“ and that, by exercising the arts of peace, they who have taken refuge here will not only be abundantly recompensed for their losses, but be enabled to enjoy their connection with the parent state and retain their allegiance for the best of kings, which their conduct has proved they prize above all considerations.”

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare an address in answer to his Excellency's speech. An address ordered.

The *Attorney General*, *Solicitor General*, Mr. *Robert Pagan*, Capt. *Clinch* and Mr. *Dickinson*, were accordingly appointed for that purpose. Committee appointed.

Upon a motion made, and seconded, *Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to form certain rules and regulations for the government of this House. Motion for a committee to form rules for the House.

Col. *Billop*, the *Solicitor General*, Mr. *Campbell*, and Capt. *Lyman*, were appointed for that purpose. Committee appointed.

The House direct that Mr. *Christopher Sower*, Printer to the KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, print from time to time, the Journals and Votes of this House, and that no other person do presume to print the same. Printer of the Journal and Votes appointed.

Upon a motion made and seconded, his Excellency's speech was read. Speech of his Excellency.

*Resolved*, To take his Excellency's speech into consideration by a committee of the whole House. Consideration of the speech referred to a committee of the whole House.

The *Speaker* left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole. — Col. *Billop* in the chair. House in committee.

The *Speaker* reassumed the chair, and the chairman reported they were of opinion a committee should be appointed to consider and recommend such laws to be enacted, as will apply to the particular situation of this province. Report of the chairman.

And that a bill should be brought in, for the future regulating elections.

And that the Committee had instructed him to request liberty to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the report be accepted, and the further consideration of his Excellency's speech be deferred until to-morrow. Report accepted.

*Ordered*, That his Excellency's speech be printed.

Upon the request of Mr. *Paine*, Clerk of the Assembly, the House consented to his appointing Mr. *Ebenezer Putnam* his Deputy. Deputy Clerk appointed.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1786.

House met agreeable to adjournment.

Deputy Clerk  
sworn in.

Order of the day being read Mr. *Ebenezer Putnam* was sworn in as an Assistant Clerk, and took the following oath:

“ You swear that you will be obedient to the orders of this House, and keep the Journal, Votes and Orders of the same; and make due entry thereof, according to the best of your skill and judgement, and without partiality.”

A Committee to  
consider and re-  
commend the  
enacting laws.

*Ordered*, That the *Attorney-General*, Major *Murray*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *W. Pagan*, and Mr. *M'George*, be a committee to consider and recommend the enacting such laws as they think will apply to the particular situation of this province.

Report of the  
committee &c.  
Address com-  
mitted.

The committee appointed to prepare an address in answer to his Excellency's speech, laid the same before the House, which being read was committed to a committee of the whole House.

House in com-  
mittee.

The Speaker left the chair.

Report of the  
chairman.

The *Attorney-General* appointed chairman, and the committee having gone thro' the address paragraph by paragraph, the *Speaker* reassumed the chair, and the *Attorney-General* reported to the House that the committee had agreed to the address, which being read and agreed to, ordered the same to be engross'd, and sign'd by the *Speaker*, and is as follows.

Speech engrossed

To his Excellency THOMAS CARLETON, Esqr. Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

*The humble Address of the House of Assembly.*

*May it please your Excellency,*

The address of  
the Assembly.

**H**IS Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Assembly of the province of *New-Brunswick*, return your Excellency sincere thanks for your obliging and affectionate speech.

“ The experience we have had of your Excellency's prudence in arranging this government, of your justice and moderation, of your constant attention to the public affairs, and of your unwearyed endeavours for the general happiness, demands our acknowledgements to our most gracious sovereign for his wisdom and goodness in your appointment to the chief command, and our own utmost efforts to add to the dignity and success of your administration.

“ We are highly gratified with the satisfaction expressed by your Excellency at seeing his Majesty's endeavours to procure the inhabitants of this province every protection of a free govern-  
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ment, in so fair a way of being finally successful, by an event of so great importance and so conducive to the stability and prosperity of the province, as a meeting of the several branches of the legislature must prove at this time.

“ We recollect, with a full sense of the benefits, your Excellency's cares and labours in the preceding winter, in guarding the people against those numerous wants incident to their peculiar situation; and are equally mindful of the happy effects of your attention and goodness in the subsequent prosecution of this essential business, as well as of your wisdom and prudence in dividing the province, and establishing the several offices and courts of justice requisite for our security. And as you have judged it expedient in this season of the year, when the public business can be attended to with the least interruption to private affairs, to call us together in compliance with the royal instructions, we assure your Excellency that we will, with zeal for the public prosperity, and with the best endeavours for the completion of an establishment so wisely begun and so successfully carried on under your auspices, enter on the arduous task of enacting, with the concurrence of the other branches of the legislature, such laws as shall be applicable and convenient to the present state of the country.

“ Among the numerous subjects of legislation which may come under consideration, we are fully sensible of your discernment in pointing out a bill providing for the election of members to serve in the General-Assembly, and for regulating such elections, as well as determining the qualification of electors: and convinced of the expediency of the better ascertaining and securing the titles to lands, by a law requiring the registering of all grants of lands whatsoever lying in this province; we shall not omit an early attention to these objects particularly recommended by your Excellency.

“ And your Excellency may rely on our receiving all your future communications with the most entire confidence that they proceed from that affection and friendship which have mark'd your whole administration, and to which this infant colony is so much indebted: and that we will enter on the public business with a hearty disposition to join you in whatever may tend to it's welfare.

“ When we recapitulate with your Excellency the unexampled liberality of the British government to the unfortunate loyalists in general, and the peculiar munificence and parental care of our most gracious sovereign to those settled in New-Brunswick; our gratitude and respect are greater than can be expressed—and we are persuaded that this favored and affectionate, and loyal people will make every possible return of duty therefor

therefor. That which the goodness of your Excellency has pointed out, is so directly essential also to the future welfare of the province, that we cannot neglect in conformity thereto, to shew our gratitude in this behalf, by promoting by all means in our power sobriety, industry and the practice of religion; by discouraging all faction and party distinctions; and by inculcating harmony between all descriptions of his Majesty's subjects in this province.

“ We participate with your Excellency the real pleasure it affords that our prospects are so favorable that the joint exertions of the legislature, for these beneficial purposes can scarcely fail to render completely prosperous this asylum of loyalty. And we have full faith and assurance, that by exercising the arts of peace under your just and prudent administration, the people will be enabled to enjoy their connexion with the parent state, and retain their allegiance to the best of Kings which their conduct has proved that they prize above all other considerations.”

AMOS BOTSFORD, *Speaker*.

Chaplain appointed.

The Reverend Mr. *Coske*, appointed Chaplain to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hubbard* and Mr. *Paine* acquaint him therewith.

Report of the committee for forming rules for the House.

The committee appointed to form certain rules and regulations for the government of this House, reported the same, which being taken into consideration of a committee of the whole House.

Submitted to a committee of the House.

The Speaker left the chair.

The Attorney-General in the chair. The same were gone thro' the Speaker reassumed the chair.

Report of the chairman.

And the chairman reported that the committee had agreed upon the following rules, which he submitted to the House.

#### RULES and REGULATIONS for the GOVERNMENT of this HOUSE.

Rules, &c.

**N**O member is to come into the House with his head covered, nor to remove from one place to another with his hat on, nor is to put on his hat until he be set down in his place.

While the House is sitting, when any member is speaking, no man ought to speak or whisper so as to interrupt him, unless it be to speak to order.

When any member intends to speak he is to stand up in his place uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker, and if  
more

more than one stand up at once, the speaker is to determine who was first up, and he is to speak and the other to sit down, unless he who was first up sit down again and give way to the other.

When any business is begun and in debate, if any man rise to speak to a new business, any member may, but Mr. *Speaker* ought to interrupt him.

When a question is put in the House and a division is demanded, those that are for the question are to shew it by rising, and those against it are to keep their seats.

When a motion has been made and seconded, that matter must receive a determination by the question, unless the previous question is put and carried, or an adjournment be moved, or it be laid aside by the member that made the motion.

After a question is propounded no member may speak more than once to the matter, except the person who made the motion, and he may reply, and except a new matter arise and then to speak to that matter only.

That the journal for every day be read the next morning before any other business.

That the Serjeant at Arms do not permit any persons to come within this House while it is sitting, save only the members and the officers attending, and that he keep the House free of strangers while the House or any committee of the whole is sitting.

That when a question is put in the House or in a committee of the whole House, and carried in the affirmative, or negative, as the case may be, that not only a minute be made of the question and how carried, but that also the persons names who voted for or against it be taken notice of and publish'd in the votes if insisted on by three members at least, and that this remain a standing order of the House.

Which being agreed to, *Resolved*, That the same be the standing rules of the House.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of his Excellency's Speech be deferred until to-morrow.

Consideration of his Excellency's speech deferred.

*Ordered*, That Col. *Billop* and Mr. *Campbell* wait upon his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Addres.

Message to his Excellency.

Adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1786.

House met.

The *Speaker* took the chair.Report respect-  
ing the Chaplain

Order of the day being read, Mr. *Hubbard* and Mr. *Paine* reported that they had waited upon the Reverend Mr. *Cooke*, and acquainted him with his appointment as Chaplain to this House.

The Chaplain's  
answer.

Who requested them to return his thanks to the House for the honor they had done him, and to assure them that he was ready at all times to attend their commands.

Message to his  
Excellency.

Col. *Billop* and Mr. *Campbell* reported that they had waited upon his Excellency to know when he would receive the address of the House, and that he was pleased to appoint Friday next at twelve o'clock.

Reply.

For preserving  
the fishery.

Mr. *Campbell* moved that a committee be appointed to bring in the heads of a bill for preserving the Fishery in the county of Charlotte.

Mr. *W. Pagan* moved an amendment, that instead of the words county of Charlotte, *province* be inserted. — Which passed,

Committee ap-  
pointed.

And Mr. *W. Pagan*, Mr. *Campbell*, Capt. *Lyman*, Major *Coffin*, Capt. *Hazard*, Mr. *Yeaman* and Mr. *Hubbard*, were appointed for that purpose.

For preventing  
the destruction  
of Moose.

Mr. *W. Pagan* moved that a committee be appointed to bring in the heads of a bill to prevent the wanton destruction of Moose;

Committee ap-  
pointed.

Capt. *Clinch*, Capt. *Attwood*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Vandeburgh* are appointed for that purpose.

For preserving  
the navigation of  
rivers.

Major *Murray* moved for leave to bring in a bill for the better regulating the navigation of the rivers in this province. — Leave was granted.

For regulating  
the exportation  
of lumber, &c.

Mr. *Paine* moved for leave to bring in a bill, for regulating the exportation of lumber, fish, and other staple commodity's of the province. — Leave was granted accordingly.

Consideration of  
the speech de-  
ferred.

The further consideration of his Excellency's speech deferred until to-morrow.

Motion for a  
committee of the  
whole House.

On motion by the *Solicitor-General*, Resolved, That on Tuesday next, the House will resolve itself into a committee of the whole House to consider of ways and means of providing for the necessary contingencies of the province.

Mr.

Mr. *Hubbard* moved for leave to bring in a bill, for laying out and regulating roads in the township of *Burton* and *Maugerville*.—And leave was given for that purpose. Motion respecting roads.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1786.

The House met.—Order of the day read.

Agreeable to the return of the Sheriff, *Ebenezer Forster*, Esq. appeared in the House a member for *King's-County*.—Thereupon, *Ordered*, That *Col. Billop* and *Mr. Chipman* attend to see him qualified before the commissioner appointed for that purpose.

*Col. Billop* and *Mr. Chipman* reported that they had agreeable to order attended, and that *Ebenezer Forster* Esq. was duly qualified.—Thereupon, *Ordered*, That he take his seat. Members sworn.

Read a petition sign'd *Tertullus Dickinson*, *Richard Lightfoot*, *Richard Bonsall*, *Peter Grim*, *Alexander Reid* and *John Boggs*. Petition read.

Upon a motion of *Mr. S. Dickinson*, which being seconded, *Ordered*, that Thursday next be appointed to take the same into consideration.

Read a petition of *Mark McGraw* and others.

Read a petition of *James Burgen* and others.

*Ordered*, That the same be taken into consideration, on Thursday next.

Upon a motion made by the *Solicitor General*.

*Ordered*, That this House will to-morrow go into consideration of the propriety and expediency of appointing an agent for this province resident in *Great-Britain*. Order respecting the appointment of an agent.

*Mr. R. Pagan* moved.—That a humble, dutiful, and affectionate address be presented to the Throne, expressive of our warmest gratitude to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and the British nation, for the unexampled instances of paternal care and generosity shewn the inhabitants of this province, and of our reliance thereon for such further indulgencies as may be necessary for promoting the essential interests of this province, and that his Majesty's Council in General Assembly, be requested to concur with this House therein. That a petition be presented to the Throne.

Which

Committee appointed.

Which being agreed to—*Ordered*, That *R. Pagan*, and *Mr. Attorney General*, acquaint the Council therewith.

The further consideration of his Excellency's speech deferred until Monday next.

House adjourn'd until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1786.

House met—Order of the day read.

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the motion for appointing an agent in *Great-Britain*, be postponed until Monday.

The House attend the Governor with the address.

The House adjourn'd to attend the Speaker with the address, in answer to his Excellency's speech: To which he was pleased to make the following answer:

“ GENTLEMEN,

His Excellency's answer.

“ I Return you my sincere thanks for this address.

“ Your approbation of the measures I have hitherto pursued  
“ for promoting the public welfare, affords me the most lively  
“ satisfaction, and the assurances you give me of your concurrence and support, leave me no room to doubt of success in the  
“ future discharge of the duties of my station.”

Motion of the Attorney General.

*Mr. Attorney-General* moved for leave to bring in a bill, for regulating marriage and divorce—Leave was given.

Motion of Capt. Clinch.

*Capt. Clinch* moved for leave to bring in a bill for permitting persons of the profession of people called *Quakers*, to make an affirmation instead of an oath—Accordingly leave was granted.

Motion by Mr. Campbell.

