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# PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, *Baronet*, L. L. D.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

**W**HEREAS I have thought fit, by and with the consent of His Majesty's Council to dissolve the present General Assembly, which now stands prorogued to the Thirty first Day of October instant: I do for that end publish this Proclamation and do hereby dissolve the said General Assembly accordingly.

And the Members of His Majesty's Council, and the Representatives of the several Counties and Towns within this Province, are discharged from any further Attendance.

And I do further declare, that with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, I have this day given orders to issue out Writs in due form for calling a new General Assembly; which Writs are to bear Test on Monday the Twenty first Day of October instant, to be returnable on Monday the Twenty third Day of December next.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 11th Day of October, 1799; in the 40th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

J. WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command,  
B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.

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**W**HEREAS the Writs issued for calling the *General-Assembly*, and which bear Test the 21st of October last, are made returnable at HALIFAX, on Monday the 23d Day of this instant December; And it will be convenient, that the said General Assembly should meet for the Dispatch of Business on Thursday the Twentieth Day of February next.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, to direct, and I do hereby direct, the said *General-Assembly*, to meet at *Halifax* on the Twentieth Day of February next, for the Dispatch of Business, of which all and singular the Members chosen or to be chosen for the respective Counties and Towns within this Province, and all Sheriffs or others whom it may concern, are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal Arms at HALIFAX, this 5th Day of December, 1799, and in the 40th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

J. WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command,  
B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.

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AND

## PROCEEDINGS,

Of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, begun and held at Halifax, on Thursday the 20th Day of February, in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, &c.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, having by his two Proclamations (hereunto annexed) dated the 11th Day of October, and the 5th Day of December, 1799; dissolved the last General Assembly, and called a new one; and appointed the same to meet and sit at Halifax this Day, being the Twentieth Day of February 1800, the following are the Names of the Members returned by the Sheriffs for the several Counties and Towns within this Province, to represent the same in the said General Assembly, summoned to meet as before mentioned, viz.

*County of Halifax.*

William Cotnam Tonge,  
Edward Mortimer,  
James Fulton,  
Charles Morris;

*County of Annapolis.*

Thomas Millidge,  
James Moody,

*County of Lunenburg.*

Casper Wollenhaupt,  
Lewis Martin Wilkins,

*County of Cumberland.*

Thomas Roach,  
George Oxley,

*King's County.*

Jonathan Crane,  
William Allen Chipman,

*Queen's County.*

Richard John Uniacke,  
James Tayler,

*County of Hants.*

John M<sup>c</sup>Monagle,  
Shubael Demock,

*County of Shelburne.*

George Gracie,  
James Cox,

*County of Sidney.*

*Town of Halifax.*

William Cochran,  
John George Pyke,

*Town of Truro.*

Simon Bradstreet Robie,

*Town of Onslow.*

Daniel M<sup>c</sup>Curdy,

*Town of Londonderry.*

Samuel Chandler,

*Town of Annapolis.*

Phineas Lovett, junr.

*Town of Granville.*

Edward Thorne,

*Town of Digby.*

Henry Rutherford,

*Town of Lunenburg.*

John Bolman,

*Town of Amherst.*

Thomas Lusby,

*Town of Horton.*

Joseph Allifon,

*Town of Cornwallis.*

Samuel Morton,

*Town of Liverpool.*

Joseph Barfs,

*Town of Windsor.*

George Henry Monk,

*Town of Falmouth.*

Jeremiah Northup,

*Town of Newport.*

William Cotnam Tonge,

*Town of Shelburne.*

Colin Campbell,

*Town of Barrington.*

John Sargent,

*Town of Yarmouth.*

Nathan Utley,



A Committee of his Majesty's Council came about two o'Clock into the House, where the Members of the *House of Assembly* usually sit; and the following Members who appeared took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration in their Presence, viz.

County of Halifax,	} William C. Tonge, Edward Mortimer, James Fulton, Charles Morris, junr.	} Esquires.	Town of	} William Cochran, John Geo. Pyke, Simon Bradst. Robie. Daniel McCurdy, Samuel Chandler, Phineas Lovett, junr. Edward Thorne, Henry Rutherford, Thomas Lusby, Joseph Allison, Lemuel Morton, Joseph Barfs, Jeremiah Northup, William C. Tonge.	} Esquires.
			Halifax,		
			Town of Truro,		
			Town of Onslow,		
County of	} Thomas Millidge, James Moody,		Town of London-		
Annapolis,			derry,		
County of	} Lewis Martin Wilkins,		Town of Annapolis,		
Lunenburg,			Town of Granville,		
County of	} Thomas Roach, George Oxley,		Town of Digby,		
Cumberland,			Town of Amberst,		
King's	} Jonathan Crane, W. Allan Chipman,	Town of Horton,			
County,		Town of Cornwallis,			
Queen's	} Richard John Uniacke, James Tayler,	Town of Liverpool,			
County		Town of Falmouth,			
County of	} John McMonagle, Shubael Dimock,	Town of Newport,			
Hants,					

After which a Message was delivered from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*, to acquaint the Members, that it was his Excellency's Pleasure, they should proceed to choose a fit person to be their Speaker, and that his Excellency would be ready to receive the Members with their Speaker Elect, for his Approbation, To-morrow at One of the Clock in the Council Chamber.

Mr. *Millidge* then proposed to the House *Richard John Uniacke*, Esq. his Majesty's Attorney General; and Mr. *Moody*, proposed *William Cottnam Tonge*, Esq. for their Speaker; and the choice of the House having fallen upon *Richard John Uniacke*, Esquire, he stood up in his Place, and expressing the Honor proposed to be conferred on him by the House, submitted himself to their Choice, and he was taken out of his Place by *John George Pyke*, and *Thomas Millidge* Esquires, and conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at half past Twelve of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1800.

The House met agreeably to their Adjournment,

A Message was delivered from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*, commanding the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber;

Accordingly Mr. Speaker Elect with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Elect after being presented to his Excellency, by Mr. *Northup*, addressed his Excellency as follows.

*May it please your Excellency,*

**T**HE House of Assembly in pursuance of your Excellency's Commands, proceeded to the Election of a Speaker, and have been pleased to confer that honor on me, and although I feel very sensibly the high Obligation this extraordinary Mark of their Favor has laid on me; yet I sincerely wish, that the House could have made Choice of a Person more capable to discharge the important Duties of this arduous Office.

After

After which the President of His Majesty's Council, by his Excellency's Command declared the Choice the House had made, was approved of by his Excellency:

The House being returned, and the Speaker having taken the Chair,

Mr. Speaker *reported*, that the House had been in the Council-Chamber, where His Excellency having been pleased to approve of the Choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, he had spoken to the following Effect :

*May it please your Excellency,*

Since your Excellency has thought proper to confirm the Choice of the *House of Assembly*, I am induced again to undertake this Office from the past experience I have had of your Liberality and Candor; hoping at the same time, that I shall continue to enjoy the same favorable indulgence, which I have in the like Situation heretofore experienced.

It would be a neglect of Duty in me, was I to omit humbly to assure your Excellency, that I feel Sentiments of the highest Gratitude to you, for the very gracious manner in which you have been pleased to approve of this Proceeding of the *House of Assembly*; and I flatter myself, with the hope that your Excellency, will still continue to judge favourable of any Errors I may have the Misfortune to commit in the Discharge of my Duty; this kind Consideration, it shall be my endeavour to merit, by a steady and unalterable Attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government, and a constant Exertion, to promote by every Means in my Power, the real Interest and Prosperity of this Province.

It my Duty, this being the first Meeting of the present Assembly, humbly to demand in their Name, and on behalf of his Majesty's faithful Commons in this Province, an entire Conservation of all their Priviledges: That they may have Freedom of Speech in their Debates, and not be molested in their Persons. That they may have the exclusive Right of judging of the Qualifications and Conduct of their own Members; and if I shall be required to answer any Questions, that I may at first be at Liberty to consult with the House thereupon, and whenever the publick Good shall require it, I may by the desire of the House, have free Access to your Excellency's Person. These and all other Priviledges which former Assemblies heretofore enjoyed, I am humbly to beg may be continued to this House.

Mr. Speaker also *reported*, That the President of the Council by his Excellency's Command in reply said.

I am commanded by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to declare to the House, that the Priviledges to which the House and its Members are entitled to by the Law of the Land, and the Royal Instructions, shall in all cases be acceded to them.

After which Mr. Speaker said, his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Council and  
Gentlemen of the Assembly.*

**I** HAVE great pleasure in meeting the Legislature so soon after a General Election, as the Representatives chosen have had the best opportunity afforded them of becoming acquainted with the state and Condition of the Country, and with the most likely means of promoting its Interest and Prosperity.

The Loyalty and Attachment to our most gracious Sovereign, and his Government; the attention to enhance the general Interest, and the Harmony which prevailed ever since I have been honoured with the Administration of the Government have proved highly Beneficial to all degrees of his Majesty's Subjects in the Province, and will, I hope, be continued and rendered further Conducive to the publick Welfare.

No Portion of his Majesty's Dominions, or any part of his People have stronger Reasons, humbly to offer to the Supreme Disposer of Events their most sincere and grateful Acknowledgements for the manifold Favours enjoyed under the Protection of his Providence; for Preservation from the contagious Diseases with which the surrounding Countries have been repeatedly afflicted; for

Protection from the Invasion and Ravage of a merciless Enemy ; and for the Enjoyment of the Blessings of Peace in the midst of a widely extended and cruel War :

It is with particular Satisfaction I Congratulate you on the Return of His Royal Highness the DUKE of KENT to this Province in the Chief Command of His Majesty's Forces in North America. The exalted Military Talents, the eminent Virtues, and the vigilant and active Attention of his Royal Highness to every part of his Command, afforded the best hope of a continuance of Safety and Security to us ; while the Honour we derive from his Residence cannot fail to Inspire the most respectful Sentiments of Gratitude and joyful Satisfaction.

The judicious and liberal Encouragement afforded by the Grants of Money made by the late Assembly, for Erecting of Public Buildings, the making of Bridges, and the Opening and Repair of the great Roads, has already produced Consequences very beneficial to the Province ; and greatly facilitated the interior Commerce of the Country ; and when the whole of the Monies Voted shall have been faithfully Expended, with such further Sums as may be requisite to complete the Object intended, the result will Furnish, I trust, an irrefragable proof of Patriotism ; and public Spirit ; and rapidly forwarded the growing Prosperity of the People : and, I have great Satisfaction in adding, that the proceedings of the Assembly in providing for these very important Services, have met with his Majesty's approbation.

There is one part of the Province which has been reported to me as sufferings exceedingly for the want of Roads of Communication, and which I wish particularly to recommend to your Consideration. A number of industrious Settlers located on the Eastern Harbours from *Antigonish* and *Manchester* to *Halifax*, are at present destitute of any Communication with the Capital, except by Water. A Road opened from thence would be of the highest Utility to the Province, and tend to increase the Settlement and Population of a very valuable tract of Country.

[The losses which the Merchants have sustained by the capture of Vessels employed in the Foreign Trade, and the Embarrassments to which our Commerce and Fisheries have become liable from the deficiency of circulating Money, may make it expedient to lessen the Duties on Spirits and Wines, and the state of our Public Funds perhaps renders the present time the most proper for such Reduction.]

I will order the Public Accounts to be laid before you, together with the Estimates for the ensuing Year ; and such other Papers and Documents as may be necessary to assist you in transacting the Business of the Session ; and you may rely on my Co-operation in all Measures conducive to the common Weal.

On Motion, *ordered*, That Mr. *Robie*, Mr. *Wilkins*, and Mr. *Morris*, be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellency's Speech.

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

The Reverend *Robert Stanser*, Chaplain.

Mr. *Adolphus Vieth*, Sergeant at Arms, and

Mr. *John Nevil*, Messenger.

The Clerk took the usual Oaths.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Robie*, Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Noribup*, Mr. *Lusby*, Mr. *Fulton*, Mr. *Allison*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Thorne*, be a grand Committee of Justice.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Cochran*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Mortimer*, Mr. *Chipman*, and Mr. *Taylor*, be a Committee for examining the publick Accounts jointly, with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the same.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Royal Highness the Duke of KENT, to assure his Royal Highness of the Respect and Attachment of this House, and to congratulate him on his safe Return to this Province as Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in *British North America*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *McMonagle*, be a Committee, to draw up an Address to be presented to his Royal Highness, on the above Resolution.

A Petition of *Michael Wallace*, was presented by Mr. *McMonagle*, and read, setting

ting forth ; That the Petitioner together with *Lawrence Hartshorne, James Stewart, Charles Morris, James Fulton, Edward Mortimer, and William Cotnam Tonge*, Esquires, were Candidates at the last Election for four Members to serve in *General Assembly* for the County of *Halifax*. The Poll for which Election, was opened on Monday the 18th Day of *November*, in the Town of *Halifax*, and having been removed to *Onslow and PiEou*, was closed at the last mentioned Place on the 13th *December* 1799. That at the Close of the said Poll the Numbers of the Votes as they stood on the Sheriffs Books, were as follows, *Edward Mortimer* 1077 ; *James Fulton* 1001 ; *Charles Morris* 1000 ; *Michael Wallace* 888 ; *James Stewart* 627 ; *Lawrence Hartshorne* 605 ; *William Cotnam Tonge*, 1257. The Petitioner having the fifth greatest Number of Votes. That at the opening of the Poll at *Halifax* an objection was publickly made by one of the Candidates to the eligibility of the said *William Cotnam Tonge*, by reason of his not having the Qualification in point of Property required by the Laws of the Province ; and at the Close of the Poll at *PiEou*, the Petitioner protested against the Sheriff returning the said *William Cotnam Tonge*, duly elected ; it being notorious that the said *William Cotnam Tonge*, had not any Freehold Estate in said County ; That notwithstanding these Proceedings, the said *William Cotnam Tonge*, has been returned as one of the Representatives for the County of *Halifax*, although, as the Petitioner now begs leave to set forth to this Honorable House, the said *William Cotnam Tonge*, hath not within the said County an Income of Forty Shillings per Annum in Freehold Estate ; or a Dwelling House, whereon the same stands ; or 100 Acres of Land whereof five Acres are cultivated ; or any other Freehold Estate to qualify him to be elected for said County ; which fact was well known to the Freeholders of said County, so that the Votes given for the said *William Cotnam Tonge*, under the Circumstances herein stated, were of no force or effect, and the Petitioner having the next greatest Number of Votes was duly elected, and ought to have been returned ; and praying the House would take the Premises into Consideration, and grant him such Relief as shall appear to be just.

A Petition of *Andrew Belcher*, of *Halifax* Merchant, was presented by Mr. *Moody*, and read, setting forth, That *William Cochran*, Esquire ; *John George Pyke*, Esquire, and the Petitioner, were Candidates at the last Election of Representatives to serve in *General Assembly*, for the Township of *Halifax*, which election took place on Monday the 18th Day of *November* last. That the Poll was kept open for the Space of six Days, and notwithstanding the Petitioner had a Majority of legal Votes at the Close thereof, the Sheriff of the County of *Halifax* did return Mr. *Cochran*, and Mr. *Pyke*, duly elected. That the said Sheriff received and entered upon the Poll Book for the other two Candidates a Number of Votes which he should have rejected, in consequence of which, the Votes so received, were in Number as follows for Mr. *Cochran* 404, for Mr. *Pyke* 346, and for the Petitioner 343. That each and every day during the Continuance of the said Poll, the said Petitioner did at the time of holding the Poll, except to divers Persons as not being duly qualified to Vote, and his Exceptions were marked by the Sheriff on the Poll Book, at the respective times they were made, and entered in the Cheque Book of the Petitioner. That the Petitioner on Saturday at the Close of the Poll, demanded a Scrutiny upon the Votes he had excepted to, and a similar demand was made by Mr. *Pyke*, upon Votes to which he also had made Exceptions. That on the Monday following Mr. *Pyke*, and the Petitioner persisting in their Demand, a Scrutiny did accordingly take place, and the Sheriff by his Deputy did proceed therein, that the said Scrutiny lasted four Days, and the Sheriff as the Petitioner has been informed, has returned his Proceedings upon the said Scrutiny to this House, to be by them adjudged and determined on. That the Petitioner humbly conceives that it will appear to the House upon an Examination of the said Proceedings, to which he begs leave to refer them, that he has a great Majority of legal Votes upon the scrutinized or revised Poll ; and praying that the Name of Mr. *Pyke* may be erased from the said Return, and the Petitioners inserted, or that he may have such other Relief as to the House may seem meet.

A Petition of *Robert Fitz Randolph* of *Annapolis* Esquire, was presented by Mr. *Millidge*.

*Millidge*, and read setting forth. That on the {25th Day of *November* last past, came on the Election of a Member to serve in this *General Assembly* for the Township of *Annapolis* aforesaid; at which *Phineas Lovett*, junr. Esquire, and the Petitioner were Candidates;---That *Robert Dickson*, Esquire, the Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis*, did not give Twenty Days public Notice, when and where the said Election for the Township aforesaid would be held; That the Petitioner had not time sufficient to notify his Constituents of the said Election, and the Time and Place of holding the same. That the said Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* aforesaid, being influenced in Favor of the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. did at the Commencement of the said Election, for the Township aforesaid, refuse to Poll the Votes of Electors resident within the ancient Limits of the said Township; a number of which Electors were accustomed time immemorial to Vote at the Election of a Member for the Township of *Annapolis* aforesaid, who tendered their Suffrages for the Petitioner, and the said Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* aforesaid, likewise rejected the Votes of Electors now resident within that part of the Township of *Clements*, which was formerly a part of the Township of *Annapolis*, who duly tendered their Votes for the Petitioner, unless they would depose positively, that they were intitled by Law to Vote in the Township of *Annapolis*, their Freeholds, being in the Township now called *Clements*; although the said Electors offered to depose that they verily believed they were by Law entitled to Vote in the Township of *Annapolis*. That the said Sheriff for the County of *Annapolis* aforesaid, admitted a number of Persons to Vote for the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. who had no Colour of Title so to do, several of whom acknowledged at the Time they gave their Suffrages, that the Conveyances under which they claimed a Right to Vote, were not registered, as is required by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*. That the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. by sinister means, did procure the Votes of several Electors at the Election for the Township of *Annapolis* aforesaid, in promising them Rewards in case they gave their Suffrages for him the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. That by these and divers others unwarrantable, illegal and arbitrary Methods, made use of by the said Sheriff, and the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. and his Agents; a Majority was obtained for the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. who was declared duly Elected. That at the close of the Poll for the Township of *Annapolis* aforesaid, the Petitioner demanded of the said Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* aforesaid, a Scrutiny, which was accordingly granted, and held by Adjournment on the 13th Day of *December* last, at which the said Sheriff aforesaid would not allow the Petitioner to Scrutinize several Votes of the said *Phineas Lovett*, which were excepted to at the taking of the Poll, and duly marked as such on the Poll Books, kept by the respective Clerks who were nominated by the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. and the Petitioner, and appointed and sworn by the said Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* aforesaid, and the said Sheriff at the Scrutiny aforesaid permitted the said *Phineas Lovett*, Junr. to scrutinize Votes of the Petitioner, when the said *Lovett*, at the Close of the Poll did not demand a Scrutiny for that Purpose, which proceedings, the Petitioner, conceives to be an evident and manifest Injury to him, and praying the House would take his Case into Consideration, and grant him such Relief as to them shall seem most fit. Also,

A Petition of *Alexander Howe*, *Thomas Williams*, and others, Freeholders of the Township of *Annapolis*, was presented by Mr. *Millidge*, and read setting forth; That on the 25th Day of *November* last past, *Robert Dickson*, Esquire, the Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis*, opened the Poll for the Election of a Member for the Township of *Annapolis*, to serve in this *General Assembly*, at which Election *Robert Fitz Randolph* and *Phineas Lovett*, junr. Esquires, were Candidates.---That the said Sheriff did not give to the Petitioners, and others, Freeholders or Electors of the said Township of *Annapolis*, public Notice of the said Election for the Township aforesaid, and when and where the same would be held. That the said Election for the Township of *Annapolis* aforesaid, was unduly influenced in favor of *Phineas Lovett*, junr. by one of the Members of his Majesty's Council, for the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, Voting for the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. That the said Sheriff of *Annapolis* aforesaid, being gained into the Interest of the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. did at the Commencement of the said Election for the Township aforesaid, refuse

to Poll the Votes of the Electors resident within the Ancient bounds of the said Township of *Annapolis*, a number of which Electors, were accustomed time out of mind, to Vote at the Election of a Member for the Township aforesaid, who tendered their Suffrages for the said *Robert Fitz Randolph*; and the said Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* aforesaid, likewise rejected the Votes of Electors now resident within that Part of the Township of *Clements* which was formerly a Part of the Township of *Annapolis*, who duly tendered their Votes for the said *Robert Fitz Randolph*, unless they would depose positively, that they were intitled by Law to Vote in the Township of *Annapolis*, their Freehold being in the Township now called *Clements*, although the said Electors offered to depose that they verily believed they were by Law intitled to vote in the Township of *Annapolis*, and that the said Sheriff of the County *Annapolis* aforesaid, admitted several Persons to vote for the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. who had no colour of right so to do. That by these and divers other illegal and arbitrary Methods made use of by the said Sheriff, and the said *Phineas Lovett*, Junr. and his Agents, a Majority was obtained for the said *Phineas Lovett*, junr. who has been returned accordingly; That the Petitioners humbly conceive the said proceedings not only to be a manifest wrong to the said *Robert Fitz Randolph*, but a Violation of the Rights and Privileges of the Petitioners, and others Electors of the said Township of *Annapolis*; and praying the House would take their Case into Consideration, and give them such Relief therein as to them shall seem meet. Also,

A Petition of *Jacob Råmsen*, *Nicholas Jones* and others, Freeholders of the Township of *Clements*, in the County of *Annapolis*, was presented by Mr. *Millidge*, and read; setting forth. That several of the Petitioners have been accustomed time immemorial to vote at the Election of a Member for the Township of *Annapolis*, to serve in the *General Assembly*. That at the Election held at *Annapolis* on the 25th day of November last for a Member, for the said Township to serve in this *General Assembly*; the Petitioners tendered their Suffrages at the said Election for a Member for the Township aforesaid, which were refused by *Robert Dickson* Esquire, Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* aforesaid, unless the Petitioners would depose positively, that they were entitled by Law to vote in the Township of *Annapolis* (their Freeholds which they claim a right to Vote being in the Township now called *Clements*;) although the Petitioners offered to depose, that they verily believed they were by Law entitled to elect in the Township of *Annapolis*. That the Petitioners humbly conceive the proceedings of the said Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* aforesaid, to be a Violation of the Rights and Privileges of the Petitioners, and praying the House would take their Case into Consideration, and grant them such Relief therein as to them shall seem meet.

A Petition of *William Baxter* of *Cornwallis* in *King's County*, Surgeon, was presented by Mr. *Crane*, and read, setting forth, that at the late Election held at *Cornwallis* aforesaid, for the Choice of a Member to represent that Township in *General Assembly*. *Benjamin Belcher*, Esquire, Mr. *Lemuel Morton*, and the Petitioner were Candidates. That at the opening of the Poll the Petitioner did object to the said *Lemuel Morton*, being a Candidate at the said Election, and gave as a Reason for his Objection, that the said *Lemuel Morton*, was not eligible to serve as a Member of *Assembly*, he not having had the Grant or Conveyance under which he holds his Land registered six Months before the Test of the Writ for holding the said Election agreeably to the Act of the Province in such Case made and provided. That notwithstanding this Objection the Sheriff did receive Votes for the said *Lemuel Morton*, who having obtained a Majority, by means of such Votes, has been returned as duly elected Representative for the said Township, although the Petitioner objected to his Eligibility as aforesaid, and although similar Objections were made by the said *Lemuel Morton*, and allowed by the Sheriff to a Number of the Petitioner's Voters, who if they had been admitted would have secured a Majority to the Petitioner, the said *Benjamin Belcher*, having declined the Poll; and praying that the Sheriff may be directed to amend his Return by inserting the Name of the Petitioner as the Person duly elected instead of that of the said *Lemuel Morton*; or that he may be otherwise relieved as to the Wisdom of the House may seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petitions do severally lie on the Table.

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, be heard by himself or his Counsel on the Merits of his Petition on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Fitz Randolph*, and Mr. *Baxter*, be heard by themselves or their Counsel on the Merits of their respective Petitions immediately after Mr. *Wallace*.

Then the House by the leave of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, adjourned till Monday at Ten of the Clock.

MONDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1800.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Robie*, reported, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellency's Speech, and presented an Address accordingly; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read by the Clerk and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to, and is as follows.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, BARONET, L. L. D.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in *General-Assembly*.

*May it please your Excellency,*

WE His Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Commons of *Nova-Scotia*, return your warmest Thanks for your obliging Speech at the opening of the present *General Assembly*.

We are truly sensible of the Motives which induced your Excellency to convene the Legislature so early and convenient a Season, after a General Election; and are much indebted for this Mark of your Attention to the publick Interest.

Your Excellency's favorable Opinion of our Loyalty and Attachment to our most Gracious Sovereign and his Government, demands our grateful Acknowledgments; and we assure your Excellency that it shall be our study to prove by our Conduct, we are not unmindful of the Blessings we enjoy under our invaluable Constitution, and which we consider as preserved and increased to us by your Excellency's mild and prudent Administration.

With Hearts deeply impressed with Gratitude, we humbly offer up our Thanks to the Supreme Disposer of Events for the manifold Favors we have enjoyed under the protection of his Providence: For having preserved us from the contagious Diseases, which have proved so destructive to the neighbouring Countries; from the Invasion of a cruel and rapacious Enemy; and for the enjoyment of internal Tranquility, in the midst of a furious and devastating War.

We most cordially unite with your Excellency in sincere Congratulations, on the Return of his Royal Highness the Duke of KENT to this Province, in the chief Command of his Majesty's Forces in *North America*. His great intelligent and active Mind and indefatigable Attention to every part of his extensive Command, inspire us with Confidence of continued Safety, and his condescending and affable Deportment add Lustre to his eminent virtues, and render his Residence amongst us, the highest Honor that can be conferred on His Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Province.

Convinced of the great Benefits to be derived from the Improvement of Roads and making of Bridges, to facilitate the Communication of the principal Settlements with the Capital, We entertain very sanguine Expectations, that when the Monies appropriated to these important Objects, shall have been faithfully and judiciously expended; together with such further Sums as may be voted and applied for those Purposes; the increased Prosperity of the Country, will be felt and acknowledged by all its Inhabitants; and we assure your Excellency, that it affords us much Satisfaction to learn that the Proceedings of the former *Assembly*.



bly, in providing for these Services, and for the erecting of Public Buildings, have obtained his Majesty's approbation,

Your Excellency's considerate Intimation to us of the distressed Situation of the industrious Settlers on the Eastern Harbours, from *Antigonish* and *Manchester* to *Halifax*, for the want of Roads of Communication with the Capital, will be duly attended to, when the subject of Roads comes under our Consideration.

We shall weigh with Deliberation, your Excellency's Suggestions relative to the Embarrassments of our Commerce and Fisheries, and make such Improvements in the Revenue, as the Circumstances and Situation of the Country will admit.

We shall make ample Provision for the public Services and Exigencies of the Province; in full Confidence that what we cheerfully grant, will by your Excellency, be carefully and prudently applied; and such further Communications as your Excellency may be pleased to make, will be respectfully received; and our best Endeavours shall be used to dispatch the Business of the Sessions, with that Attention to the true Interests of the Province, which so much distinguished the last *General Assembly*.

*Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Robie*, and Mr. *Wilkins*, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House.

*Resolved*, That no Petition of a private Nature be received after Monday the third Day of *March* next.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Royal Highness the Duke of KENT, and presented an Address accordingly; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read by the Clerk, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to, and is as follows.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE DUKE OF KENT AND STRATHERN,

Earl of *Dublin*; Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint PATRICK; Colonel of His Majesty's Seventh or Royal Fusilier Regiment of Foot, General and Commander in Chief of the Forces serving in *British North-America*.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of NOVA SCOTIA, in General-Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

NEWLY elected to represent the People of this highly favored Province, we have singular Satisfaction in fulfilling one of our first Duties to our Constituents, by testifying to your Royal Highness, the universal Joy and Exultation which prevailed amongst them, on your Return to this Country and Appointment to the chief Command of His Majesty's Forces in *North-America*.

Accustomed as we are, to the often repeated Instances of the Benevolence and paternal Care of Our Most Gracious and Indulgent Sovereign; this additional Proof of his unceasing Regard for our Welfare, cannot fail of making the most sensible Impression on our Hearts; and we humbly intreat you Sir, that with the Assurance of our steadfast Loyalty and warm Attachment, to the Person, Family and Government, of your Royal Father, you will be pleased to express our most grateful Sense of a Benefit, the Value of which, we so well know how to appreciate.

Our past Experience of your Royal Highness's Virtue, Talents and acknowledged Preference to this Country; induce us to anticipate the most happy Consequences from your Example, Protection and Patronage; could any Thing in our Power contribute to render your Residence amongst us more satisfactory and agreeable we should be convinced that we should fulfill the first Wish of our Constituents by promoting the Attainment of that Object.

Deign, Royal Sir, to accept the Assurance of our high Respect for your Character and affectionate Attachment to your Person. May your Days be long and Happy and your exemplary Virtues receive the Reward they Merit. *Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to his Royal Highness by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Robie*, and Mr. *Wilkins*, be a Committee to wait on his Royal Highness the Duke of KENT; humbly to know his Pleasure, when he will receive the Address of this House.