*Mr. Campbell* moved for leave to bring in a bill for preventing damages by unseasonable burning, or firing of woods and marshes—Leave was granted.

Motion by Mr. W. Pagan.

*Mr. W. Pagan* moved for leave to bring in a bill for ascertaining damages on protested bills of exchange—Leave was granted.

Motion by Capt. Lyman.

*Capt. Lyman* moved for leave to bring in a bill to empower the justices of the sessions in the several counties to regulate fields, and fences, restraining swine, horses and cattle, and other matters therein to be provided for—Leave was granted.

Motion by Mr. Campbell.

*Mr. Campbell* moved for leave to bring in a bill for regulating servants—accordingly leave was granted.

Motion of the Attorney General.

The *Attorney-General* moved that this House do go into the consideration of the Sheriff's return for the *County of Westmoreland*.—*Ordered*, That next Monday be appointed.

Mr.



Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George* moved for leave to bring in a bill for regulating weights and measures within this province, and to appoint proper persons to inspect the same, at stated periods.—Leave was granted accordingly. Motion by Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George*.

Major *Coffin* moved, for leave to bring in a bill for laying out and clearing a road, over the *Portage* between the *Kennebec-kasis* and *Belisle* bay.—Leave was granted. Motion by Major *Coffin*.

Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George* moved, that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for opening, and regulating, public roads, bridges, &c. thro' this province. Motion by Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George*.

Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George*, Mr. *Foster*, Mr. *Yeaman*, Mr. *Vandeburgh*, and the *Solicitor General* are appointed for that purpose. Committee appointed.

Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George* moved, for leave to bring in a bill to establish the rate of interest.—And leave was granted. Motion by Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George*.

Major *Coffin* moved, for leave to bring in a bill to prevent trespasses.—Leave was granted. Motion by Major *Coffin*.

House adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

Col. *Billop* moved, for leave to bring in a bill for preventing a multiplicity of law suits.—Leave was accordingly granted. Motion by Col. *Billop*.

Also, for leave to bring in a bill to enable creditors more easily to recover their debts from joint partners.—Leave was granted. Motion by Col. *Billop*.

Agreeable to the return of the sheriff *Elias Hardy* Esq. appeared in the House a member for the *County of Northumberland*.

Thereupon *Ordered*, That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Attwood* attend to see him qualified before the commissioner, appointed for that purpose.—Who returned and reported, that they had seen Mr. *Hardy* duly qualified.—And thereupon *Ordered*, That he take his seat. Members sworn

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the motion for appointing an agent in *Great-Britain*, be postponed until to-morrow.

His Excellency's speech taken into consideration in a committee of the House. His Excellency's speech taken into consideration.

Col. *Billop* in the chair.

After some time spent the *Speaker* reassumed the chair, and the chairman reported, that the committee were of opinion, that a bill should be brought in for registering a-new all former grants of land.

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Report of the committee. And that a bill be brought in against the profanation of the LORDS day, called *Sunday*, and for suppressing immorality, —And that the committee had instructed him, to ask leave to sit again.

Committee appointed. The *Attorney General*, Mr. *Hardy* and Mr. *Stelle* are appointed a committee to bring in a bill, for registering a-new all former grants of land.

Committee appointed. Col. *Billop*, Mr. *Foster* and Mr *Hubbard* are appointed a committee to bring in a bill, against the profanation of the LORDS day called *Sunday*, and for suppressing immorality.

Message from the Council. Ordered, that the further consideration of his Excellency's speech, be deferred until next Monday.

Committee of conference. Message from the Council to the House, that a committee, consisting of the *Chief Justice*, Mr. *Justice Allen* and Mr. *Winslow* is appointed to confer with a committee of their House on the subject of their message.

Ordered, That the *Attorney General*, *Solicitor General*, Mr. *Hardy*, R. *Pagan* and Mr. *Clinch* be a committee to confer with the Council on the subject.

Ordered, That the consideration of the sheriffs return for the *County of Westmoreland* be postponed until Friday next.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

## TUESDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

Solicitor General's motion read. The House went into committee, to consider of ways, and means, of providing for the necessary contingencies of the province.

Report of the committee. Col. *Billop* in the chair.

The Speaker reassumed the chair, and Col. *Billop* reported, that they had made some progress therein, and directed him to move, for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the further consideration be deferred until Friday.

Agent chosen. The consideration of the motion for appointing an Agent in *Great-Britain*, postponed until this day was gone into, and *Brook Watson*, Esquire, Member of Parliament for the *City of London* was nominated, and unanimously chosen Agent for this province.

Message to the Council. Ordered, That the *Solicitor-General*, and Mr. *Foster*, acquaint the Council therewith, and request their concurrence.

Agreeable

Agreeable to leave Col. *Bilop* brought in a bill to enable creditors more easily to recover their debts from joint partners.—Read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Friday.

Read a bill to enable creditors more easily to recover their debts from joint partners.

Agreeable to leave Mr. *Campbell* brought in a bill for preventing damages by unseasonable burning or firing of woods and marshes.—Read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday.

The bill for preventing damages by unseasonable burning or firing of woods and marshes, read first time.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock on Thursday.

### THURSDAY 19th JANUARY, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

On the petition of Messrs. *Tertullus Dickinson, &c.*—Ordered, That the petitioners be heard by their Council, on their petition upon Monday next, at the bar of the House, and that the Sheriff be notified to attend and answer by himself or Council to the charges therein alledged against him.—And that the petitioners forthwith serve *W. Sanford Oliver Esq.* with a copy of the petition.

Read a Petition.

Order of the House respecting the Petition of Messrs. *T. Dickinson, &c.*

The further consideration of the petition of *Mark McGraw* and others; and of *James Bergen* and others, is deferred until next Monday.

Agreeable to leave Major *Murray* brought in a bill for facilitating the navigation of rivers &c.—Read the first time, and a second reading ordered next Thursday.

The Bill for facilitating the Navigation of Rivers, &c.

Message from the Council acquainting the House, that they concur in the appointment of *Brook Watson Esq.* to be Agent in *Great-Britain*.

Message from the Council.

Resolved, That *Brook Watson Esq.* be, and is appointed an Agent for this province, and that the *Speaker* of this House acquaint *Brook Watson Esq.* with the choice made of him as Agent for this province, and express to him the thanks of this House for his unwearied exertions in prosecuting the interest of this province, and to request a continuance of his attention to such objects as may promote its welfare.

The Speaker directed to acquaint *Brook Watson, Esq.* of his appointment as Agent, &c.

Agreeable to leave, the *Attorney-General* brought in a bill for regulating marriage and divorce, and for prohibiting and punishing polygamy, incest and adultery.—Read the first time, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

The Bill for regulating Marriage, &c.

Upon the report of the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Council, Ordered, That the further consideration of the motion for an address to his Majesty, be postponed to a future day.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY

FRIDAY JANUARY the 20th, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

A Bill for regulating the Exportation of lumber, &amp;c.

Agreeable to leave, Mr. *Paine* brought in a bill for regulating the exportation of lumber &c.—Read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday.

A Bill for preventing a multiplicity of law suits

Agreeable to leave, Col. *Billop* brought in a bill, entitled an act for preventing a multiplicity of law suits.—Read the first time and a second reading ordered on Tuesday.

Message from the Council.

Message from the Council desiring the House of Assembly to concur with them in requesting his Excellency's concurrence in the appointment of *Brook Watson* Esq. to be Agent for this province, in *Great Britain*.*Ordered*, That the consideration of the message be deferred until to-morrow.

The consideration of the committee of ways and means deferred until Wednesday next.

House in Committee.

The consideration of the Sheriff's return for the *County of Westmoreland* was gone into, in committee of the whole House.Mr. *Foster* in the chair.

Report of the Committee.

The Chairman left the chair, and the Speaker re-assumed it: Mr. *Foster* reported the opinion of the committee, that the French votes as stated by the Sheriff, were not legal, and therefore that *Charles Dixon* Esq. was duly elected.Which report being accepted, *Resolved*, That *Charles Dixon* is duly elected.

A Bill to empower the Justices of the Quarter Sessions to regulate the River fishery.

Agreeable to leave, Mr. *Lyman* brought in a bill to empower the Justices of the sessions, to regulate the river fishery, &c.—Read the first time, and a second reading ordered on Tuesday next.

An act for preventing damages in burning woods, &amp;c. read a second time and committed.

An act to enable creditors more easily to recover their debts from joint partners.—Read a second time, and committed.

The Heads of an act for regulating marriage and divorce &amp;c. read a second time and to be committed.

Motion by Mr. *Campbell*.On motion of Mr. *Campbell**Resolved*, That all petitions complaining of undue elections, be for the future presented within *fourteen* days after the meeting of the House, and return made, otherwise not to be received and that this be a standing order of the House.

Read

Read a petition signed by *Luke Thornton*, and others.

*Ordered*, To lay on the table.

Mr. *R. Pagan* moved, for leave to bring in a bill for raising a sum of Money not exceeding *Three Hundred Pounds*, by lottery, to pay for the common gaol in the *County of Charlotte*.—  
Leave was accordingly granted.

Motion by Mr. R. Pagan.

Agreeable to leave, Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George* brought in a bill to regulate weights and measures.

The Act for regulating weights and measures.

Read, and ordered a second reading on Wednesday.

The committee appointed to consider, and recommend such laws, to be enacted as they think will apply to the particular situation of this province.

Report of the Committee.

*Reported*, The following bills as applicable, viz.

A bill for registering deeds and conveyances, and wills concerning lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in the several counties of this province.

A bill for regulating inns and taverns, and the sale of spiritous liquors by retail.

A bill to prevent the malicious, killing or maiming of cattle.

A bill for making lands and tenements liable to the payment of debts.

A bill for making the estates, and effects of absent and absconding debtors, liable to attachment for the benefit of their creditors.

A bill for establishing, and regulating pilots in the several ports, and harbours of this province.

A bill for preventing idleness and disorders, and for punishing rogues, vagabonds and other idle and disorderly persons.

A bill for preventing and punishing, the counterfeiting and diminishing of the current coin of this province.

*Moved and Ordered*, That the committee formerly appointed to form rules and regulations for the government of this House, be revived.

Committees appointed.

The *Attorney-General*, Col. *Billobp* and *R. Pagan*, to bring in a bill for registering deeds, &c.

Committees appointed sundry Bills.

Capt. *Clinch*, Mr. *Hazard*, and Mr. *Stelle* to bring in a bill for regulating inns, &c.

Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Hubbard* and Mr. *Yeaman* to bring in a bill to prevent the malicious killing and maiming of cattle, &c.

*Solicitor-General*, Mr. *Dickinson*, and Mr. *Vandeburgh* to bring in a bill for making lands and tenements liable to the payment of debts, &c.

*Solicitor-General*, Mr. *Foster*, and Mr. *W. Pagan* to bring in a bill for making the estates and effects of absent, and absconding debtors liable to attachment, &c.

Major *Murray*, Mr. *Hazard*, Mr. *R. Pagan*, and Mr. *M'George*, to bring in a bill for regulating and establishing pilots, &c.

Capt. *Lyman* and Mr. *Hardy* to bring in a bill for preventing idleness and disorders, &c.

House adjourned until to-morrow 11 o'clock.

## SATURDAY 21st JANUARY, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

Read an Act for permitting persons of the profession called Quakers, to make an affirmation instead of an oath.

Capt. *Clinch* agreeable to leave, brought in a bill for permitting persons of the profession of the people called Quakers, to make an affirmation instead of an oath.—Read the first time, and a second reading ordered on Monday.

Motion by Major *Murray*.

Major *Murray* moved for leave to bring in a bill for the temporary relief of certain debtors, and to prevent unnecessary and ineffectual suits.—Leave was accordingly granted.

Read an Act for regulating Servants.

Mr. *Campbell* agreeable to leave brought in an act for regulating servants.—Read and ordered to be read again next Tuesday.

*Ordered*, The consideration of the message from the Council be deferred until Tuesday.

The committee appointed to form rules and regulations for the government of this House reported the following, and requested leave to sit again, viz.

Orders of the House.

That if any member obtain the leave of this House to act as an attorney, or council in any matter at the bar of the House, he shall not speak, or vote as a member upon such matter.

That any member bringing in a petition, shall in his place acquaint the House, of the general purport of such petition, and ask leave for it to be read; which must be seconded before it is read.

Which being agreed to, *Resolved*, that the same be considered as standing rules of the House.

House adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY,

MONDAY the 23d JANUARY, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of his Excellency's speech be deferred until next Monday.

Read a second time an act for permitting persons of the people called Quakers, to make an affirmation instead of an oath.

*Ordered*, to be committed.

The petition of Messrs. *Tertellus Dickinson* and others which was referred to this day was gone into, and many witnesses examined. Witnesses examined.

On question by the Council, *Resolved*, That the petitioners be confined to the specific charges against the Sheriff; agreeable to the order of Thursday last. Petitioners confined to specific charges.

The parties were ordered to appear again on Tuesday.

The consideration of the petition of *Mark M<sup>c</sup>Graw* and others, and the petition of *James Bergen* and others which was postponed until this day, is deferr'd until next Monday. M<sup>c</sup>Graw and Bergen's petitions deferred.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY JANUARY the 24th, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

Read, an act for the temporary relief of certain debtors, and to prevent unnecessary and ineffectual suits.

A second reading ordered on Monday.

Read an act for preventing the multiplicity of law suits.

Committed.

Read an act to empower the justices of the quarter sessions to regulate the river fishery.

Committed for next Wednesday.

Read an act for regulating servants.

*Ordered*, to be committed.

The bill for regulating the exportation of lumber, deferred until Tuesday next.

The House went into the business of the petition of *Tertellus Dickinson &c.* heard council on the question, whether the persons who voted at the election, for the city and county of *Saint John*, Question before the House.

*John*, and whose votes on default being made, was rejected as bad on the scrutiny, are not precluded from shewing that their votes are good.

House in Committee.

The Council withdrew, and the House went into consideration of the question, in committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Foster* in the chair.

Report of the Committee.

The chairman left the chair, and the Speaker reassumed it—And Mr. *Foster* reported that it was the opinion of the committee:

That the petitioners having neglected, at the scrutiny before the Sheriff, to justify the votes struck off, cannot now be permitted, to prove these votes good on their charge against him—Which report being accepted.

Resolution of the House.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the petitioners having neglected at the scrutiny before the Sheriff, to justify the votes struck off, cannot now be admitted to prove those votes good on their charge against him.

The Council were again called in, and fully heard on the merits of said petition—and being withdrawn.

The House went into consideration thereof, and after some time spent in debate thereon.

Resolution of the House.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House from the evidence adduced by the petitioners, in support of the charge against the Sheriff, that the said Sheriff has acquitted himself of said charge, and has conducted himself *legally, fairly, and with impartiality*.

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Major MURRAY,	Mr. HUBBARD,
Capt. ATTWOOD,	Major COFFIN,
Capt. LYMAN,	Mr. FOSTER,
Mr. STELLE,	Mr. R. PAGAN,
Mr. VANDEBURG,	Mr. PAINE.

N A Y S.

Mr. DICKINSON,	Mr. CAMPBELL,
Mr. YEAMAN,	Capt. CLINCH.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY the 25th JANUARY, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

Read a second time an act to regulate weights and measures.

*Ordered* to be committed,

Agreeable



Agreeable to the order of the day the House went into a committee of ways and means. House in Committee.

Col. *Billogg* in the chair.

After some time spent in debate the Speaker reaffumed the chair.

And Col. *Billogg* reported, that it is the opinion of the committee, that a committee be appointed to prepare a draft, of an application to our sister province of *Nova-Scotia*, for the benefit of such money remaining unpaid, which have been secured by bond, to the collectors of impost, or excise in this province, while a part of *Nova-Scotia*, for the purpose of opening roads in this province. Report of the Committee.

That a bill be brought in for emitting a certain sum of money, to be put out on loan.

That a bill be brought in for raising a duty of excise on spiritous liquors, and other enumerated articles.

That a bill be brought in for taxing dogs.

That a bill be brought in for laying a duty of *per cent* upon all goods, owned by transient persons, and not consigned to a resident in this province.

That a bill be brought in for raising a sum of money by duty on goods sold at public auction in this province, with some exceptions.

And that they had directed him to ask leave to sit again, next Wednesday.

Mr. *Campbell* agreeable to leave brought in a bill to prevent the malicious killing and maiming of cattle. Read a bill to prevent the malicious killing of cattle.

Read the first time—*Ordered*, To be read a second time on Thursday. The first time.

Col. *Billogg* moved for leave to bring in a bill for limiting the value of actions to be brought in the inferior Court of Common Pleas in this province, and for the restraining the removal of actions.—Leave was accordingly granted. Motion by Col. Billogg.

Read a bill entitled an act against the profanation of the LORD's day commonly called *Sunday*, and for the suppression of immorality. Read a bill against the profanation of the Lord's day, &c. for the first time.

*Ordered* to be read again to-morrow.

Mr. *Hubbard* moved for leave to bring in a bill for regulating the Courts of Law established in the several counties, for the trial of causes to the value of *Forty Shillings*.—Leave was given. Motion by Mr. Hubbard.

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Mr. *Dickinson*.

Motion by Mr. Dickinson.

Mr. Dickinson moved for leave to bring in a bill for regulating high-ways in *Queen's County*.—Leave was granted accordingly.

An act against gaming, read the first time.

Read an act to prevent gaming.—A second reading ordered on Thursday.

Committee appointed.

Mr. Hardy and Mr. Stelle appointed to prepare a draft of an application to *Nova-Scotia* for the benefit of such monies remaining unpaid, which have been secured by bond, to the collector of impost or excise in this province, while a part of *Nova-Scotia*.

Committee appointed.

Col. Billopp, Major Murray and Capt. Lyman appointed to bring in a bill for emitting a certain sum of money, to be put out on loan.

Committee appointed.

Mr. W. Pagan, Mr. Campbell, Capt. Clinch and Mr. McGeorge, appointed to bring in a bill for raising a sum of money by duty on goods sold at public auction, in this province.

Committee appointed.

Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. Foster, Mr. Hubbard and Capt. Attwood appointed to bring in a bill for raising a duty on spiritous liquors and other enumerated articles.

Committee appointed.

Mr. Hazard and Capt. Attwood appointed to bring in a bill for taxing dogs.

Committee appointed.

Mr. Hazard, Mr. R. Pagan, and Mr. Foster are appointed to bring in a bill for laying a duty of *per cent* upon all goods owned by transient persons, and not consign'd to a resident in this province.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY 26th JANUARY, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

Read a second time an act to prevent gaming.—Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Complaint against George Handyfide.

Complaint having been made that *George Handyfide* had been guilty of publickly speaking and uttering certain opprobrious words, in contempt and breach of the privileges of this House, and tending to excite sedition.

Order for taking him into custody.

Ordered, That the Sergeant at Arms attending this House, take the said *George Handyfide* into custody, and have him at the bar of this House, and that the Speaker issue a warrant for that purpose.

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In the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 26th JANUARY 1786.

*To the Sergeant at Arms attending this House.*

“ YOU are hereby ordered and directed to take the body of <sup>Warrant</sup>  
 “ *George Handyfide* into your safe custody, and his person safe  
 “ keep until you present him at the bar of this House, that he  
 “ may answer to a breach of the privileges of this House by  
 “ him committed. Hereof fail not at your peril.

(L. S.) “ Given under my hand and seal the day and year  
 “ above-mentioned.

(Signed) “ AMOS BOTSFORD, SPEAKER”.

*George Handyfide* being brought to the bar of the House to answer the complaint alledged against him, denied the same.—The House proceeded to enquire of the truth thereof by witnesses; which being heard were ordered to withdraw, and he heard in his defence.

*Resolved*, That it appears from the evidence, that *George Handyfide* has been guilty of speaking and uttering certain opprobrious words, in *high contempt* and breach of the privileges of this House. <sup>Resolution of the House.</sup>

*Ordered*, That he ask pardon of this House, on his knees, and be reprimanded by the Speaker, and stand committed until he obey this order.

The said *George Handyfide* being called in, asked pardon of the House on his knees, was reprimanded by the Speaker from the chair, and discharged paying fees. <sup>Prisoner discharged.</sup>

Read a bill, entitled an act against the profanation of the LORD's day, &c.—*Ordered* to be committed.

A bill sent down from the Council read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

A bill for preventing the malicious killing and maiming of cattle.—*Ordered* to be committed to a select committee.

The committee of the whole House,

House in Committee.

Mr. *Foster* in the chair—took into consideration the bill for regulating marriage and divorce &c.

The bill being read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker reassumed the chair.

Mr. *Foster* reported that the committee had gone through the bill, and amended the same, which amendments being agreed to it was ordered to be engrossed. <sup>Report of the Committee.</sup>

Mr. R. Pagan

Read a bill for raising a sum of money by lottery, read the first time.

Mr. *R. Pagan* agreeable to leave brought in a bill for raising a sum of money by lottery for building a gaol in the county of *Charlotte*.

Read and second reading ordered to-morrow.

Read an act for the preservation of Moose.

*Ordered*, To be read again to-morrow.

Read a bill for limiting the value of actions, &c. for the first time.

Col. *Billopp* agreeable to leave brought in a bill, for limiting the value of actions to be brought in the inferior Court of Common Pleas in this province, and for restraining the removal of actions.

Read and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

A bill for regulating the Courts of Law, &c. read the 1st time.

Mr. *Hubbard* agreeable to leave brought in a bill, for regulating the Courts of Law, established in the several counties for the trial of causes to the value of *Forty Shillings*.

Read and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

The consideration of the message from Council postponed to this day, is deferred again until to-morrow.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

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### FRIDAY the 27th JANUARY, 1786.

House met.—Order of the day read.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the message from the Council respecting the appointment of an agent in *Great-Britain* was gone into.

Resolutions of the House, &c.

*Resolved*, That this House concur with the Council in their message.

Committee appointed.

*Ordered*, That the *Attorney General*, *Solicitor General* and Major *Murray*, with such as the Council shall appoint, be a committee to wait on his Excellency, and ask his concurrence in their appointment of an agent.

House in Committee.

The committee of the whole House, Major *Murray* chairman.

Took into consideration the bill entitled an act against the profanation of the LORD's day, and the bill being read and debated paragraph by paragraph—the Speaker reassumed the chair, and Major *Murray* reported.

Report of the Committee.

That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which was agreed to.—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

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The committee of the House—Major *Murray* in the chair.

Took into consideration an act to prevent gaming :

House in Com-  
mittee.

The Speaker reassumed the chair, and receiv'd the report.-- That the act to prevent gaming should be concurred with amendments, which being agreed to was concurred with and ordered to be sent to the Council.

Report of the  
Committee.

The committee of the House, Major *Murray* chairman.

Took into consideration the bill entitled an act, for preventing the multiplicity of law-suits; which being read paragraph by paragraph, the Speaker reassumed the chair, and receiv'd the report.—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same.—Which was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

House in Com-  
mittee.

Report of the  
Committee.

The committee of the whole House Major *Murray* in the chair.

Took into consideration, an act for permitting persons of the profession called *Quakers*, to make an affirmation instead of an oath; which being read, paragraph by paragraph.

House in Com-  
mittee.

The Speaker took the chair, and received the report:

That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same.—Which amendment being agreed to, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Report of the  
Committee.

The committee of the whole House, Major *Murray* in the chair.

House in Com-  
mittee.

Took into consideration a bill entitled an act to enable creditors more easily to recover their debts from joint partners.

The Speaker reassumed the chair, and Major *Murray* reported:

That the committee had gone thro' the bill, and made several amendments.—Which the House agreed to, and ordered the same to be engrossed.

Report of the  
Committee.

The House resolved itself into a committee.

Major *Murray* in the chair.

House in Com-  
mittee.

After some time spent in debate, the Speaker reassumed the chair and received the report of the chairman :

That the committee had taken into consideration an act to empower the Justices of the Quarter Sessions to regulate the river fishery, &c.

Report of the  
Committee.

That they had made some progress, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

That they were of opinion, that the act for preventing damages by burning of woods, be referred to a select committee.

That the bill to prevent the malicious killing of cattle, be referred to a select committee.

That the act for regulating weights and measures, be referred to a select committee.—Which report was agreed to.

A Bill for regulating the rate of interest, read the 1st time.

Mr. *M'George* agreeable to leave brought in a bill for regulating the rate of interest.—Read and ordered a second reading to-morrow.

Read a second time a bill for raising a sum of money by lottery, for building a gaol in the *County of Charlotte*.—Ordered to be committed.

Read a second time an act for the preservation of moose.—Ordered to be committed.

The bill for limiting the value of actions to be brought in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in this province, and for restraining the removal of actions, was read a second time, and ordered to be committed.

Read a second time a bill for regulating the courts of law, establish'd in the several counties, for tryal of causes to the value of Forty Shillings.—Ordered to be committed.

Committee appointed.

*Solicitor-General*, Col. *Billopp* and Mr. *M'George* appointed a select committee to take into consideration the act for regulating weights and measures.

Committee appointed.

*Solicitor-General*, Mr. *Campbell*, Capt. *Attwood* and Mr. *Stelle* are appointed a select committee to take into consideration an act for preventing damages by burning of woods.

Committee appointed.

The *Attorney-General*, Mr. *R. Pagan* and Mr. *Campbell* appointed a select committee to take into consideration an act for regulating servants.

Committee appointed.

The *Attorney-General*, Mr. *W. Pagan* and Mr. *Campbell* appointed a select committee to take into consideration the act for preventing damages by the unseasonable burning of marshes.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

### SATURDAY 28th JANUARY 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a bill for regulating divorce, &c. for the third time.—Which was agreed to as engrossed.

Ordered, That it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Committee appointed.

Mr. *Solicitor-General*, *Attorney-General*, Major *Murray*, Mr. *R. Pagan*, Col. *Billopp* and Mr. *Stelle* are appointed a committee to bring in a bill for the future regulating of elections.

House in Committee.

A committee of the whole House.—Col. *Billopp* chairman.

Report of the Committee.

Took into consideration an act for regulating juries.—The Speaker reassumed the chair, and received the report.—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which being agreed to and concurred, was ordered to be sent to the

Read

Read a bill against the profanation of the LORD's day, which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered*, To be sent up for concurrence.

Read an act for permitting persons of the profession called *Quakers*, to make an affirmation instead of an oath for the third time.—Which was agreed to as engrossed.

*Ordered*, That it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Read an act for relief against absconding debtors.

*Ordered*, To be read again on Monday.

An act read for relief against absconding debtors 1st time.

Read a bill for registering deeds and conveyances, and wills concerning lands, tenements, and hereditaments in the several counties within this province.—A second reading ordered on Monday.

Read a bill for the first time for registering deeds &c.

Committee of the whole house.—Col. *Billopp* in the chair.

House in committee.

Took into consideration an act for establishing the rate of interest.—The bill being read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker reassumed the chair, and Col. *Billopp* reported.—That the committee had gone thro' the bill, and amended the same, which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the committee.

House adjourned until Monday.

### MONDAY, the 30th JANUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

The further consideration of his Excellency's speech is deferred until Monday next.

The petition of *Mark M'Graw* and others.—Also the petition of *James Bergen* and others, read.

*Resolved*, That this House having gone fully into a hearing of the several matters alledged in this petition, in the charge exhibited against the Sheriff, by Messrs. *Dickinson*, &c. in which hearing a number of witnesses were adduced, and the whole conduct of the Sheriff examined into and determined upon, will not go into a further consideration of the same matters, stated by different petitioners.—*Ordered therefore*, That the petitions be dismissed.

Resolution of the House.

Read a second time an act for relief against absconding debtors. *Ordered* to be committed.

Read a second time a bill for registering deeds and conveyances, and wills concerning lands, tenements and hereditaments, in the several counties within this province.—*Ordered* to be committed.

An act for punishing forgery—Read and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Committee

House in committee.