A Petition of *John William Schwartz*, was presented by Mr. *McMonagle*, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner and *John Bolman*, Esquire; were Candidates at the last General Election of a Member to serve in *General Assembly*, for the Township of *Lunenburg*, which Election took place on Monday the Twenty fifth Day of *November* last, at the Court House in *Lunenburg* aforesaid. That during the said Election, the said *John Bolman*, was guilty of many undue and corrupt Practices, whereby many of the Voters of the said Township of *Lunenburg*, were unduly and illegally influenced to give their Votes to the said *John Bolman*. That the said *John Bolman*, when he offered himself a Candidate, to represent the said Township, and at the time he was returned, was an Alien born without the Allegiance of his Majesty; and the Petitioner conceives that all Aliens are disabled by Law, to be elected or sit in this House, notwithstanding which the said *John Bolman*, has been returned to serve for the aforesaid Township of *Lunenburg*, to the manifest Injury of the Petitioner: and praying, that he may be heard by Counsel, and have such other Relief as to the House may seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *ordered*, That to expedite the Business of the Session, for the future all Committees of this House, that are to bring in Bills, may, if the same Committees deem it expedient, employ professional Aid, in drafting and preparing the same; and that in such Case *Foster Hutchinson* Esquire, is considered as the Person recommended by this House to be employed for that Purpose whenever his Services can be procured; and that this House will provide for such Expence as said Committees may incur.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, *ordered*, That in future when any Member shall move for leave to bring in a Bill, such Member shall declare the Heads of such Bill before leave be given.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1800.

PRAYERS,

A Petition of *Dowie Ditmas*, and others Freeholders of the Township of *Clements*, was presented by Mr. *Rutherford*, and read, setting forth; That the said Township has a sufficient Number of Freeholders agreeably to Law to entitle them to the Privilege of electing a Member to represent them in *General Assembly*, and praying the House would consider the Premises, and cause that Right may be done therein,

A Petition of *Joseph Wheelock*, *Nathan Winchester*, and others, Freeholders within the Township of *Annapolis* was presented by Mr. *Lovett*, setting forth, That by his Majesty's most gracious Permission and Command of long time used and accustomed, one fit and proper Person, is to be from Time to Time elected to represent the said Township of *Annapolis*, in the *General Assembly* of this Province. That by the Laws and Statutes of this Province, the Right of electing such Person is vested in such of his Majesty's liege Subjects, as are free Men and respectively possessed of Freehold Estates to the Value of Forty Shillings by the Year; or of Estates in *fee simple* as by the said Statutes are described, lying within the Township; by a Majority of those Votes given, and in manner and form as the said Laws and Statutes prescribe, the said Election is to be decided.

That the free, fair and uninterrupted Exercise of this Right, is considered by the Petitioners, as one of their dearest Privileges. That at the late Election of a Person

Person to represent the said Township, in the present *General Assembly*, of this Province, at the Poll holden by *Robert Dickson*, Esquire, Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis*, the Petitioners and others making a Majority of the qualified Electors present at the said Poll, voted for *Phineas Lovett*, Esquire, as a fit and proper Person. That when one Hour had elapsed, after the Petitioners and all the qualified Electors for the said Township present at the said Poll had voted the said *Phineas Lovett*, requested the said *Robert Dickson* to close the Poll, which said *Robert Dickson* refused to do, but kept the same open and received divers Persons to vote afterwards and have their Names entered on the Poll Book for the Township of *Annapolis*, who claimed to vote by Right of Possessions lying without the Township of *Annapolis*, *to wit*, within the Township of *Clements*; which Persons voted for *Robert Fitz Randolph*, Esquire, that afterwards closing the Poll the said Sheriff declared the said *Phineas Lovett* Esquire to be duly elected by a Majority of three Votes only, thereby countenancing a Right in divers unqualified Persons, *to wit*, as well the said People of *Clements* as others to vote at an Election for a Person to represent the said Township of *Annapolis* in the *General Assembly* of this Province and subjecting the Petitioners to the hazard of being represented by a Person not chosen as the Law directs, and praying the House would take the Premises into Consideration, and make such Order therein as will prevent the said Conduct of the said Sheriff from being drawn into future Precedent and Example, to the Injury of the Petitioners just Rights and lawful Privileges.

A Petition of *Thomas Banks* and others, Freeholders within the Township of *Annapolis*, was presented by Mr. *Lovett*, and read, setting forth, that at the late Election of a Person to represent the Township of *Annapolis*, the Petitioners at the Poll offered to Vote for *Phineas Lovett*, junr. Esquire, and declared their wish to have their Votes taken on the Sheriff's Poll Book accordingly, but the same was refused them upon principles which the Petitioners deem to be not consistent with Justice or the Laws of the Land; and praying the same may be enquired into by the House, and that Right may be done them in the Premises, the Petitioners being Freeholders of a long standing within the said Township, duly qualified, and having had their Title Deeds lodged in the Register's Office of the said Township more than six Months previous to the said Election, although they were refused at the Poll, because the Deputy Register had not copied the same into his Book.

*Ordered*, That the said several Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported from the Committee, that his Excellency having been waited on pursuant to the Order of Yesterday to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint Thursday at Twelve of the Clock at the Government House.

The Order of the Day being read.

Mr. *McMonagle*, moved, That the hearing of *Michael Wallace*, Esquire, by himself or his Counsel on the Merits of this Petition be postponed until Saturday next, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eleven, against it Fourteen, So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Crane*, then moved, that the hearing of Mr. *Wallace*, be postponed until Thursday next, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the Motion Twelve, against it Thirteen, so it passed in the negative, and thereupon,

On Motion the Petition of *Michael Wallace* Esquire, complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Halifax*, was read, and the Petitioner having been heard by his Counsel at the Bar of the House in Support of the same; and the House having also heard *William Cotnam Tonge*, Esquire, the Member returned for the County of *Halifax* in reply, and duly considered the several Allegations of the Parties.

Mr. *McMonagle* moved, That the House should come to the following Resolution, Resolved, That *William Cotnam Tonge*, Esquire, is not qualified to represent the County of *Halifax* agreeably to Law, which being seconded and put, and the House

dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Twenty one, against it five.  
So it passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Wilkins*, moved, that the Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, be directed to attend this House, and amend the Return for the County of *Halifax*, by erasing the Name of *William Cotnam Tonge*, and inserting the Name of *Michael Wallace*, which being seconded and put,

Mr. *Robie* then moved, That the Consideration of the foregoing Motion be adjourned until Thursday next, which being seconded and put, passed in the Affirmative.

Then the House adjourned till Thursday at Eleven of the Clock, the Morrow being Ash Wednesday.

THURSDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1800.

PRAYERS.

*Casper Woollenhaupt*, Esquire; returned duly elected for the County of *Lunenburg*, and

*John Bolman*, Esquire; returned duly elected for the Township of *Lunenburg*, severally took the usual Oaths and their Seats.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported, from the Committee appointed to wait on His Royal Highness the Duke of *KENT*, humbly to know his Pleasure when His Royal Highness would receive the Address of this House; That his Royal Highness had condescended to receive the House to Morrow at One of the Clock at the Government-House.

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into Consideration the present State of the Revenue, Commerce and Fisheries of the Province, and report thereon generally to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rutherford*, Mr. *Barfs*, Mr. *Woollenhaupt*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Robie*, be a Committee accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *Fulton*, and Mr. *Wilkins*, be a Committee to report what Laws are near expiring.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Excellency with their Address pursuant to the Resolution of Yesterday.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that his Excellency was pleased to give this Answer.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ I have great Pleasure in this Address, every Testimony of your Loyalty and Attachment to his Majesty’s Person, Family and Government is highly agreeable to me. The Order and Tranquility of the Province, as well as the Happiness of his Majesty’s Subjects in it are essentially connected with such a Disposition on the Part of the House of Assembly.

“ I beg you to accept my sincere Acknowledgments for Your kind Expressions of personal Regard, and that you will be assured nothing can afford me greater Satisfaction than to co-operate with the Assembly in promoting the best Interests of the Country.”

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the House proceeded to take into Consideration the Motion made by Mr. *Wilkins* on Tuesday last, for amending the Return for the County of *Halifax* by erasing the Name of *William Cotnam Tonge*, and inserting the Name of *Michael Wallace*, and after debate had thereon,

Mr. *Wilkins*, moved, That *Michael Wallace*, Esquire; be heard by his Counsel on the subject Matter of the foregoing Motion made by him on Tuesday, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the Motion Sixteen, against it Thirteen.

For the Motion.

Mr. *Morris*,  
Mr. *Allison*,  
Mr. *Pyke*,  
Mr. *McMonagle*,  
Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,  
Mr. *Cochran*,  
Mr. *Roach*,  
Mr. *Northup*,  
Mr. *Taylor*,  
Mr. *Oxley*,  
Mr. *Wilkins*,  
Mr. *Lovett*,  
Mr. *Morton*,  
Mr. *Crane*,  
Mr. *Rutherford*,  
Mr. *Moody*.

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Tonge*,  
Mr. *Mortimer*,  
Mr. *Chipman*,  
Mr. *Fulton*,  
Mr. *McCurdy*,  
Mr. *Dimock*,  
Mr. *Thorne*,  
Mr. *Lusby*,  
Mr. *Bolman*,  
Mr. *Millidge*,  
Mr. *Robie*,  
Mr. *Barfs*,  
Mr. *Chandler*.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Robie*, then moved, that the hearing of Mr. *Wallace*, by his Counsel be adjourned till To-morrow, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Sixteen, against it Thirteen.

So it passed in the Affirmative, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, be heard by his Counsel immediately after the Meeting of the House To-morrow.

A Message from the Council to inform the House, that they had appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this House to examine and report on the public Accounts, and that their Committee would fix a Time for meeting, and give Notice to the Committee of the House accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Ten of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1800.

PRAYERS,

The Order of the Day being read,

Mr. *Wallace*, was heard by his Counsel at the Bar of the House on the subject Matter of Mr. *Wilkins's* Motion of Tuesday last, and the said Motion being put to the House, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Seven, against it Twenty two.

For the Motion,

Mr. *Wilkins*,  
Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,  
Mr. *McMonagle*,  
Mr. *Pyke*,  
Mr. *Northup*,  
Mr. *Roach*,  
Mr. *Cochran*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Allison*,  
Mr. *Millidge*,  
Mr. *Moody*,  
Mr. *Taylor*,  
Mr. *Chipman*,  
Mr. *Thorne*,  
Mr. *Rutherford*,  
Mr. *Lusby*,  
Mr. *McCurdy*,  
Mr. *Morton*,  
Mr. *Dimock*,  
Mr. *Morris*,  
Mr. *Mortimer*,  
Mr. *Fulton*,  
Mr. *Tonge*,  
Mr. *Robie*,  
Mr. *Oxley*,  
Mr. *Barfs*,  
Mr. *Lovett*,  
Mr. *Bolman*,  
Mr. *Chandler*,  
Mr. *Crane*.

So it passed in the Negative:

On Motion resolved, that the Election of the County of *Halifax*, so far as it respects the Return of *William Cotnam Tonge* Esquire is void, and that Mr. Speaker do make Application to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that he will be pleased to direct a new Writ to be issued in the usual Manner for electing a fit Person to represent the said County in the Room of the said *William Cotnam Tonge*, Esquire.

Mr. Speaker, and the House attended his Royal Highness the Duke of KENT, with their Address pursuant to the Resolution of Friday the 21st Instant,

And

And being returned,  
Mr. Speaker reported, that his Royal Highness was pleased to give this Answer.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE to offer you my warmest Acknowledgments for the very flattering Address with which you have this Day favored me.

The Joy and Satisfaction you are so good as to express upon my return to *Nova-Scotia*, and in the situation in which His Majesty has been pleased to place me, cannot fail to convey to me Sentiments of sincere Regard, for the Inhabitants of this Province, in whose name you have presented me with this flattering Assurance.

I did not fail, when I was in England, to represent how strongly at all times you had professed your Loyalty and Attachment to His Majesty's Person, His Family, and Government; and now I esteem myself happy in your having given me a fresh Opportunity of repeating the same; in doing which, you may be assured, I shall not forget your very polite Attention in desiring that I would express your Gratitude to the King for having directed my return to this Country.

As it was always my Study, when I resided amongst you before, faithfully to discharge the Trust reposed in me, of adopting every Arrangement in my Power for the Protection of this Province so will it now be the object of my unceasing Endeavours to do the same, and to make that use of the Powers vested in me, that will best tend to the Accomplishment of that Purpose.

I feel extremely Grateful for the Assurance you give me, that if any thing in your Power could contribute to render my Residence amongst you more satisfactory and agreeable, you are convinced it would be only fulfilling the first Wish of your Constituents, to promote that Object.

Permit me to conclude by assuring you of the lively Interest I shall always take in the Prosperity of *Nova-Scotia*, and of my sincere Gratitude for the Sentiments of Attachment towards myself, and good Wishes for my future Welfare, so obligingly expressed at the close of your Address.

A Petition of *Edward James*, Esquire, was presented by Mr. *Rutherford*, and read, setting forth, that at the late Election held in the Town of *Lunenburg*, for the Choice of Members to represent the County of *Lunenburg*, in *General Assembly*, *Casper Wollenhaupt*, *Lewis Morris Wilkins*, *John Christopher Rudolf*, Esquires, and the Petitioner were Candidates. That immediately after the opening of the Poll at the said Election the Petitioner publicly objected to the said *Lewis Morris Wilkins*, as ineligible, he not actually having an income of Forty Shillings per Annum in Freehold Estate within the County aforesaid, or in his own Right in fee simple a Dwelling House with the Ground on which the same stands within the said County, or one Hundred Acres of Land, whereof five Acres are under Cultivation in the County aforesaid. That notwithstanding the said Objection the Sheriff did receive Votes for the said *Lewis M. Wilkins*, and at the Close of the said Poll, the said *Lewis M. Wilkins*, having a Majority of Votes above the Petitioner, who was next to him in point of Numbers, was declared by the said Sheriff to be duly elected, although the Petitioner did renew his Objection aforesaid against the said *Lewis M. Wilkins*, by declaring him to be ineligible for the reasons above mentioned, That the Petitioner begs leave also to State as a further Ground of Complaint against the Election of the said *Lewis Morris Wilkins*, that a great Number of his Votes, and particularly those from the Township of *Chester*, in the said County were procured in Consideration of the Promise of an Entertainment made by him to the Voters, and the Petitioner doth likewise alledge that undue and corrupt Means were used by the Agents and Partizans of the said *Lewis M. Wilkins*, to prevent Persons voting for the Petitioner, as the Petitioner can prove by respectable Testimony within the Walls of this House; and praying that the House will be pleased to direct that the Sheriff of the County aforesaid do amend the Return of his Writ by inserting the Name of the Petitioner as the Person duly elected, instead of that of the said *Lewis M. Wilkins*, or otherwise relieve him as to the Wisdom of the House may seem meet.

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On Motion of Mr. *Robie*, *resolved*, That a select Committee be appointed by the House To-morrow to take into Consideration the Petition of *Andrew Belcher*, Esquire; complaining of an undue Election for the Township of *Halifax*, and report to the House a Statement of such Facts as may appear to them proved on the subject Matter of the said Petition, as also on the part of the sitting Member in reply thereto, and that the said Committee do proceed without hearing or being attended by Counsel on either side;

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock:

SATURDAY, 1st MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read.

The House proceeded to the balloting for the select Committee agreeable to the Mode practiced by the House on the 25th *March* 1793, and the Names of the five Members remaining unstruck were read, and are as follows. Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Bolman*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Lovett*, and Mr. *McCurdy*.

Mr. Speaker then called on the Petitioners to nominate one from amongst the Members then present, who had not been drawn to be added to those chosen by Lot to serve on the said select Committee, as also on the sitting Member to choose one in like manner on his Part, and thereupon the Petitioner named *William Cotnam Tonge*, Esquire, and the sitting Member *Charles Morris*, Junr. Esquire.

The Names of the before mentioned five Members, and the Names of *William Cotnam Tonge*, and *Charles Morris*, Junr. nominated as aforesaid were called over, and being come to the Table they were acquainted by Mr. Speaker, that they were a Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Petition of *Andrew Belcher*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of *Halifax*, and proceed thereon agreeable to the Resolution of the House of Yesterday.

*Ordered*, That the select Committee do meet on Monday Morning at nine of the Clock in the Court-House.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Rawdon*, was presented by Mr. *McMonagle*, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioners suffer much from the very bad and even dangerous State of their Roads; That they have not only the Disadvantages generally attending new Settlements but Difficulties to contend with almost peculiar to themselves from the Situation of their Township and the singular Manner in which it was originally divided, bounded on the South and on the West by the Township of *Newport*, they have no way to *Halifax* or *Windsor*, but through its uncultivated Lands, and they have actually made, and for Fourteen Years past supported full six Miles of Road naturally very bad in that Township, without any the least Assistance from its Inhabitants. But still greater Inconveniences arise from the Manner in which the Township of *Rawdon*, was originally divided, instead of being run into long and narrow Lots, each abutting a Main Road, it was laid out in regular Squares, being several deep one behind another, which evidently must render more Roads indispensibly necessary than it is possible for their Population to improve or support, that the Petitioners have hitherto combated every Difficulty with Spirit and perseverance, having frequently added to their Statute Labour more than they could well afford, but to their great Discouragement their Roads still get deeper and more difficult. That the Petitioners have been informed, that it was a Maxim with the last *General Assembly*, to assist such Poor Townships, as would help themselves, and have in Consequence made a great and spirited Exertion, which they hope the House will second and encourage. In Addition to the last Year's Statute Labour the Petitioners have subscribed about two Hundred and Seventy Days Work, the most of which have been already expended in the Opening and widening their Main Road; and praying the House would take into Consideration the peculiar Disadvantages under which the Petitioners Labour, and grant the

Sum of £300, for the Improvement of their Main Road, reaching about five and a Half Miles from *Pigot's Lake*, to the Southern Line of *Douglajs*, or such other Relief as to this House may seem meet.

A Petition of *Nathaniel Smith* of *Windsor*, was presented by Mr. *McMonagle*, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner has been put to a heavy Expence, and at present is deprived of the Benefit of keeping a House of Entertainment for Travelers in Consequence of an Alteration being made in the publick Road, leading through his Land to the Bridge over the *River St. Croix*, and praying the House would take his Case into Consideration, and grant him relief therein.

A Petition of *Thomas Wood*, Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Wilkins*, and read, setting forth, That by an Act of the Legislature made at the last Sessions, intitled, an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licenced, &c. A great Increase of Duty has devolved on the Petitioner, for which no Fees are by Law provided. That besides attending upon the Justices in Session during the Time that the Grand Jury make their Return of Persons recommended to be Licenced, and while Applications are made by Persons requiring Licences, the Petitioner since the passing of said Law has actually filled up one Hundred and Ninety four Bonds, has set Seals to them for the Persons licenced, and their Surety, has attended the Execution of all such Bonds, and has signed them with his own Name by the Order of the Justices. That the Petitioner has kept a Record of the Names and Places of Residence of all Persons so licenced, and made a fair Entry of all the Proceedings relative thereto, in the minute Book of the Sessions, and has also made out Lists of all the Persons licenced and delivered them to the Clerk of the Licences, and that for all these, as well as other Services in the same behalf which have required the Care, Attention and time of the Petitioner he hath not received any fee or Recompence whatsoever; and praying, that the House would take his Case into Consideration, and afford him such Relief as to them shall seem just, and thereupon,

Mr. *Dimock*, moved, That the Petition be dismissed it appearing, that a like Application had been made by the Petitioner and rejected by the House in the last Sessions, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 12, against it 17.

For the Motion,

Mr. *Dimock*,  
Mr. *Millidge*,  
Mr. *Allison*,  
Mr. *McMonagle*,  
Mr. *Chipman*,  
Mr. *Pyke*,  
Mr. *Barfs*,  
Mr. *Fulton*,  
Mr. *Northup*,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Cochran*,  
Mr. *Morris*,  
Mr. *Wilkins*,  
Mr. *Robie*,  
Mr. *Mortimer*,  
Mr. *Bolman*,  
Mr. *Lusby*,  
Mr. *McCurdy*,  
Mr. *Morten*,

Mr. *Tonge*,  
Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,  
Mr. *Oxley*,  
Mr. *Taylor*,  
Mr. *Roach*,  
Mr. *Crane*,  
Mr. *Lovett*,  
Mr. *Moody*,

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On Motion the Petition of *William Baxter*, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of *Cornwallis* was read, and the Petitioner having appeared by his Counsel at the Bar of the House in Support of the same; and the House having fully heard the several Proofs that were offered, as well on the Part of the Petitioner, as of the setting Member, thereupon,

Resolved, Unanimously, That the said Petition be dismissed without further hearing, it appearing to this House, that the said Petition was without Foundation, and the said Petition was dismissed accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock.

MONDAY, 3d MARCH, 1800.

## PRAYERS.

A Petition of *William Findlay*, was presented by Mr. *Morris*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has paid Duties amounting to £31. 8. 0. on sundry Articles imported by him from *England* in the Year 1798; which were unfortunately consumed by Fire with the Dwelling House of the Petitioner on the 5th April 1799, and praying the House would take his Case into Consideration, and grant him a Return of the Duties so paid by him.

A Petition of *Thomas Donaldson*, was presented by Mr. *Morris*, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner in the Year 1797, legally exported 446 Gallons of Rum to *Newfoundland*, on which he has not yet obtained the Drawback of the Duties from the Certificate of the landing, not having been received within the Time required by Law, and praying the House would take his Case into Consideration, and grant Relief therein.

A Petition of *Thomas Brown*, late writing Master and Accomptant to the publick Grammer School in *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Morris*, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner from Age and Infirmary has become incapable of attending to the Laborious Duties of his Profession, and is in consequence reduced to extreme want; and praying the House would take his deplorable Situation into Consideration, and grant him such Relief, as to them may seem Meet.

A Petition of *Alexander Mitchell*, was presented by Mr. *Cochran*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner in the Year 1798, legally exported a Quantity of small Wines to *Newfoundland*, but that, from the Officer of the Customs there, refusing to grant a Certificate of the landing of said Wines, the Petitioner has been deprived of receiving the Drawback of the Duties, and praying the House would grant him Relief in the Premises.

A Petition of *Jonathan Crane*, was presented by Mr. *Cochran*, setting forth, That the Petitioner, in the Year 1781, paid to the late *Samuel Wolloughby* of *Cornwallis*, Surgeon the Sum of £17. 7. 3 for attending two American Prisoners that were wounded in a skirmish with the Militia of *King's County*, and praying the House would grant him a Repayment of the said Sum with Interest thereon to the present Time, or such other Relief as to them may seem just.

A Petition of *Forsyth, Smith, and Co.* and others Merchants and Traders in the Town of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Cochran*, and read, setting forth, That large Quantities of Molasses have been lately imported from the *United States of America*, in Order to be sold and consumed in this Province, which naturally Effects the Interests of the Petitioners, as they are concerned extensively in the Export and Import Trade from this Country to the *West India Islands*, and praying, that an additional Duty of Impost and Excise may be levied on the Importation of Molasses from the *United States of America*.

A Petition of *Clotworthy McKeige*, an Insolvent Debtor confined in the County Jail at *Windsor*, was presented by Mr. *McMonagle*, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner is ready to deliver up all his Property to the Benefit of his Creditors, That from his long and close Confinement, the Distress of his Family, and the extreme Agitations of his Mind he is in a very dangerous State of Health, and praying the House would take his most deplorable Case into Consideration, and grant him such Relief therein, as to them may seem meet.

A Petition of *Daniel Miller*, and others, Settlers on the *Windsor Road*, was presented by Mr. *Tonge*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are much aggrieved by the Operation of the Law of the Province, which requires them to have the Feloes of their Wheels of the Breadth of six Inches in travelling on said Road, as their chief Subsistence depend on their getting out Timber for Sale, and praying the House would grant them Relief in the Premises.

Ordered,



*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in the Province to raise Monies for the erecting of Pounds therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Thorne*, and Mr. *Fulton*, be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion, the Petition of *Robert FitzRandolph*, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of *Annapolis* was read, and the Petitioner having appeared by his Counsel at the Bar of the House, and made some Progress in Support of the same, thereupon,

On Motion *resolved*, That the further hearing on the said Petition be deferred until this day Fortnight, being the Seventeenth Instant.

On Motion, *resolved*, That *Edward James*, Esquire, be heard by himself or his Counsel at the Bar of the House on the Merits of his Petition, and thereupon,

The Petition of *Edward James*, complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Lunenburg* was read, and the Petitioner having been fully heard by his Counsel at the Bar of the House in Support of the several Allegations set forth in the Petition, thereupon,

On Motion, *resolved* unanimously, that the said Petition be dismissed, it appearing to this House, that the Charges contained therein against the sitting Member *Lewis M. Wilkins*, Esquire, are without Foundation, and the said Petition was dismissed accordingly.

A Petition of *Andrew Brown* and others, Shopkeepers in the Town of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Cochran*, and read, also

A Petition of *Job Ross*, and others Shopkeepers in the Town of *Windsor*, was presented by Mr. *Tonge*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are aggrieved by the Operation of the Licence Duty Act, and praying Relief in the Premises, and thereupon,

On Motion, *Ordered*, that the said Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to report on the expiring Laws.

On Motion *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to confer with a Committee of his Majesty's Council on the Subject of the Aid that may appear necessary to be granted for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Wollenbaupt*, Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Oxley*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Barfs*, Mr. *Dimock*, Mr. *Fulton*, and Mr. *Millidge* be a Committee accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing Resolution.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 4th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Mortimer*, *moved*, That the sitting of the select Committee appointed to examine the Facts respecting the Election of the Town of *Halifax* be suspended, and that in the mean time the House do hear the Petitioner *Andrew Belcher*, Esq; by his Counsel at the Barr of the House in Support of his Petition, which being seconded and put, passed in the Affirmative.

On Motion the Petition of *John William Schwartz*, complaining of an undue Election for the Town of *Lunenburg* was read, and the House having fully heard the Petitioner by his Counsel on the Merits of the same, as likewise the sitting Member *John Bolman*, Esq; by his Counsel, thereupon.

On Motion of Mr. *Wilkins*, *resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed, and the same was dismissed accordingly.

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On Motion of Mr. *Robie*, Resolved That *John Bolman*, Esq; is duly elected to represent the Town of *Lunenburg* in the present *General Assembly*.

Mr. *McMonagle* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the Relief of *Clotworthy M<sup>r</sup> Keige* an Insolvent Debtor, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Belcher*, be heard by his Counsel To-morrow on the Merits of his Petition.

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to an Act, made in the fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties of this Province for the defraying certain County Charges, and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill for more effectually to provide for the repairing, cleansing and mending the Roads, Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the said Bills be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Treasurer *Wallace* pursuant to Order, presented to the House an Account of all the Monies received by him into, and Payments made from the Provincial Treasury, from the 31st March to the 31st December 1799.

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the Table.

A Bill for the Relief of *Clotworthy McKeige*, an Insolvent Debtor, Also,

A Bill in Addition to an Act, made in the fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties of this Province for the defraying certain County Charges, were severally read a second time,

Resolved, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Order of the Day being read;

On Motion the Petition of *Andrew Belcher*, Esquire, was read; and the Petitioner having been heard by his Counsel at the Bar of the House on the Merits of the Petition, thereupon,

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, ordered, That the select Committee do proceed in the Consideration of the said Petition, agreeable to the Resolution of this House on Friday the 28th Instant.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill for the encouraging and establishing of publick Grammar Schools in the several Counties of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robie*, Mr. *Wilkins* and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee accordingly.

A Bill for the more effectually to provide for the repairing, cleansing and mending the Roads, Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*, was read a second time,

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill to amend the Act passed in the last Session of *General Assembly* for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of *Granville*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Lovett*, and Mr. *Thorne*, be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
 Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the Relief of *Clotworthy McKeige*, an insolvent Debtor; also the Bill in Addition to the Act made in the fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign for raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties of this Province for the defraying certain County Charges, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally, without Amendment; That the Committee had also gone through the Bill for more effectually to provide for the repairing, cleansing and mending the Roads, Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House with several Amendments, which they had made thereunto, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the several Bills with the Amendments above mentioned at the Clerk's Table, where the said Amendments being read throughout a first, and second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, and the Amendments be engrossed.

*Resolved*, That the House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the several private Petitions now before the House.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Eleven of the Clock.

THURSDAY 6th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill for the Relief of *Clotworthy McKeige*, an insolvent Debtor, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be *an Act for the Relief of Clotworthy McKeige an insolvent Debtor*.

An engrossed Bill in Addition to an Act made in the fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties of this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be an Act in Addition to an Act made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties of this Province for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned*.

An engrossed Bill for more effectually to provide for the repairing, Cleansing and mending the Roads, Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for more effectually to provide for the repairing, cleansing and mending the Roads, Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Wheel-Carriages within the said Town and Peninsula*.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone throughout the Business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows;

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The Petition of *Dowie Ditmash* and others. The Petition of *Joseph Wheelock* and others. And also the Petition of *Thomas Banks* and others, were severally Read, and thereupon:

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Consideration of the said Petitions should be deferred until the final hearing of the Petition of *Robert Fitz Randolph*, now before the House.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Rawdon* was read, and thereupon:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Consideration of the said Petition should be deferred until the House take into Consideration the state of the Roads generally:

The Petition of *Nathaniel Smith*, was read and considered, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Twenty five Pounds should be granted and paid to the Petitioner.

The Petition of *William Findlay*, was read and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the said Petition should be referred to a Committee to be appointed by the House to examine into the Proof of the Loss of the Articles as stated in the Petition, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of *Thomas Donaldson* was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner is intitled to Relief, provided he makes due Proof of the Allegations set forth in the Petition to a Committee to be appointed by the House.

The Petition of *Thomas Brown* was read, and considered and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition should be dismissed, the House not having it in their Power to grant the Relief prayed for.