Committee of the whole House, *Solicitor-General* in the chair.

Took into consideration an act for the preservation of Moose; also a bill for granting a lottery to defray the expences of the common gaol in the county of *Charlotte*.

The Speaker reassumed the chair and receiv'd the report.

Report of the committee.

That the committee had gone thro' the said act and amended the same, as now reported:—Which were agreed to in the House and ordered to be engrossed.

And also that the committee had made some progress in two bills, one an act for regulating the courts of law, as establish'd in the several counties, &c. and an act for limiting the value of actions to be brought in the inferior Courts of Common Pleas, &c. and had directed him to ask leave to sit again next Friday.

Motion by Capt. *Lyman*.

Capt. *Lyman* moved for leave to bring in a bill for appointing commissioners of sewers—Leave was accordingly granted.

An act for the temporary relief of certain debtors, referred to a select committee.

Committee appointed.

*Solicitor General*, Major *Murray*, and Mr. *R. Pagan*, are appointed for that purpose.

Read an act for confirming unto the city of *Saint John*, its rights, &c. 1st time.

The *Solicitor-General* agreeable to leave, brought in an act for confirming unto the city of *Saint John* its rights and privileges, which was read, and a second reading ordered on Friday.

Read a bill for laying out and completing an highway, &amp;c. 1st time.

Major *Coffin* agreeable to leave brought in a bill for laying out and completing an highway from the *River Kennebeckacis* near *Rogers's Tavern*, to the *Belisle* nearest to *Lyon's Mill*.—Read, and a second reading ordered on Wednesday.

The act for regulating the exportation of lumber, &c.—Referred to a secret committee.

Committee appointed.

Mr. *R. Pagan*, Mr. *Hardy*, Mr. *Hazard* and Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George* are appointed for that purpose.

Read a petition from *Luke Thornton* and others.—Ordered to be taken into consideration next Friday.

Read an act for establishing the rate of interest, for the third time, which was agreed to as engross'd—Ordered, That it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Read an act for preventing the multiplicity of law-suits, for the third time, which was agreed to as engross'd—Ordered, That it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY



TUESDAY, JANUARY 31st, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read an act for the preservation of Moose, for the third time, which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered*, That it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill sent to the Council.

Read an act for the regulation of weights and measures, which was referred to a select committee—which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Read a second time an act for laying out and completing an highway from the river *Kennebeckacis*, near *Rogers's Tavern*, to the arm of *Beliste*, near to *Lyon's Mill*.—*Ordered* to be committed.

A Bill for laying out and completing an highway, &amp;c. 2d. time.

Read an act for the conviction and punishment of criminals, who shall refuse to plead, when arraign'd, and for the trial of those who shall peremptorily challenge more than twenty—a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill for the conviction of criminals, &amp;c. 1st time.

Read an act for the trial, and punishment of criminals, who shall steal bills of exchange, bonds, warrants, bills or promissory notes—a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill for the trial and punishment of criminals &amp;c. 1st time.

House in committee—Mr. *Campbell*, chairman.

House in Committee.

Took into consideration an act for the public registering of all deeds, conveyances and wills, and other incumbrances, which shall be made of, or that may effect any lands, tenements or hereditaments within this province.—Which being read, and debated paragraph by paragraph—The Speaker resumed the chair and received the report.—That the committee had gone thro' the act and read the same, which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee.

Read a bill to prevent the malicious killing and maiming of cattle, which was referred to a select committee.—The House agreed to it as reported, and ordered it to be engrossed.

An act for establishing a tender, and for punishing offenders against the current and foreign coin—read a second time—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill for establishing a tender &amp;c. 2d. time.

House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Capt. *Lyman* agreeable to leave brought in a bill for appointing commissioners of sewers.—Read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

A Bill for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

Bill read. Read an act for the trial and punishment of criminals, who shall steal bills of exchange, bonds, warrants, bills, or promissory notes.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read. Read an act for the conviction and punishment of criminals, who shall refuse to plead when arraigned, and for the trial of those who shall preemptorily challenge more than twenty. *Ordered* to be committed.

Motion by Col. *Billopp*. Col. *Billopp* moved for leave to bring in a bill, to prevent frauds in the sales of damaged goods imported into this province.—Leave was accordingly granted.

Report of a Committee. The committee appointed to take into consideration an act for preventing damages by unseasonable burning of woods, brush, or marshes, &c. reported that the operation of this act ought to be confined to the *County of Charlotte*.—Which being again read was accepted, and *Ordered* to be engross'd.

Bill sent to the Council. Read an act for granting a lottery, to pay for the common gaol in the *County of Charlotte* for the third time. Which was agreed to as engross'd.—*Ordered*, That it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill sent to the Council. Read an act for the regulation of weights and measures for the third time, which was agreed to as engross'd.—*Ordered*, That it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

House in committee.—Major *Coffin* in the chair.

House in Committee. Took into consideration an act for relief against absconding debtors; which was read, and debated paragraph by paragraph.

Report of the committee. The Speaker resumed the chair, and Major *Coffin* reported, That the committee had gone thro' the act, and made several amendments, which were agreed to—*Ordered* to be again read.

Bill sent to the Council. Read a bill to prevent the malicious killing and maiming of cattle a third time; which was agreed to as engross'd.—*Ordered*, That it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Postponed the committee of ways and means until Monday next.

Bill read. Read an act to regulate the sale of goods sold at public auction, or out-cry.—A second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill read. Read an act for ascertaining damages, on protested bills of exchange.—A second reading ordered to-morrow.

Committee of the House.—Major *Coffin* in the chair.

House in Committee. Took into consideration a bill for facilitating the navigation of rivers in this province.—Which was read and gone thro' paragraph by paragraph.

The Speaker reassumed the chair and received the report of the chairman : Report of the Committee.

That the committee had gone thro' the bill, and amended the same, which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engross'd.

Mr. *Hubbard* agreeable to leave brought in a bill, entitled an act for enabling the Justices of the Supreme Court, to try all causes at *nisi prius*, and authorizing Attornies of the Supreme Court to practice in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in this province.—Read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow. Motion by Mr. Hubbard.

Upon motion of Mr. *R. Pagan*, *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this House, that the resolution entered into on the 20th of January, relating to receiving petitions, against undue elections, excludes all such as shall not be brought in within fourteen days from that date. Motion by Mr. Pagan.

House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

### THURSDAY, 2d FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a second time an act for ascertaining damages on protested bills of exchange.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read an act to regulate the sale of goods sold at public auction or out-cry, a second time.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read a second time an act for enabling the Justices of the Supreme Court, to try all causes at *nisi prius*; and authorizing Attornies of the Supreme Court to practice in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within the province.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read an act for appointing commissioners of sewers, a second time.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

House in committee Mr. *Hazard* in the chair.

House in Committee.

Took into consideration, a bill for the trial and punishment of criminals, who shall steal bills of exchange, bonds, warrants, bills or promissory notes—Which was read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. *Hazard* reported, that the committee had gone thro' the bill and agreed to it; which being concurred with, was sent to the Council. Report of the Committee.

House in committee Mr. *Hazard* in the chair.

House in Committee.

Took into consideration an act for the conviction, and punishment of criminals, who shall refuse to plead when arraigned, and for

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Committee.

for the trial of those who shall peremptorily challenge more than twenty.—Which was read, and gone thro' paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and receiv'd the report, which being accepted, the same was concurred, and returned to the Council.

House in Com-  
mittee.

House in committee Mr. *Hazard* in the chair.

Report of the  
Committee.

Took into consideration a bill for laying out and compleating an highway from the River *Kennebeckacis*, near *Rogers's Tavern*, to the Arm of *Belisle*, nearest to *Lyon's Mill*.—Which was read and debated paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and Mr. *Hazard* reported, that they had gone thro' the bill and amended the same; which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Petition.

Resolution of  
the House re-  
specting the  
Petition.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of *Queen's County* complaining of an undue election for that county, for members to serve in General Assembly, was read.—*Ordered*, to be taken into consideration on the 16th February, and that the petitioners furnish *Anthony Terril* the returning officer with a copy of the petition, and notify him to attend and answer the several matters therein alledg'd against him.

Bill read.

Read an act for admitting depositions *de bene esse* of witnesses aged, infirm, and otherwise unable to travel, and of witnesses departing from the province.—A second reading ordered to-morrow.

Message from  
the Council.

Message from the Council, informing the House that they had concurred with the House in passing an act for permitting persons of the profession called *Quakers* to make an affirmation instead of an oath.

And also an act to enable creditors more easily to recover their debts from joint partners.

House in Com-  
mittee.

House in committee.—Mr. *W. Pagan*, Chairman.

Report of the  
Committee.

Took into consideration a bill for temporary relief of certain debtors.—The same was read and debated—The Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. *Pagan* reported.—That the committee had made progress in the same, and ask leave to sit again.

Upon motion made the further consideration of the bill is postponed for three months.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

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FRIDAY, 3d FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read

Read a bill to lay a tax upon dogs in this province, a second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

Read a bill entitled an act to prevent frauds, in the sale of damaged goods, imported into this province.—A second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

Mr. *W. Pagan* moved for leave to bring in a bill for the regulation of seamen—Leave was accordingly granted. Motion by Mr. *W. Pagan*.

Read a second time, an act for admitting depositions *de bene esse*, of witnesses aged, infirm, and otherwise unable to travel, and of witnesses departing from the province.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read a bill for regulating and facilitating the navigation of the river *Saint John*, and other rivers, for the third time.—Which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered*, that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read the third time, an act for preventing damages by burning of woods, &c.—*Ordered*, that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

House in committee—Capt. *Lyman* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill for appointing commissioners of sewers.—Which was read, and gone thro' paragraph by paragraph—The Speaker reassumed the chair and Capt. *Lyman* reported.—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and agreed to the same.—The House accept the report.—*Ordered* to be engrossed. House in Committee. Report of the Committee.

House in committee—Capt. *Lyman*, chairman. House in Committee.

Took into consideration an act for confirming unto the city of *Saint John* its rights and privileges.—Which was read, and debated paragraph by paragraph.

The Speaker took the chair, and received the report, That the committee had gone thro' the bill.—The House agreed to the report. *Ordered* to be engross'd. Report of the committee.

House in committee.—Capt. *Lyman* in the chair. House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill for ascertaining damages on protested bills of exchange.—Which was read, and gone thro' paragraph by paragraph.

The Speaker took the chair, and Capt. *Lyman* reported, That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same.—Which was agreed to and *Ordered* to be engrossed. Report of the committee.

Read a petition signed by *Luke Thornton* and others; the consideration of which was postponed until this day. Petition read.

Resolution of the House respecting the petition.

*Ordered*, As no one member had any thing to move upon said petition, and the facts therein stated, having been heretofore fully heard and determined upon, that it be dismissed.

House in committee.

House in committee.—Capt. *Lyman* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill for establishing a tender in all payments to be made in this province, and punishing offenders against the current and foreign coin passing in the same.—Which was read and debated paragraph by paragraph.

Report of the committee.

The Speaker took the chair, and Capt. *Lyman* reported, That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same.—Which was agreed to, and concurred with amendments and returned to the Council.

House in committee.

House in committee.—Capt. *Lyman* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill for regulating the courts of law establish'd in the several counties for the trial of causes to the value of *forty shillings*.—Which was read and debated.

Report of the committee.

The Speaker reassumed the chair, and Capt. *Lyman* reported, That the committee had made some progress, and requested leave to sit again.

Bill read.

Read a bill against mixing and adulterating strong liquors.

Read a bill against cutting timber trees.—A second reading ordered to-morrow.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

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### SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Message from the Council.

Message from the Council acquainting the House, that they had concurred with them in passing an act for the preservation of Moose.

Motion by Capt. *Lyman*.

Capt. *Lyman* moved for leave to bring in a bill to enable the inhabitants in the several counties, &c. to tax non-residents—leave was granted—and the bill brought in and read—a second reading ordered on Monday.

Bill read.

Read a bill for the regulation of seamen—a second reading ordered on Monday.

Read an act from the Council.

Read an act sent from the Council, for prevention of frauds and perjuries.—A second reading ordered on Monday.

Bill read.

Read a bill for raising a duty of excise.—*Ordered* to be read again on Monday.

Read

Read an act sent from the Council to enable justices of the peace, to receive grants of land for public uses in their respective counties—A second reading ordered on Monday. Read an act from the Council.

Read a second time a bill against mixing and adulterating spirituous liquors.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read a second time a bill to levy a tax on dogs—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read a second time a bill against cutting timber trees, &c.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read a second time a bill entitled an act to prevent frauds in the sale of damaged goods, imported into this province.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Message from the Council informing the House that they had concurred in passing the bill, for preventing the malicious killing of cattle. Message from the Council.

Mr. *Hazard* moved for leave to bring in a bill to empower a justice or justices of the peace to try actions, upon book debts, and promissory notes, &c. to the value of three pounds—Leave was granted. Motion by Mr. Hazard.

The committee appointed to join a committee from the Council, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, to request his concurrence in the appointment of *Brook Watson*, Esquire, to be the agent of this province in *Great-Britain*—*Reported*, that they had waited on the Governor, and that he was pleased to concur therein. Report of a committee.