The Petition of *Alexander Mitchell* was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to examine into the Merits of the Petition, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of *Jonathon Crane* was read, and considered, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Twenty two Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Fourpence, should be granted and paid to the Petitioner agreeable to the prayer of the Petition.

The Petition of *Forfytb, Smith & Co*, was read, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition should be referred to the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the present State of the Revenue, Commerce and Fisheries of the Province.

The Petition of *Daniel Miller* and others was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition should be referred to a Committee, to be appointed by the House for the purpose of examining into the Merits of the same; And also the several Acts respecting the *Windsor* and *Hamond Plain* Road, and reporting thereon to the House.

The said Report and Resolutions were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of *William Findlay* be referred to Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Thorne*, and Mr. *Fulton*, agreeable to the Resolution of the Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of *Thomas Donaldson*, and also the Petition of *Alexander Mitchell* be referred severally to Mr. *Robie*, Mr. *Wilkins*, and Mr. *Lovett*, agreeable to the Resolution of the Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of *Daniel Miller* and others be Referred to Mr. *Tonge*  
Mr.

Mr. *Moody*, and Mr. *Mortimer*, agreeable to the Resolution of the Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of *Forfytb, Smith*, and others be referred to the Committee on the Revenue, Commerce and Fisheries agreeable to the Resolution of the Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution in Favour of *Nathaniel Smith*, and also the Resolution in favour of *Jonathan Crane*, to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 7th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, *resolved*, That all Contracts entered into by the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the Expenditure of the several Sums of Money voted in the last Session of the *Assembly* for Roads, Bridges, &c. and all Accounts of the same, be laid before the House ; and that a Committee be appointed to examine into those Contracts and Accounts, and report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Allison*, Mr. *Mortimer*, Mr. *Oxley*, and Mr. *Taylor*, be a Committee accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 8th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

*James Cox*, and *George Gracie*, Esquires, returned duly elected for the County of *Shelburne*, severally took the usual Oaths and their Seat.

On Motion of Mr. *Wilkins*, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to alter and continue the Act passed in the last Session of *General Assembly*, relating to Licenced Houses.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Mortimer*, and Mr. *Gracie*, be a Committee accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gracie* be added to the Committee appointed to confer with his Majesty's Council on the Subject of Roads instead of Mr. *Millidge*.

Mr. *Wilkins*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to revive amend and continue an Act passed in the 36th Year of his present Majesty's Reign in Addition to an Act passed in the 5th Year of his Majesty's Reign for the raising Money by presentment on the several Counties, and the same was read a first time.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second time, and the same was read accordingly.

On Motion *resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *McMonagle* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House with an Amendment, which they had made thereunto, and he read the report in his Place, and delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the said Amendment was read a first and second time, and upon the question put thereupon

thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Amendment be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to confer immediately in the Committee Room of the Council with the Committee of this House on the subject of the Aid that may appear necessary to be granted for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Committee do attend at the Conference accordingly.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Morris* stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

Mr. *Robie* reported, from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the present state of the Revenue Commerce and Fisheries of the Province. That the Committee are of Opinion it will be expedient to continue for another Year the Revenue Laws now in Force with some Amendments: That an additional Duty should be laid on all Molasses not immediately imported from the West-India Islands, and that a Bounty be granted upon all Salt imported into the Province, and actually consumed in the Fisheries thereof, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Committee do prepare, and bring in a Bill agreeable to the foregoing Report.

An engrossed Bill to revive, amend and continue an Act passed in the 36th Year of his present Majesty's Reign in Addition to an Act passed in the 5th Year of his Majesty's Reign for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act to revive, amend and continue an Act passed in the 36th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act in Addition to an Act, for the raising Money by presentment on the several Counties in this Province for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Pursuant to leave given Mr. *Rutherford* presented a Petition of *John Burkett* and *David Bonnett* of *Annapolis*, and the same was read, setting forth, that the Petitioners were appointed Commissioners by the Grand Jury of *Annapolis* (in Consequence of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor agreeable to an Act passed in the last Session of *General Assembly*, having declined to Act) to repair the Bridge over *Allan's Creek* in the said County. That the Petitioners did accordingly make the said Repair at an Expence of £49. 16. (exclusive of any Charge for their Trouble) the Amount of which they have not yet been repaid, and praying the House will take their Case into Consideration, and grant them Relief therein, and thereupon,

On Motion *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to inform his Excellency, that the Commissioners appointed to lay out the Money granted for the Road between *Allan's Creek* and *Bear River*, had declined to Act, and to request that his Excellency will be pleased to appoint others to be Commissioners for expending the said Money, and that the further Consideration of the said Petition, be deferred to a future Day.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Lovett*, and Mr. *Rutherford* be a Committee accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock:

MONDAY, 10th MARCH, 1800.

## PRAYERS.

Mr. *Robie* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Alexander Mitchell* was referred, That the Petitioner had proved to the Commissioners of the Revenue the Facts as stated in his Petition, and that the Committee are of Opinion, that the Petitioner is entitled to receive from the Treasury the Sum of £23. 17, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty three Pounds, Seventeen Shillings be granted and paid to *Alexander Mitchell*.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. *Rutherford*, pursuant to leave given presented a Petition of *Richard Hill* and others the Inhabitants of *Digby* which was read; setting forth, that in Consequence of Irregularities having arisen in the original Distribution of the Lands in the said Township from the hurry and Pressure of Business at the public Offices. The Titles of the Petitioner became so involved and uncertain as to make it necessary to resurvey the said Township, and apply to Government for a new Grant. That the said Survey has been very expensive, to the Petitioners. And praying the House will take their Case into Consideration, and grant them some Relief therein, and thereupon Mr. *Robie*, moved, That the Petition be dismissed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eighteen, against the Motion four.

## For the Motion.

Mr. <i>McMonagle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Barfs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Roach</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chipman</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cochran</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fulton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cox</i> ,	Mr. <i>Robie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wollenhaupt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dimock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mortimer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Oxley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lusby</i> ,
Mr. <i>Noribup</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chandler</i> ,
Mr. <i>Allison</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> .

So it passed in the Affirmative.

## Against the Motion.

Mr. <i>Moody</i> ,
Mr. <i>Gracie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rutherford</i> ,
Mr. <i>Thorne</i> ,

*George Henry Monk*, Esquire, returned duly elected for the Township of *Windsor*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, intituled an Act for the Relief of *Clotworthy McKeige*, an Insolvent Debtor.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, intituled an Act in Addition to an Act, made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties of this Province for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, intituled an Act for more effectually to provide for the repairing, cleansing and mending the Roads Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*, and also for Granting to his Majesty a Duty upon Wheel Carriages within the said Town and Peninsula.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House in Favor of *Nathaniel Smith*. The Resolution in favor of *Jonathan Crane*, and also the Resolution in favor of *Alexander Mitchell*.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, intituled an Act to revive, amend and continue an Act passed in the Thirty sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act in Addition to, an Act, made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Council desire a present Conference with this House by Committee in the Committee,

Committee Room of the Council on the subject of the Aid to be granted for the making and repairing Roads and Bridges throughout the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the Conference as desired by his Majesty's Council,

And then the Messenger was again called in.

And Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that the House had agreed to meet the Council at a Conference as they desire.

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Managers do attend at the Conference, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly,

And being returned,

Mr. *Morris reported*, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

The House proceeded to take the Amendment of the Council to the Bill, intitled an Act to revive, amend, and continue an Act, passed in the 36th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act in Addition to an Act, made in the 5th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for the raising Money by Presentment, &c. into Consideration, and the said Amendment being read throughout a first and second Time, was upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Mr. *Robie reported* from the Committee to whom the Petition of *Thomas Donaldson* was referred, that the Committee had examined into the Facts stated therein, and that the Committee are of Opinion the Petitioner is entitled to receive from the Treasury the Sum of £.26 0 4, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty six Pounds and four Pence be granted and paid to *Thomas Donaldson*.

Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*, acquainted the House, that he had two Messages from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the said Messages to the House.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follows :

*Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

In conformity to the Communications had with the late Assembly, respecting an Agent, I wrote to *Scroope Bernard, Esquire, of London*; who informs me, that he will readily exert his best Services for this Province, whenever the Agency is committed to his Care.

J. WENTWORTH.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

The Lease of the Buildings hired for the Use of the Council, Assembly and County of *Halifax* being nearly expired, I recommend to your Consideration to provide for the publick Accommodation in future, either by renewing the Lease, or by such other Means as may be thought best.

J. WENTWORTH.

On Motion *Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow take the foregoing Messages from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, into Consideration.

Mr. *Millidge reported* from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts, relating to the Petition of *Andrew Buleber*, against the Election for the Town



Township of *Halifax*, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and thereupon,

Mr. *Cochran* moved, that the said Report be received by the House, and taken into Consideration in a Committee of the whole House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eighteen, against it Thirteen, So it passed in the Affirmative.

On Motion the House then *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Report of the Select Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Gracie* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 11th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion of His Excellency's Message respecting the Agency of the Province was read, and thereupon,

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Council on the subject Matter of the said Message from his Excellency.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Robie*, Mr. *Wilkins*, and Mr. *Tonge*, be a Committee accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing Resolution.

On Motion his Excellency's Message respecting the Building hired for the Use of the Council and Assembly, &c. was read, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That the said Message be referred to a Committee, who are to take the same into Consideration, and report their Opinion thereon to this House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Wollenhaupt*, Mr. *Barfs*, Mr. *Allison* and Mr. *Rutherford* be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Report of the Select Committee.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House in favor of *Thomas Donaldson*,

The Council have passed a Bill, intitled an Act for the equal Distribution of the Estates and Effects of Insolvent Debtors to, and amongst their Creditors, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And

And then the Messenger withdrew,  
 And the said Bill was read a first Time,  
*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time,

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

[Mr. *Cochran* pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of *Andrew Belcher* and others, Merchants in the Town of *Halifax*, and the same was read, setting forth; That the Petitioners are Importers of British and West India Goods, which by sundry Acts of the Legislature, are made subject to certain Duties for the Support of His Majesty's Government, and for paying off the Debts of the Province, which Debts when the said Duties were first imposed amounted to Twenty Thousand Pounds and upwards; that the Petitioners cheerfully submitted to the Imposition of said Duties, although with much inconvenience to themselves, knowing that the same was necessary for the support of Public Credit, and to answer the Exigencies of the Country.]

That the Petitioners have with pleasure learned, that the Growth and Prosperity of the Colony; the Vigilance with which the Revenue Laws have been enforced, and the Revenue in consequence rendered highly productive; and the system of Oeconomy adopted and pursued by the late *House of Assembly*, have enabled the Government to pay off the publick Debts; and that there now is, and has been for some Years past a Surplus in the Treasury to be applied to the erecting of Publick Buildings, and to defraying the Expences of such other Objects of publick Utility as by the *Assembly* shall be thought necessary.

[That the Petitioners were happy to observe, that his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor desirous of relieving the Embarrassments and Inconveniences under which the Trade of the Province now Labours, had in his Speech at the opening of the present Session recommended a Reduction of the Duties; and the Petitioners feeling most sensibly the Difficulties arising from the Capture of their Vessels, the general Suspension of Trade, and the great scarcity of Specie, and many of them having large Stocks of European and West India Goods on hand, which they cannot dispose of, beg leave to represent to this House, that it with extreme Difficulty they can raise the Sums of Money necessary for the Payment of the Duties on these Articles.]

That the Petitioners beg leave also to observe, that the Payment of the publick Debts for which important purpose the several Duties now exacted were augmented to their present Extent has been happily accomplished; and as the Petitioners are informed there now is in the Treasury Money and Means sufficient for the Completion of the publick Buildings, and for effecting such other Objects of public Utility as the Legislature have hitherto had in Contemplation; they pray that the House would take the Premises into Consideration and afford Relief to the Commerce of the Province, by making such Reductions in the present Duties as to the Wisdom of the House shall seem fit, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to a Committee of Ways and Means.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House on Ways and Means.

Mr. *Morris* reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of *William Findlay* was referred, that the Committee on full enquiry into the Facts stated therein, are of Opinion, that the Petitioner is justly entitled to the Repayment of £.31 8 0. being the Sum he actually paid to the Collectors of Impost and Excise, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Thirty one Pounds, Eight Shillings be granted and paid to *William Findlay*.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

On Motion of Mr. *Morris*, *Resolved*, That this House, will on Sunday next the Sixteenth Instant attend Divine Service, at SAINT PAUL'S Church, and that Mr. Speaker do acquaint the Reverend Mr. *Stanfer* the Rector, and Chaplain with the same.

Mr. *Millidge* reported from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the several Counties to raise Monies for the erecting of Pounds therein, and accordingly presented a Bill in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 19th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for providing Pounds in the several Townships in this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Eleven of the Clock.

THURSDAY 13th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

On reading the Proceedings of Yesterday,

Mr. *Millidge* moved, That the several Resolutions which the House passed respecting the increasing the Representation of the Province be expunged from the Journal, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Twenty two, against the Motion two.

For the Motion,			Against the Motion,
Mr. <i>Millidge</i> ,	Mr <i>Barfs</i> ,	Mr <i>Oxley</i> ,	Mr. <i>McMonagle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Moody</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dimock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Allison</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cochran</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cox</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Northup</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Gracie</i> ,	Mr <i>Bolman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Rutberford</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Wollenhaupt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lusby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thorne</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Chipman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fulton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lovett</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Roach</i> ,	Mr. <i>McCardy</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Taylor</i> ,	Mr. <i>Pyke</i> ,		

So it passed in the Affirmative, and the said Proceedings were expunged from the Journal accordingly.

Mr. *Lovett* pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of *John Ruggles* and others Inhabitants of the Township of *Annapolis* and *Wilmot*; and the same was read, setting forth that the Publick in general would receive great Benefit if the main Road lead in through that Part of the Eastern District of the Township of *Annapolis*, called the second Division, and lying between the Dwelling House of *Isaac Longly* and *Jonathan Morse*, was put into a State of good Repair, and a Bridge built over the *Annapolis River* nearly opposite to *Dodge's Tavern* in the Township of *Wilmot*; and praying the House would take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such a Sum of Money as may be sufficient for the Repair of the said Road, and building the Bridge,

*Ordered*, That the said Petition, and also the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Raewden* be referred to the Committee on the subject of Roads, Bridges, &c. and that they do examine into the Merits thereof, and report thereon to the House.

The

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*,

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency Commands the immediate Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber,

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House went up to attend his Excellency,

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker *reported*, That the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, viz.

An Act to revive, amend and continue an Act passed in the Thirty sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act in Addition to an Act, made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, and thereupon Mr. *Tonge* moved, that the said Report of the Committee be not received by the House; and that the House do again *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion fourteen, against the Motion Sixteen.

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Allison*,

Mr. *Tonge*,

Mr. *Morton*,

Mr. *Gracie*,

Mr. *Chipman*,

Mr. *Fulton*,

Mr. *Chandler*,

Mr. *Morris*,

Mr. *Moody*,

Mr. *Millidge*,

Mr. *Cochran*,

Mr. *Barfs*,

Mr. *Dimock*,

Mr. *Lusby*,

Mr. *McMonagle*,

Mr. *Rutherford*,

Mr. *Roach*,

Mr. *Robie*,

Mr. *Northrup*,

Mr. *Monk*,

Mr. *Mortimer*,

Mr. *Bolman*,

Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,

Mr. *McCurdy*,

Mr. *Tborne*,

Mr. *Oxley*,

Mr. *Taylor*,

Mr. *Lovett*,

Mr. *Cox*,

Mr. *Crane*,

So it passed in the Negative, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Report of the select Committee:

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 14th MARCH, 1800:

PRAYERS:

The Order of Day being read,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the business

business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows ;

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that *John George Pyke*, Esquire, is duly elected to represent the Township of *Halifax*, in this present *General Assembly*, it appearing to the Committee, that there was a Majority of two Votes in favor of the said *John George Pyke*, on a review of the Report of the Select Committee.

*Mr. Millidge*, moved, That the said Report be not received by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Sixteen, against it Thirteen.

For the Motion.

*Mr. Morris*, *Mr. Mortimer*,  
*Mr. Moody*, *Mr. Oxley*,  
*Mr. Monk*, *Mr. Millidge*,  
*Mr. Fulton*, *Mr. Rutherford*,  
*Mr. Roach*, *Mr. Thorne*,  
*Mr. Dimock*, *Mr. Robie*,  
*Mr. Lusby*, *Mr. Bolman*,  
*Mr. Tonge*, *Mr. McCurdy*,

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Against the Motion.

*Mr. Cochran*, *Mr. Allison*,  
*Mr. Gracie*, *Mr. Morton*,  
*Mr. Wollenhaupt*, *Mr. Barfs*,  
*Mr. Chipman*, *Mr. Crane*,  
*Mr. Cox*, *Mr. Lovett*,  
*Mr. Northup*,  
*Mr. Wilkins*,  
*Mr. McMonagle*,

*Mr. Robie*, then moved, That the Election of the Township of *Halifax*, so far as it relates to the Return of the sitting Member *John George Pyke* be void, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Fifteen, against it Fourteen.

For the Motion,

*Mr. Moody*, *Mr. Millidge*,  
*Mr. Monk*, *Mr. Oxley*,  
*Mr. Fulton*, *Mr. Rutherford*,  
*Mr. Roach*, *Mr. Thorne*,  
*Mr. Dimock*, *Mr. Robie*,  
*Mr. Lusby*, *Mr. Bolman*,  
*Mr. Tonge*, *Mr. McCurdy*,  
*Mr. Mortimer*,

So it passed in the Affirmative, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Speaker* do make Application to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that he will be pleased to direct a new Writ to be issued in the usual Manner for the electing a fit Person to represent the Township of *Halifax* in the Room of *John George Pyke* Esquire.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

On reading the Proceedings of Yesterday.

*Mr. Morris*, moved, That the Resolution of this House declaring the Election for the Township of *Halifax* a void Election be rescinded ; and that the Report of the Select Committee be also rescinded, and that they be directed to scrutinize the Thirteen Votes objected to by *Mr. Belcher*, and the three Votes objected to on the Part of *Mr. Pyke*, and which from the Report of that Committee appears not to have been scrutinized at the revised Poll ; and the Sense of the House having been taken on the first Part of the said Motion, which related to the rescinding the Resolution for vacating the Election for the Township of *Halifax*, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Fourteen, against the Motion Sixteen.

For

## For the Motion,

Mr. Cochran, Mr. Norbup,  
 Mr. Morris, Mr. Cox,  
 Mr. Allison, Mr. Wollenhaupt,  
 Mr. Gracie, Mr. Wilkins,  
 Mr. McMonagle, Mr. Morton,  
 Mr. Chipman, Mr. Crane,  
 Mr. Barfs, Mr. Lovett,

## Against the Motion,

Mr. Moody, Mr. Lusby,  
 Mr. Ruiberford, Mr. Mortimer,  
 Mr. Fulion, Mr. Tborne,  
 Mr. Bolman, Mr. Oxley,  
 Mr. Millidge, Mr. Tonge,  
 Mr. Monk, Mr. Robie,  
 Mr. Dimock, Mr. Chandler,  
 Mr. Roach, Mr. McCurdy,

So it passed in the Negative, and the latter part of the foregoing Motion made by Mr. Morris, was not put to the House, it being deemed unnecessary.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Morris took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock:

MONDAY, 17th MARCH, 1800.

## PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read.

On Motion of Mr. McMonagle, *ordered*, That the hearing of the Petition of Robert FitzRandolph be postponed until Monday the 24th instant.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *an Act for the equal Distribution of the Estates and Effects of Insolvent Debtors to, and amongst their Creditors*, also

A Bill in Amendment of an Act, for providing Pounds in the several Townships in this Province, were severally read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Morris took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

On Motion of Mr. Morris, *ordered*, That the Thanks of this House be given to the Reverend Mr. Stanfer, Rector of St. Paul's, and Chaplain to the House for the Sermon by him preached before this House Yesterday, and that Mr. Morris, do acquaint him therewith.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1800.

## PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. Dimock, *ordered*, That Mr. Morris, do request the Reverend Mr.

Mr. *Stanfer* to furnish this House with a Copy of the Sermon preached by him before the House ; for the Purpose of printing the same.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills, which stood committed ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
Mr. *Gracie* took the Chair,  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*, as follows :  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House in Favor of *William Findlay*.

The Council have agreed to a Conference with this House by Committee, on the subject of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, respecting the Agency of the Province immediately in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Committee do attend at the Conference with the Council,  
And the Names of the Committee were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself again into a Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred ; and that the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he read the Resolution in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows ;

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient that leave be given by the House, to the Merchants of *Halifax*, to appear before the House by Committee, in Support of their Petition.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, which Report upon the Question being put thereupon, was agreed to by the House, and thereupon

*Ordered*, That the Merchants of *Halifax* have leave to appear at the Bar of this House by Committee To-morrow, in Support of the Allegations set forth in their Petition.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. *Tonge* *reported* from the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Council on the subject of the Agency of the Province, that they had conferred accordingly ; and that in the Conference the Committee had acquainted them, that the Council were ready to concur with this House in the Appointment of *Scroope Bernard*, Esquire, as Provincial Agent in *England*, and thereupon

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That *Scroope Bernard*, Esquire, be the Agent for the Province, resident in *London*.

*Resolved*, That the Committee who conferred with the Council on the Subject of the said Agency, do again confer with the Council, for the purpose of drawing up jointly with the Council, the necessary Powers for constituting and appointing *Scroope Bernard*, Esquire, the Agent as above-mentioned.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council, with the foregoing Resolution.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Eleven of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the Petition of *Andrew Belcher*, and others, Merchants of *Halifax* was read, and the Committee of the Merchants appeared at the Bar of the House, and having been heard in Support of the said Petition, thereupon

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock:

THURSDAY, 20th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Dimock*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to exempt the Inhabitants of the County of *Hants*, from being hereafter taxed or amerced for the Repairs of the Bridge lately erected over the River *Avon*; and the same was read a first Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Morris*, *reported* from the Committee appointed to confer with the Council on the subject of the Aid, that may appear necessary to be granted for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as follows ;

That the Committee have had a Conference with a Committee of his Majesty's Council on the subject of Roads and Bridges, who informed the Committee they were instructed to say, that his Majesty's Council will assent to the Votes of this House for a Sum not exceeding five Thousand Pounds to be laid out in making and Repairing such Roads, Bridges, &c. as may be agreed on by the Legislature. That the Committee beg leave to suggest that this Sum is far short of what they conceive to be indispensably necessary, for these very important Objects. And having exercised their best Judgement as to such Roads, Bridges, &c. which claim immediate Attention do report as follows ; That the Sum of

£.450 Be appropriated for the Road from *Shelburne* to *Yarmouth* on *Richard's Road*, which was opened by publick Subscription of the Inhabitants.

£.300 From *Yarmouth* to *Monzean River*.

£.160 For erecting Bridges on the Main Road leading through the Township of *Clare*.

£.200 For the Road from *Sciffabou* to *Digby*.

£.150



- £.150 From *Lunenburg* to *Chester*.  
 £.300 From *Chester* to *Windsor*.  
 £.200 From *Onslow* to *Tatamagushie*.  
 £.100 Between *Remsberg* and the *Cumberland Road* leading to *Halifax*.  
 £.600 For opening a Road from *Milford Haven*, in the County of *Sydney* to *Antigonishe*, and from *Antigonishe* to the Settlement on the Gulf of *Saint Lawrence*, near the Cove called *Malignant Cove*.  
 £.100 For exploring a Road from the Head of *Milford Haven* to the *Musquedoboit Road*.  
 £.50 For the Road between *Scotch Bay* and *Cornwallis Mountain*.  
 £.200 From the *Musquedoboit River* commencing at the Settlement of *Colbeck's*, and from thence to *Bogg's*, and from *Bogg's* to the Settlement of *George Campbell*, on the Main Road from *Piitou* to *Halifax*.  
 £.325 For Roads and Bridges in *Douglas's*.  
 £.200 From the Northern Boundary of *Rawdon* to the *Halifax Road*.  
 £.200 Between *Newport* and the Road leading to *Halifax*.  
 £.50 From the Bridge over the River *Cockmagun* to the District of *Man of War Land* in the County of *Hauts*.  
 £.60 From *Kennetcook Bridge* to *River Petit*.  
 £.50 From *Shelburne* to *Sable River*.  
 £.150 Towards completing the Road from *Liverpool* to *Ništaur*.  
 £.50 From the Head of *Cole Harbour* to *Lawrence Town*.  
 £.100 From *Spryfield* to *St. Margaret's Bay*.  
 £.25 From *Halifax* to *Ketch Harbor*.  
 £.25 From *Halifax*, to *Prospect*.  
 £.230 From Lot No. 1, A. and B. in the second Division of 300 Acre Lots in N. W. Range, County of *Lunenburg*, to the *Ništaur Road*.  
 £.50 From *Partridge Island* to *Cape Doree*.  
 £.25 Through the upper part of *Cornwallis* to the *Pine Grove* on the *Annapolis Road*.  
 £.150 From *Petit Passage* to the Head of *St. Mary's Bay* in the Township of *Digby*.  
 £.300 From *Windsor Road* to the *Shubenaccadie Bridge*.  
 £.200 From the *Shubenaccadie Bridge* towards *Hall's* on the *Cobequid Road*.  


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 £.5000.

The Committee further state that after the foregoing Sums are granted for the Purposes already mentioned, it will be of public Benefit to appropriate,

- £.100 In opening and completing the Road from the middle Settlement of *Sewiack* to *Dickey's* on the Main Road to *Halifax*, a distance of 14 Miles.  
 £.400 From *John Henley's* on *Salmon River* to *Truro*, being nine Miles, and part of the Main Road, leading from *Piitou* to *Truro*.  
 £.150 From the New Bridge on the River *Avon* to the three Mile Plain.  
 £.400 From the said Bridge on the new Road to *Horton*.  
 £.100 From *Sharp's* on the *Cornwallis Road* to *Aylesford Line*.  
 £.50 From *Aylesford Line* towards *Annapolis* for Bridges.  
 £.200 Towards completing the Road from Mr. *Isaac Langley's* to the Dwelling House of Mr. *Jonathan Morse* in the Eastern District of *Annapolis* and for Building a Bridge over the *Annapolis River*, near *Dodge's Tavern*.  
 £.100 From *Londonderry Line* to *Parrsborough Road*.  
 £.50 From *Annapolis Gut* on the *Granville* side to the *Annapolis Ferry*.  


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 £.1550.

The Committee submit to the Consideration of the House the great Benefit, that will result by encouraging a few industrious Families to settle on the Road from *Colechester* to *Cumberland*; from *Liverpool* to *Ništaur*; and the other New Roads; for the Convenience of Travellers, as an Encouragement to the general Settlement of these Roads. The mode of Encouragement, and the Sums to be appropriated to these Purposes, the Committee submit to the Consideration of the House.

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. *Fulton* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for altering and amending an Act made in the 32d Year of his Majesty, King *George* the 2d for preventing Trespasses, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time,

The Order of the day being read.

The House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolutions in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows ;

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it will not be expedient to make any material Reduction or Alteration in the Duties now payable for the present Year.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that an additional Duty should be paid of three pence per Gallon on all Spirits : two Shillings and Six Pence *per Cwt.* on Brown Sugar, and one Penny per Pound on Coffee imported into the Province of which one third Part shall not have been purchased with the Produce thereof ; and also that an additional Duty of three Pence per Gallon, be paid on all Molasses imported into the Province, otherwise than direct from the West Indies.)

(*Provided*, That none of those additional Duties shall extend to Prize Goods.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Articles of Porter, Ale, Gunpowder and refined Sugar should only be subject to the general Duty of Two and a half *per Cent.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all unwrought Iron, Anchors, Grapnels, Sail Cloth, Cordage, Lines, Hooks and Twine, should be exempted from any Duty whatever.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Duties imposed by the Act of the 32d Year of *GEORGE* the 3d, for increasing the Revenue by laying a Duty on all Goods imported into the Province, should be secured by attaching all the Penalties, forfeitures, &c. contained in an Act, made in the 33d Year, of *GEORGE* 3d, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties for paying off the public Debt, and in an Act made in the same Year to provide for the Support of his Majesty's Government by laying a Duty on Wine, &c. to the Person, Vessel and Goods of any Person acting in Disobedience of the first mentioned Act.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Bonds, which have been heretofore taken for securing the Duties on Goods, imported into the Province, should be cancelled on the obligor named in each Bond, together with two good and sufficient Securities entering into a new Bond conditioned for the Payment of the several Sums secured by such Bonds, one third Part thereof in six Months ; One third Part thereof in Twelve Months, and the Residue in eighteen Months.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Bonds in the Hands of the Attorney General for securing Duties as aforesaid, should be put on the same footing.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Bonds to be taken for securing the Duties on all future Importations should have two good Sureties to join in each Bond, and shall be conditioned for the Payment of one Quarter Part in four Months ; one Quarter Part in Eight Months. One Quarter Part in  
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Twelve Months, and the residue in Sixteen Months:

The said Resolutions were read a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Morris*, and Mr. *Cochran* be a Committee to prepare, and bring in a Bill, agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 21st MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS.

*Nathan Utley* Esquire, returned duly elected for the Township of *Yarmouth*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

A Bill to exempt the Inhabitants of the County of *Hants*, from being hereafter taxed or amerced for the Repairs of the Bridge lately erected over the River *Avon*, Also

A Bill for altering and amending an Act, made in the 3d Year of his Majesty King *GEORGE* the Second, for preventing Trespasses, were severally read a second time,

*Resolved*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House,

Mr. *Wilkins* reported from the Committee appointed to alter, amend and continue, the Act respecting Licensed Houses; and accordingly presented a Bill to continue and amend an Act, passed in the 39th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act, for raising a Revenue, to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licenced, to keep public Houses or Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such publick Houses and Shops*; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Committee on Roads, &c. be referred to a Committee of Supply:

On Motion *Resolved*, That this House, will now *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government, and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of Supply accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the same at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the Business to them referred, and thereupon.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be read To-morrow,

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Subject of Roads do take into Consideration the State of the Main Road leading from *Halifax* to *Cumberland*, and that they report thereon specially to the House as soon as possible.

Mr. *Millidge* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating the Times and Places for holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas* and *General Sessions of the Peace* in the County of *Annapolis*, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved.*

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 22d MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

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

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the Report made by the Committee of Supply yesterday was read by the Clerk, and is as follows.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £450 should be granted and paid for making and repairing the Road leading from *Shelburne* to *Yarmouth* on *Richard's* Road, which was opened by public Subscription of the Inhabitants:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £300 should be granted and paid for the opening a Road from *Yarmouth* to *Montegan* River,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum £160 should be granted and paid for erecting Bridges on the main Road leading through the Township of *Clare*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200 should be granted and paid for the Repair of the Road leading from the Church at *Scisabou* to *Philip Wortman's* house on the Road from *St. Mary's Bay* to *Digby*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, the the Sum of £150 should be granted and paid for opening a Road leading from *Lunenburg* to *Chester* and erecting a Bridge over *Gould's* River,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £300 should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from *Chester* to *Palmer's* in *Windfor*,

*Resolved*. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200 should be granted and paid for repairing the Road from *Onslow* to *Tatamagushe*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100 should be granted and paid for making and repairing the Road between *Ramsbeg*, and the road from *Cumberland* towards *Halifax*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £600 should be granted and paid for opening a Road from *Milford Haven* in the County of *Sydney* to *Antigonishe* and from thence to the settlement on the Gulf of *St. Lawrence* near the Cove called *Malignant Cove*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100 should be granted and paid to explore a direct Road from the Head of *Cbedebuto* Bay to the *Musquodoboit* road leading to *Halifax*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50 should be granted and paid for repairing the Road between *Scotch Bay* in *King's County*, and the top of *Cornwallis* mountain.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200 should be granted and paid for repairing the Road from the *Musquodoboit* river, commencing at the Settlement of *Colbeck's*, and from thence to *Bogg's* to the Settlement of *George Campbell* on the Main Road from *Pisheu* to *Halifax*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £325 should be granted and paid for the repairing of the Roads in the Township of *Douglafs*; £150 of which Sum for erecting the Bridges over the *Shubenaccadie* and the nine Mile River, and for cutting out the Road to the River *Kenetcook*; £50 from the River *Kenetcook*, to the *Village Noel*; and £125 for improving the Road through *Douglafs* from the Eastern Boundary Line of *New-Port*, to the Intersection of the *Rawdon* Road; and thence to the Northern Boundary Line of *Rawdon* on the said Road,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200 should be granted and paid for the Repair of the Road leading from the Northern Boundary of the Township of *Rawdon*, to *Pigot's Lake*, on the Main Road leading to *Halifax*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200 should be granted and paid for making and repairing the Road, between *Beaver Brook* in *Newport*, and the *Halifax* Road including the Bridges over the River *Hebere* and *Meander*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50 should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road from the Bridge over the River *Cockmagun*, to the District, called *Man of War Land*, on the Basin of *Minas* in the County of *Hants*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £60 should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from the Bridge over the River *Kenetcook*, to the River *Petit* on the Basin of *Minas*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50 should be granted and paid for making a Road from *Shelburne* to *Sable River*.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £150, should be granted and paid towards completing the Road leading from *Liverpool* to *Ništaur*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from the Head of *Cole Harbour* to *Lawrence Town*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100 should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from *Spryfield* to *St. Margarets Bay*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £25, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from *Halifax* to *Ketch Harbour*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £25, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from *Halifax* to *Prospect*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £230, should be granted and paid for making a Road from Lot number One A. and B. in the second Division of 300 Acre Lots in the N. W. Range in the County of *Lunenburg* to the *Ništaur* Road.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be granted and paid for the opening and repairing the Road, leading from *Partridge Island* to *Cape Doree*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £25, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road through the upper Part of the Township of *Cornwallis* from *Silas Rand's* to the *Pine Grove* on the *Annapolis* Road.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £150, should be granted and paid for making the Road leading from the *Petit Passage*, in the Township of *Digby*, to the Head of *St. Mary's Bay*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £300, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from the *Windsor* Road to the *Shubennacadie* Bridge.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from the *Shubenaccadie* Bridge, towards *Hall's* on the *Cobequid* Road.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100, should be granted and paid for opening and completing the Road leading from the middle Settlement of *Sewack*, to *Dickey's* on the Main Road, to *Halifax*.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £400, should be granted and paid, for, making and repairing the Road leading from *John Hendley's* on *Salmon River*, to *Truro* being part of the Main Road leading from *Pištou* to *Truro*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £300, should be granted and paid for making a Road from the New Bridge on the River *Avon*, to the *Three Mile Plain* near *Windsor* in the County of *Hants*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £400 should be granted and paid for making the Road leading from the new Bridge over the River *Avon* to *Truro*.

*Resolved*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100, should be granted and paid for the repairing the Road from *Curry's* on the *Annapolis* Road, to the Western Boundary of *Aylesford*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be granted and paid for Building Bridges on the Road leading to *Annapolis*, commencing from the Western Boundary of the Township of *Aylesford*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Sum of £200, should be granted and paid towards repairing the Road from Mr. *Isaac Langley's*, to the Dwelling House of Mr. *Jonathan Morse*, in the Eastern District of *Annapolis*, and for building a Bridge over the *Annapolis* River, near *Dodge's* Tavern.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100, should be granted and paid for making a Road, leading from the Line of *Londonderry* to the *Parrsborough* Road.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road from the Gut of *Annapolis* on the *Granville* Side, to the *Annapolis* Ferry.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £25, should be granted and paid to assist the Settlers at *Black Rock*, in making a Road on the North Side of the *Cornwallis* Mountain, to the first Settlement on the South Side of said Mountain.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100, should be granted and paid for building a Bridge over the River *Macan*, and towards repairing the Road, leading from *Patridge* Island to the Settlement of *Macan*, and from thence to *Napan* Bridge.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road from Doctor *Bolman's* Farm, in *Lunenburg*, to the River *Labave*, above the Falls on the said River.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £150, should be granted and paid, for making Bridges and Causeways on the Road from *Niataur* to *Liverpool*.

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question, being put, that the House should agree to the same, thereupon

Mr. *Millidge*, moved, That the House do not agree to the Resolution which relates to the Granting of £100, for exploring a direct Road from the Head of *Che-debucto-Bay*, to the *Musquedobit* River, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon it here appeared for the Motion 10, against the Motion 23.

For the Motion,

Mr. *Millidge*,  
Mr. *Bolman*,  
Mr. *Sargent*,  
Mr. *McCurdy*,  
Mr. *Uiley*,  
Mr. *Allison*,  
Mr. *Morton*,  
Mr. *McMonagle*,  
Mr. *Chipman*,  
Mr. *Tborne*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Cochran*,  
Mr. *Campbell*,  
Mr. *Gracie*,  
Mr. *Morris*,  
Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,  
Mr. *Cox*,  
Mr. *Dimock*,  
Mr. *Moody*,  
Mr. *Roach*,  
Mr. *Monk*,  
Mr. *Mortimer*,  
Mr. *Wilkins*,  
Mr. *Tonge*,  
Mr. *Barfs*,  
Mr. *Lusby*,  
Mr. *Northrup*,  
Mr. *Crane*,  
Mr. *Chandler*,  
Mr. *Fulton*,  
Mr. *Robie*,  
Mr. *Lovett*,  
Mr. *Oxley*,  
Mr. *Rutberford*,

So it passed in the Negative.

The said Resolutions was then agreed to by the House, and thereupon Mr. *Wilkins*, moved, That the several Resolutions first passed in the Committee to the Amount of £5000, for making and repairing Roads be now sent to the Council; and that the remaining Resolutions to the Amount of £2,025, be for the present withheld; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 13, against it 18, So it passed in the Negative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolutions as reported from the Committee to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock:

MONDAY, 24th MARCH, 1800.

## PRAYERS.

A Bill to alter, amend and continue an Act, passed in the 39th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licenced to keep publick Houses or Shops for the Retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such publick Houses and Shops*, also,

A Bill for regulating the Times and Places for holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace*, in the County of *Annapolis*, were severally read a second Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Mr. Millidge*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in the Province to raise Monies for the erecting Pounds therein, and accordingly presented a Bill for providing Pounds in the several Townships of the Province, and the same was read a first Time ;

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time,

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the Petition of *Robert FitzRandolph* was read, and Counsel having appeared, and been fully heard by the House in Support of the same, as also on the Part of the sitting Member *Phineas Lovett, Junr. Esquire*, thereupon

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be dismissed ;

*Resolved*, That *Phineas Lovett, Junr. Esquire*, is duly elected to represent the Township of *Annapolis* in the present *General Assembly*.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1800.

## PRAYERS.

A Bill for providing Pounds in the several Townships of the Province, was read a second Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Mr. Monk*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill on the several Resolutions passed in the Committee of Ways and Means, and accordingly presented a Bill to amend, and continue an Act made in the 32d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act for the further Increase of the Revenue of this Province* ; and also, *an Act made in the 33d Year of his said Majesty's Reign*, intituled, *an Act for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles herein mentioned, &c.* and the same was read a first Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Mr. Moody*, reported from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the State of the Main Road leading from *Halifax* to *Cumberland*, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows.

That the Committee are of Opinion the following Sums should be granted for the Service of the Road to them referred, viz.

£500, to compleat the Main Road from *Hall's* near the Great Lake to *Truro*.

£50 to Build a Bridge on Great Village River in *Londonderry* on the great Road to *Cumberland*.

£300, to repair the said Road from the North Bounds of *Londonderry* to the Bridge over the River *Philip*.

£400, From the said Bridge over the River *Philip* to the River *Napan*, in the Township of *Amberst*.

And that the Committee earnestly recommend to the House to instruct the Members

bers from *Liverpool, Cumberland, &c.* to obtain information during the recess of the House, as to the particular situations which may be proper and necessary for the Accomodations and Encouragement of Settlers on the new Roads, and the best mode to produce this desirable Object, in order, that at the next Session the House may receive full information and be enabled to come to some satisfactory determination in the Premises.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be referred to the Committee of the whole House, who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government, and thereupon

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of Supply accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *McMonagle*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee; that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows;

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £500 should be granted and paid to complete the Main Road from *Hall's* near the Grand Lake to *Truro*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50 should be granted and paid for Building a Bridge over great *Village* River in *Londonderry* on the great Road to *Cumberland*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £300 should be granted and paid to repair the great Road to *Cumberland* from the North Bounds of *Londonderry* to the Bridge over the River *Philip*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £400 should be granted and paid for the Repair of the great Road and the Bridges to *Cumberland* from the Bridge over the River *Philip* to the River *Napan* in the Township of *Amberst*,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be granted and paid for making a Road through *M'Nutts* Island to the *Shelburne* Light-House.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200, should be granted and paid for opening and making a Road leading from *Sable* River to *Liverpool*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £60 should be granted and paid for making a Road from the *Tusket* River to the River *Jebouge* in the Township of *Yarmouth*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £60 should be granted and paid for opening a Road from the River *John* to the Road leading from *Piton* to *Truro*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100 should be granted and paid for repairing the Road from the East River of *Piton* to *Sir John Wentworth's* Grant at *Marigomise*.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £400, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from *Halifax* to *Windsor*, lying between *Mitchell's* Tavern and *Pence's* Farm:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £350, should be granted and paid towards completing the Road lately laid out round the *Ardois* Hill, and the repair of the main Road, between *Pence's* Farm, and the three Mile plain at *Windsor*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50 should be granted and paid towards enabling the Inhabitants of *Horton* to rebuild the Bridge over the River *Gaspereau* near *John Bishop's* on the Post Road, leading to *Annapolis*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50 should be granted and paid for repairing the Road from Mr. *Pernette's* House on the River *Labave* to *Petit Rivere* Bridge.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50 should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from the River *Labave* to *Sbaf-felberg's* Mill.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £25, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from the Main Road to *Fort Sackville*, to *Hammond Plain*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it would be expedient for the House to appoint a Committee to take into their Consideration the present State of the Fishery of the Province, and to Report, what in the Opinion of such Committee would be best to be done by the House for the Encouragement of the Fishery for the present Year.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it would be expedient for the House to appoint a Committee to take into Consideration and recommend to the House the best mode of appointing Commissioners to expend the Money voted the present Session for making of Roads; and also to make out a List of the Names of Persons proper to be trusted with such Expenditure; such List to be recommended to the Governor to select Commissioners out of the same.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

The said Report and Resolutions being read throughout a first and second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the several Resolutions for granting Money as reported by the Committee to the Council for their Concurrence to the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sargant*, Mr. *Gracie*, Mr. *Barfs*, Mr. *Cox*, and Mr. *Cochran* be a Committee on the Subject of the Fishery, agreeable to the Report of the Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fulton*, Mr. *Oxley*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Milidge*, Mr. *Cox*, Mr. *Barfs*, Mr. *Wilkins* and Mr. *Wallace*, be a Committee on the subject of the Appointment of Commissioners for Roads, agreeable to the Report of the Committee of Supply.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government;

Mr. *Barfs*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of *Simeon Perkins*, Esq; of *Liverpool*, and the same was read, setting forth, that in the year 1797 and 1799, the Petitioner exported from *Liverpool* to the Coast of *Labradore*, a Quantity of Spirits; on which a Drawback of the Duties are payable agreeable to Certificates annexed to the Petition. That in consequence of there being no Custom-House established or Magistrate resident on the said Coast he has been prevented from obtaining the necessary Documents to enable him to receive the Drawback of the Duties on the Article so exported; and praying the House will take his Case into Consideration, and grant him Relief therein.

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Eleven of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH 1800.

PRAYERS,

*Michael Wallace*, Esquire, returned duly elected for the County of *Halifax*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

A Bill to amend and continue an Act, made in the 32d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province*, and also,

also an Act made in the 33d Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the Support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles therein mentioned, &c. and the same was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge* *resolved*, That no further Sum be granted by the House in the present Session for the making or repairing of Roads or Bridges.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. *Robie*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend an Act relative to the Office of Sheriff, and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion the Petition of *Alexander Howe* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Annapolis*, and also the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Clements*, was read, and thereupon

Mr. *Tonge* *moved*, that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That the right of Voting for a Representative for the Town of *Annapolis*; rests in all Freeholders duly qualified according to Law, whose Freeholds are situate within the ancient Bounds of the Township of *Annapolis*; whether the same may be within the Bounds of the present Township, or comprised in the part of the ancient Township now called *Clements*, until a Representative be allowed for the Township of *Clements*, which being seconded, and after Debate thereon.

Mr. *Sargent* then *moved*, That the House do proceed to the Order of the Day, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the Motion Fifteen, against the Motion Sixteen, so it passed in the Negative, and thereupon

Mr. *Tonge's* Motion was put to the House, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eighteen, against the Motion Fourteen.

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. <i>Tonge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dimock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ;	Mr. <i>Chipman</i> ;
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Roach</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cox</i> ,	Mr. <i>Utley</i> ;
Mr. <i>Rutherford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fulton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cochran</i> ,	Mr. <i>Taylor</i> ,
Mr. <i>Oxley</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lusby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Allison</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,
Mr. <i>Millidge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mortimer</i> ,	Mr. <i>McMonagle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wallace</i> ;
Mr. <i>Gracie</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chandler</i> ;	Mr. <i>Sargent</i> ,	Mr. <i>Barfs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Northrup</i> ,	Mr. <i>Robie</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lowett</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> ;
Mr. <i>McCarthy</i> ,	Mr. <i>Moody</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Morton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bolman</i> ,		

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. *Speaker*,

The Council have passed a Bill, intituled an Act for making a recompence to the Owners and Tenants of improved Grounds taken into Highways, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

The said Bill was read a first time, and it appearing to the House, that one of the Clauses of the Bill had for its Object the appropriating of Monies in the first instance, which by right is an exclusive Privilege of this House, Mr. *Speaker* did not put a Question to the House upon the said Bill.

Mr. *Secretary Wentworth*, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor delivered to the House an Estimate of the Charge towards the Support of the Government of *Nova Scotia*, and other Expences from the 1st July 1800, to the 1st July 1801.

*Ordered*, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee, who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

THURSDAY, 27th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

A Bill to amend an Act relative to the Office of Sheriff, was read a second Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the several Bills which stood committed ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do agree to the Conference as desired by this House, on the subject of preparing the necessary Powers for appointing the Agent of the Province, and have appointed a Committee accordingly, and which Committee are ready to meet the Committee of this House immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

*Ordered*, That the Committee do attend at the said Conference, and the names of the Committee were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 28th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee to whom his Excellency's Message respecting the Building hired for the Use of his Majesty's Council, Assembly and County of *Halifax* was referred ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows ;

That the Committee have viewed the House on the publick Grounds near where the Government House is to be erected, and are of Opinion that the Sum of three Hundred Pounds will be necessary to repair the same for the *General Assembly* to sit in ; and it will also be necessary to build a convenient Room for the *Supreme Court* to sit in, which Sum of three Hundred Pounds the Committee consider will be nearly lost ; besides which in taking down the Partitions to enlarge the Rooms in the said Building it would be so weakened as to endanger the Ruin thereof by sudden gusts of Wind, in addition to which the Committee are of Opinion from the best information they have been able to procure, that the Government House will be completed in three Years from this Time, and doth therefore advise a renewal of the Lease from the Messrs. *Cochrans* for three Years to come of the same leased Premises as heretofore, after which period they hope that the Legislature and *Supreme Court* can occupy the House in which his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor now resides in. The Committee further Report, that they applied to *William Cochran*, Esqr, to know what Sum the Messrs. *Cochrans* would expect as an annual Rent for such part of their Buildings as are now leased to the Province for the Use of the *Supreme Court* and the *General Assembly*, who answered that it was their wish to leave the sum to the generosity of the House.

That the Committee beg leave further to state for the Information of the House

House, that in their Opinion one fourth part of the Sum to be given by the Province for the annual Rent aforesaid ought justly to be paid either by the Township of *Halifax* or by the County of *Halifax*, as part of the Rent for the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace*, who now make Use of the same to transact the Business of those Courts within the Premises to be leased as aforesaid.

*Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills which stood committed ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to amend and continue an Act made in the 32d year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province, &c.* and had agreed to the same, with several Amendments, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the Bill and the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Bills to them referred.

The said Report and the amendments to the Bill above-mentioned were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question, being put, that the House should agree to the same,

Mr. *Tonge* moved, That the House do not agree to the Report of the Committee so far as it relates to the said Amendments, to the Bill before mentioned, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the Motion 13, against it, 17.

For the Motion,

Mr. *Tonge*,  
Mr. *Millidge*,  
Mr. *Roach*,  
Mr. *Gracie*,  
Mr. *Moody*,  
Mr. *Mortimer*,  
Mr. *Taylor*,

Mr. *Wilkins*,  
Mr. *Candler*,  
Mr. *Fulton*,  
Mr. *Morton*,  
Mr. *McCurdy*,  
Mr. *Lusby*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Cox*,  
Mr. *Wallace*,  
Mr. *Sargent*,  
Mr. *Campbell*,  
Mr. *McMonagle*,  
Mr. *Oxley*,  
Mr. *Chipman*,  
Mr. *Northrup*,  
Mr. *Cochran*,

Mr. *Dimock*,  
Mr. *Allison*,  
Mr. *Rutherford*,  
Mr. *Thorne*,  
Mr. *Bolman*,  
Mr. *Uiley*,  
Mr. *Barfs*,  
Mr. *Lovett*,

So it passed in the Negative.

The Amendments to the Bill were then agreed to by the House,

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *Ordered*, That the Clerk do every morning immediately after reading the Proceedings of the former Day, call over the Names of the Members of the House, and such Members as may appear then to be absent from the Duty of the House, shall deposit with the Clerk the Sum of Ten Shillings, to be appropriated as the House shall think proper.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred to a future Day the Consideration of the Bill to exempt the Inhabitants of the County of *Hants*, from being hereafter taxed or amerced for the Repairs of the Bridge lately erected over the River *Avon*. That they had gone through the Bill to alter, amend and continue an Act, passed in the 39th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licenced to keep publick Houses or Shops for the Retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such publick Houses and Shops*, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without any Amendment,

and

and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the several Bills to them referred, and thereupon Mr. *Tonge* moved, that the House do not agree to the Report of the Committee so far as it relates to the Bill to exempt the Inhabitants of the County of *Hants* from being hereafter taxed or amerced for the Repairs of the Bridge lately erected over the River *Avon*, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 7, against the Motion 22,

For the Motion,

Mr. *Tonge*,  
Mr. *McMonagle*,  
Mr. *Mortimer*,  
Mr. *Northrup*,  
Mr. *Monk*,  
Mr. *Dimock*,  
Mr. *Cochran*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. <i>Millidge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Candler</i> ,	Mr. <i>McCurdy</i> ,
Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Oxley</i> ,	Mr. <i>Moody</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cox</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ulley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sargent</i> ,	Mr. <i>Robie</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Allison</i> ,	Mr. <i>Roach</i> ,	Mr. <i>Gracie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Morton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Barfs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,
Mr. <i>Taylor</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fulton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lusby</i> .
Mr. <i>Chipman</i> ,		

So it passed in the Negative.

The House then upon the Question being put, agreed to the Report of the Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Bill delivered by the Committee be engrossed.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills which stand committed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 29th MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Cochran* reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of of his Majesty's Council to examine the public Accounts; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee of his Majesty's Council and *House of Assembly* upon the publick Accounts, Report:

*Treasurer of the Province.*

His Accounts have been received up to the 31st *December* last, properly stated and correct with Vouchers for all Charges and Discharges. The Balance in the Treasury at that period arising from the various Taxes and Duties was

£.16,053 9 5½

*Collectors of Impost and Excise, Halifax District,*

Their Accounts for three Quarters to the 31st of *December* have been received properly stated and correct, there remained in their Hands at that Period for Collection subject to the usual Drawbacks (on Articles exported) Securities to the Amount of N. B. Of this Sum 3934 13 6, in the Hands of the Attorney General.

£.29025 2 5

*Lunenburg District.*

No Returns have been received.

*Liverpool District.*

The Collector has transmitted his Quarterly Returns to the 31st *December* last, and there appears by his account Current a Balance unremitted and securities in his Hands subject to a Drawback.

£.2704 8 10

*Annapolis*

*Annapolis District.*

The Collectors Accounts returned to be corrected:

*Shelburne District.*

The Collector has transmitted his Account to the 31st December last, wherein he takes Credit for £.125 3 11, which Sum has been received by the Treasurer, subsequent to that Period, and to be accounted for; There remains in his hands a Balance subject to Drawbacks

£.945 18 5½

*Yarmouth District.*

The Collector has transmitted his two Quarterly Returns up to the 1st of October, and there appears by his Account Current a Balance unremitted, and Securities in his Hands subject to Drawbacks

£. 75 13 1

*Cumberland District.*

No Returns have been received.

*Colchester District.*

No Returns have been received.

*King's County District,*

The Collectors Accounts returned to be Corrected:

*Hants District:*

No Returns have been received.

*Sydney District.*

No Returns have been received.

*Capitation Tax.*

The Treasurer has received from the Collector of Sydney

£3 0 1½

*Halifax Light-House.*

The Collectors have rendered their Accounts to the 31st December, properly stated and correct; paid into the Treasury £.460 and there remains in their Hands a Balance to be paid into the Treasury

£. 345 5 2.

*Shelburne Light-House.*

The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 31st December last, the net sum (at that period) secured and in his Hands to be remitted

£.22 13 11

*Contingent Service.*

The Sum of £.200 has been drawn for previous to the 31st December last, and there remains £.50 to be drawn for, being the residue of the Vote of last Year.

*Transient Poor.*

The Sum of £.90 has been drawn for the 31st December last, part of the £.250 voted last year, but it appears £.55 has been drawn subsequent to that period.

*Licence Duty.*

The Account of this Duty from the 1st January 1799, made up to the 21st September last; shews the Sum of £.509 7 1 net Money collected to that period; and paid into the Treasury.

ALEXR. BRYMER, } Committee of  
CHARLES MORRIS, } Council,

WM. COCHRAN,  
JOHN M'MONAGLE,  
EDWD. MORTIMER, } Committee of  
WM. A. CHIPMAN, } the House of  
JAMES TAYLOR, } Assembly.

D.. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA,

Contra

Cr.

To balance due on Account of Contingent Vote of last Session.	50 0 0
Ditto due the Grammar School Fund,	25 0 0
Ditto on Account of 10 per Cent Tax,	0 0 0
Ditto on Account of Transient Poor Vote of last Session.	160 0 0
Balance	33,044 9 10
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N.B. There is appropriated for Roads	2174 0 0
For the Government House	6900 0 0
For Publick Market	1000 0 0
Balance unappropriated	22,970 9 10
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	33,044 9 10
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	£33,279 9 10

By Balance in Hands of the Treasurer	16,053 9 5½
Securities in the Hands of Collec- tors of Impost and Excise at <i>Hali-</i> <i>fax</i> , and Attorney-General.	29,025 2 5
Deduct for probable Drawbacks	14,025 2 5
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	15,000 0 0
Balance unremitted and Securities in the Hands of the Out-Port Collectors	3726 0 4½
Deduct for probable Drawbacks	1500 0 0
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	2,226 0 4½
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	£33,279 9 10

ALEXANDER BRYMER, } Committee of Council.  
CHARLES MORRIS, }

WILLIAM COCHRAN,  
JOHN McMONAGLE,  
EDWARD MORTIMER,  
WM. ALLEN CHIPMAN,  
JAMES TAYLOR, }  
Committee of  
the  
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The Chairman also delivered to the House the following Accounts ; viz.	
Doctor <i>Gschwind</i> for Services as Health Officer for the Port of <i>Halifax</i> , between the 4th <i>June</i> , 1799, and 6th <i>March</i> last	£.120 7 6
<i>John M<sup>c</sup>Monagle</i> , ditto at <i>Windsor</i> , between 20th <i>September</i> and 31st <i>December</i> , 1799	£.11 0 0
<i>John Bolman</i> , ditto at <i>Lunenburg</i> , 9th <i>October</i> and 28th <i>Dec.</i> do	£. 4 0 0
<i>Nathan Tupper</i> , ditto at <i>Liverpool</i> , 23d <i>September</i> 1799, and 6th <i>January</i> 1800.	£.18 0 0
<i>Edward Brinley</i> , ditto at <i>Shelburne</i> , 1st <i>August</i> 1799, to 4th <i>Ja-</i> <i>nuary</i> 1800.	£.20 0 0
Amounting to	<u>£.173 7 6.</u>

And Also an Account from *John<sup>s</sup> George Pyke*, Esq ; of the expenditure of £.145, on Account of the Sum voted for Transient Poor in the last Session, and thereupon, Ordered, That the said Report and the several Accounts do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. *Cochran* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in further Amendment of an Act passed in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wines, Rum and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c.* and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. *Robie*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Clause to be made part of the Revenue Bill passed by the House yesterday for a third reading, as a Rider to said Bill and the said Clause was read a first time, and thereupon

On Motion Resolved, That the foregoing Bill in further Amendment of an Act passed in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign for granting to his Majesty certain Duties, &c. and the Clause abovementioned be now read a second time, and the same were read accordingly.

Resolved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of the said Bill, and the Clause to be added to the Revenue Bill, and the House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred to a future Day the Consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that they had gone through the Clause to be added to the Revenue Bill, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the said Clause and the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table; the said Report was agreed to and the Amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question being put thereupon, also agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clause and the Amendments be engrossed,

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for altering and amending the Act for preventing Trespasses, and had made several Amendments thereunto; That they had directed him to report the Bill for regulating the Times and Places for holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Annapolis* without any Amendment, and that the Committee had come to a Resolution on the Bill relative to the Office of Sheriff as follows, viz. Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House should appoint a Committee to take into Consideration the subject Matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

The Chairman also acquainted House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred,



ferred, and afterwards delivered the Report together with the Bills and the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bills and the Amendments as reported by the Committee be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the Bill relative to the Office of Sheriff be referred to Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Campbell*, and Mr. *Crane*, agreeable to the Resolution of the Committee.

An Engrossed Bill to continue and amend an Act, made and passed in the 39th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licenced to keep publick Houses or Shops for the Retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such publick Houses and Shops, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act to continue and amend an Act, made and passed in the 39th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licenced to keep publick Houses or Shops for the Retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such publick Houses and Shops.*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock.

MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 1800.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for regulating the Times and Places for holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Annapolis*, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act for regulating the Times and Places for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and *General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Annapolis.*

An engrossed Bill to amend and continue an Act, made in the Thirty second Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for the further Increase of the Revenue, also, an Act made in the 33d Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, and for continuing the several Revenue Laws which were in force the last Year, and which are herein particularly mentioned; also the engrossed Clause to be added as a Rider to said Bill were read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act, to amend and continue an Act, made in the 32d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province; also an Act made in the Thirty third Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, and for continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and which are herein particularly mentioned.*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. *Morris*, reported from the Committee to whom the Bill relative to the Office of Sheriff was referred, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows:

That the Committee in examining into the several Duties that appertain to the Office of Sheriff for the County of *Halifax*, find several important Services have been performed by him for which no provision appears to have been made, and that

that the Table of Fees established for the Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, do not appear to be adequate to the Service generally performed by him, particularly in the allowance for Travel; which in the said County is in many instances attended with great Trouble and unavoidable Expence. That the Committee therefore recommend to the House to allow the Sum of Fifty Pounds *per Annum* to the Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, as Compensation for all Services performed by him; for which no Provision has been made. And,

That the Committee also further recommend to the House to make Provision for Payment of the Sheriffs Patents for the several Counties, as in some Instances particularly in the County of *Shelburne* the Amount of their Fees have been scarcely equal to the Expence of the Payment.

*Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members:

Mr. Treasurer *Wallace* by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor laid before the House the following Accounts for Demands on the Government, viz.

An Account of *William Allan*, Carpenter for Work done on the

Government Buildings,			£281	10	4
Ditto of <i>Michael Perkins</i> ,	do.	do.	4	19	9
Ditto of <i>John Anderson</i> , Mason,		do.	45	10	10
Ditto of <i>William Lawlor</i> , Painter,		do.	81	3	2
Ditto of <i>John Hay</i> , Mason,		do.	22	14	3
Ditto of <i>William Minns</i> for Paper Hangings		do.	12	3	9
Ditto of <i>Hartshorne &amp; Boggs</i> for Ironmongery,		do.	34	13	4½
Ditto of <i>Alexander Cocken</i> for Repairs at <i>Shelburne</i> Light House,			6	2	0
Ditto of <i>Isaac Rigby</i> , Carpenter,		do.	3	0	0
Ditto of <i>John Merrick</i> , Painter for do. at <i>Sambro</i> Light House			2	10	0

amounting to

£494 7 5½

And thereupon *Ordered*, That the said Accounts, together with the several Accounts of the Health Officers, and the Account of the Expenditure for the Support of transient Poor now before the House, be referred to Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Mortimer*, and Mr. *Chipman*, who are to examine into the Charges of the same, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. *Millidge* pursuant to leave given, presented three Petitions from the Inhabitants of the County of *Annapolis* and the same were read, setting forth, that great public Benefit resulted to the said County at large during the Time an Act passed in the 37th Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "an Act, for making, repairing, laying out and altering Highways, Bridges and Streets within the County of *Annapolis*, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants within the said County to be performed in, and about the same;" was in force, and praying that the said Act may be again revived and continued, and thereupon.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Fulton*, and Mr. *Wilkins* do prepare and bring in a Bill for reviving and continuing the Act above mentioned, and also a Bill for continuing the several Acts, which will expire on the 31st of July next, and do not appertain to the Revenue.

On Motion *ordered*, That the Report of the Committee on the subject of the Bill, relative to the Office of Sheriff be referred to a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills, which stand committed, and thereupon.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills, which stood committed;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, an Act for the equal Distribution of the Estates

Estates, and Effects of Insolvent Debtors to and amongst their Creditors, and had made an Amendment thereunto. That they had gone through the Bill for providing Pounds in the several Counties of the Province, and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House without any Amendment. That the Committee had considered the Report relative to the Office of Sheriff, and were of Opinion, that from the great Expence of living at the present Time, and the Increase of Duty to be done by the Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, for which by Law he is entitled to receive no Fee, it was necessary, that some temporary Provision should be made to enable the said Sheriff to receive Compensation for such Extra Services, and therefore *resolved* as the Opinion of the Committee, that the Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, should be paid out of the Province Treasury the Sum of Fifty Pounds quarterly for the ensuing Year; *Provided*, that such Allowance shall not be considered as a Precedent for any future Application of the same Nature. And the Chairman afterwards delivered the said Report, with the Bills and Amendments above mentioned in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question being put, that the House do agree to the same, thereupon

Mr. *McMonagle* moved, That the said Report be not received by the House so far as it relates to the granting of £50, to the Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, for the ensuing Year, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 14, against it 18.

For the Motion,

Mr. <i>McMonagle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sargent</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>McCurdy</i> ,
Mr. <i>Roach</i> ,	Mr. <i>Allison</i> ,
Mr. <i>Woollenhaupt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Monk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lusby</i> ,
Mr. <i>Northup</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bolman</i> ,
Mr. <i>Chipman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Utley</i> ,

Against the Motion,

Mr. <i>Wallace</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Oxley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tonge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Barfs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cochran</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thorne</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cox</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dimock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mortimer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fulton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Taylor</i> ,	Mr. <i>Rutherford</i> ,
Mr. <i>Gracie</i> ,	Mr. <i>Moody</i> ,
Mr. <i>Robie</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chandler</i> ,

So it passed in the Negative.

The House then agreed to the Report of the Committee, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Amendments made to the engrossed Bill from the Council, intitled, *an Act for the equal Distribution of the Estates and Effects of Insolvent Debtors to, and amongst their Creditors*, be engrossed, and that the said Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Bill for providing Pounds in the several Townships of this Province be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st, 1800.

PRAYERS,

On reading the Proceedings of Yesterday,

Mr. *Millidge* moved, That the Resolution for granting the Sum of Fifty Pounds for the ensuing Year be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 19, against Motion 14.

For the Motion,

Mr. <i>Millidge</i> ,	Mr. <i>McCurdy</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sargent</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dimock</i> ,
Mr. <i>McMonagle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Woollenhaupt</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rutherford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bolman</i> ,
Mr. <i>Chipman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Allison</i> ,	Mr. <i>Utley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Northup</i> ,	Mr. <i>Moody</i> ,
Mr. <i>Monk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Thorne</i> ,
Mr. <i>Roach</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,
Mr. <i>Lusby</i> ,	

Against the Motion,

Mr. <i>Taylor</i> ,	Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cox</i> ,	Mr. <i>Chandler</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cochran</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fulton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Gracie</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tonge</i> ,
Mr. <i>Robie</i> ,	Mr. <i>Barfs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wallace</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mortimer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Oxley</i> ,

So it passed in the Affirmative.

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Mr. Millidge reported from the Committee on the subject of the Appointment of Commissioners for expending Monies granted for Roads, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and thereupon;

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act, to continue and amend an Act, made and passed in the 39th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licenced to keep publick Houses or Shops for the Retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such publick Houses and Shops, without any Amendment.*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act for altering and amending an Act, made in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the second, intituled *an Act for preventing Trespasses, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act for regulating the Times and Places for holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace* in the County of Annapolis.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, an Act for the equal Distribution of the Estates and Effects of Insolvent Debtors to and amongst their Creditors, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this House have agreed to the same, with an Amendment.

An engrossed Bill for providing Pounds in the several Townships in this Province, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be *an Act for providing Pounds in the several Townships in this Province.*

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act to amend and continue an Act, made in the 32d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province; also an Act made in the 33d Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, and for continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and which are herein particularly mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion of Mr. Tange, resolved, that this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of Ways and Means, and the present State of the Province.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled, an Act for altering and amending an Act, made in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King GEORGE the 2d, intituled an Act for preventing Trespasses into Consideration, and the said Amendments being read throughout the first and second Time, was upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this House have agreed to the Amendment made by them.

On Motion of Mr. Millidge, ordered, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Millidge, and Mr. Moody do prepare, and bring in a Bill in Amendment of the Militia Act, to provide  
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more effectually for the Transportation of the Baggage, and the Subsistence of his Majesty's Forces when on a March.

On Motion the Report of the Committee on the Subject of the Building hired for the Use of his Majesty's Council, Assembly, and County of *Halifax*, was read and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government, and thereupon,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of Supply accordingly;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had considered the Report to them referred, and had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read and are as follows, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to hire the Building at present occupied by his Majesty's Council, Assembly and County of *Halifax*, for the Term of five Years certain, from the Expiration of the Lease now existing, and if the Province shall have Occasion to hold the same longer, it may be lawful so to do on giving six Months Notice of such Intention, before the Expiration of the said five Years, and mentioning in such Notice the period which the Province may wish to overhold. *Provided* such period shall not exceed Five Years in Addition to the Term of five Years before mentioned.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £300, should be granted and paid per Annum for the Rent of the said Building during the Term before stated.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

The said Report and Resolutions were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Robie*, Mr. *Wilkins* and Mr. *Mortimer* do prepare, and bring in an enacting Clause conformable to the foregoing Resolutions, to be made part of the Appropriation Act of the present Session.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Ten of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2d, 1800

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Monk* presented a Petition of *David Marc Antoine*, in behalf of himself and forty Families of Indians, belonging to the District of *Antigonishe*, *Pomquet* and *Tracadie* in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, addressed to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and by his Excellency recommended to the Consideration of the House, and the same was read, setting forth: That the Petitioners are in a starving Condition, and almost destitute of Clothing, in consequence of the Failure of Game in their Hunting Grounds; and the difficulty of catching Fish from the great thickness of the Ice, and the uncommon depth of Snow adjoining the Shores, and praying relief, and thereupon

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Wallace* pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of *William Smith*, *John Powell*, and *John Martin* of *Ketch Harbour*, in behalf of themselves, and others, Fishermen on the Coast of the Province, and the same was read, setting forth, That from the high price of Salt and all other Supplies necessary for the Fisheries, and the low price of the Fish when cured and fit for the Market; the Petitioners and others employed in the Fishery are reduced to great Poverty and Distress, and

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with difficulty enabled to keep their Families from Want, and praying the House will take their Case into Consideration, and grant a Bounty on Fish and Oil when cured for Market, or such other relief as to them may seem fit.)

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the State of the Fishery of the Province.

The Order of the Day being read,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of Ways and Means, and the present state of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, they had gone through the Business to them referred and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows;

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed to prepare, and bring in a new Revenue Bill substantially conformable to the principle contained in the Revenue Bill, which already passed the House.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Robie*, and Mr. *Tongé* do prepare, and bring in a Bill, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. *Millidge* *reported* from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill to amend the Act passed in the last Session for the Sale of the Glebe Land in *Granville*, and accordingly presented a Bill to amend and render more effectual, an Act made and passed in the Thirty ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, and for purchasing another Estate as a perpetual Glebe for the resident Minister of the Established Church in said Township*, and the same was read a first Time.

On Motion *Resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second time, and the same was read accordingly,

On Motion *Resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and also the Bill relative to the Office of the Sheriff, and thereupon.

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bills accordingly;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had directed him to report the Bill to amend and render more effectual the Act for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of *Granville*, without any Amendment, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that they had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Bill, relative to the Office of Sheriff, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Ten of the Clock.

THURSDAY, 3d APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill to amend and render more effectual an Act, made and passed in the Thirty ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, and for purchasing another Estate as a perpetual Glebe for the resident Minister of the Established Church in said Township*, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act made and passed in the Thirty ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign intituled, an Act for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, and for purchasing another Estate as a perpetual Glebe for the resident Minister of the Established Church in said Township*.

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*Ordered*



**Ordered**, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence to the same.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*, as follows ;

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill intituled, *an Act in further Addition to the Act for preventing Trespasses*, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill; intituled, *an Act for the equal Distribution of the Estates and Effects of Insolvent Debtors to and amongst their Creditors*.

The Council desire a present Conference by Committee on the Subject of the Bill, intituled, *an Act for providing Pounds within the several Townships in this Province*.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the Conference as desired by the Council.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith ;

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Fulton*, and Mr. *Lusby*, do manage the said Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

The House then again *resolved*, itself into a Committee of Supply,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. *Monk* pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, presented a Bill for amending and continuing an Act, made in the Thirty second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the further Increase of the Revenue of this Province, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province*; also an Act made in the Thirty third Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, and also for continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and which are herein particularly mentioned*; likewise to relieve the Merchants of the Province from certain inconveniencies which they at present Labour under, and the same was read, a first Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had directed him to report

port the Bill to the House, without any Amendment, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 4th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for amending and continuing an Act, made in the Thirty second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the further Increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province. Also an Act made in the 33d Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province and also for continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and which are herein particularly mentioned*; likewise to relieve the Merchants of the Province from certain Inconveniencies, which they at present Labour under, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act, for amending and continuing an Act, made in the 32d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province*. Also, an Act made in the 33d Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province by laying a Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province*. And also, *for continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and which are herein particularly mentioned*; likewise to relieve the Merchants of the Province from certain Inconveniencies, which they at present Labour under.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported from the Committee of Conference with his Majesty's Council on the subject of drawing up a joint Power for the Appointment of *Scroope Bernard* Esquire, as Agent for the Province, and delivered to the House the Draft of a Power, which was read, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Draft be referred to Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Robie*, who are to have the same fairly engrossed.

Mr. *Moody*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the Contracts entered into for the Repair of Roads, Bridges, &c. and the Expenditure of the several Sums granted in the last Sessions for that Service, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as Follows, viz.

From *Avon Bridge* to *Bishop's* in *Horton*.

*Benjamin Belcher,*  
*William Campbell,*  
*Jeremiah Northrup,* } Commissioners.

Contracts entered into for this Road amount to £209 6 0, Cash paid to the Commissioners by the Treasurer £350 11 9, which leaves a Balance of £141 5 9, not accounted for by the said Commissioners, the Sum voted for this Road was £600. It also appears by an Account rendered, that the Commissioners have made sundry Charges, which in the Opinion of the Committee ought not to be allowed:

From *Partridge Island* to *Napan Bridge*:

*Eleazer Taylor,*  
*James Ratchford,*  
*Robert Read,* } Commissioners.

Amount.



Amount of Contracts entered into. £158 10 0. It appears that only £100, has been paid into the Hands of the Commissioners the Sum voted was £200.

From *Noel* to *Halifax*.

No Accounts before the Committee, but it appears by the Treasurer's Account, that £200, has been paid for opening said Road, on Account of the £200, voted in 1796. This Expenditure not subject by Law to be done by Contract.

From *Bear River* to *Gilbert's Mill*.

No Accounts before the Committee, but it appears by the Treasurer's Account, that £100, has been paid for repairing said Road, being voted in 1796. This Expenditure not subject by Law to be done by Contract.

From *Piston* towards *Truro*.

It appeared by sundry Vouchers produced, that the vote of last Session of £500, was faithfully expended.

From *Liverpool* to *Nistaur*.

*Simeon Perkins,*  
*Hallet Collins,*  
*Joseph Bars,* } Commissioners.

Contract entered into for this Road, £250, being the Vote of last Session and the same faithfully expended.

From *Londonderry* to the Boundary of *Cumberland County*.

*James Fulton,*  
*Joseph Embrie,*  
*William M'Kean,* } Commissioners.

Contracts entered into for £286 15 0. It appears, that only £150, has been paid into the Hands of the Commissioners. The Sum voted last Session was £300.

From *Gay's River* to *Truro*.

*Thomas Pearson,*  
*John Archibald,*  
*John Dixon,* } Commissioners.

Contracts entered into for Repair of Roads and Bridges, amount to £347 15 0, Cash paid to the Commissioners by the Treasurer £400, which leaves a Balance of £52 5 0, not accounted for by the said Commissioners:

Repairing the Road from *Webster's* to the Western Boundary of *King's County*.

*Joseph Magee,*  
*Robert Sharp,* } Commissioners.

Contracts have been entered into for £50, being the Amount of the Sum voted last Session; and the Amount paid into the Hands of the Commissioners.

For opening and making a Road from the three Mile near *Windsor* to *Avon Bridge*.

*George H. Monk,*  
*Jeremiah Northrup,*  
*Robert McHaffy,* } Commissioners.

Contracts have been made by the Commissioners by the Rod, the Amount of which cannot yet be ascertained, as it is not completed, but there has been £164 1 3, paid by the Treasurer being the full Amount of one Contract completed and Certified; the Vote of the last Session was £250.

For repairing and altering the Road from *Pence's Farm* to the three Mile Plaia, near *Windsor*.

*John Emerson,*  
*Richard Cunningham,* } Commissioners.  
*Rufus Fairbanks,*

A Contract appears to have entered into for the whole Distance, being about Seventeen Miles, which Contract appears to the Committee to be very loose and imperfect. Cash paid by the Treasurer to the Commissioners £650. Sum voted last Session £800.

For repairing the Road from *Sackville* to *Pence's Farm*.

*John George Pyke,* } Commissioners.  
*Daniel Wood,*

There appears only one Contract for the Repair and erecting of Bridges, £80. Money paid by the Treasurer to the Commissioners £342 4 3. Sum voted in the last Session £400.

For repairing old Road from *Falmouth* to *Bishop's Farm* in *Horton*.

*John Bishop,* } Commissioners.  
*Peter Shey,*  
*Elisha Dewolf,*

Contracts have been entered into for £95, which Sum has been paid by the Treasurer. The Sum of £5, was charged by the Commissioners for their Trouble in viewing the Road after completed, which Sum the Treasurer very properly in the Opinion of the Committee refused to pay. The Sum voted last Session £100.

For repairing Road from *Londonderry Boundary* to *Amberst*.

*Alpheus Mofs,* } Commissioners.  
*John Stewart,*  
*Gabriel Purdy,*

Contracts have been entered into £106 5 0. The Treasurer has paid the Commissioners £24 8 4. The Sum voted last Session £500.

For cutting Road round *Ardeis Hill*.

*John Emerson,* } Commissioners.  
*Richard Cunningham,*  
*Rufus Fairbanks,*

Contracts have been entered into £30.

For repairing the Road and Bridges between *Windsor Road* and *Gay's River*:

*S. B. Robie,* } Commissioners.  
*George Moore,*  
*Samuel Mercer,*

Contracts have been entered into by the Commissioners to the Amount of £393 9 2, and there had been paid into the Hands of Commissioners £400. The sum voted £500.

*Resolved*, That the said Report be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the  
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Business to them referred, and had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he read the said Resolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read and are as follows,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £.47 12 0, for exploring a Road from *Avon* Bridge to *Bishop's* in *Horton*, and the Sum of £13 13 9, charged in several Items in the Account exhibited by the Commissioners of said Road for Expences incurred by them, are not warranted by the Law passed in the last Session, which requires, that all Works performed on Roads should be done by Contract, and those Sums ought not to be deducted from the Sum appropriated for opening that Road, but the said Commissioners should prefer their Accounts for such Expenditures with proper Vouchers at a future Meeting of the Legislature.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it will be expedient for the House to appoint a Committee to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request, that he will be pleased to withhold the Balance now in the Treasury of the Sum of £800 voted for repairing and altering the Road from *Pence's* farm to the three Mile Plain near *Windsor*, until it shall have been certified to his Excellency by Persons to be by him appointed for that Purpose (not resident within the County of *Hants*) that the Contract entered into with *Daniel Hammill* for the Repair of the said Road has been actually and faithfully performed, conformable to the true spirit thereof.

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Fulton*, and Mr. *Lusby* be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *an Act in further Addition to the Act respecting Trespasses*, was read a second time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills which stood committed;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Engrossed Bill, intituled, *an Act in further Addition to the Act respecting Trespasses*, and had made an Amendment thereunto, which they directed him to report to the House; and he delivered in the Bill with the Amendment at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Bills to them referred, which Report the House agreed to.

The Amendment to the Bill above-mentioned, was read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Amendment be engrossed, and that the said Bill be read a third Time To-morrow.

Mr. *Millidge* *reported* from the Committee appointed to confer with the Council on the subject of the Bill intituled, *an Act for providing Pounds in the several Townships of this Province*; and afterwards stated the Substance of the Conference, and delivered the said Bill to the House, and thereupon

*Ordered*, That the Bill be recommitted to the Committee who prepared and brought in the same.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 5th APRIL, 1800.

## PRAYERS,

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, *an Act for providing Pounds in the several Townships of this Province* was recommitted, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Committee who have already conferred with the Council on the subject matter of the said Bill, do confer again ;

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do desire a present Conference with the Council accordingly.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *an Act in further Addition to the Act for preventing Trespasses*, was read the Third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them this House have agreed to the same with an Amendment.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred : and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same ; which Report the House agreed to.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier, as follows ;

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this House, to the Bill intituled, *an Act in further Addition to the Act for preventing Trespasses*.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act for amending and continuing an Act, made in the 32d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province ; also an Act made in the Thirty third Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province ; and also for continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and which are herein particularly mentioned, likewise to relieve the Merchants of the Province from certain Inconveniences, which they at present labour under.

The Council agree to a Conference as desired by this House, on the Bill, intituled, *an Act for providing Pounds in the several Townships in this Province*, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Sargent reported from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the present State of the Fisheries of the Province, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

[That the Committee from the Enquiries they have made, and their own Knowledge, find it necessary, that some Encouragement should be given to revive the almost annihilated Fisheries of this County, it being the principal Staple from whence springs the Revenue of the Province, to effect which the Committee recommend a Bounty to be allowed of One Shilling and Six Pence, on each Quintal of Merchantable, and One Shilling on each Quintal of *West India* Fish : And One Shilling and Six Pence on each Barrel of Pickled Fish caught by Vessels owned and manned by Inhabitants of this Province.]

The said Bounty to be paid on the Certificate of the sworn Culler or Inspector of Fish in each Town in the Province, where the same shall be brought to Market, accompanied with the Oath of the Merchants to whom the same shall be sold.

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The Committee further recommend ; that when any Fish, that has obtained the above Bounty shall be exported to the *United States of America*, the Exporter of the same, shall pay into the Treasury of the Province, One Shilling and Six Pence on each Quintal or Barrel of Fish so-exported.)

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee who are to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, resolved, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of the present State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *McMonagle* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill intituled, intituled, an Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, made and passed in the Thirty ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, and for purchasing another Estate as a perpetual Glebe for the resident Minister of the established Church in said Township*, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *McMonagle*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows ;

His Majesty's Council having rejected two Bills sent up by this House, which contained, as well the Continuation of the Acts, from which the Revenue of the Province arises, as sundry Regulations for carrying the Laws into Effect, and such Amendments as appeared to the House expedient and necessary ; and it becoming necessary to provide a Remedy for the Mischiefs which would ensue to Persons holding any Stocks of Articles liable to the present Duties at the Expiration of the existing Revenue Laws, therefore, resolved, that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it will be expedient for the House to appoint a Committee to frame a Bill to enable all Persons who may on the 31st day July next ensuing, hold Stocks of any Articles, liable to Duty to receive a Drawback of all Duties paid or secured on such Articles, as they may then have on Hand.

The said Report was read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Robie* and Mr. *McMonagle*, do prepare, and bring in a Bill conformable to the above Report of the Committee.

Mr. *Monk*, reported from the Committee to whom the Draft of the joint Power for the Appointment of *Scroope Bernard* Esquire, Agent for the Province was referred, and delivered to the House an Engrossed Copy of the same, which was read, and is as follows ;

S I R,

His Majesty's Council of *Nova-Scotia*, and the Assembly, of the same Province, on the Recommendation of his Excellency Sir *John Wentworth*, Baronet, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the same Province, having mutually voted and agreed to appoint you to be the Agent of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, and its Dependencies, in the Room of *Richard Cumberland*, Esquire, the former Agent.

We the Subscribers by Virtue of the Power, and Authority vested in us, do by these presents, constitute and appoint you, to be Agent of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, hereby giving to you the said *Scroope Bernard*, in behalf of the said Province  
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of *Nova-Scotia*, full Power and Authority to appear before any Court of Law or Equity, Body Politic or Corporate, or before his Majesty's Privy Council, or his Principal Secretaries of State or other Magistrate, or Person whatsoever as the General Agent and Representative of the said Province, and to deal and intermeddle in any Affairs and Business, touching or concerning the said Province, and especially such, respecting which, you may be particularly instructed from Time to Time by such Committee of the Council and Assembly, as has been, or may be appointed to correspond with You the said Agent.

In Witness whereof, we have Signed these Presents, and his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has caused the Seal of the Province aforesaid to be hereto annexed this Day of April in the Fortieth Year of his Majesty's Reign, *Anno-que Domini*, 1800.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk do carry the said Power to his Majesty's Council; for the Signature of the President of his Majesty's Council: and that Mr. Speaker do also execute the same on the behalf of this House.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at eight of the Clock.

MONDAY, 7th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Tonge*, pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, presented a Bill to enable all Importers who, on the 31st of *July* 1800, shall hold Stocks of any Articles, on which any Rates or Duties shall have been paid or secured, to obtain Credit upon their Securities, or to receive Drawbacks to the Amount of the Duties on such Stocks, and the same was read a first Time, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly;

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The said Amendments were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, and thereupon,

Mr. *McMonagle*, *moved*, that the said Bill, with the amendments be not engrossed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 10, against it 22.

For the Motion,

Mr. *McMonagle*,

Mr. *Wallace*,

Mr. *Fulton*,

Mr. *Candler*,

Mr. *Lovett*,

Mr. *Oxley*,

Mr. *McCurdy*,

Mr. *Lusby*,

Mr. *Sargent*,

Mr. *Crane*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Wilkins*,

Mr. *Campbell*,

Mr. *Monk*,

Mr. *Morris*,

Mr. *Cox*,

Mr. *Cochran*,

Mr. *Gracie*,

Mr. *Moody*,

Mr. *Mortimer*,

Mr. *Taylor*,

Mr. *Morton*,

Mr. *Roach*,

Mr. *Chipman*,

Mr. *Bolman*,

Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,

Mr. *Allison*,

Mr. *Rutherford*,

Mr. *Barfs*,

Mr. *Tonge*,

Mr. *Millidge*,

Mr. *Uiley*,

Mr. *Dimock*,

So it passed in the Negative.

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Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.  
Then the House adjourned till Twelve of the Clock.

The House met according to the Adjournment.

An engrossed Bill to enable all Importers, who on the 31st Day of July 1800, shall hold Stocks of any Articles on which any Rates or Duties shall have been paid or secured to obtain credit upon their Securities or to receive Drawbacks to the Amount of the Duties on such Stocks, was read the third Time, and thereupon,

Mr. *Wilkins*, moved, That the Question for the final passing said Bill be not for the present put to the House, and that a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council to request a Conference on the State of the Province, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 16, against the Motion 16.

For the Motion,

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Thorne,  
Mr. Wallace, Mr. Fulton,  
Mr. Monk, Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Wilkins,  
Mr. Morris, Mr. Chandler,  
Mr. Roach, Mr. Oxley,  
Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Uiley:  
Mr. Crane, Mr. Lovett,

Against the Motion,

Mr. McMonagle, Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Cox, Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Wollenhaupt, Mr. Barfs,  
Mr. Robie, Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tonge,  
Mr. Allison, Mr. Bolman,  
Mr. Gracie, Mr. Moody,  
Mr. Chipman, Mr. Lusby.

Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote against the Motion.  
So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *McMonagle* then moved, that the Bill do not pass this House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 10, against the Motion 23.

For the Motion.

Mr. McMonagle,  
Mr. Wallace,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Monk,  
Mr. Lusby,  
Mr. McCurdy,  
Mr. Chanaler,  
Mr. Fulton,  
Mr. Oxley,  
Mr. Lovett,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Cochran, Mr. Morris, Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Cox, Mr. Gracie, Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Robie, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Barfs,  
Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Roach, Mr. Moody,  
Mr. Campbell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Wollenhaupt, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Utley,  
Mr. Taylor, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Bolman,  
Mr. Allison, Mr. Thorne,

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to enable all Importers, who on the Thirty first Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred shall hold Stocks of any Articles, on which any Rates or Duties shall have been paid or secured to obtain Credit upon their Securities, or to receive Drawbacks to the Amount of the Duties on such Stocks.*

Mr. *Moody* then moved, that when the Clerk delivers the said Bill to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence, he do request a Conference with the Council on the Subject Matter of the Bill, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 23, against the Motion 8.

For the Motion.

Mr. Campbell, Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Monk, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Chandler, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Morris, Mr. Roach, Mr. Barfs,  
Mr. Cox, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Moody,  
Mr. Wallace, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Uiley,  
Mr. Allison, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bolman,  
Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Lovett,

Against the Motion.

Mr. McMonagle,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Gracie,  
Mr. Taylor,  
Mr. Wollenhaupt,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Dimock.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill above mentioned to the Council for their Concurrence, and also desire a Conference thereupon agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. *McMonagle*, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the Subject of the Road between *Pence's Farm*, and the three Mile near *Windfor*; That his Excellency had been waited on Accordingly, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he was much interested in having the Road to *Windfor* improved by a faithful Expenditure of the Votes of Money for that Purpose, and that he would take particular Care to have that Part of the said Road, which *Daniel Hammill*, has Contracted for minutely inspected, and that no more Money should be drawn out of the Treasury until the Contract was completed, agreeably to such Inspection.

Mr. *Tonge*, pursuant to leave given presented, a Bill for the providing and establishing of English Schools throughout the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, and the same was read a first Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8th, 1800.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the providing and establishing of English Schools throughout the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, was read a second Time, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Mortimer*, and Mr. *Campbell*, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Bill relative to the Office of Sheriff.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported*, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the Bill with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table.

The said Amendments were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, and thereupon,

Mr. *Chipman*, moved, That the said Bill with the Amendments be not engrossed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 14, against it 18.



For the Motion,		Against the Motion.	
Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Crane,	Mr. Tonge,	Mr. Fulton,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Barfs.	Mr. Moody,	Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Oxley,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lufby,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Lovett,	Mr. Mortimer,	Mr. Monk,
Mr. Sargent,	Mr. Utley,	Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Bolman,	Mr. Cox,	Mr. Robie,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Roach,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. McCurdy,
		Mr. Gracie,	Mr. Wollenhaupt,
		Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Dimock.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have greed to the Bill, intituled, an Act to enable all Importers who on the Thirty first Day of *July* in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred, shall hold Stocks of any Articles on which any Rates or Duties shall have been paid or secured to obtain Credit upon their Securities, or to receive Drawbacks to the Amount of the Duties on such Stocks, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, *ordered*, That the Petition of *Simeon Perkins*, Esquire, now before the House be referred to Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Woolenhaupt*, and Mr. *Gracie*, and that they do examine into the Merits of the same, and report their Opinion thereon to the House.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for providing Pounds in the several Townships in this Province, was recommitted, and delivered the Bill accordingly to the House, and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. *Wallace*, pursuant to leave given presented, a Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made and passed in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships of this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

On Motion *resolved*, That the said Bills be now severally read a second Time, and the same were read accordingly.