Read a third time a bill for registering deeds and conveyances, and wills concerning lands, tenements and hereditaments, in the several counties in this province, which was agreed to as engrossed. *Ordered*, that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

The bill for ascertaining damages upon protested bills of exchange, was read a third time, which was agreed to as engrossed. *Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

The bill for enabling the justices of the Supreme Court to try all causes at *nisi prius*, and authorising Attornies of the Supreme Court to practice in the inferior Court of Common-Pleas within this province, was read a third time, which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

House adjourn'd until Monday 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.—Read a second time a bill for prevention of frauds and perjuries.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read

- Bill read. Read an act for confirming unto the city of *Saint John* its rights and privileges for the third time, which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.
- Bill read and sent up for concurrence. Read a third time a bill for appointing commissioners of sewers, which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.
- The further consideration of his Excellency's speech is postponed until next Monday.
- Bill read. Read a second time a bill for raising a duty of excise.—*Ordered* to be committed.
- Bill read. Read a second time a bill for the regulation of seamen.—*Ordered* to be committed.
- Bill read. Read a bill, for regulating elections of representatives in General Assembly.—Second reading ordered to-morrow.
- Read an act from the Council. Read an act to enable justices of the peace, to receive grants of land for public uses in their respective counties.—*Ordered* to be committed.
- House in committee. House in committee.—Col. *Billopp* in the chair.
- Report of the committee. Took into consideration an act for admitting depositions *de benecesse* of witnesses aged, infirm, &c. sent from the Council—the same was read, and gone thro' paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker resumed the chair, and Col. *Billopp* reported, that the committee had gone thro' the bill and made some amendments, which was agreed to, and return'd to the Council.
- House in committee. House in committee.—Col. *Billopp* in the chair.
- Report of the committee. Took into consideration an act from the Council for punishing forgery, which was read paragraph by paragraph, the Speaker took the chair and received the report, that the committee had gone thro' the act and made some amendments, which were agreed to, and return'd to the Council.
- House in committee. House in committee.—Col. *Billopp* in the chair.
- Report of the committee. Took into consideration a bill to regulate the sale of goods sold at public auction, which was read and debated paragraph by paragraph, the Speaker reassumed the chair and Col. *Billopp* reported, that the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which was agreed to.—*Ordered* to be engrossed.
- Bill read. Read a second time a bill to enable the inhabitants in the several counties in this province to tax the lands of non-residents. *Ordered* to be committed.

The committee of ways and means postponed until next Monday.



House in committee—Col. *Billopp* chairman.

House in committee.

Took into consideration an act against cutting timber trees, &c. which was read and debated paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and received the report.—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the bill against adulterating strong liquors, be referred to a select committee, and Major *Coffin*, *Solicitor General* and Major *Murray* are appointed.

Read a bill to prevent nuisances by hedges, wears, foins, and other incumbrances obstructing the passage of fish in the rivers, coves, and creeks of this province—A second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

Read a bill for laying out, amending and repairing highways, &c. a second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

House adjourn'd until to-morrow 11 o'clock.

## TUESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a second time a bill for regulating elections in the General Assembly.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read a second time a bill to prevent nuisances by hedges, wears, foins and other incumbrances, &c.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

The bill for regulating servants, which was referred to a select committee, was read and ordered to be engrossed. Bill read.

Read a second time a bill for laying out, amending and repairing highways, &c.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

A bill for regulating inn-holders and tavern-keepers, read the first time.—A second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

*Charles Dixon*, Esquire, appeared in the House a member for the county of *Westmorland*, thereupon ordered that Mr. *Hubbard* and Mr. *Paine*, attend to see him qualified before the commissioner appointed for that purpose. Member sworn.

Mr. *Hubbard* and Mr. *Paine* reported that they had agreed to order attended, and that *Charles Dixon*, Esquire, was duly qualified—Thereupon ordered that he take his seat.

Read a third time a bill for relief against absconding debtors, which was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed. Bill read.

- Bill read. Read a bill authorizing justices of the peace, &c. to try causes to the value of three pounds—a second reading ordered to-morrow.
- Bill sent up for concurrence. Read a third time a bill to regulate the sale of goods sold at public auction, as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.
- House in committee. House in committee.—Mr. *Stelle* chairman.  
Took into consideration a bill to prevent nuisances, hedges, weirs, feins, and all other incumbrances obstructing the passage of fish in the rivers, &c.—Which was read and debated paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker reassumed the chair and received the report.—That the committee had directed him to report progress, and desire leave to sit again.
- Report of the committee. Report of the committee.—That the committee had directed him to report progress, and desire leave to sit again.
- Act read from the Council. Read an act from the Council relating to wills, legacies, executors and administrators for the settlement and distribution of the estates of intestates—a second reading ordered to-morrow.
- House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

- Bill read. Read a bill for authorizing justices of the peace to try causes to the value of three pounds, a second time.—*Ordered* to be committed.
- Bill read. Read an act from the Council relating to wills, legacies, executors, and administrators, and for the settlement and distribution of the estate of intestates, a second time.—*Ordered* to be committed.
- Message from the Council. Message from the Council acquainting the House that they had concurred in passing the following bills, viz.
- “ An act for regulating weights and measures.”
- “ An act for preventing a multiplicity of law suits.”
- “ An act for ascertaining damages on protested bills of exchange.”
- “ An act for appointing commissioners of sewers.”
- Bill read. The bill for regulating the exportation of fish and lumber that was referred to a select committee, was read and agreed to in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.
- Bill read. Read a second time, a bill for regulating inn-holders and tavern-keepers.—*Ordered* to be committed.

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The bill against the profanation of the LORD'S DAY, commonly called Sunday, and for the suppression of immorality, was return'd from the Council with amendments—which was concurred. Bill read.

House in committee.—Capt. *Clinch* in the chair. House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill entitled an act to prevent frauds in the sale of damaged goods imported into this province—which being read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and received the report.—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed. Report of the committee.

House in committee.—Capt. *Clinch* in the chair. House in committee.

Took into consideration an act to enable justices of the peace to receive grants of land for public uses in their respective counties. The Speaker reassumed the chair, and received the report.—That the act should be concurred with an amendment—which was agreed to and return'd to the Council.

House in Committee.—Capt. *Clinch* chairman. House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill to oblige absent proprietors to pay a proportion of any public charge, and to repair highways, which was read, and debated paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and received the report.—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which was agreed to. *Ordered* to be engrossed. Report of the committee.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

### THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Mr. *Hazard* moved for leave to bring in a bill to raise a revenue in the province for the support of the necessary contingencies of the government thereof.—Leave was accordingly granted. Motion by Mr. Hazard.

Read a bill for laying out a public road from *Saint John* to *Westmorland*—A second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

Committee of the House Mr. *Hubbard* in the chair. House in Committee.

Took into consideration a bill to lay a tax upon dogs—which was read and debated, paragraph by paragraph, amended, and reported, which being agreed to was ordered to be engrossed.

An act relating to wills, legacies, executors and administrators, and for the settlement and distribution of the estates of intestates, was entered upon in committee.—Mr. *Hubbard* in the chair—

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Report of the committee. The Speaker resumed the chair, and receiv'd the report.—That the committee had concurred with the Council in passing the act relating to wills, legacies, &c. and the same was ordered to be returned to the Council.

Read a bill for emitting the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds in bills of credit to be put out on loan—a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Motion by Capt. Clinch. Capt. *Clinch* moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate, and secure the navigation of the river *Maggaugaudavick*—Leave was given.

House adjourn'd until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

### FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read:

Bill read and sent to the Council for concurrence. Read a third time a bill to prevent frauds in the sale of damaged goods imported into this province, which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill brought in and read. Capt. *Clinch* agreeable to leave brought in a bill for securing the navigation of the river *Maggaugaudavick*.—Read, and ordered to be read again to-morrow.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence. Read a third time a bill to lay a tax on dogs, which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill read. Read a second time a bill for laying out a public road from *Saint John* to *Westmorland*.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence. A bill to oblige absent proprietors to pay a proportion of any public charge, and to repair highways; was read a third time, which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence. Read a bill for relief against absconding debtors, for the third time; which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Petition read. Read a petition from *James M<sup>r</sup> Pherjon*.—*Ordered* to lay on the table.

Bill read. Read a second time a bill for emitting the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds in bills of credit; to be put out on loan.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence. Read a third time a bill for regulating the exportation of fish and lumber; which was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

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House in committee—Mr. *Foster* in the chair.

House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill for regulating seamen, which was read and debated paragraph by paragraph—The Speaker resumed the chair and received the report—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same; which was agreed to. *Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the committee.

Major *Murray* moved for leave to bring in a bill to prevent the mischiefs and inconveniences that may arise from personal securities being lost or destroyed by fire or other accident—Leave was given.

Motion by Major *Murray*.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

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SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

The bill for securing the navigation of the river *Maggaugau-davick*, read a second time, and ordered to be committed.

Bill read.

House in committee.—Mr. *McGeorge* in the chair.

House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill for laying out a public road, from *Saint John* to *Westmorland*, which was read, and debated paragraph by paragraph—The Speaker resumed the chair and received the report.—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the committee.

Major *Murray* agreeable to leave brought in a bill to prevent the mischief and inconveniences that may arise from personal securities being lost or destroyed by fire or other accidents—which was read, and a second reading ordered on Monday.

Bill read.

Capt. *Attwood*, Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Dixon*, are appointed to bring in a bill for preventing trespasses and regulating fences.

Committee appointed.

Read a bill for the regulation of seamen, for the third time, was agreed to as engrossed.—*Ordered*, that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock on Monday.

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MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

The consideration of his Excellency's speech postponed until Monday next.

Read a second time a bill to prevent the mischief and inconveniences that may arise from personal securities being lost or destroyed by fire, or other accident.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read.

L

Mr. *Foster*

Bill read.

Mr. *Foster* brought in a bill for laying out an highway from lot No. 1, *Holland's* survey, *Sterling's* grant, to the north-east boundary of said grant; which was read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Message from the Council.

Message from the Council acquainting the House that they had concurred in passing the following acts.

“ An act to regulate the sale of goods sold at public auction.”

“ An act for enabling the justices of the Supreme Court to try all causes at *nisi prius*, and authorising Attornies of the Supreme Court to practice in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this province.”

House in committee.

House in committee—Mr. *Dixon* in the chair.

Took into consideration, a bill for regulating elections of representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this province—The bill being read paragraph by paragraph; the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. *Dixon* reported, that the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same.—The House ordered that the consideration of the report be postponed, until Wednesday.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time, a bill for laying out a road from the city of *St. John* to *Westmorland*, as engrossed.—Ordered that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

The bill for regulating servants was read a third time as engrossed.—Ordered that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Committee postponed.

The committee of ways and means, which was referred to this day, is postponed until next Monday.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Bill read.

Read a second time a bill for laying out an highway from lot No. 1, *Holland's* survey, *Sterling's* grant, to the north-east boundary of said grant.—Ordered to be committed.

Motion by the Attorney General

The *Attorney-General* moved for leave to bring in a bill for the registering of letters patent, and grants made under the great seal of the province of *Nova-Scotia*, of lands now situate within the limits of this province—Leave was granted, and the bill brought in and read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Col. Billopp's motion.

Col. *Billopp* moved for leave to bring in a bill for the speedy punishing and releasing such persons from imprisonment, as shall commit

commit any criminal offences under the degree of grand larceny—  
Leave was granted accordingly and the bill brought in and read,  
and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

House in committee—Mr. *Foster* in the chair.

House in com-  
mittee.

Took into consideration a bill for securing the navigation of  
the river *Maggaugaudavick*—The bill being read paragraph by  
paragraph—The Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. *Foster* re-  
ported; that the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended  
the same; which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the  
committee.

House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a bill for registering of letters patent and grants, made  
under the great seal of the province of *Nova Scotia*, of lands now  
situate within the limits of this province.—*Ordered* to be com-  
mitted.

Bill read.

Read a second time a bill for the speedy punishing and releasing  
such persons from imprisonment as shall commit any criminal  
offence under the degree of grand larceny. *Ordered* to be com-  
mitted.

Bill read.

Col. *Billogg* moved for leave to bring in a bill for punishing  
accessaries to felonies and receivers of stolen goods.—Leave was  
granted and the bill brought in and read, and a second reading  
ordered to-morrow.

House in com-  
mittee.

Mr. *Hazard* agreeable to leave, brought in a bill to raise a reve-  
nue in the province for the support of the necessary contingencies  
of the government thereof, which was read and a second reading  
ordered to-morrow.

Motion by Mr.  
*Hazard*.

House in committee—Major *Murray* in the chair.

House in com-  
mittee.

Took into consideration a bill for regulating the courts of law,  
establish'd in the several counties for the trial of causes to the value  
of *forty shillings* which was read paragraph by paragraph; the  
Speaker resumed the chair and receiv'd the report—That the com-  
mittee were of opinion the consideration of the bill should be post-  
poned for six weeks.

Report of a  
committee.

Upon a debate in the House respecting the report—*Ordered*,  
that it be recommitted.

House divided upon the question for committing.

House divide  
upon a question.

YEAS.

## Y E A S,

ATTORNEY GENERAL,	Mr. DIXON,
SOLICITOR GENERAL,	Mr. HUBBARD,
Col. BILLOPP,	Mr. VANDEBURGH,
Mr. M'GEORGE,	Mr. FOSTER,
Mr. W. PAGAN,	Major MURRAY.
Mr. R. PAGAN,	

## N A Y S.

Mr. HAZARD,	Mr. DICKINSON,
Capt. CLINCH,	Capt. ATTWOOD,
Mr. YEOMAN,	Mr. STELLE.

House in committee.

House in committee—Col. *Billopp* in the chair.

Took into consideration the aforesaid bill, and after some time spent in committee, the Speaker took the chair and received the report; that the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which was agreed to.—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the committee.

House in committee.

House in committee—Col. *Billopp* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill entitled an act for limiting the value of actions to be brought in the inferior Court of Common Pleas, and for restraining the removal of actions—which was read and debated paragraph by paragraph; the Speaker took the chair, and Col. *Billopp* reported, that the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the committee.

Message from the Council.

Message from the Council acquainting the House, that they had concurred in passing the following acts.

“ An act for relief against absconding debtors.”

“ An act for regulating the exportation of fish and lumber.”

“ And an act to lay a tax on dogs.”

The report of the committee on the bill for regulating the election of representatives, &c. postponed until this day was gone into. It was moved and seconded, that in the third section next after the word *chosen*, to strike out the word *and*, and insert the words, *or else*, and the question being put, the House divided, when there appeared for the question.

House divide upon a question.

## Y E A S.

ATTORNEY GENERAL,	Mr. R. PAGAN,
SOLICITOR GENERAL,	Capt. ATTWOOD,
Major MURRAY,	Mr. HAZARD,
Mr. W. PAGAN,	Mr. PAINE.
Mr. M'GEORGE,	

N A Y S.