On Motion *resolved*, That the said Bills be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and the House accordingly *resolved*, itself into a Committee on the said Bills ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Gracie*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for providing Pounds in the several Townships in this Province, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House. That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of the Act relating to Highways, &c. without any Amendment, and he delivered the said Bill in at the Clerk's Table, together with the Bill and the Amendments before mentioned ;

The said Amendments were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Ten of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH 1800.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill for providing Pounds in the several Counties of this Province, was read the Third Time, *Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act for providing Pounds in the several Counties of this Province.

An Engrossed Bill relative to the Office of Sheriff was read the third Time:

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in amendment of an Act passed in the 35th Year of his present Majesty's Reign intitled; an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Acts made by the General Assembly, relating to Office of Sheriff.

An engrossed Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled, an Act for the repairing and amending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships of this Province, was read the third Time;

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made and passed in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled, an Act for the repairing and mending Highways Roads, Bridges and Streets and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships of this Province ;

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. Wallace moved, for leave to bring in Bills to continue for the ensuing Year each Branch of the Revenue Acts seperately, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, 8, against the Motion 26.

For the Motion.

Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Monk,  
Mr. Wallace,  
Mr. McMonagle,  
Mr. Lovett,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Fulton,

Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Moody,  
Mr. Cox,  
Mr. Taylor,  
Mr. Gracie,  
Mr. Northup,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Dimock,

Against the Motion.

Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Rutherford,  
Mr. Utley,  
Mr. Tonge,  
Mr. Barsf,  
Mr. McCurdy,  
Mr. Lufby,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Chandler,  
Mr. Thorne,  
Mr. Oxley,  
Mr. Bolman,  
Mr. Robie,  
Mr. Wollenhaupt;

So it passed in the Negative.

On Motion *Ordered*, That the Committee appointed the first Instant on the subject of the Resolutions respecting the Building hired for the Use of his Majesty's Council, Assembly and County of Halifax, do prepare and bring in a distinct Bill conformable to the said Resolutions.

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill in Amendment of the Militia Act, and accordingly presented a Bill in further Addition to an Act, intitled, an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being relating to a Militia in this Province, and the same was read a first Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and is are follows ;

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the present State of the Fisheries of this Province require some Encouragement.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum not exceeding

10 Thousand Pounds should be granted and appropriated for the Encouragement of the Fisheries for the present Year.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient for the House to appoint a Committee to prepare, and bring in a judicious Plan for carrying into Effect the foregoing Resolution.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred,

The said Report and Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House:

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolutions to the Council and desire their Concurrence to the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sargent, Mr. Wollenhaupt, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Moody, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Gracie, do prepare, and bring in a Plan for the Expenditure of the Sum granted for the Fisheries.

Mr. Morris, reported from the Committee to whom the several Accounts for Demands on the Province was referred; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz.

*Health Officers Accounts.*

The Committee report, that the Account of the Health Officer for the Port of *Halifax*, amounting to the Sum of £120 7 6, appears to be correctly stated, certified and in their Judgment has been faithfully incurred.

The Committee further report, that the Health Officer for *Windsor*, has requested to have leave to take back his Account to enable him to explain more fully the Nature of the Service he has performed in that Office.

The Account of the Health Officer for *Liverpool* amounting to £18 0 0, appears to be truly stated and correct.

The Account of the Health Officer for the Port of *Lunenburg* amounting to £4 0 0, appears to be truly stated and correct.

The Account of the Health Officer for the District of *Shelburne*, amounting to the Sum of £20 0 0, appears to be truly stated, but the Committee are of Opinion, that two of the Items in that Account are inadmissible to wiz. *Peggy* and *Sally* from *Passamaquoddie* to *Shelburne*, and *Victory* from *Newfoundland* to *Shelburne*, which leaves a Balance of £18.

The Committee further report on the sundry Demands made on Government, to wiz.

<i>William Allan</i> , Carpenter his Bill for Work done and Materials furnished for the Government House,	£281 10 4
<i>William Lawler</i> , for Painting and Glazing,	81 3 2
<i>John Anderson</i> Mason,	45 10 10
Messrs <i>Hartshorne</i> and <i>Boggs</i> ,	34 13 4½
<i>John Hay</i> , Mason,	22 14 3
<i>William Minns</i> ,	12 3 9
<i>Michael Perkins</i> , Carpenter,	4 19 9
<i>Alexander Cocken</i> for <i>Shelburne</i> , Light-House,	6 2 0
<i>Isaac Rigby</i> , for <i>Sambro</i> , do.	3 0 0
<i>John Merrick</i> , for do.	2 10 0

Amounting in the whole £494 7 5½

These Accounts appears correctly stated, but the Committee are of Opinion, that they should undergo the inspection, and be certified by the Commissioners appointed by Law to superintend and direct the necessary Repairs and Improvements of publick Buildings, and therefore beg leave to recommend to the Consideration of the House whether it is not expedient and proper to refer them to the said Commissioners to inspect and report thereon.

Transien,

*Transient Poor.*

It appears by several Vouchers produced by the Commissioners to the Committee, that the Sum of £92 4 8½, has (between the 1st *August* and 1st *March* last) been expended for the Maintainance of poor People, who appear to have no legal Claim for a Maintainance on the Township of *Halifax*, and are real Objects of Charity.

The Committee being of Opinion, that the Indians of this Province were not considered by the Legislature to be entitled to be classed in the Description of transient Poor, cannot avoid considering the Accounts of Supplies furnished them as Persons of that Description to be inadmissible, at the same Time they earnestly recommend to the Consideration of the House to devise some mode of Payment for the Supplies furnished those wretched Wanderers from the purest Motives of Humanity to prevent them from perishing. The Accounts for Supplies to these distressed Objects in different Parts of the Province between the 1st *August* and 31st *December* last, amount to the sum of £52 7 10, which Sum appears to have been paid by the Commissioners of transient Poor. There is also a further Demand of £39 2 6, for Supplies, Medicines and Attendance administered by Doctor *Harris*, to distressed Indians in the District of *Colchester*, which Account is not yet paid.

*Ordered*, That the Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th, 1800.

## PRAYERS.

Mr. *Morris*, presented to the House an Account of the Secretary of the Province for sundry Services by him performed for the Publick, for which no Provision is made, and thereupon.

*Ordered*, That the said Account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Bill in further Addition to an Act, intituled, *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being relating to a Militia in this Province*, was read a second Time ;

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House ; and the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the said Bill accordingly ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Sargent* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred ; and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he delivered in the Bill with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table.

The said Amendments were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed,

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*, as follows ;

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 35th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Acts made by the General Assembly, relating to the Office of Sheriff* ; and also, for altering the Form of the Summons heretofore used, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Millidge* pursuant to leave given presented a Bill, to revise and continue an Act passed in the 36th Year of his present Majesty's Rign, intituled, an Act for making, repairing, laying out and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets within the

the County of *Annapolis*, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County to be performed in, and about the same,

And the Bill was read a first time, and thereupon

Mr. *Roach* moved, that the second reading of the Bill be deferred to the next Session, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 19, against it 8.

For the Motion.

Mr. *Gracie*,  
Mr. *Cox*,  
Mr. *Crane*,  
Mr. *Chipman*,  
Mr. *Barfs*,  
Mr. *Dimock*,  
Mr. *Campbell*,  
Mr. *Sargent*,  
Mr. *Tonge*,  
Mr. *Taylor*,  
So it passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Morton*,  
Mr. *Roach*,  
Mr. *Lusby*,  
Mr. *Oxley*,  
Mr. *Uitley*,  
Mr. *McCurdy*,  
Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,  
Mr. *Allison*,  
Mr. *Lovett*,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Millidge*,  
Mr. *Thorne*,  
Mr. *Mooody*,  
Mr. *Monk*,  
Mr. *Robie*,  
Mr. *Mortimer*,  
Mr. *Chandler*,  
Mr. *Fulton*,

Then the House adjourned till Saturday at Ten of the Clock the Morrow being Good Friday.

SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS;

An engrossed Bill in further Addition to an Act, intitled an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being relating to a Militia in this Province, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in further Addition to, and for altering and amending an Act passed in the Thirty fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled, an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being relating to a Militia in this Province.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gausier*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intitled, an Act for providing Pounds in the several Townships of this Province, without any Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intitled, an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made and passed in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled, an Act for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships of this Province, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew

Mr. *Millidge*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the several Revenue Acts now in Force to the 1st Day of July, 1801 which being seconded and put passed in the Affirmative.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows ;

Resolved,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the several Accounts amounting to the Sum of £494 7 5½, for the Repairs made last Year to the Government Buildings, and the Light Houses, should be paid when the Commissioners of the Revenue or the Majority of them shall certify that such Repairs were made by the Order of such Commissioners, and that the several Charges in said Accounts are just and reasonable,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient that the several Accounts of the Health Officers should be referred back to the Committee, who have already reported thereon; and that the said Committee do again examine into the specific Charges contained in the same, and report to the House.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House to take the present distressed Situation of the Indians into Consideration, and that they do prepare and bring forward a Plan for encouraging them to endeavour to raise their Subsistence by Industry and Agriculture, and also to calculate what the probable Expence of executing such Plan, might be.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Report and Resolutions were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the several Accounts of the Health Officers be referred to the Committee agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Morris, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Sargent, do prepare and bring in a Plan for the Relief of the Indians agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Millidge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue in Force the several Revenue Acts, which are herein particularly mentioned, and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. Robie, reported from the Committee pursuant to Order, presented a Bill, to provide suitable Places for the *General Assembly*, and *King's Courts* to sit in, and for other publick Purposes, and the same was read a first Time,

*Resolved*, That the said Bills be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at ten of the Clock.

MONDAY, 14th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS.

*A Bill to continue in force the several Revenue Acts, which are herein particularly mentioned*, was read a second time;

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, they had directed him to report the Bill to the House without any Amendment, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

*A Bill to provide suitable Places for the General Assembly and King's Courts to sit in and for other publick Purposes*, was read a second Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

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The House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill ;  
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
 Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ;

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several Amendments thereunto ; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The said Amendments were severally read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House,  
*Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

*An engrossed Bill to continue in Force the several Revenue Acts, which are herein particularly mentioned, was read the Third Time,*

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to continue in force the several Revenue Acts which are herein particularly mentioned.*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *an Act relating to the Office of Sheriff*, into Consideration, and also the Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *an Act relating to Highways, &c.* and thereupon

*Resolved*, That a present Conference be desired with the Council on the subject Matter of the said Amendments,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do go to the Council, and desire the said Conference.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council doth agree to a Conference on the subject Matter, of the Amendments made by them to the Bill, intituled, *an Act relative to the Office of Sheriff*, and also to the Bill intituled *an Act relating to Highways, &c.* as requested by this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Tonge* and Mr. *Robie*, do manage the said Conference, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Monk reported*, that the Managers had been at the Conference with the Council, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House, and thereupon

On Motion the House proceeded in the further Consideration of the Amendments to the Bill relative to the Office of Sheriff before mentioned, and,

Mr. *Sargent* thereupon moved, that the House do not agree to the Amendment for making the said Bill a perpetual Law, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the motion 19, against the motion 14.

For the Motion,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Moody*,  
 Mr. *Roach*,  
 Mr. *Sargent*,  
 Mr. *Crane*,  
 Mr. *Taylor*,  
 Mr. *Oxley*,  
 Mr. *Chipman*,  
 Mr. *Allison*,  
 Mr. *Dimock*.  
 Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,

Mr. *Morton*,  
 Mr. *Nortbup*,  
 Mr. *Utley*,  
 Mr. *Bolman*,  
 Mr. *Lovett*,  
 Mr. *Rutherford*,  
 Mr. *Thorne*,  
 Mr. *Barfs*.  
 Mr. *Millidge*,

Mr. *Campbell*,  
 Mr. *Cox*,  
 Mr. *Gracie*,  
 Mr. *Wallace*,  
 Mr. *Tonge*,  
 Mr. *Monk*,  
 Mr. *Lushby*,

Mr. *McMonagle*,  
 Mr. *Morris*,  
 Mr. *Candler*,  
 Mr. *McCurdy*.  
 Mr. *Mortimer*,  
 Mr. *Fulton*,  
 Mr. *Robie*,

So it passed in the Affirmative,

*Resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council on the subject Matter of the Bill, intituled, *an Act relative to the Office of Sheriff*, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

Mr. *Millidge*, *reported* from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented, a *Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned*, also

A Bill to revive and continue an Act, made in the Thirty Eighth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the 18th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax*, and the said Bills were severally read a first Time.

Mr. Millidge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Annapolis, and the same was read a first Time, and thereupon,

On Motion resolved, That the said Bills before mentioned be now severally read a second Time, and the same were read accordingly.

On Motion resolved, That the Bills be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Morris, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ;

The Chairman reported, from the Committee, that they had directed him to report the several Bills to them referred to the House without any Amendment ; and he delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary Wentworth acquainted the House, that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to this House, signed by his Excellency and he presented the said Message to the House.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as followeth ;

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

The Settlers, Inhabitants and Proprietors of Digby, after great Labour and Exertions having found their Property insecure through the Variety of Locations, Conveyances and Surveys made upon the Tract of Lands assigned to them, which Difficulties they have not occasioned nor could avoid ; it has been considered necessary to take Measures for ascertaining their Rights of confirming their Titles ; which will incur considerable Expence, and is therefore recommended for such Aid as may be proper.

J. WENTWORTH.

Resolved, That the said Message be referred to Mr. Millidge, Mr. McMonagle, and Mr. Wallace, who are to take the same into Consideration and report thereon to the House

Mr. Sargent, reported from the Committee appointed to Draw up a Plan for the Expenditure of the Sum granted for the encouragement of the Fisheries, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as Follows ;

That the most immediate Obstacle to the Progress of the Fisheries seems to arise from the present Scarcity of Salt, as there is very little of that necessary Article on Hand within the Province, and from the best Information the Committee can procure, there is no reason to expect that a sufficient Supply will be produced in Time to meet the Wants of the Fisherman by the ordinary Course of Business. The Committee therefore with deference recommend as a Stimulus to immediate Exertion for procuring an adequate Supply, that five Hundred Pounds of the two Thousand Pounds voted for the Encouragement of the Fisheries be applied in Bounties at the Rate of five Shillings per Hoghead on the first two Thousand Hogheads of Salt imported into the Province after the Tenth Day of May next, in Vessels belonging to Persons resident therein. The Salt to be the produce of *Turk's Island*, the *Cape Verd Islands*, *Portugal* or *Spain*. The Importation to be ascertained by Certificate of the Officer of the Customs, Naval Officer and Collector of Excise at the Port where the Vessel shall enter, and to be dated from the Time of her Entry ; and the Cer-



Certificates to be lodged at the Treasury Forty Days before any Warrant issues for the Payment, in Order to give Time to ascertain the earliest Importations. The Committee further recommend, that a Bounty of One Shilling and six Pence per Quintal be allowed on all Merchantable Fish, and one Shilling per Quintal on all West India Fish to be caught and cured by the Inhabitants of this Province during the present Season, or until the Twentieth Day of May in the next Year; For the Purpose of granting Certificates to entitle the Persons catching and curing such Fish to receive the said Bounty the Committee are of Opinion, that it will be necessary that an Officer be appointed in each of the Towns of *Halifax, Shelburne, Lunenburg, Liverpool, Barrington, Yarmouth, Weymouth, Digby, Cornwallis, Manchester and Pictou.* That such Officers be empowered to grant such Certificates on the Oath of the Parties claiming them; that the Fish on which the Certificate is claimed has been *bona fide* caught and cured in Vessels owned by Inhabitants of this Province, and who have been such for six Months before the passing of an Act for granting this Bounty: That no Bounty has been received for any Part of said Fish, and the same are truly sold and not conveyed for the Purpose of being produced again for the Bounty; and the said Commissioners may require such other reasonable Proof as they may judge necessary of the Quantity and Quality of the Fish, and of their having been truly caught and cured as above. That no Certificate be granted before the Tenth day of *November* next, nor after the Twentieth Day of *May* in the next Year, nor until the Fish is actually sold or stored for the Purpose of Exportation, and the Certificate of the Merchant purchasing such Fish of the Quantity and Quality of that purchased by him to be annexed to that of the Officer. The Certificate of the Officers to be transferable and payable on Demand by the Treasurer. The Officers to keep an Account of the Certificates they give with the Names of the Parties they Certify for, and those of the Persons to whom the Fish is sold with the Quantity and Quality of such Fish, and to transmit Copies of such Accounts to the Treasurer of the Province. The Officers to receive five per Cent. on the Amount of the Bounty certified for, from the Party receiving such Certificate. [ Finally conceiving, that a good Market for its Productions is the best Encouragement for the Prosecution of any Branch of Business, the Committee strongly recommend to the Consideration of the House the importance of instructing the newly appointed Agent of the Province to endeavour to obtain for its Inhabitants the privilege of importing direct from the Southern Part of Europe, Wine, Fruit and Oil, which privilege was proposed for this Country by a Vote of the *House of Commons* in the Year 1776, and has since been by the Liberality of our most Gracious Sovereign and Parliament granted to other Colonies; without this it is evident, that his Majesty's Subjects in this Province can never carry on this Trade on equal Terms with the People of the *United States of America*, who possessed of this Advantage will ever in spite of all our Precautions avail themselves of the most valuable Productions of our Fisheries.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be referred to the Committee who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th, 1800.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to revive, and continue an Act, made in the 38th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the 18th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of *Halifax*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to revive and continue an Act, made in the Thirty eighth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to prevent the forestalling regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax.*

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An engrossed Bill for the better regulating the Manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of *Annapolis*, was read the Third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Annapolis*.

An engrossed Bill to provide suitable Places for the *General Assembly*, and *King's Courts* to sit in, and for other publick Purposes, was read the Third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to provide suitable Places for the General Assembly and King's Courts to sit in, and for other publick Purposes*.

An engrossed Bill to continue in Force the several *Acts* therein mentioned, was read the third Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned*.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee to whom his Excellency's Message of Yesterday was referred, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows;

That in the Township of *Digby*, there are upwards of two Hundred Settlers, who emigrated from the *United States of North America*, at the Close of the late War. That the said Settlers are now endeavouring to secure to themselves quiet Titles to their Lands, which through the Variety of Locations Conveyances and Surveys they are insecure in; which is owing to no Fault in them, nor can the same be attributable to Government wholly; but to a Continuance of untoward Circumstances. That there are two Grants now pending over the Township of *Digby*, which must be escheated, viz. One to *Alexander M'Nutt*, and others, dated in 1765, and One to *Amos Botsford* and others, dated in 1784. That a new Grant accompanied by a new Plan must be obtained, in which every Settler with his Lot must be designated for which the Settlers will have to pay a large Sum in Fees of Office. That in Order to pave the way for making these Escheats, and obtaining said new Grant so as to avoid all Mistakes, Injury and Injustice, that would unavoidably have happened; His Excellency the Governor was under the Necessity of appointing Commissioners uninterested to investigate the legal and equitable Claim of every Inhabitant on the Spot, which the Committee from their Examination believe to be fully and amply done, and a Return thereof made, so as to enable Government to effect the Grant in Question. For the accomplishment of which the Commissioners were obliged to employ Surveyors, Chain Men and other Assitants, besides spending considerable Part of their Time in investigating the different Kind of Facts, relating to the Subject. The Expences of which Amount to a very large Sum, so much so that considering the Inability of the Inhabitants, it is to be apprehended that they would be unable to defray it, consequently the new Grant cannot be Obtained, in which Case many of them will probably be discouraged, and do as many others have done before them, leave the Country. The Committee therefore on due Consideration of the Facts, beg leave to recommend, that a Sum not exceeding two Hundred Pounds should be drawn by Warrant on the Treasury by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and paid to the said Commissioners, to be by them applied towards defraying a Part of the Expences, that have and will accrue.

Mr. *Monk*, reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Plan for affording Relief to the Indians of the Province, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That owing to the Failure of the Resources of Hunting and Fishing, on which this distressed People depended for their Existance, their Condition has become miserable in the extreme, and calls loudly for the humane Consideration and Interference of the Legislature of this Province, and when it is remembered, that the

Distresses of these the aboriginal Proprietors of this Country are chiefly occasioned by the Settlements of those people whom this Legislature represents, and their Occupancy of those Situations from which the former chiefly drew their Subsistence, their Claims in the Opinion of the Committee become irresistible. Such however is the natural Indolence of these People, and such the unhappy Propensity of great Numbers of them to the Vice of Drunkenness, that most Exertions of Charity towards their Relief have only the Effect of increasing these Dispositions; and the Committee are firmly of Opinion, that the Supplies heretofore so liberally granted to them by our Mother Country, instead of proving ultimately beneficial to them, have generally tended to divert them from those Pursuits on which their Subsistence depended, and to increase those Habits of precarious Dependance, which form so striking a Characteristic of this unfortunate Race. Under these Impressions the Committee cannot but be of Opinion, that it is highly incumbent on the People of this Province to make Exertions in Behalf of those who originally were sole Possessors of the Soil we now enjoy, and whose Resources for Existence and Support from the insular Situation of this Country are by the Progress of our Improvements gradually circumscribed to the narrowest Limits: And although all the pecuniary Resources of this Province would in all Probability be found inadequate to the Support of this Remnant of the *Mickmack* Tribe in a State of Idleness, and that their natural inveterate Habits of Indolence, and precarious Dependance, forbid the hope of their being either universally or suddenly reclaimed to a State of Industry and Civilization; yet the Committee are fully persuaded, that by the Adoption and faithful Execution of a rational and judicious Plan for locating these People in suitable situations and inducing them to settle by reasonable Encouragement and by withholding all publick Assistance from those who would not comply with the Terms prescribed, that many, especially of the younger Class might be made useful Members of Society, and the Condition of the whole be much ameliorated. But as the Formation of such a Plan in its Detail would be the Work of more time than the present advanced State of the Sessions will afford. The Committee recommend, that the Sense of the House on this Subject be communicated to his Majesty's Council by Conference, and that his Majesty's Council be requested to appoint a Committee to frame jointly with a Committee of the House during the recess such a Plan as may be likely to attain the Object in View. The Committee further recommend, that such joint Committee be empowered with the Approbation of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief to correspond with the provincial Agent in *England*. And also that a Sum of Money be granted to enable such joint Committee to defray the Expence, which will necessarily be incurred in forming such Plan, and for providing some relief for the Indians during the ensuing Winter by procuring a Stock of cheap Provisions in different Parts of the Country for their Relief.

Mr. *Morris*, reported specially from the Committee to whom the Accounts of the Health Officers were recommitted, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon

*Ordered*, That the said three Reports be severally committed to the Committee, who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

#### A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act to continue in Force the several Revenue Acts which are herein particularly mentioned*, and have sent down therewith a Written Message for the Information of this House, containing as follows.

His Majesty's Council have returned the Bill for continuing the several Revenue Laws (which has been three Times sent up to them in this Session) disagreed to, because it is framed in such way as to preclude the Council from exercising their Right to assent or dissent to each several Law intended to be continued thereby,

If the *House of Assembly*, assume the sole Right to Frame, alter or amend Money Bills, and also to connect, together and consolidate in one Bill all the Laws of Revenue, which the House may chuse to have continued in Force, and require the Council to agree or disagree thereto generally, it should not be thought surprizing, that the Council persists in refusing their Assent to a Bill so framed.

The Council can have no wish to deny or obstruct the providing a suitable Revenue for the Support of his Majesty's Government, and if the *House of Assembly* will send up separate Bills for continuing the several Revenue Laws, which are to expire in *July* next, each by itself, the Council will give their Assent to such of them as they may on Consideration think adequate to the Exigencies of the Government.

The Messenger delivered to the House, the said Message, and then withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Message do lie on the Table,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*, as follows ;

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act to revive and continue an Act, made in the Thirty eight Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the Eighteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to prevent the forestalling, regrating and Monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax*, also

The Bill, intituled, *an Act for the better regulating the Manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace in the County of Annapolis*, also

The Bill, intituled, *an Act to provide suitable Places for the General Assembly and King's Courts to sit in, and for other publick Purposes* ; and also

The Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, severally without any Amendment,

The Council agree to a present further Conference by Committee as requested by this House, on the Subject of the Bill, intituled, *an Act relative to the Office of Sheriff* in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew

*Ordered*, That the Managers do attend at the said Conference, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Monk*, reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the 35th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Acts made by the General Assembly, relating to the Office of Sheriff, and also for altering the form of the Summons heretofore used*, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, the Message received from his Majesty's Council with the Revenue Bill was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a Conference be desired with his Majesty's Council by Committee on the subject Matter of the said Message.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Robie* and Mr. *McMonagle*, be a Committee, accordingly and that they do prepare such Reasons to be offered in behalf of the House on the said Conference as to them shall appear expedient and report the same to the House To-morrow.

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read

read the Resolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows ;

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Conference should be requested by the House with his Majesty's Council on the subject Matter of the Report respecting the Indians of the Province.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient for the House to appoint a Committee to prepare, and bring in a Bill for carrying into Effect the several Provisions contained in the Report for the Encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200, should be granted and paid to the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to report on the present Situation of the Settlers in the Township of *Digby*, which Sum is to be applied by such Commissioners towards defraying in Part the Expences of confirming the Titles of the said Settlers to their Lands, and the Expenditure thereof accounted for to the *General Assembly*, in the next Session.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Report and Resolutions were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do desire a Conference with the Council agreeable to the foregoing Resolution, and that Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Mortimer*, and Mr. *Tonge*, do manage the said Conference.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sargent*, Mr. *Wollenhaupt* and Mr. *Gracie*, do prepare, and bring in a Bill for the Encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province agreeable to the Resolution of the Committee,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution for granting £200, for the Relief of the Settlers at *Digby* to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Eleven of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS,

*Andrew Belcher*, Esquire ; returned duly elected for the Town of *Halifax*, took the usual Oaths, and his seat,

Mr. *Monk* reported from the Committee appointed to confer with and draw up Reasons to be offered to his Majesty's Council on the subject of the Message sent down Yesterday with the Revenue Bill, and he read in his Place the Report which they had so drawn up and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and thereupon,

On Motion *resolved*, that the said Report be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Report to them referred, and had agreed to the same, and he afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows ;

With Respect to the Reasons given by his Majesty's Council for the rejection of the three Revenue Bills sent from the *House of Assembly* ; the House observes, that it cannot but regret that those Objections had not been made known to the House at an earlier Period of the Sessions, and it was for the purpose of inducing his Majesty's Council to give the Reasons of their rejecting the first Revenue Bill, that it was a-

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again sent up by the *House of Assembly*, with only some imaterial Alteration in the Title, and had those Objections which existed as much with respect to the first and second Bill as the third been sent to the *House of Assembly*, when either of those Bills was returned by his Majesty's Council; the Difference in Opinion between the two Branches of the Legislature would in all probability have been ended, but his Majesty's Council having withheld the Reasons of their rejecting the several Bills sent them by the *House of Assembly*, until the last Bill was returned, the *House of Assembly*, was left totally ignorant of what the Objections of his Majesty's Council might be, and therefore sent to his Majesty's Council an Act for the Purpose of continuing in force the several Revenue Laws now existing; to which Act the *House of Assembly* hoped the Assent of his Majesty's Council would have been given, they having uniformly agreed to a similar one until, and at the last Session of the *Assembly*, instead of which the *House of Assembly*, is called on at a late Period of a very protracted Sessions to answer Objections, and determine a Point which can only be settled by a Reference to Precedents and Parliamentary Usage. The *House of Assembly*, wishing not now to enter into the Discussion of a Subject of so much Importance, and which will of Necessity require considerable Time, and to finish a Session already too long, proposes to his Majesty's Council to pass a Law to continue the present Revenue Laws to the Thirty first Day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and One. The House is induced to think this the best Mode to adopt for the present on considering the State of the Revenue Acts, as the Execution of one Act depends upon another, should the Council be unwilling to assent to the Continuance of any One of the Acts continued in the Bill sent to his Majesty's Council, it would so derange the whole System, that it would be necessary to establish a new Code altogether, which from the present advanced Stage of the Session would be totally impossible: By acceding to this Measure his Majesty's Council are not to be considered as relinquishing their Objections, nor is their Concurrence in the present Instance to such a Law to be used as a Precedent; nor is the *House of Assembly*, by any Expressions now used to be considered as yielding to the Claims of his Majesty's Council. Should his Majesty's Council agree to this Proposal, the *House of Assembly*, will at an early Period in the next Sessions give an Answer to the Objections of his Majesty's Council, and proceed to such a Discussion as shall establish the Mode of Proceedure in future, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Instructions be delivered by the Managers, to the Committee of the Council on the Conference to be had with his Majesty's Council,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do desire a Conference with the Council, agreeable to the Resolution of Yesterday.

On Motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to request, that he will be pleased to divide the District of *Annapolis*, and appoint a Collector of Impost and Excise at *Digby*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Rutherford*, and Mr. *Lovett*, be a Committee accordingly.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council doth agree to a Conference on the Subject of their Message sent down Yesterday with the Revenue Bill as requested by this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Managers do attend at the Conference, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. *Monk* reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated, that they had on the Conference delivered to the Committee of the Council a Copy of the Instructions delivered to them by the House.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; to receive a Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*, as follows.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a present further Conference on the subject matter of the last Conference in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That the House doth agree to a further Conference with the Council as desired by them, and that the Clerk do acquaint them therewith.

*Ordered*, That the Managers do attend the said Conference, and their Names were called over, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Monk*, reported, that the Managers had been at the further Conference, and that the Committee on the Part of the Council had to prevent Mistakes delivered to the Managers a written Paper in Answer to the Instructions delivered to them from this House, which he read and is as follows. The Council instruct us, to say in reply to the reasons offered by the *House of Assembly* in Answer to the Message from the Council on the rejection of the last Bill sent up for continuing the Revenue Laws ; that the Council see no Cause to change their Opinion on the mode proposed by them for passing the Revenue Laws this Session.