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Col. BILLOPP,  
Mr. FOSTER,  
Capt. CLINCH,  
Mr. DIXON,  
Mr. VANDEBURGH,

Mr. HUBBARD,  
Mr. DICKINSON,  
Mr. YEAMANS,  
Mr. STELLE.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* determined the question for the amendment.—The bill was then agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

A call of the House moved, and seconded thereupon, *Ordered* that all the members of this House, now in town, be directed to attend in their places to-morrow.

House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

## THURSDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a second time a bill for punishing accessaries to felonies and receivers of stolen goods.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill Read.

Read a second time, a bill to raise a revenue in the province for the support of the necessary contingencies of the government.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

The petition of Messrs. *Richard Hewlett*, and others, against the sitting members of *Queen's County*, which was ordered for consideration this day, was gone into, in committee of the whole house.

*Attorney-General* in the chair.—Heard council, and examined many witnesses—the parties were ordered to appear again on Friday.

Read a third time, a bill entitled an act for limiting the value of actions to be brought in the inferior courts of Common Pleas in this province—which was agreed to as engrossed—*Ordered*, that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

House adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

## FRIDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Agreeable to the return of the Sheriff, *William Davidson*, Member sworn. Esquire, appeared in the House a member for the County of *Northumberland*—Thereupon, *Ordered*, that Mr. *Vandeburgh*, and Mr. *Dixon*, attend to see him qualified before the Commis-

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sioner

fioner appointed for that purpose.—Mr. *Vandeburgh* and Mr. *Dixon*, reported that they had agreeable to order attended, and that *William Davidson*, Esquire, was duly qualified—thereupon ordered that he take his seat.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time a bill for regulating the courts of law establish'd in the several counties for the trial of causes to the value of *forty shillings*, as engrossed—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

House in committee.

The House went into committee again on the petition of *Richard Hewlett*, and others, which was by the council withdrawn, with consent of the committee—which being reported was agreed to by the House.

House in committee.

House in committee—Mr. *Foster* in the chair.

Report of the committee.

Took into consideration an act for laying out, amending and repairing highways, which was read paragraph by paragraph—the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. *Foster* reported, that the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same, which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

House in committee.

House in committee—Mr. *Foster* chairman.

Took into consideration a bill for registering of letters patent, and grants made under the great seal of the province of *Nova-Scotia* of lands now situate within the limits of this province—which was read, and debated paragraph by paragraph.

Report of the committee.

The Speaker took the chair and received the report—That the committee had gone thro' the bill—which was agreed to. *Ordered*, to be engrossed.

Bill read.

Read a bill for regulating pilots.—a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill read.

Read a bill to empower the Foreman of the Grand Juries to administer an oath to such witnesses as are to be examined before them.—A second reading ordered to-morrow.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Bill read.

Read a second time a bill for regulating pilots. *Ordered*, to be committed.

Bill read.

Read a bill to empower the Foreman of Grand Juries to administer an oath to such witnesses, as are to be examined before them.—*Ordered*, to be committed.

Read

Read a third time a bill for registering of letters patent and grants made under the great seal of the province of *Nova-Scotia* of lands now situate within the limits of this province.—Which was agreed to as engrossed—*Ordered*, that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time a bill for regulating elections of representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this province—which was agreed to as engrossed. *Ordered*, that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a first time a bill from the Council to prevent frivolous and vexatious arrests.—A second reading ordered on Monday. Bill read.

House in committee.—Capt. *Clinch* in the chair. House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill for the speedy punishment and release of such persons as shall commit offences under the degree of grand larceny.

The bill being read paragraph by paragraph—the Speaker took the chair and received the report:—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same—which was agreed to. *Ordered*, to be engrossed. Report of the committee.

And the same committee reported that the bill for laying out an high way from Lot No. 1. *Holland's* survey *Stirling's* grant to the north east boundary of said grant was provided for in the general road bill.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the bill for laying out and completing an high way from the river *Kenebeckacis* to the *Belisle*, is provided for in the general road bill, and that it be laid aside.

House adjourned until Monday at 11 o'clock.

### MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a bill for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several counties within this province, and for subdividing them into towns or parishes—a second reading ordered on Wednesday. Bill read.

Read a bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious arrests.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

The bill for the speedy punishment, and release of such persons as shall commit offences under the degree of grand larceny, was read a third time as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Motion

Message from  
the Council.

Message from the Council, acquainting the House that they had concurred in passing the following bills, viz.

“ The bill for regulating servants.”

“ The bill for limiting the value of actions to be brought in the inferior court of Common Pleas in this province and for restraining the removal of actions.”

“ The bill for securing the navigation of the river *Maggau-gaudawick*.”

House in com-  
mittee.

House in committee.—Mr. *R. Pagan* in the chair.

Report of the  
committee.

Took into consideration a bill for empowering the Foreman of the Grand Juries to administer the usual oaths, to such witnesses as are to be examined before them.—The bill being read paragraph by paragraph.—the Speaker resumed the chair, and received the report—that the committee had gone thro' the bill, and amended the same—which was agreed to.—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

House in com-  
mittee.

House in committee.—Mr. *R. Pagan* in the chair.

Report of the  
committee.

Took into consideration a bill for regulating pilots.—The bill being read, and debated paragraph by paragraph—the Speaker took the chair and Mr. *R. Pagan* reported—that the committee had gone thro' the bill, and amended the same—which was agreed to.—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Read a bill for preventing trespasses.—A second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill read.

Read a bill sent from the Council for giving the like remedy upon promissory notes, as on inland bills of exchange.—A second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill read.

Read a bill sent from the Council to prevent unnecessary expences in actions on the case, on judgment by default.—A second reading ordered to-morrow.

Message from  
the Council.

Message from the Council, informing the House that they had concurred, in passing a bill for regulating the courts of law established in the several counties for the trial of causes to the value of *forty shillings*.

House in com-  
mittee.

House in committee.—Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George* in the chair.

Took into consideration the loan office bill, which being read, after some debate, the Speaker took the chair, and received the report, that the committee had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again—agreed to in the House, and next Thursday is appointed.—*Ordered*, that there be a call of the House for that day.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the consideration of the bill authorizing justices of the peace to try all causes to the value of *three pounds*, be postponed for six weeks. Resolution of the House.

The bill to prevent frauds in the sale of damaged goods, imported into this province, was sent from the Council with amendments, which were concurred, and ordered to be returned.

The bill to oblige absent proprietors to pay a proportion of any public charge, was sent from the Council with amendments, which was concurred, and ordered to be return'd.

Further consideration of his Excellency's speech deferred until next Friday.

The committee of ways and means, postponed until next Monday.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

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TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

The bill for regulating pilots, was read a third time as engrossed.—*Ordered*, that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a second time, a bill to prevent trespasses.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Read a second time a bill for giving the like remedy upon promissory notes as on inland bills of exchange.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read a second time a bill to prevent unnecessary expences in actions on the case on judgment by default.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

The bill for empowering the foreman of the grand juries to administer the usual oaths to such witnesses as are to be examined before them; was read a third time as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

A bill for laying out, amending and repairing highways, &c. was read a third time as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Message from the Council acquainting the House, that they had concurred in passing the bill for registering of letters patent, and grants made under the great seal of the province of *Nova-Scotia*, of lands now situate within the limits of this province. Message from the Council.

House in committee.

House in committee—Mr. *Dickenson* in the chair.

Report of the committee.

Took into consideration a bill to prevent nuisances by hedges, wears, feins and other incumbrances obstructing the passage of fish, in the rivers coves and creeks of this province.—The bill being read paragraph by paragraph—the Speaker took the chair and received the report—that the committee had gone thro' the bill, and amended the same—which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

House in committee.

The House took into consideration the bill passed by this House entitled an act for registering of all deeds &c. sent down from the Council with amendments, viz.

In the second section next after the words “appointed by the Governor, or the Commander in Chief of this province,” are struck out the words “*by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council.*”

In the fifth section, next after the word “day,” are struck out the words “*hour and time,*” and in the same section, next after the word “month,” are struck out the words, “*and hour or time of the day*”

In the seventeenth section, next after the word “register,” are struck out the words “*or his deputy.*”

In the nineteenth section, next after the word “Governor,” are struck out the words “*in Council.*”

And the whole of the twenty first section, providing that the register may appoint a deputy, to be approved of as therein directed, is struck out.

Question.

And the question being put, whether the House do concur with the Council in the said amendments, it passed in the affirmative, there appearing upon a division

For the amendments.

SOLICITOR-GENERAL,	Mr. W. PAGAN,
Colonel BILLOPP,	Mr. M'GEORGE,
Captain CLINCH,	Mr. DAVIDSON,
Mr. HUBBARD,	Mr. VANDEBURGH,
Mr. DIXON,	Mr. FOSTER,
Major COFFIN,	Mr. HAZARD,
Mr. R. PAGAN,	Mr. STELLE.

Against the amendments.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL,	Mr. DICKINSON,
Mr. HARDY,	Mr. PAINE.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY.

WEDNESDAY, 22d FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read,

Read a second time a bill for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several counties within this province, and for subdividing them into towns and parishes. Bill read.

*Ordered* to be committed.

Mr. *Foster* moved for leave to bring in a bill entitled an act to prevent masters of vessels carrying debtors out of this province, without giving public notice of their intention to depart the same—leave was given. Motion by Mr. *Foster*.

House in committee—Mr. *Hubbard* in the chair. House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill to raise a revenue in the province for the support of the necessary contingencies of the government thereof—which was read and debated paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and received the report:—That the committee had made progress in the bill and requested leave to sit again. Report of the committee.

Read a bill from the Council subjecting real estates in the province of *New-Brunswick* to the payment of debts and directing the Sheriff in his proceedings thereon.—A second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill from the Council read.

Read a bill from the Council for preserving the Church of England as by law established in this province, and for securing liberty of conscience in matters of religion.—A second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read from the Council.

Mr. *Hubbard* brought in a bill for reviving and continuing certain actions in the inferior courts of Common Pleas for the county of *Sunbury*, which before had become discontinued, and for directing a mode of further proceeding in those actions—a second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill brought in.

The bill for regulating elections of representatives, which came from the Council with a suspending clause, was concurred with and ordered to be returned. Bill read.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 23d FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a second time a bill subjecting real estates in the province of *New Brunswick*, to the payment of debts, and directing the Sheriff in his proceedings thereon.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read

- Bill read. Read a second time a bill for preserving the Church of England as by law establish'd in this province, and for securing liberty of conscience in matters of religion.—*Ordered* to be committed.
- Bill read. The bill for reviving and continuing certain actions in the inferior courts of Common-Pleas for the county of *Sunbury* &c. was read a second time.—*Ordered* to be committed.
- Bill read. The bill entitled an act to prevent masters of vessels carrying debtors out of this province, without giving public notice of their intention to depart the same—was read a second time—*Ordered* to be committed.
- Bill brought in. Major *Coffin* brought in a bill to prevent burning of woods by carelessly or wantonly firing the same—a second reading ordered to-morrow.

House in committee. House in committee—Mr. *Hubbard* in the chair.

The House went again into the consideration of the bill, for raising a revenue in the province for the support of the necessary contingencies of the government, which was read paragraph by paragraph—the Speaker took the chair and receiv'd the report—  
 Report of the committee. That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same. The bill being read in the House, Col. *Billopp* moved, that the whole of the sixth section should be struck out—which was seconded—And upon the question being put there appeared for the motion.

Y E A S.

Col. BILLOPP,  
 Mr. HARDY,  
 Capt. CLINCH,  
 Mr. HUBBARD,

Mr. FOSTER,  
 Mr. DICKINSON,  
 Mr. PAINE.

N A Y S.

Mr. HAZARD,  
 ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
 SOLICITOR GENERAL,  
 Mr. DAVIDSON,

Mr. DIXON,  
 Capt. ATTWOOD,  
 Mr. M'GEORGE.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* determined the question against the motion.—The bill agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Message from the Council. Message from the Council, acquainting the House that they had concurred in passing the following bills.

“ A bill for the speedy punishment and release of such persons as shall commit criminal offences under the degree of grand larceny.”

“ The bill for regulating pilots.”

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“ The bill for preventing idlenefs and diforders and for punishing rogues, vagabonds and other idle and diforderly perfons—read, and a fecond reading ordered to-morrow.

The bill for laying out, repairing and amending roads, &c. was sent from the Council concurred with amendments—the amendments agreed to, and ordered to be returned. Bill read.

The bill for regulating and facilitating the navigation of rivers, &c. was sent from the Council, concurred with amendments—agreed to, and return'd.

*Ordered*, that the members in town be directed to attend next Saturday. Call of the House.

The confideration of the loan office bill, which was postponed until this day is deferred until to-morrow.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

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FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a fecond time a bill for preventing idlenefs and diforders, and for punishing rogues, vagabonds, and other idle and diforderly perfons.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read a fecond time a bill to prevent burning of woods, by carelefsly or wantonly firing the fame.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

House in committee—Col. *Billogg* in the chair. House in committee.

Took into confideration the following bills from the Council.

“ A bill to prevent unnecessary expences in actions, on the cafe on judgment by default.”

“ A bill for giving the like remedy upon promiffory notes, as on inland bills of exchange.”

“ A bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious arrefts.”

And “ A bill for fubjecting real eftates in the province of *New-Brunfwick* to the payment of debts and directing the Sheriff in his proceedings thereon.”

Which feveral bills were read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker reaffumed the chair and receiv'd the report—that the committee had gone thro' the feveral bills, and concurred with amendments—which were agreed to, and sent up to the Council. Report of the committee.

Message from  
the Council.

Message from the Council, informing the House, that they had concurred in passing the following bill.

“ A bill to empower the foreman of the grand juries to administer the usual oaths to such witnesses as are to be examined before them.

Petition read.

Read a petition from fundry merchants, respecting the loan office bill, now pending in this House.—*Ordered* to be referred to the committee of the House, when said bill comes into consideration.—And the said bill respecting the loan office being gone into in committee.—Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George* in the chair.—*Resolved*, that it is the opinion of the committee, that the further consideration of this bill be postponed until the next sessions of the Assembly, which being reported and accepted, the same is postponed accordingly.

House in com-  
mittee.  
Resolution of  
the committee.

House in com-  
mittee.

House in committee—Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill, for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several counties within this province, and for subdividing them into towns or parishes—which was read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and received the report—that the committee had gone thro’ the bill and amended the same—which was agreed to.—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the  
committee.

Further consideration of his Excellency’s speech postponed until next Friday.

House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o’clock.

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SATURDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

The bill for the regulation of seamen was sent from the Council with amendments.—The House concurred, and returned the bill to the Council.

Message from  
the Council.

Message from the Council, informing the House, that they had concurred in passing the following bills, viz.

“ The bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious arrests.”

“ And the bill subjecting real estates in the province of *New Brunswick* to the payment of debts, and directing the Sheriff in his proceedings thereon.”

Bill read.

Read the third time as engrossed the bill for raising a revenue in this province for the support of the contingencies of the government thereof.

And

And upon the question whether the House agree to the bill as now engrossed and order it to be sent up for concurrence—Col. *Billopp* moved the following amendments, that so much of the sixth paragraph as goes to laying a duty on flour and indian meal, be expunged.—The House divided and there appeared

Amendment  
moved for.

Division of the  
House.

For the amendment.

Mr. FOSTER,	Mr. DICKINSON,
Mr. HUBBARD,	Col. BILLOPP,
Mr. VANDEBURGH,	Mr. PAINE,
Mr. YEAMANS,	Capt. ATTWOOD,

Against the amendment.

Mr. HAZARD,	SOLICITOR GENERAL,
ATTORNEY GENERAL,	Mr. DIXON,
Major COFFIN,	Mr. PAGAN.
Mr. M'GEORGE,	

Mr. *Hazard* moved for leave to withdraw the bill for raising a revenue, &c. which was agreed to.

Motion by Mr.  
*Hazard*.

Mr. *Hazard* moved for leave to bring in a bill for the support and regulation of the poor—leave was granted.

Motion by Mr.  
*Hazard*.

House in committee—Mr. *Foster* in the chair.

House in com-  
mittee.

Took into consideration a bill for preventing trespasses, which was read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and received the report—that the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same—which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the  
committee.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

*Solicitor General* moved for leave to bring in a bill for the appointment of town officers in the several counties in this province—leave was granted—the bill read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Motion by the  
*Solicitor General*.

*Solicitor General* moved for leave to bring in a bill for assessing, levying and collecting county rates—leave was granted—The bill read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Motion by the  
*Solicitor General*.

The committee of ways and means which was deferred to this day, was gone into.—Mr. *Foster* in the chair.—After some time

House in com-  
mittee.

spent

Report of the committee. spent in committee, the Speaker took the chair and receiv'd the report—That it was the sense of the committee that a bill should be brought in for effectually raising a revenue in this province—and that an address be made to his Excellency the Governor requesting he would be pleased to make application to the Governor of *Nova Scotia*, for the delivering over the different securities heretofore given to the collectors for impost and excise in this province, while a part of *Nova-Scotia*, for the purpose of opening roads in this province—and asked leave to sit again—which was agreed to.—*Ordered*, that Mr. *Attorney-General*, Major *Coffin* and Capt. *Clinch* be appointed a committee to prepare the address to his Excellency.

Committee appointed.

Committee appointed.

And that Mr. *Hazard*, *Solicitor-General*, and Mr. *Pagan* be a committee to prepare a bill for effectually raising a revenue in this province.

House in committee.

House in committee—Mr. *M<sup>r</sup>George* in the chair.

Report of the committee.

Took into consideration a bill to prevent the burning of woods by carelessly or wantonly firing the same, and also a bill for preventing idleness and disorders, and for punishing rogues, vagabonds and other idle and disorderly persons—which was read paragraph by paragraph—The Speaker resumed the chair and receiv'd the report—that they had gone thro' the bills and amended the same—which was agreed to.—*Ordered*, to be engrossed.

Bill read from the Council.

Read a bill from the Council against tumults and disorders, upon pretence of preparing or presenting public petitions or other addresses to the Governor or General Assembly—a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill passed and sent up for concurrence.

The bill for preventing trespasses, was read a third time as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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## TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Bill read.

Read a second time a bill for the appointment of town-officers, in the several counties in this province.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read.

Read a second time a bill for assessing, levying and collecting county rates.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read.

Read a second time a bill against tumults and disorders, upon pretence of preparing or presenting public petitions or other addresses to the Governor or General Assembly.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Read

Read a second time a bill for effectually raising a revenue in this province.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

Read a bill to enable the treasurers of the respective counties in this province to recover monies, belonging to, and received for the benefit of the respective counties—a second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several counties within this province, and for subdividing them into towns or parishes. *Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill passed and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill to prevent the burning of woods by carelessly or wantonly firing the same.—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill for preventing idleness and disorders, and for punishing rogues, vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly persons—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence. Bill sent up for concurrence.

Capt. *Clinch* moved, that a committee be appointed to make an estimate of the sums necessary for the civil establishment of the government of *New-Brunswick*, for the year 1786. Motion by Capt. Clinch.

The *Attorney General*, Capt. *Clinch*, Mr. *Hazard* and Mr. *W. Pagan* are appointed for that purpose. Committee appointed.

On the petition of *James M<sup>r</sup> Pherfon*.—*Resolved*, That the House will take into consideration the matters in said petition contained, to-morrow; and that in the mean time the petitioner cause notice of this resolution to be given to the agent for *Jose Roex Silva* at whose suit the said *M<sup>r</sup> Pherfon* is in confinement, in order that he may attend this House if he shall think proper.

House in committee.—Col. *Billopp* in the chair.

House in committee.

Read a bill entitled an act to prevent masters of vessels carrying debtors out of this province without giving public notice of their intention of departing the same—on motion made and seconded—*Resolved*, As the opinion of the committee, that the further consideration of this bill be postponed until next sessions—which report was agreed to.

Took into consideration a bill for reviving and continuing certain actions in the inferior court of Common-Pleas for the county of *Sunbury*, &c.

And the act for preserving the Church of England as by law establish'd in this province, and for securing liberty of conscience in matters of religion—which bills were read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker resumed the chair and receiv'd the report—

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That

Report of the committee.

That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same—which was agreed to, and the latter bill from the Council concurred, with amendments and return'd, and the former ordered to be engrossed.

House adjourn'd until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Bill read.

Read a second time a bill to enable the treasurers of the respective counties in this province to recover monies belonging to, and received for the benefit of the respective counties.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Message from the Council.

Message from the Council, acquainting the House that they had concurred with the amendments made in the bill, for preserving the Church of England as by law establish'd in this province, and for securing liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

The petition of *James M'Pheron* which was referred to this day, was gone into, and after examination the petitioner begged leave to withdraw his petition—which was agreed to.

House in committee.

House in committee—Col. *Billopp* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill from the Council against tumults and disorders upon pretence of preparing or presenting public petitions, or other addresses to the Governor or General Assembly, which was read paragraph by paragraph.—In committee moved and seconded, that the part of the bill which limits the number of names to be signed to any petition, may be struck out.—Whereupon it was moved, that *this* motion be not now put, which was carried in the affirmative as follows.

Y E A S.

Mr. SPEAKER,  
Major COFFIN,  
Mr. M'GEORGE,  
Mr. HUBBARD,  
Mr. DIXON,

Mr. SOLICITOR GENERAL,  
Mr. ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
Mr. FOSTER,  
Mr. DAVIDSON,  
Mr. PAINE.

N A Y S.

Mr. HARDY,  
Capt. CLINCH,

Mr. HAZARD,  
Mr. DICKINSON.

Report of the committee.

The Speaker took the chair and received the report—that the committee had gone thro' the bill—which was agreed to and concurred.—*Ordered* that it be returned to the Council.

House

House in committee—Mr. *M'George* in the chair.

House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill for effectually raising a revenue in this province, which being read paragraph by paragraph—the Speaker reassumed the chair and received the report.—That the committee had gone thro' the bill and amended the same—which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the committee.

The bill for regulating the fisheries, read a third time as engrossed.—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill passed and sent up for concurrence.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

### THURSDAY, 2d MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Mr. *W. Pagan* brought in a bill to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John* to raise a sum of money not exceeding three hundred pounds, to pay off the debts already incurred, and to defray the necessary contingencies arising within said city—which was read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Motion by Mr. W. Pagan.

Mr. *W. Pagan* moved for leave to bring in a bill to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John*, to lay a duty of anchorage upon all vessels not owned in this province; for the purpose of placing buoys, at proper distances in the harbour of *Saint John*.—Which bill was brought in, and read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill read.

Mr. *W. Pagan* moved for leave to bring in a bill to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John* to lay a duty of tonnage upon all vessels of thirty tons and upwards, for the purpose of erecting a light house, and supporting the same—read the bill and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill read.

House in committee—*Solicitor General* in the chair.

House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill for assessing, levying, and collecting county rates, and a bill for the appointment of town officers, in the several counties in this province,—which were read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and received the report—that the committee had gone thro' the bills and amended the same, which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

Report of the committee.

Message from the Council acquainting the House that they had concurred in passing the following bills.

Message from the Council.

“ An act for preventing idleness and disorders, and for punishing rogues, vagabonds and other idle and disorderly persons.”

“ And

“ And an act to prevent the burning of woods by carelessly or wantonly firing the same.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, the bill for effectually raising a revenue in this province, which was agreed to—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill for reviving and continuing certain actions in the inferior court of Common-Pleas, for the county of *Sunbury*, which was agreed to—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Message from his Excellency the Governor.

A message from his Excellency the Governor requiring the attendance of the House of Assembly, in the Council Chamber.

Bills assented to.

Mr. *Speaker*, with the House, having attended, his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following bills, viz.

“ An act to prevent gaming.”

“ An act for prevention of frauds and perjuries.”

“ An act for regulating pilots.”

“ An act for securing the navigation of the river *Maggaugaudavick*.”

“ An act for establishing the rate of interest.”

“ An act for confirming unto the city of *Saint John* its rights and privileges.”

“ An act for the regulation of seamen.”

“ An act subjecting real estates in the province of *New-Brunswick*, to the payment of debts, and directing the Sheriff in his proceedings thereon.”

“ An act for regulating servants.”

“ An act to prevent frivolous and vexatious arrests.”

“ An act for giving the like remedy upon promissory notes, as on inland bills of exchange.”

“ An act for regulating the courts of law, as establish'd in the several counties, for the trial of causes to the value of *forty shillings*.”

“ An act for the trial and punishment of criminals who shall steal bills of exchange, bonds, warrants, bills or promissory notes.”

“ An act for the conviction and punishment of criminals, who shall refuse to plead when arraigned, and for the trial of those who shall peremptorily challenge more than twenty.”

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“ An act for the preservation of Moose.”

“ An act for ascertaining damages on protested bills of exchange.”

“ An act to enable justices of the peace of the several counties in this province, for the time being, to receive for public uses grants of land lying in their respective counties, and to regulate the commons belonging to the several townships or parishes within the same.”

“ An act to empower the foreman of the grand juries to administer the usual oaths to such witnesses as are to be examined before them.”

“ An act to lay a tax on dogs.”

“ A bill entitled an act for enabling the justices of the Supreme Court to try all causes at *nisi prius*, and authorizing attorneys of the Supreme Court to practice in the inferior court of Common Pleas within the province.”

“ An act for the regulation of weights and measures.”

“ An act to prevent the malicious killing, or maiming of cattle.”

“ An act to regulate the sale of goods at public auction or outcry.”

“ An act to enable creditors more easily to recover their debts from joint partners.”

“ An act for permitting persons of the profession of people called *Quakers*, to make an affirmation instead of an oath.”

“ An act for preventing a multiplicity of law-suits.”

“ An act to prevent unnecessary expence in actions on the case on judgment by default.”

“ An act for facilitating the navigation of the river *Saint John*, and other rivers in this province.”

“ An act for admitting depositions *de bene esse* of witnesses, aged, infirm and otherwise unable to travel, and of witnesses departing from the province.”

“ An act against the profanation of the LORD'S DAY, commonly called Sunday, and for the suppression of immorality.”

“ An act for limiting the value of actions to be brought in the inferior court of Common Pleas in this province, and for restraining the removal of actions.”

“ An

“ An act relating to wills, legacies, executors, and administrators, and for the settlement and distribution of the estates of intestates.”

“ An act for the speedy punishment and release of such persons who shall commit offences under the degree of grand larceny.”

“ An act for appointing commissioners of sewers.”

“ An act to prevent frauds in the sale of damaged goods imported into this province.”

“ An act to oblige absent proprietors to pay a proportion of any public charge and to repair highways.

“ An act for the registering of letters patent, and grants, made under the great seal of the province of *Nova-Scotia*, of lands now situate within the limits of this province.”

“ An act for the public registering of all deeds, conveyances and wills, or other incumbrances, which shall be made of, or that may affect, any lands, tenements or hereditaments within this province.”

“ An act for regulating elections of representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this province, *with a suspending clause*.

“ An act against tumults and disorders, upon pretence of preparing or presenting public petitions, or other addresses to the Governor or General Assembly.”

“ An act for regulating the exportation of fish and lumber, and for ascertaining the quality of the same.”

“ An act for laying out, repairing and amending highways, roads and streets, and for appointing commissioners and surveyors of highways within the several towns or parishes in this province.”

*Resolved*, That no new bills be brought in this session after to-morrow.

Further consideration of his Excellency's speech, postponed until next Thursday.

House adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 3d MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Bill read.

Read a second time a bill to enable the corporation of the city  
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of *Saint John* to raise a sum of money not exceeding three hundred pounds, to pay off the debts already incurred, and to defray the necessary contingencies, within said city.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Read a second time, a bill to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John* to lay a duty of anchorage upon all vessels not owned in this province, for the purpose of placing buoys at proper distances in the harbour of *Saint John*.—*Ordered*, to be committed. Bill read.