On Motion *resolved*, That a Conference be requested with his Majesty's Council by Committee on the Resolutions sent to them, for granting Money for particular Services the present Session, and that such Committee be instructed to inform his Majesty's Council, that the House is anxious to receive the Determination of his Majesty's Council, respecting such Resolutions as speedily as possible, as the House is delayed in forming the appropriation Bill, until the Opinion of his Majesty's Council shall be known respecting their Resolutions ;

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do desire the said Conference.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

The Council doth agree to a Conference, as desired by this House, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference, and their Names were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. *Monk*, reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House,

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a present further Conference on the subject Matter of the last Conference in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to a further Conference as desired by the Council,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the same.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference ; and their Names were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. *Monk*, reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of his Majesty's Council had stated to the Managers, that they were instructed to say, that the Council cannot come to any Determination respecting the several Resolutions for granting Monies sent up by the House until the House shall have provided a sufficient Revenue for defraying the Payment of the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act in further Addition to, and for altering and amending an Act passed in the 35th Year of his present Majesty's  
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Reign, intituled, an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House,

And then the Messenger withdrew:

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

Mr. *Robie*, *moved*, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to inform his Excellency of the present State of the Province with respect to its Revenue, which being seconded, and after Debate thereon,

Mr. *McMonagle*, then *moved*, That the Consideration of the above Motion be for the present deferred, which being seconded, and after Debate had thereon;

Mr. *Sargent*, *moved*, that the House do adjourn, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 20, against it 14. So it passed in the Affirmative.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17th, 1800.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded on the Consideration of the Motion of Yesterday for addressing his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Address be not for the present prepared by the House.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, *resolved*, that the House do now take into Consideration in a Committee of the whole House, the Message sent down by his Majesty's Council with the Revenue Bill. The Answer given by them on the Conference had on the subject Matter thereof, and also the Reasons delivered to his Majesty's Council by the Managers of this House on the said Conference, and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had taken into Consideration the Business to them referred; and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient that a Committee be appointed by the House to draw up an Answer to the Reasons of his Majesty's Council for rejecting the Revenue Bill last sent to his Majesty's Council; Such Answer to express the sorrow of the House, that his Majesty's Council should be induced to reject a Revenue Act because the House exercise the sole Right of framing, altering or amending Revenue Bills, and because the House has sent to his Majesty's Council a Bill for continuing the Revenue for the ensuing Year exactly in the same State as it now stands; which Bill is drawn conformable to the constant Usage and Practice of the House from its Formation to the present Day, and is exactly conformable to a Bill passed the present Session, to which his Majesty's Council have assented

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The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House ;

*Ordered*, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Robie and Mr. Tonge do prepare and bring in the answer to his Majesty's Council, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Sargent, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill for the Encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province, and accordingly presented a Bill for *encouraging the Fisheries of this Province by granting a Bounty upon Salt imported, and Fish caught and cured by the Inhabitants of the Province*, and the same was read a first Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 18th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for *encouraging the Fisheries of this Province by granting a Bounty upon Salt imported, and Fish caught and cured by the Inhabitants of the Province* ; was read the second Time,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, an Act in further Addition to, and for altering and amending an Act passed in the 35th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province*, into consideration and the same were read throughout a first and second Time, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the House do agree to the several Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill above mentioned, except the Clause which enacts, *That the Paymaster or his Agent for the Regiment shall pay for the Victuals furnished to the Troops*, and intended to be substituted in the Place of the third Section in said Bill:

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Monk, reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an answer to the Reasons offered by his Majesty's Council in their Message and those delivered by their Committee on the Conference held on the Subject of the Revenue Bills, that they had drawn up an Answer accordingly and he read the Answer in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*The House of Assembly* in Answer to the Objections offered by his Majesty's Council to their passing the Act for continuing the Revenue Laws, declare, That they observe with equal Surprize and Concern the Determination of his Majesty's Council to persist in the Rejection of all Revenue Acts, because the House exercise the sole Right of framing, altering or amending such Acts, and because the House has sent to his Majesty's Council a Bill for continuing the Revenue for the ensuing Year exactly in the State it now stands, although such Bill is drawn conformably to the general and uniform Usage and Practice of the House from its first Formation to the present Sessions.

*The House of Assembly* anxiously desirous of promoting the publick Business of the Province have expressed to his Majesty's Council their desire of avoiding at this late period of the Sessions any Declaration upon, or Discussion of Claims, which the House hesitate not to say, have no Precedent on the Records of their Proceedings ; at the same Time that the House would willingly have given to those Claims by his Majesty's Council at a future period, that deliberate and respectful Consideration, which they are ever ready to afford to any Propositions coming from his Majesty's Council ; but his Majesty's Council having thought proper to adhere to those Claims without acceding to the wishes expressed by the House. *The House of Assembly* can no longer refrain from declaring, that they consider those Claims of his Majesty's Council directly subversive of the Privileges of the House, and thereupon,

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Mr. *Wilkins*, moved, the following Amendment to the above Answer, vi z. leave out the Words *The House of Assembly can no longer refrain from declaring that they consider these Claims of his Majesty's Council directly subversive of the Privileges of the House*, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the Motion Seven. Against it Twenty five.

For the Motion.

Mr. *Chandler*,  
Mr. *Beicher*,  
Mr. *Crane*,  
Mr. *Wilkins*,  
Mr. *Morris*,  
Mr. *Lovett*,

Mr. *Oxley*,  
Mr. *Cochran*,  
Mr. *Cox*,  
Mr. *Robie*,  
Mr. *Rutherford*,  
Mr. *Moody*,  
Mr. *McMonagle*,  
Mr. *Tonge*,  
Mr. *Chipman*,

Against the Motion:

Mr. *Monk*,  
Mr. *Gracie*,  
Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,  
Mr. *Morton*,  
Mr. *Fulton*,  
Mr. *Northrup*,  
Mr. *Roach*,  
Mr. *Thorne*,  
Mr. *Millidge*,  
Mr. *Mortimer*,  
Mr. *McCurdy*,  
Mr. *Dimock*,  
Mr. *Barfs*,  
Mr. *Uiley*,  
Mr. *Lusby*,  
Mr. *Bolman*,

So it passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Answer as above reported be sent to his Majesty's Council by the Clerk of this House ;

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gantier* ;

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have sent down the Bill, Intituled, an Act in further Addition to, and for altering and amending an Act, passed in the 35th Year his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province*, and adhere to all the amendments as before by them severally made to said Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

On Motion *Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry back the Bill above mentioned to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House has already sent to the Council a full Answer to the Amendments by them made to said Bill.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of this Province by granting a Bounty on Salt imported, and Fish caught and cured by the Inhabitants of the Province ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

Mr. *McMonagle*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the several Revenue Acts now in Force, and to continue the same for another Year, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Fifteen. against it Twelve,

For the Motion,

Mr. *Sargent*,  
Mr. *Campbell*,  
Mr. *McMonagle*,  
Mr. *Wallace*,  
Mr. *Rutherford*,  
Mr. *Lovett*,  
Mr. *Lusby*,  
Mr. *Oxley*,

Mr. *Belcher*,  
Mr. *Crane*,  
Mr. *McCurdy*,  
Mr. *Uiley*,  
Mr. *Morris*,  
Mr. *Fulton*,  
Mr. *Mortimer*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Chipman*,  
Mr. *Dimock*,  
Mr. *Cochran*,  
Mr. *Cox*,  
Mr. *Gracie*,  
Mr. *Wollenhaupt*,

Mr. *Moody*,  
Mr. *Morton*,  
Mr. *Roach*,  
Mr. *Tonge*,  
Mr. *Barfs*,  
Mr. *Thorne*,

So it passed in the Affirmative,

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the o'Clock.

SATURDAY, 19th APRIL, 1800.

## PRAYERS,

The Sheriff of the County of *Halifax* delivered to the House a Return of the Proceedings on a Scrutiny held by him on the late Election for the Township of *Halifax*.

*Ordered*, That the said Return do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, *resolved*, that all Demands on the Province in future for Labour done and Services rendered, as also for all kind of Materials delivered for publick Buildings or Works, where no Contracts are entered into nor otherwise ascertained by Law, shall be accompanied by an Affidavit made by the Party making such Demand, that the same is just and true together with every Voucher, that can be had to justify the same.

On Motion the House, *resolved* itself into a Committee to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum not exceeding £200 Sterling should be granted to enable his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to pay to the Attorney General in Fees for Services he may render to the Province for one Year, commencing the 1st July 1800, and ending the 1st July 1801; the Expenditure of which is to be accounted for in the next Session, and that no Provision be made by the House for the Services so performed by the said Attorney General previous to the first Day of July 1799.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House to consider the past Services of Mr. *George Pyke*, as Clerk to the Commissioners of the Revenue, and to report to the House if any thing shall appear yet due to him for those Services.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £15, should be granted and paid to *Robert Robinson*, and the like sum of £15, to *James Huston* for their past Services, each as a Surveyor and Searcher in the District of *Annapolis*.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Report and Resolutions were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House and thereupon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *McMonagle*, be a Committee to examine into the Claim of Mr. *George Pyke*, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolutions for granting Money to his Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. *McMonagle*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter, amend and continue in Force the several Revenue Laws of this Province therein mentioned, and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at ten of the Clock.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, 21st APRIL, 1800.

## PRAYERS,

A Bill to alter, amend and continue in Force the several Revenue Laws of this Province therein mentioned, was read a second Time, and thereupon,

Mr. Tonge, moved, That the said Bill be rejected, which being seconded and put; and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Thirteen, against it Nineteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bolman,  
Mr. Cox, Mr. Morton,  
Mr. Gracie, Mr. Wollenhaupt,  
Mr. Chipman, Mr. Barsf,  
Mr. Monk, Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Millidge, Mr. Tonge,  
Mr. Robie,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Belcher,  
Mr. McMonagle, Mr. Wilkins,  
Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Chandler,  
Mr. Northrup, Mr. Oxley,  
Mr. Fulton, Mr. Wallace,  
Mr. Lushy, Mr. Utley,  
Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Roach, Mr. Lovett,  
Mr. Crane, Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Rutherford,

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill accordingly;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Morris took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The said Amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed,

On Motion resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider what the objects are; which in their opinion may be immediately necessary for the Speaker to correspond with the Agent of the Province, upon, and report the same to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Wallace, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Gracie, Mr. Monk, and Mr. Campbell be a Committee for the above purpose.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Eleven of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 22d, APRIL, 1800.

## PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill to alter, amend and continue in force the several Revenue Laws of this Province therein mentioned, was read the third time.

On Motion of Mr. McMonagle, resolved, That the said Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Morris took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had come to a Resolution on the Bill to them referred; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolution in his place, and afterwards delivered the same with the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the Resolution was read, and is as follows;

Resolved;

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the subject Matter of the said Bill should be divided into two separate Bills previous to the same passing the House; by comprising in One Bill the several Clauses which relate to a Reduction of Part of the Duties now existing; and in the other Bill the Continuance for another Year of the Revenue Acts generally.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Bill above mentioned be engrossed in Conformity to the said Resolution.

Mr. *Belcher*, reported, from the Committee appointed to examine into the past Services of Mr. *George Pyke*, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where it was read, and is as follows;

That on particular Investigation of the Services rendered by the said *George Pyke*, between the years 1787 and 1793; and the Sums formerly voted and paid him; it appears to the Committee, that the further Sum of £50, should be paid him in full Discharge of any claim he has on the Province for his Services as Clerk to the Commissioners of the Revenue.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be referred to the Committee who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Revenue Laws therein mentioned, was read the third Time;

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to alter and amend the several Revenue Laws of this Province therein mentioned.*

An engrossed Bill to Continue the several Revenue Laws therein mentioned from the Thirty first Day of July next, until the Thirty first Day of July, which will be in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and one, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to continue the several Revenue Laws therein mentioned, from the Thirty first Day of July next, until the Thirty first Day of July, which will be in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and One.*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference by Committee on the Subject matter of the Revenue Bills sent up this Day.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the Conference, as desired by his Majesty's Council,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Monk*, and Mr. *Morris*, do manage the said Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

On motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of this Province, by granting a Bounty upon Salt imported, and Fish caught and cured by the Inhabitants of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The said Amendments were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Wallace, reported from the Committee of Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a further present Conference be desired with the Council on the subject Matter of the last Conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported, that the Council do agree to the Conference, as desired by this House in the Committee Room of the Council ;

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wallace, reported that the Committee had been at the Conference and stated the Substance of the Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act to continue the several Revenue Laws therein mentioned from the 31st Day of July next to the 31st Day of July, which will be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and One.*

Mr. Gautier, also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Council to deliver to the Clerk a written Report of what passed on the Conference of this House between the Committee of his Majesty's Council, and the Committee of this House on the subject of the Revenue Bills, and he delivered the same to the Clerk accordingly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Report was read and is as follows ;

Report of the Committee of Conference made to the Council.

The Committee of Council had met the Committee of the House, and had explained to them, that as the Council at the Instance of former Houses had waded, and was still disposed to relinquish any Right to originate, alter or amend Money Bills, the Council were compelled to insist on the Right to deliberate separately, and to agree or disagree to each separate Law, or otherwise they could not preserve their Negative as an independent Branch of the Legislature on the Acts of the House.

That the Revenue Laws were at first severally enacted, and are made only for one Year agreeable to the Wishes of the House, and every Continuance of them is to all intents a re-enactment of each Law.

That if Bills for continuing them were separately sent up to the Council the whole would probably be agreed to with the deduction proposed by the House to be made to the Duties, but unless they were so sent up ; the Council could not deliberate freely, and therefore could not agree to the Bill in which the whole were included. And thereupon.

Mr. Tonge, moved, that a Committee be appointed to draw up an humble Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, stating to him, the situation of the Province as it respects the Revenue ; also the Measures taken by the House to provide a proper and suitable Revenue for the ensuing Year, and stating also the Difficulties the House has met with in the Accomplishment of such Object, and the difference of Opinion which exists between the House, and his Majesty's Council, respecting the Mode of proceeding on this subject, which being seconded ;

Mr. Monk then moved, that the Consideration of the foregoing Motion be postponed until To-morrow, which being seconded and put, passed in the Negative.

The Main Question was then put to the House, and passed without a Division, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Monk and Mr. Belcher do prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Twelve of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 23d APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of this Province by granting a  
Y Bounty

Bounty upon Salt and Cod-Fish caught and cured by the Inhabitants of this Province, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for encouraging the Fisheries of this Province by granting a Bounty upon Cod Fish caught and cured by the Inhabitants of this Province.*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned till One of the Clock Post Meridian.

The House met agreeably to the Adjournment.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the Resolution of Yesterday, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Address be committed to a Committee of the whole House, and

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Address, and had made several Amendments thereunto, and he delivered the Address as amended in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, Baronet, L. L. D.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of NOVA SCOTIA, &c. &c. &c.

*The Humble Address of the Commons of Nova-Scotia in General-Assembly.*

*May it please your Excellency,*

**I**T is with extreme concern we find ourselves compelled to call your Excellency's Attention to the present State of the Province as relating to its Revenue.

From the Commencement of your Excellency's Administration, we have had the Satisfaction of seeing the uniform Progress of the Improvement of our Revenue, by an adherence to a System which, by means of a Disagreement existing between his Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly is in Danger of being utterly lost.

To give your Excellency the Grounds of this Disagreement, we beg leave to State, that at an early Period of the Session, having duly considered the State of the Province as to its Revenue, and the precarious Foundation of some of the Sources of that Revenue, we judged it inexpedient at the present Juncture, to make any Material Reduction in the Duties which produces it or Alteration in that System, which Experience has proved to be productive of such beneficial Effects. Under these Impressions, we passed and sent to his Majesty's Council a Bill framed in the usual manner for continuing the several Revenue Acts and making some Alterations which particular Circumstances rendered in our opinion expedient and necessary.

This Bill was returned by His Majesty's Council not agreed to, but as the Proceedings of His Majesty's Council are always kept Secret; their Sitzings being private and no Communication had taken Place by which the House could possibly devise what part of it His Majesty's Council deemed objectionable, the same Bill, with a trifling Alteration in the Title, was sent up to the Council in the Hope that upon a Conference the objections of His Majesty's Council might be known, and possibly obviated; this Bill however, like the other, was returned not agreed to.

The House, then left without any Ground to discover the Sentiments of His Majesty's Council, and considering that the Bills which had been sent to His Majesty's Council provided as well for the Continuance of the Revenue Acts, as for their Amendment and desirous of knowing and in order to ascertain, if His Majesty's Council

Council wished no further Continuance of the Revenue, after the Expiration of the Acts which produce it ; were induced to frame a Bill for giving a Drawback, of the Duties paid or secured by Persons who might have Articles liable to Duties on Hand at that period, and anxious for such Explanation as might tend to remove Misunderstanding, so injurious to the best Interests of the Province, the House of Assembly, with this Bill, sent to His Majesty's Council a Message requesting a Conference on the Subject ; of this Message no Notice has ever been taken, and His Majesty's Council fully warranted the Conclusion that they desired not the Continuance of the Revenue, by their immediate adoption of a Bill which contemplated its final Period.

Here then might we have terminated our Endeavours, and had we been animated by any other than the sincerest and most anxious desire of promoting the Interests of the Country we represent, here we should have rested, but it having been suggested that the Objections of the Council arose from the Circumstance of Amendments being introduced into the Bill for continuing the Revenue Acts (knowing this had been a Subject of former Misunderstanding), desirous of giving every Proof of our Disposition for preserving Harmony between the different Branches of the Legislature, we at once abandoned our Amendments ; although we judged them of much Importance, and sent to his Majesty's Council a Bill for continuing the Revenue precisely on the footing it stood the last Year ; this Measure on our part, produced from his Majesty's Council, together with the Rejection of the Bill, a Message (to which we beg leave to refer your Excellency), which contained reasons for that Rejection which were equally applicable to the two Bills which they had, without assigning any Reasons, rejected, no less than fifteen Days before ; and moreover a Proposition, or rather Claim for altering the established Mode of proceeding between the two Houses, by requiring that the House of Assembly should send every Act on which the Revenue system is founded, separately to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence. As this Claim (in every respect new to this House), was directly contrary to the uniform Practice of both Houses, which your Excellency will perceive by reference to the Acts enumerated in the Paper Number two hereunto annexed, as the advanced State of the Session did not allow time to discuss a Proposition for departing from the accustomed Modes of Proceeding, and above all as the House were sensible of the Impropriety of agitating the public Mind at the present Period by the Discussion of any Question, solely relating to Matters of Privilege, and the constitutional Rights of the different Branches of the Legislature ; we proposed to His Majesty's Council to waive all such Discussion, by passing the Bills in the usual Form, assuring them, that this Measure should not be brought into Precedent against their Claims, and that at a future Meeting of the Legislature, we would give those Claims an early, full and liberal Discussion and Consideration.

This Proposition, in which we trust your Excellency will see nothing but a Manifestation of Moderation and a desire of Conciliation, met the Rejection contained in the Paper Number three.

Having made such Exertions and with so little Success the warmest Advocate for conciliatory Measures could not perhaps have expected any further Attempts towards Accommodation on our Parts ; yet after our Declaration to his Majesty's Council that we conceived the Admission of their Claims would be destructive to the Privileges of this House, it being once more suggested that a Reduction of the Revenue might be the principal Object with his Majesty's Council, and perhaps their chief Motive for desiring to have separate Bills for continuing each Revenue Act that was near expiring ; and also Bills for continuing separately each Act in Amendment of such Revenue Acts.

Willing to try every expedient that could tend in any degree to promote that Harmony we have so warmly at Heart, the House of Assembly framed a Bill for continuing the present Acts of Revenue with a considerable Reduction, notwithstanding our Resolution at the commencement of the Session to the contrary, and for avoiding every avoidable Ground of Objection sent up the amending Clauses in a separate Bill, and also a separate Bill for continuing the new Revenue Acts subject to the Reductions contained in such Bill for another Year. A Conference  
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having taken place on these Bills it appears from the Result, that the Council agree to the Principle of the Revenue as last proposed but that they still adhere to that Claim of having separate Bills to continue each Revenue Act, and each Act in Amendment thereof, and not to have the Acts near expiring continued, as they have been uniformly continued heretofore by one Act, and have accordingly rejected the Bill for continuing the former Revenue Acts. As we have after full Consideration determined that the Admission of this Claim would be destructive to the Privileges of our House, and can see no Motives for such a Sacrifice, nor any other course for us to adopt, whereby we may provide a Revenue for the Province, without abandoning one of the most important Rights of our Constituents.

In this distressing Dilemma, we can have no other resource but the present Application to your Excellency, whose Wisdom, and Desire of promoting the good of the Country you govern, may perhaps suggest some mode of getting over the Difficulties, which are to us insurmountable. At all Events, we trust that the Facts stated in this Address, will serve to convince your Excellency, that the Loyal People we have the Honor to represent, preserve the same Desire they have ever manifested for providing liberally for the Support of our most Gracious Sovereign's Government in this Country; and that we have left no means untried for according with their Wishes, which consisted in our Opinion, with the Preservation of their just Rights.

*Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House, and that Mr. Speaker do know his Excellency's Pleasure, when he will be attended by the House.

Mr. *Robie*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of *John George Pyke*, Esquire; which he stated was complaining of an undue Election for the Township of *Halifax*, and the said Petition was read, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to appoint To-morrow at Twelve of the Clock for receiving their Address at the Government-House.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that they had come to a Resolution thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolution in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows;

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that in future no Allowance should be granted for any Charge made by a Health Officer for any Duty performed by him in inspecting Vessels, unless during the Time that a Quarantine shall actually exist; and that the Sum which shall in future be allowed for visiting and inspecting any one Vessel during a Quarantine shall be Twenty Shillings, and no more, which shall include Boat Hire and all other Expences, and no Charge shall be allowed for inspecting any Vessel during a Quarantine unless such Vessel shall come direct from some infected Place named in the Proclamation, or otherwise shall have had some Communication with a Vessel or Vessels coming direct from such infected Place.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, which the House agreed to.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*

*Ordered*, That the said Resolution be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at half past Eleven of the Clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24th, 1800.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that in Consequence of his Excellency being indisposed, he had been pleased to postpone receiving the House with their Address, until Saturday next at Eleven of the Clock at the Government House;

*Resolved*, That this House will attend his Excellency accordingly.

Mr. *Wilkins*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to raise a Revenue for the Support of His Majesty's Government for one Year, from and after the 31st Day of July next, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 8, against it 22.

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Morris,

Mr. Campbell,

Mr. Utley,

Mr. Dimock,

Mr. Belcher,

Mr. Cochran,

Mr. Chipman,

Mr. Mortimer,

Mr. Lushy,

Mr. Millidge,

Mr. Thorne,

Mr. Roach,

Mr. Monk,

Mr. Wallace,

Mr. Rutherford,

Mr. Oxley,

Mr. Lovett,

Mr. McMonagle,

Mr. Morton,

Mr. McCurdy,

Mr. Wilkins,

Mr. Cox,

Mr. Northrup,

Mr. Robie,

Mr. Fulton,

Mr. Tonge,

Mr. Barfs,

Mr. Gbandler,

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Wollenhaupt,

So it passed in the Negative.

On Motion, *resolved*, That Mr. *Bolman*, Member for *Lunenburg*, do answer in the next Session for his Contempt of the House in withdrawing himself before the Session was over without leave first obtained by him for that Purpose.

*Resolved*, That if any Member shall withdraw himself from the House before the present Session be finished; such Member's Seat shall be declared Vacant, unless good and sufficient Reasons shall be given for his absenting himself from his Duty.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 25th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do enter the Substance only of such Petitions as may be presented to the House in future, in the Place of entering the same at length as hitherto practiced.

Mr. *Belcher*, moved, that the House do appoint a Day for taking into Consideration the Petition of *John George Pyke*, Esqr. now before the House, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative without a Division, and thereupon.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *resolved*, that the Consideration of the said Petition be postponed until the next Session.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at half past Eleven of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 26th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Excellency with their Address pursuant to the Resolution of Thursday,

And being returned,

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Mr. Speaker *reported*, that his Excellency was pleased to give this Answer.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly ;*

I AM much concerned to find any Differences have arisen between his Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly in carrying on the Business of the present Sessions. I have fully considered the Matter contained in your Address, and in the Notes sent to his Majesty's Council referred to therein ; and it is my Opinion, that in conforming to the Wishes of his Majesty's Council to have Bills sent to them separate and distinct, there would be no Concession of any Rights or Privileges on the part of the Lower House, as it appears to me to be only a Matter of form, but at the same Time necessary and perfectly safe for the complete and regular Proceedings of both Branches of the Legislature, involving in my Opinion no other Consequences whatever.

It is therefore my earnest Desire and Recommendation, that you so consider the Business, and thereby give Dispatch to the public Service with the cordial Unanimity and Harmony, which has hitherto produced Prosperity to the Province, and Honor to those who Conduct their Affairs.

Mr. *Wollenbant* moved, That the House do now *resolve* itself into a Committee to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government ; which being seconded and put, passed in the negative,

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a present Conference by Committee on the subject Matter of the Bill, intituled, an Act to alter and amend the several Revenue Laws of this Province therein mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the Conference, as desired by the Council.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith ;

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Tonge* and Mr. *Monk* do manage the said Conference ; and that they attend at the Conference accordingly,

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Wallace*, *reported*, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of the Council had stated to them, that although the Council had no Objection to the Principal of the Bill, they were prevented from agreeing to it for the following Reasons, viz. First, that the Bill should be made for a Year at least,

Second, the Reduction should commence after the 31st *July* next, and

Third, the Second and last enacting Clauses contradict each other with respect to the Provisions to enforce the Recovery of Penalties.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, Intituled, an Act to alter and amend the several Revenue Laws of this Province therein mentioned,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *McMonagle*, moved, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter, amend and continue in force the several Revenue Laws for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Brown Sugar and other articles therein mentioned, and for enabling the Officers of his Majesty's Navy to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wines carried and consumed by them out of the Limits of the Province ; also

A Bill to alter, amend and continue an Act, made and passed in the 32d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the further Increase of the Revenue by laying a Duty of Excise on all Goods Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province.

Mr.

Mr. *Wallace*, moved, for leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act made and passed in the 29th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the better Support of the Poor in the respective Counties within this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported into this Province from the United States of America*, Also,

A Bill to continue an Act made and passed in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public Purposes therein mentioned*; Also,

A Bill to continue an Act made and passed in the 37th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 33d Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, an Act in Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act, made in the 33d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled, an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambro Island*, and in Addition to, and amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of Shelburne*.

The several Motions above mentioned were agreed to by the House without a Division.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at ten of the Clock.

MONDAY, 28th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *McMonagle*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter, amend and continue in force, *several Revenue Laws, &c.* Also,

A Bill to alter, amend and continue an Act, made in the 32d Year of his present Majesty's Reign for the further Increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise, &c. And the same were severally read a first time.

Mr. *Wallace* pursuant to leave given presented a Bill to continue an Act made in the 29th Year of his present Majesty's Reign for the better Support of the Poor in the respective Counties, &c. Also,

A Bill, to continue an Act made in the 34 Year of his present Majesty's Reign to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in Halifax, &c. Also,

A Bill to continue an Act made in the 37th Year of his present Majesty's Reign for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambro Island*, &c. and the same were severally read a first time,

*Resolved*, That the Bills before mentioned be now severally read a second time, and the same were read accordingly;

*Resolved*, That the Bills be now committed to a Committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had directed him to report the Bills to the House without any Amendment, and he delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr. *Crane* pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of *David Hamilton* which he stated, was praying for some Aid from the House to enable him to form a Settlement at the Half way River on the Road between the *Avon Bridge* and *Horton*, for the Entertainment and Convenience of Travellers; and the same was read, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee who are to Consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government,

An engrossed Bill to alter, amend and continue in Force several Revenue Laws for granting

granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Brown Sugar, and other articles therein mentioned, and for enabling the Officers of his Majesty's Navy to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wine carried and consumed by them out of the Limits of the Province; Also.

An engrossed Bill to alter, amend and continue an Act, made and passed in the 33d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the further Increase of the Revenue by laying a Duty of Excise on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province*; Also,

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act made and passed in the 29th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other Publick purposes therein mentioned*, Also,

A Bill to continue an Act made and passed in the 37th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 33d Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, an Act in Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act, made in the 33d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled, an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambro Island*, and in addition to, and amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of Shelburne*, were severally read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass;

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same,

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act to alter, amend and continue an Act, made and passed in the 32d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the further Increase of the Revenue by laying a Duty of Excise on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province*; Also,

The Bill, intituled an Act, to continue an Act, made and passed in the 29th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the better Support of the Poor in the respective Counties within this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported into this Province from the United States of America*; Also,

The Bill, intituled an Act, made and passed in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in Halifax and for other publick purposes therein mentioned*; Also,

The Bill, intituled an Act, to continue an Act, made and passed in the 37th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 33d Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, an Act in Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act, made in the 33d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled, an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambro Island*, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of Shelburne*, without any amendment.

The Council desire a present Conference by Committee on the Subject of the Bill, intituled, *an Act to alter, amend and continue in Force several Revenue Laws, &c.* And also on the Bill relating to a *Militia in this Province*;

And then the Messenger withdrew,

*Resolved*, That the House do agree to a Conference, as desired by the Council;

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint them therewith;

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Tonge* and Mr. *Belcher*, do manage the said Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly:

A message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speakear.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act for encouraging the Fisheries of this Province by granting a Bounty upon Cod Fish caught and cured by the Inhabitants of this Province,

The Council have not agreed to twenty four Resolutions of this House, for granting

ing the following Sums for the repairing of Roads and Bridges, viz.