Mr. *Hazard* agreeable to leave brought in a bill to regulate and provide for the support of the poor in this province—a second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

Mr. *M<sup>c</sup>George* moved for leave to bring in a bill for establishing the rates to be taken for wharfage and crantage of vessels within the limits of this province, which was brought in and read—and a second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

The *Solicitor General* moved for leave to bring in a bill against forestallers and regrators—which was brought in and read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

Read a second time a bill to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John* to lay a duty of tonnage upon all vessels of the burthen of thirty tons and upwards, for the purpose of erecting and supporting a light house.—*Ordered* to be committed. Bill read.

The *Solicitor General* moved for leave to bring in a bill for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the city of *Saint John*—which was brought in and read, and a second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

Read a bill for the first time, for establishing a bank—a second reading ordered to-morrow. Bill read.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill for assessing, collecting and levying county rates—which was agreed to.—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and ordered to be sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill to enable the treasurers in the respective counties in this province, to recover from such person or persons as have heretofore received any monies, or are otherwise indebted for mill privileges, public lots, &c.—*Ordered*, that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, the bill for the appointment of town officers in the several counties in this province.—*Ordered*, that it pass and be sent up for concurrence. Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY.

SATURDAY, 4th MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Bill read. Read a second time a bill to regulate and provide for the support of the poor in this province—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read. Read a second time a bill for establishing a bank.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read. Read a second time a bill to prevent forestallers and regrators—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read. Read a second time a bill for establishing the rates to be taken for wharfage, and crantage of vessels within the limits of this province.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Bill read. Read a second time a bill for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the city of *Saint John*.—*Ordered* to be committed.

House in committee. House in committee—Major *Coffin* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John* to lay a duty of tonnage upon all vessels of the burthen of thirty tons and upwards, for the purpose of erecting and supporting a light-house. Upon this bill the committee reported, that they had made progress, and requested leave to sit again.

And a bill to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John* to lay a duty of anchorage, upon all vessels not owned in this province, for the purpose of placing buoys at proper distances in the harbour of *Saint John*—which was read paragraph by paragraph.

And a bill for regulating inn-holders and tavern-keepers— which was read paragraph by paragraph.

Report of the committee.

The Speaker took the chair and receiv'd the report. That the committee had gone thro' the bills, and amended the same—which was agreed to—*Ordered* to be engrossed.

House adjourned until Monday 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, 6th MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

House in committee.

House in committee.—*Attorney-General* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John* to raise a sum of money not exceeding three hundred pounds in the whole, nor more than one hundred pounds in any one year: to pay off their debts already incurred, and to defray

defray the necessary contingencies arising within the said city—  
which was read paragraph by paragraph.

And a bill for establishing the rates to be taken for wharfage  
and cramage, within the limits of this province—which was read  
paragraph by paragraph.

And a bill to regulate and provide for the support of the poor in  
this province—which was read paragraph by paragraph.

And a bill against forestallers and regrators—which was read  
paragraph by paragraph.

And a bill for the better extinguishing fires that may happen,  
within the city of *Saint John*—which was read paragraph by pa-  
ragraph.

The Speaker resumed the chair, and received the report—That Report of the  
committee. the committee had gone thro' the several bills and amended them  
—which were agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.—and that  
they had directed him to report, that the bill for establishing a  
bank should be rejected.—And that the bill to enable the corpo-  
ration of the city of *Saint John*, to lay a duty of tonnage upon all  
vessels of the burthen of thirty tons and upwards, for the purpose  
of erecting and supporting a light-house, should be postponed to  
the next sessions—which was agreed to.

Read the first time a bill from the Council for establishing a Bill read.  
tender in all payments to be made in this province—a second read-  
ing ordered to-morrow.

The Bill for the better ascertaining and confirming the bound-  
aries of the several counties within this province, and for subdivi-  
ding them into towns and parishes—sent from the Council with  
amendments—which were concurred, and the bill returned.

House adjourned until one o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill to enable the corporation  
of the city of *Saint John* to raise a sum of money not exceeding Bill read and  
sent up for con-  
currence. three hundred pounds in the whole, nor more than one hundred  
pounds in any one year: to pay off their debts already incurred,  
and to defray the necessary contingencies arising within the said  
city—which was agreed to—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up  
for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill for establishing the rates Bill read and  
sent up for con-  
currence. to be taken for wharfage and cramage of vessels within the limits

of this province—which was agreed to—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill passed and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill to regulate and provide for the support of the poor in this province.—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill against forefallers and regrators—*Ordered* that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill read and sent up for concurrence.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill for the better extinguishing fires, that may happen within the city of *Saint John*—*Ordered* that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill read.

Read a second time a bill for establishing a tender in all payments to be made in this province.—*Ordered* to be committed.

Message from the Council.

Message from the Council informing the House that they had concurred in passing the bill for effectually raising a revenue in this province.

*Resolved*, That the *Speaker*, the *Attorney-General*, *Solicitor General*, *Mr. Hazard*, *Mr. W. Pagan*, *Mr. McGeorge*, and *Col. Billopp*, or any three of them, be directed to transmit to the agent of this province, in *Great Britain*, all such instructions as this House shall from time to time give, and to communicate to him the state of the province; and that they lay before this House, all letters, papers, correspondencies between them and the agent.

The bill for regulating the fisheries was sent from the Council with amendments.—Which were concurred and the bill returned.

House adjourned until one o'clock to-morrow.

### WEDNESDAY, 8th MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Message from the Council.

Message from the Council, acquainting the House, that they had concurred in passing the following bills.

“ The bill to enable the treasurers in the respective counties in this province to recover from such person or persons, as have heretofore received any monies, or are otherwise indebted for mill privileges, public lots, &c.”

“ The bill for preventing trespasses.”

“ The bill for assessing, collecting and levying county rates.”

House in committee.

House in committee—*Attorney General* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill for establishing a tender, in all payments

dayments to be made in this province—which was read paragraph by paragraph—The Speaker took the chair and received the report, that they had gone thro' the bill and amended the same—which was agreed to, and the bill returned to the Council.

Message from the Council, acquainting the House that they had concurred in the amendments of the bill for establishing a tender, in all payments to be made in this province. Message from the Council.

House adjourned until one o'clock to-morrow.

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THURSDAY, 9th MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Message from the Council acquainting the House, that they had concurred in passing the following bills. Message from the Council.

“ The bill to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John* to raise a sum of money not exceeding three hundred pounds in the whole, nor more than one hundred pounds in any one year, to pay off their debts already incurred and to defray the necessary contingencies arising within the said city.”

“ The bill to regulate and provide for the support of the poor in this province.”

“ And the bill establishing the rates to be taken for wharfage and cranage of ships and vessels within the limits of this province.”

“ The bill for the better extinguishing fires, that may happen within the city of *Saint John*, was sent from the Council with amendments—which were concurred with, and returned.

The *Attorney General*, Mr. *McGeorge*, and Mr. *Paine* are appointed a committee to wait on his Excellency with the following message from the House. Committee appointed.

“ *May it please your Excellency,*

“ THE House of Assembly having been informed that heretofore whilst this province was part of the province of *Nova Scotia*, and subject to the acts and laws of the General Assembly of that province, divers persons, inhabitants of that part of the said province of *Nova Scotia*, which is now included within the limits of this province, did pursuant to the provisions of certain acts and laws of the province of *Nova Scotia*, give bonds and securities in divers sums of money to the treasurer of the same province, for the payment of certain duties of excise and impost due and payable by virtue of the acts aforesaid, which said bonds and

securities

securities now remain in the hands of said treasurer, in full force and virtue, and the several sums of money thereby secured are now due, and unpaid, and it being just and reasonable that the monies so secured as aforesaid, should be applied to the use and benefit of such part and parts of the same province where the said duties arose and became due, and wherein the persons now reside who were liable and chargeable, and gave security as aforesaid for the payment of the same: and the monies aforesaid being absolutely necessary for the purpose of making roads and other general purposes of this government.

“ We entreat your Excellency’s interposition and aid in the premises, and request that you will be pleased to make, or order to be made, proper application to the government of *Nova-Scotia*, that, the monies aforesaid may be had, and recovered to the use of this Government. And in order thereto, that the said Treasurer of *Nova-Scotia* be empowered and required to assign and transmit to the Treasurer of this province, all such bonds and securities aforesaid, by persons residing in this province.”

Whereas mistakes have happened in a bill entitled, “ A bill for effectually raising a revenue in this province.” — *Ordered*, that a bill be brought in for rectifying the said mistakes.

Bill brought in. Agreeable to order the *Solicitor General* brought in a bill to rectify the mistakes in a bill entitled, “ A bill for effectually raising a revenue in this province—which was read, and a second reading ordered on Monday.

The further consideration of his Excellency’s speech is postponed until Saturday.

House adjourned until Saturday at eleven o’clock.

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SATURDAY, 11th MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

*Resolved*, That the resolution of the second instant that “ no new bills be brought in this session after to-morrow,” relates only to new objects to be provided for by new bills, and not to rectifying mistakes in any bill already passed in this House.

Report of the committee.

The committee appointed to wait on his Excellency, *Reported*, that they had, agreeable to order, delivered the message, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he would take such steps as should appear to him most conducive to carry the effect of the message into execution.

House adjourned until Monday 2 o’clock.

MONDAY,



MONDAY 13th MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Read a second time a bill to rectify the mistakes in a bill, entitled, a bill for effectually raising a revenue in this province. Bill read.  
—Ordered to be committed.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY 14th MARCH, 1786.

Order of the day read.

House in committee—Col. *Billopp* in the chair.

House in committee.

Took into consideration a bill to rectify the mistakes in a bill entitled a bill for effectually raising a revenue in this province—which was read paragraph by paragraph.—The Speaker took the chair and received the report:—That the committee had gone thro' the bill, and amended the same—which was agreed to,—Ordered to be engrossed. Report of the committee.

Ordered, That the PRINTER be directed to print *one hundred and seventy* copies of the laws passed this session, to be distributed in the following manner, viz. To the Governor and each member of the Legislature, Secretary of the province, Treasurer of the province, each Justice of the peace, Clerk of each town, County Treasurer, Commonalty of the city of *Saint John*, each County, Court of Chancery, Clerks of the peace each one copy, and the Supreme Court two copies.

Ordered that the clerk of this House, see the same distributed agreeable to their intentions.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill to rectify the mistakes in a bill, entitled a bill for raising a revenue in this province. — Bill read and sent up for concurrence.  
Ordered that it pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

House adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH the 15th, 1786.

Order of the day read.

Message from the council, acquainting the House that they had concurred in passing the bill, to rectify the mistakes in a bill, entitled an act for raising a revenue in this province. Message from the Council.

Read a copy of a letter to the speaker of the House of Assembly, of the province of *Nova-Scotia*.—Which was agreed to.

Ordered that the Speaker sign and transmit the same.

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Message

Message from  
his Excellency  
the Governor.

Message, from his Excellency the Governor requiring the attendance of the House of Assembly in the council chamber.

Mr. Speaker with the House having attended, his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following bills:—Viz.

Bills assented.

To “ An act for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several counties within this province, and for subdividing them into towns and parishes.”

“ An act for the appointment of town or parish officers in the several counties in this province.”

“ An act for assessing, collecting and levying county rates.”

“ An act to enable the treasurers of the respective counties in this province, to recover from such person or persons as have heretofore received any monies or are otherwise indebted for the sale of mill privileges and public lots.”

“ An act for establishing a tender in all payments to be made in this province.”

“ An act against forestallers and regrators.”

“ An act to regulate and provide for the support of the poor in this province.”

“ An act for preventing trespasses.”

“ An act to prevent nuisances by hedges, weares, feins and other incumbrances obstructing the passage of fish in the rivers, coves and creeks in this province.”

“ An act for regulating innholders, tavern-keepers and retailers of spirituous liquors.”

“ An act for preventing idleness and disorders and for punishing rogues, vagabonds and other idle and disorderly persons.”

“ An act to enable the corporation of the city of *Saint John* to raise a sum of money, not exceeding *three hundred* pounds in the whole, nor more than *one hundred* pounds in any *one* year, to pay off their debts already incurred and to defray the necessary contingent expences arising within the said city.”

“ An act for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the city of *Saint John*.”

“ An act for relief against absconding debtors.”

“ An act to prevent the burning of woods, by carelessly or wantonly firing the same.”

“ An act establishing the rates to be taken for wharfage and crantage of ships and other vessels, within the limits of this province.”

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“ An act for raising a revenue in this province.”

“ An act to rectify the mistakes in a bill entitled, “ An act for raising a revenue in this province.”

“ An act for preserving the Church of England as by law established in this province, and for securing liberty of conscience in matters of religion.”

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following speech to both Houses.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

His Excellency's  
speech.

“ *And Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ By your unremitted application to the public business, you have enabled me, to dispense with your further attendance at this time in General Assembly.

“ The acts of this your first session will prove a lasting monument of your zeal and attention in the discharge of your important trust, and of your knowledge of the regulations best calculated for promoting the further settlement and securing the permanent welfare of the province.

“ With a system of laws derived from the parent state and adapted to their situation, the inhabitants will now have every incentive to such industrious exertion as cannot fail, in this fertile country, to raise them soon, by the aid of agriculture and commerce, to a condition in all respects flourishing and happy.

“ I shall therefore dismiss you, GENTLEMEN, with full confidence, that, during the recess, your example and influence will greatly contribute to enforce the authority of the laws amongst your neighbours, and to encourage them in those habits of temperance, peace and good order, by which alone they can expect to reap the rewards of their toil and perseverance.”

Then the Clerk of the Crown by his Excellency's command, declared the General Assembly prorogued to the second Tuesday in June next, and the same was prorogued accordingly.

General Assembly  
prorogued.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, the 15th MARCH, 1786.

**I** DO allow and order that Mr. CHRISTOPHER SOWER Printer to the KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, do print the Journal and Votes of the House of Assembly, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

AMOS BOTSFORD, SPEAKER.