- £300 For road from *Yarmouth* to *Montegan* river,
- 150 From *Lunenburg* to *Chester*,
- 300 From *Chester* to *Windsor*,
- 600 From *Milford Haven* to *Malignant Cove*,
- 100 From *Chedabuto Bay* to *Musquedobit*,
- 50 From *Scotch Bay* to *Top of Cornwallis Mountain*,
- 200 From *Musquedobit River* to *George Campbell's*, on Road from *Pictou* to *Halifax*.
- 50 From *Shelburne River* to *Sable River*.
- 150 From *Liverpool* to *Niſſaur*.
- 230 From 300 Acre Lots in *Lunenburg* to the *Niſſaur Road*.
- 25 From *Silas Rands* in *Cornwallis* to *Annapolis Road*:
- 150 From *Petit Passage* to *Head St. Mary's Bay* in *Digby*.
- 100 From *Middle Settlement of Sewack* to *Dickey's*.
- 25 From *Black Rock* to *South Side Cornwallis Mountain*.
- 50 From *Dr. Bolman's Farm* to *River Labave*.
- 50 For making Road through *McNutt's Island* to *Shelburne Light-House*.
- 200 From *Sable River* to *Liverpool*.
- 60 From *Tusket River* to *River Jébouge*.
- 60 From *River John* to Road leading from *Pictou* to *Truro*.
- 100 From *East River Pictou* to *Sir John Wentworth's Grant* at *Marigomishé*.
- 350 For Road round *Ardois-Hill* and between *Pence's* and *Windsor*.
- 50 From *Mr. Pernetis's* on *River Labave* to *Petit River Bridge*.
- 50 From *River Labave* to *Sbaffelburg's Mills*:
- 25 From *Main Road* to *Fort Sackville* to *Hammond Plains*.

The Council have agreed to Thirty three Resolutions for the above Service, viz.

- £450 For Road from *Shelburne* to *Yarmouth* on *Richard's Road*.
- 160 For making Bridges through *Township of Clare*.
- 200 For making Road from *Church* at *Sciſſabou* to *Philip Wortman's* in *Digby*.
- 200 From *Onslow* to *Tasamagushe*.
- 100 For Road between *Remſheg* and *Cumberland Road*.
- 325 For Roads and Bridges in the *Township of Douglaſs*.
- 200 From *Northern Boundary Rawdon* to *Pigot's Lake*.
- 200 From *Beaver Brook* in *Newport* to *Halifax Road*.
- 50 From *Bridge over River Cockmagun* to *District of Man of Wars Land*:
- 60 From *Kenetcook* to *River Petit*.
- 50 From *Head of Cole Harbour* to *Lawrence Town*:
- 100 From *Spryfield* to *St. Margaret's Bay*.
- 25 From *Halifax* to *Proſpect*.
- 25 From *Halifax* to *Keitch Harbour*,
- 50 From *Patridge Island* to *Cape Doree*.
- 300 From *Windsor* to *Sbubenaccadie Bridge*.
- 200 From *Sbubenaccadie Bridge* towards *Hall's* on *Cobequid Road*.
- 400 From *John Henley's* on *Salmon River* to *Truro*.
- 300 From *Avon Bridge* to *three Mile Plain*.
- 400 From *Avon Bridge* to *Horton*.
- 100 From *Curry's* to *Western Boundary of Alyesford*:
- 50 From *Western Boundary of Alyesford* towards *Annapolis*:
- 200 From *Isaac Langley's* in *Eastern District of Annapolis*, and building Bridge over *Annapolis River* near *Dodge's Tavern*.
- 100 From the *Line of Londonderry* to the *Parrſborough Road*.
- 50 From the *Gut of Annapolis*, on the *Granville ſide* to the *Annapolis Ferry*.
- 100 From *Patridge Island* to *Napan Bridge*.
- 150 For Bridges and *Cauſeways* on Road from *Niſſaur* to *Liverpool*.
- 500 For Road from *Hall's* near the *Grand Lake* to *Truro*.
- 50 For Building a Bridge over *Great Village River* in *Londonderry*.
- 300 For Road from *North Bounds Londonderry* to *Bridge over River Philip*.
- 400 From *Bridge over River Philip* to the *River Napan*.
- 400 For Road from *Halifax* to *Windsor*, between *Mitchell's Tavern* and *Pence's Farm*.

£50 for rebuilding Bridge over *Gasperau* River in *Horton*.  
And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Monk*, reported, that the Committee had been at the Conference with the Committee of the Council on the Revenue Bill, and also the Bill relating to a Militia in this Province, and stated to the House the Substance of the said Conference, and afterwards delivered to the House the Bill last mentioned, and thereupon,

On Motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House.

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ;

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The said Amendments were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House ;

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker.

The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House in favor of *Robert Robinson*, also,

The Resolve in favor of *James Huston*, also

The Resolve in Favor of the Settlers in the Township of *Digby*, and

Also the Bill to alter, amend and continue in Force several Revenue Laws for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Brown ugar, and other articles therein mentioned, and for enabling the Officers of his Majesty's Navy to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wine carried and consumed by them out of the Limits of the Province ; without any Amendment.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolve of this House respecting the future Allowance to be made to the several Health Officers for Services they may perform.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution on the subject of the Health Officers not agreed to by the Council, to inform his Excellency that the House in no future Session will make Provision for the Payment of any Service which may hereafter be performed by any of the Health Officers, which shall be different from what is mentioned in the said Resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *McMonagle*, and Mr. *Cox*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

On Motion of Mr. *Gracie* *resolved*, That if the Money now secured or hereafter to be secured for Duties shall not be immediately wanted in the Treasury at the Time the Bond or Bonds for securing the same shall become due, the collecting of the same may from Time to Time be suspended, if the Obligors to such Bond or Bonds shall confess Judgment in his Majesty's Supreme Court for the Amount due on such Bond or Bonds, so that Execution may immediately issue on such Judgments, if not paid within Ten Days after Demand.

*Resolved*, That the Credit to be so extended to such Obligors, shall be given to all Obligors without Partiality, unless there shall be an Objection to the Sufficiency of the Sureties, in which Case if the Party wishing such Extention of Credit shall at his own Expence give a Judgment with other two sufficient Sureties for the Amount due on such Bond, such Person shall have the Benefit of these Resolutions, and the Sum from Time to Time wanted at the Treasury shall be collected in equal Portions from such Debtor or Debtors, respect being had to the Time each respective

tive Sum shall have been due on such Judgment or Judgments, the same to be from Time to Time regulated by the Commissioners of the Revenue.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be requested to Order the foregoing Resolutions to be carried into Effect, if his Majesty's Council shall assent to the same.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Resolutions be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolutions to the Council accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the o'Clock.

TUESDAY, 29th, APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS,

On Motion of Mr. *Gracie*, *resolved*, That a Conference be requested with his Majesty's Council by Committee on the State of the Fisheries of this Province, and the Necessity of doing some thing to encourage the same the present Session.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Moody*, and Mr. *Gracie*, do manage the said Conference, and that the Clerk do request the same of the Council.

An engrossed Bill, intituled, an Act in further Addition to, and for altering and amending an Act, passed in the 35th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass;

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had come to several Resolutions on the Business to them referred, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows;

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that (from the extraordinary Length of the present Session increased by the investigating and determining several contested Elections which having unavoidably occasioned the contingent Expences of the House this Session to exceed the Expence of last Session very considerably, it becomes necessary to augment the Vote of Money for that Service a Sum not exceeding Twelve Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid for the Contingent Expences of the *General Assembly*, for the present Session, to be drawn for in the usual Manner.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an additional Sum of Thirty five Pounds should be granted and paid to the Speaker of the *House of Assembly*, as a Compensation for his Services, on Account of the extraordinary Length of the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an additional Sum of Thirty five Pounds should be granted and paid to the Clerk of the *House of Assembly*, as a Compensation for his Services, on Account of the Extraordinary Length of the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Twenty five Pounds should be granted and paid to *James Gautier*, the Deputy Clerk of the Council in *General Assembly*, as a Compensation for his Services, on Account of the extraordinary Length of the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an additional Sum of Ten Pounds should be granted and paid to the Reverend Mr. *Stanfer*, as a Compensation for his Services, as Chaplain to the Council and *House of Assembly*, on Account of the Extraordinary Length of the present Session.

*Resolved*;



*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to *Foster Hutchinson*, Esq. for drafting Bills, and other Services performed by him for the *House of Assembly*, during the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an additional Sum of Twenty Pounds, should be granted and paid to the Keeper of the Council Chamber, and *House of Assembly*, as a compensation for her Services, on account of the Extraordinary length of the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an additional Sum of Ten Pounds should be granted and paid to the Messenger of his Majesty's Council as a Compensation for his Services, on account of the extraordinary length of the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds should be granted and paid to repair and lay out the Road from *Chester* to the Town of *Lunenburg*.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which report the House agreed to.

The said Resolutions were severally read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Resolutions to his Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the several Resolutions of this House sent up Yesterday on the subject of Bonds given by persons for the Payment of Duties.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intitled an Act, in further Addition to, and for altering and Amending an Act, passed in the 35th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled, *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province*, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

The House proceeded to take the Amendment proposed by his Majesty's Council to the Bill above mentioned into Consideration, and the same having been read a first and second time, was upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by them.

Mr. Secretary *Wentworth* acquainted the House, that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to this House, signed by his Excellency; and that he had received his Excellency's Commands to lay before this House,

The Copy of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of *Portland*, One of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to his Excellency; also a Copy of his Majesty's Order in Council, respecting the Validity of Acts of the *General Assembly*.

And he presented the said Message, together with the said two Papers to the House.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as followeth, viz.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

Having received a Letter from his Grace the Duke of *Portland*, One of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, signifying his Majesty's Pleasure, respecting the Validity of Acts of the *General Assembly*; I lose no time in communicating the same to the *House of Assembly* for their information.

J. WENTWORTH.

The said Letter to his Excellency was read, and is as follows;  
(Circular)

WHITEHALL 5th Feb. 1800.

SIR,

I send you inclosed the Copy of an Order of his Majesty in Council, dated the  
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15th ultimo, declaring in Future in all Cases, where his Majesty's Confirmation shall be necessary to give Validity and Effect to any Act passed by the Legislature of any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations, unless his Majesty's Confirmation thereof shall be obtained within three Years from the passing such Act, in any of the said Colonies or Plantations, such Act is to be considered as disallowed, and I am to signify to you his Majesty's Pleasure, that you do communicate this his Majesty's Declaration to the two Houses of Legislature of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*.

I am Sir, Your Most Obedient Hnmbler Servant,

PORTLAND.

His Majesty's said Order in Council was read, and is as follows ;

At the COURT at SAINT JAMES's the 15th of January, 1800.

PRESENT.

DUKE OF PORTLAND,  
LORD STUART,  
LORD CHAMBERLAIN,  
EARL SPENSER,  
EARL OF LIVERPOOL,

VICOUNT BELGRAVE,  
LORD CATHCART,  
LORD HAWKESBURY,  
SIR WILLIAM SCOTT,  
Mr. STEELE.

Whereas there was this Day read at the Board a Representation of a Committee of the Lords of his Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, stating the inconvenience, which may result from his Majesty's Approbation being obtained to Acts of the Legislatures of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations, at any considerable Intervale of Time from the passing thereof ; and submitting that unless his Majesty's Confirmation to any Act passed in his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations shall be obtained, within three Years from the passing any such Act in the said Colonies or Plantations respectively, such Act should be considered as disallowed.

His Majesty with the Advice of his Privy Council, is thereupon pleased to declare, that in future in all Cases where his Majesty's Confirmation shall be necessary to give Validity and effect to any of said Acts, and his Majesty's Confirmation thereof shall not be obtained within three Years from the passing such Act in any of the said Colonies or Plantations, such Act shall be considered as disallowed ; and his Majesty is hereby pleased to Order, that his Grace the Duke of PORTLAND, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do receive his Majesty's Pleasure for communicating such his Majesty's Declaration to the Governors of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations to be by them signified to the respective Legislatures of his Majesty's said Colonies or Plantations.

W. FAUKNER.

On Motion of Mr. *Morris*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Claim of the Secretary of the Province for publick Services performed by him for which no Provision is made by Law or otherwise, and that they do report to the House in the next Session.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Morris*, and Mr. *Belcher*, be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion, resolved that a Conference by Committee be requested with his Majesty's Council on the subject of making Provision for the repair and opening of certain Roads in the Province ;

Ordered, That the Managers who are appointed for the Conference on the State of the Fisheries, do manage this Conference, together with Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Mortimer*, and Mr. *Barfs*.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire the said Conference.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to a Conference by Committee on the subject of the Fisheries and Roads, as desired by this House immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

*Ordered*, That the Managers do attend at the Conference, and their Names were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. *Tonge*, reported, that they had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the following Ten Resolutions of this House viz.

The Resolve for granting £.2000, for the Encouragement of the Fisheries.

The Resolve for granting £.1200, for the Contingent Expences of the *General Assembly*.

The Resolve for granting £.35, to the Speaker of the *House of Assembly*.

The Resolve for granting £.35, to the Clerk of the *House of Assembly*.

The Resolve for granting £.25, to *James Gautier*, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

The Resolve for granting £.10, to the Reverend Mr. *Stanfer*.

The Resolve for granting £.50, to *Foster Hutchinson*.

The Resolve for granting £.20, to the Keeper of the *Council-Chamber* and *House of Assembly*.

The Resolve for granting £.10, to the Messenger of the Council.

The Resolve for granting £160, for the Road from *Chester* to the Town of *Lunenburg*.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution of this House, respecting the Health Officers, that they had waited upon and delivered the same to his Excellency accordingly.

Mr. *Wallace*, reported from the Committee appointed to consider what the objects are, which in their Opinion may be immediately necessary for the Speaker to correspond with the Agent of the Province upon, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz.

That it would be of the most beneficial Consequence to this Province to obtain.

First. A Renewal of the Bounty on Pine and other Timber exported from the Colonies to *Great-Britain*.

Secondly. The free Importation of Wines and Fruit directly from the Place of Growth in Europe, &c.

Thirdly. A new Division Line between this Province and *New-Brunswick*.

Fourthly. Permission to the Inhabitants of this Province to open Mines for the digging of Coals.

Fifthly. To represent the great Disadvantages to this, and the other British Provinces, arising from the present Intercourse between the *American States* and his Majesty's *West India Islands*, which has almost annihilated the Fisheries.]

The Committee are of Opinion, that by a proper Representation on the Part of the Agent to his Majesty's Ministers, that the first, second, third and fourth, of those Objects might be soon obtained.

*Ordered*, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Monk*, reported, from the Committee; to whom the Bill for providing and establishing of English Schools throughout the Province of *Nova-Scotia* was committed, that the Committee had made several Alterations and Amendments thereunto, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and thereupon,

On Motion, *resolved*, That the House will take the said Bill into Consideration in the next Sessions.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be printed, and that the Clerk do furnish the several Mem-  
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bers with Copies of the same, for their Perusal and Information during the recess of the House.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 30th APRIL, 1800.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Mortimer* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the raising of Wheat and Indian Corn in this Province, and the same was read a first Time, and thereupon.

Mr. *Millidge*, moved, that the second reading of the said Bill be deferred to the next Sessions; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the Motion Fourteen, Against it Thirteen.

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. <i>Cochran</i> ,	Mr. <i>Millidge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Monk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tonge</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cox</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fulton</i> ,	Mr. <i>McCurdy</i> ,
Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Barfs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mortimer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Moody</i> ,
Mr. <i>Thorne</i> ,	Mr. <i>Belcher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lowett</i> ,	Mr. <i>Northrup</i> ,
Mr. <i>Roach</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lusby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Uiley</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rutherford</i> ,	Mr. <i>Oxley</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dimock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> .
Mr. <i>Gracie</i> ,	Mr. <i>McMonagle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Robie</i> ,	

So it passed in the Affirmative:

On Motion resolved, that a Conference be requested with his Majesty's Council by Committee on the Subject Matter of the several Resolutions sent up to his Majesty's Council yesterday, to which they did not agree.

Ordered, That the Clerk do request the said Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Wilkins*, and Mr. *Monk*; do manage the said Conference:

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed by the Council to inform this House, that as the Reasons for agreeing to the Bill to enable Importers to Drawback the Amount of the Duties on Articles remaining on hand on the first Day of July next, have been obviated by the Passing of the Laws of Revenue, his Majesty's Council propose, that the above mentioned Bill be withdrawn, by the joint Consent of both Houses.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion resolved, That this House do concur with the Council in withdrawing the Bill above mentioned; and that the Clerk do acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the Conference as requested by this House immediately in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the Conference, and their Names were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly,

And being returned,

Mr. *Wallace*, reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference; and stated the Substance of the Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further Conference by Committee, on the Subject Matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the Conference as requested by his Majesty's Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint them with the same.

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That the Managers do attend at the Conference, and their Names were called over, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Wallace*, reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of Council had acquainted them on the said Conference, that the Council had considered the subject Matter of the Conference held yesterday respecting the Roads and Fisheries of the Province, and did not see fit to alter the Opinion they have already formed on those Subjects. That they further acquainted them, that the Council had fully considered the Subject of the Conference held this Day respecting the Resolutions of this House, which the Council rejected Yesterday; and that the Council did not think fit to alter their Opinion on the Subject of those Resolutions.

Mr. *Monk* also reported, that the Managers of this House, had conferred with those of the Council, on the Subject of the Indians of this Province, and that the Managers of the Council, said that the Council were disposed to concur in the Measures proposed by the House for the Relief of the Indians; and that they will appoint a Committee, to join a Committee of this House, after the present Session shall be over, to prepare and bring forward a Plan for their Relief.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having strongly recommended, that the Sum of Money voted towards completing the Road lately laid out round *Ardois Hill*, should be granted; his Majesty's Council are willing, that the Vote sent up for that Service, and not agreed to in Council, should make part of the Appropriation Bill, if the *House of Assembly*, may choose to insert it therein.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion *resolved* unanimously, that this House will not receive any Recommendation of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting Money Matters, from his Majesty's Council.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow at Eleven of the Clock.

THURSDAY, 1st MAY, 1800.

PRAYERS,

The House took into Consideration the Report of the Conference had Yesterday with his Majesty's Council, on the Subject of the Indians of this Province, and thereupon.

*Resolved* and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Tonge*, be a Committee of this House, to meet a Committee of his Majesty's Council in the Town of *Halifax*, on the Subject of the Indians above mentioned.

*Resolved* and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Gracie*, Mr. *Barfs*, Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Fulton*, Mr. *Oxley*, Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Campbell*, and Mr. *Mortimer*, be Commissioners to communicate Information respecting the State of the Indians in the different Parts of the Province, and suggest to the Committee in Town Methods to be adopted for the Settlement of the Indians.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing Resolutions.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee, to consider further of a Supply to be Granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had come to a Resolution upon the Business to them referred; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolution in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as Follows.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, to be applied by the  
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joint Committee of the Council and *House of Assembly*, for the Relief of the Indians in their present Distress, the same to be distributed from Time to Time, in such Way as to such Committee shall seem best for their Relief: And the Expensure thereof accounted for at the next Sessions.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second Time, and thereupon, Mr. *Dimock*, moved, that the House do not agree to the same, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eleven, Against it Seventeen.

So it passed in the Negative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the forgoing Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House for granting £350, for the Service of the Indians.

The Council have appointed a Committee of Mr. *Brenton* and Mr. *Newton*, to meet the Committee of this House on the said Subject.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*, acquainted the House, that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as followeth,

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The intended Road to avoid some of the Inconveniencies of the present Road over the *Ardois Hill*, has been represented to Me as of great Consequence, and for the making of which, I have taken Measures, that will be wholly defeated, unless a Sum of Money is granted for that Service; I therefore recommend to the House to grant such a Sum as may be thought necessary for that Purpose.

J. WENTWORTH.

The House proceeded to take the foregoing Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor into Consideration, and thereupon,

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, resolved, that the Sum of Three Hundred and Fiftyfive Pounds be granted and paid towards compleating the Road lately laid out round the *Ardois Hill*, and the Repair of the Main Road between *Pence's Farm* and the Three Mile Plain near *Windsor*.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

A message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution for granting £355, for the Road round *Ardois Hill*, and the Main Road between *Pence's Farm* and the three Mile Plain near *Windsor*.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Tonge*, moved, that his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having at the Commencement of the Session recommended to both Houses to provide for a Road for the Accommodation of the Eastern Settlements of the Province, resolved therefore, that a Sum not exceeding £100, be granted and applied towards exploring the best Course for a Road from the Head of *Milford Haven*, towards the Capital; and the further Sum of £600, for repairing the present Road and Bridges between *Country Harbour*, *Manchester*, *Antigenishe*, and the Settlements at *Malignant Cove*, the supposed Boundary of the County of *Sydney*, which being seconded and put passed in the Affirmative.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, that the Sum of £250, be added to the Contingent Fund for defraying the Expences of the *General Assembly*, in the present Session.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the above Resolutions to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same,

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolve of this House for granting £700, for Roads in the Eastern Settlements of the Province, also

The Resolve for granting the additional Sum of £250, for the Expences of the *General Assembly*.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Morris*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, on which they had framed a Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year 1800, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, to be delivered to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the Resolutions and Clauses therein contained were severally read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On Motion the Bill for applying certain Monies for the Service of the Year 1800, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now read a Third Time, and the same was read a Third time accordingly ;

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 2d MAY, 1800:

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,  
Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a present Conference by Committee on the Subject of the Appropriation Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the Conference, as requested by the Council ;

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith ;

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Monk*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Robie*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Belebot*, do manage the said Conference, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. *Monk*, reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of the Council had informed them ; That the Council cannot agree to that Part of the Appropriation Bill in Page 7, which says the Commissioners of Roads shall be entitled to receive so much on the Sum expended as may be judged reasonable, because they think each should know what he is entitled to receive, and every one who does his Duty be entitled to a like Reward for his Services, they therefore propose, that a certain per Centage should be inserted in the Bill. Nor can they agree to the Clause in Page 8, which has been inserted as the Act of both Houses, without being sent up to them, and is besides very exceptionable on various other Accounts. The Clause following although not previously sent up for Concurrence, they have however no Objection to remaining, *Provided*, it Ends at the word Ports in the 17th Line as the Remainder of the Clause is contradictory to the Provisions of the Acts for imposing the Duties passed this Session, and besides establishes a different Rule of Distribution in Town and Country.

On Motion, *resolved*, that a further Conference be held with the Council on the subject Matter of the last Conference, and that the Managers do inform the Committee of the Council on the said Conference. That the House admits that the Clauses in the Appropriation Bill respecting the Appointment of Inspectors and Searchers Differ in some Respects from the Clause on that subject in the Appropriation Act of the past Year, but the Alteration was considered by the House of such trifling Importance, that it was not thought necessary to send the same separately to the Council, it however would have been done, if the House had conceived, that it was possible an Objection would have been made thereto, as it has not been the Intention of the House to deviate the present Session from the Mode observed for a few Sessions past, in the Formation of the Appropriation Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do request the Conference from the Council accordingly ;

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference.

The Clerk reported, that the Council do agree to the above Conference.

*Ordered*, That the Managers do attend accordingly, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Monk*, reported, That the Managers had been at the further Conference ; and stated to the House that the Committee of the Council informed them that the Council remained in the Opinion, that the several Clauses objected to by them in the Appropriation Bill are of Importance, and should be sent separate to the Council ;

Mr. *Monk* also reported, that the Managers with the Permission of the Council had brought back the said Bill.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a further Conference, with this House by Committee on the Subject of the Appropriation Bill ;

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to a further Conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith ;

*Ordered*, That the Managers do attend at the Conference accordingly, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Monk*, reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and he stated the Substance of the same to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act for applying Certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred ; and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session



of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*.

His Excellency Commands this House to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following viz.

An Act for altering, and amending an Act made in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, King GEORGE the Second, intituled, *An Act for preventing Trespasses*.

An Act to Continue, and amend an Act made in the Thirty ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue to Repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licenced to keep publick Houses or Shops for the Retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such Houses and Shops.

An Act, to revive and continue an Act made in the Thirty-eighth year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act, to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the Eighteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax*.

An Act, in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Acts made by the General Assembly, relating to the Office of Sberiff and to alter the Form of the Summonses heretofore used*.

An Act, to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act, to provide suitable Places for the *General Assembly* and *King's Courts* to sit in, and other public Purposes.

An Act, for the better Regulating the Manner of holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Annapolis*.

An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made and passed in the first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the Repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships of this Province*.

An Act, for providing Pounds in the several Townships in this Province.

An Act, to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, and for purchasing another Estate as a perpetual Glebe for the Resident Minister of the established Church in said Township*.

An Act, in further Addition to an Act for preventing Trespasses.

An Act, to continue an Act made and passed in the 37th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 33d Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, an Act in Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act, made in the 33d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled, an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambro Island*, and in Addition to, and amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of Shelburne*.

An Act, to alter Amend and continue an Act made and passed in the Thirty-second Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by laying a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province*.

An Act, to continue an Act, made and passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the better Support of the Poor in the respective Counties within this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported into this Province from the *United States of America*.

An Act, to continue an Act made and passed in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's

jeſty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

An Act, to alter, amend, and continue in force the ſeveral Revenue Laws for granting to His Maſteſty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and other diſtilled Spirituous Liquors, Brown Sugar, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for enabling the Officers of His Maſteſty's Navy to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wines carried and conſumed by them out of the Limits of the Province.

An Act, in further Addition to, and for altering and amending an Act paſſed in the Thirty-fifth Year of His preſent Maſteſty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act the ſeveral Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province.*

After which Mr. SPEAKER ſpoke as follows :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

**I**N preſenting to your Excellency the Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted by the Representatives of his Maſteſty's faithful Subjects in this Province; I ſhould be negligent of my Duty, was I to omit ſtating, to your Excellency, that nothing but a Zealous Attachment to his Maſteſty's Government, and a thorough Conviction of the Impropriety of Agitating a Queſtion at the preſent Moment, which would diſturb the Public Mind, could have induced the *House of Aſſembly* to encounter the Difficulties it has met with, in endeavouring to provide a ſuitable Revenue for the Support of his Maſteſty's Government, and to appropriate to the true Intereſt of the Province, the Supplies of the preſent Year; the Patience with which the *House of Aſſembly* has endured the heavy Burthen of a Seſſion, protracted to an unuſual Length, and the Sacrifices it has made to avoid Controverſy; afford the beſt Proof of its ſincere Wiſh to preſerve, if poſſible, the Character which this Province has heretofore ſo juſtly merited.

The decayed and ruined State of the Fisheries of the Province, and the total want of Roads of Communication between the Settlements on the Shore, have been ſeriously conſidered by the Houſe, and its beſt Endeavours have been Exerted to remedy Evils, the further Progreſs of which, muſt totally Ruin the beſt Intereſts of the Province; the Houſe moſt ſenſibly Feels, that after all its Exertions, it has not been able to do any thing for the Accompliſhment of Objects of ſuch great publick Utility.

I beg leave to Aſſure your Excellency, that it ſhall be our Study, by every means in our Power, to prove ourſelves worthy of the very many Bleſſings we enjoy under the juſt and mild Government of our Moſt Gracious Sovereign, and to promote the true Intereſts of his dutiful and Loyal Subjects in this Province, on whoſe behalf, I am humbly to beg that your Excellency will pleaſe to Aſſent to the Bill, which I have now the Honor to deliver to you, for appropriating the Supplies of the enſuing Year.

His Excellency was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſaid Bill following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thouſand eight Hundred, and for appropriating ſuch part of Supplies granted in this Seſſion of the *General Aſſembly* as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

After which his Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Speech :

GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL, and

GENTLEMEN of the ASEMBLY,

**S**ENSIBLE how much your Private affairs require your Perſonal attention at this advanced Season of the Year, and the public Buſineſs being completed, I am Happy to Meet your Convenience therein by a Prorogation.

My Thanks are Sincerely made, for the Proviſion Supplied for the Service and Support of his Maſteſty's Government, which, on my part, ſhall be applied with exact Fidelity, and the beſt Diligence and Diſcretion in my Power, to the Purpoſes intended. Accept alſo, Gentlemen, my Congratulacions on the Proſperous State

of the Province, which has enabled the Legislature to extend a Prudent Relief to Trade and Navigation, that will Naturally circulate its Benefits to the Encouragement of the Fisheries, with which it is Indispensibly connected; and which has also enabled you to Grant such great Aids to the Agriculture of the Country, and Comfort of the People, in affording them the Means of making Roads and Bridges through very many Parts of the Province, thereby distributing Money for all the Labour that can Possibly be Spared, to an extent, beyond our most sanguine Hopes, but a few Years since.

How thankful then, ought we to be to the Supreme Being, through whose beneficent Providence these Blessings are derived; Health and Plenty are continued to us, and our Country preserved from the Ravages of Merciless Enemies; that the most precious Health of our Gracious Sovereign and all the ROYAL FAMILY is preserved and that His Enemies are Frustrated in their Wicked Attempts, by the affectionate Loyalty and Attachment of His Subjects and the Valour of His Forces by Sea and Land.

These bright Examples you will continue to Cultivate in your different Districts during the Recess; and I trust that whatever Measures may be found necessary, still further, to promote the Prosperity of the Province, will in due time be accomplished.

And afterwards the President of his Majesty's Council by His Excellency's Command said,

GENTLEMEN,

IT is his Excellency's will and Pleasure, that this *General Assembly* be Prorogued to Thursday the Fourteenth Day of *August* next, to be then here held, and this *General Assembly* is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Fourteenth Day of *August* next.

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