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PROCEEDINGS

OF

The House of Assembly,

1820.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Lieutenant-General
the Right Honorable GEORGE, Earl
of DALHOUSIE, Baron Dalhousie,
of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand
Cross of the Most Honorable Military
Order of the Bath, Captain-General,
and Governor in Chief, in and over
His Majesty's Provinces of Lower
Canada, Upper Canada, Nova-Scotia,
New-Brunswick, and the Islands of
Prince Edward, and Cape Breton,
and their several Dependencies, &c.
&c. &c.*

(L. S.)
DALHOUSIE.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday,
the 13th inst:

I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the
Tenth Day of February next; *then to meet for the Dispatch of Business*; of which all Persons
concerned are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

*GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms,
at Halifax, this third day of January,
1820, in the 60th year of His Majesty's
Reign.*

By His Excellency's Command.

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

The House of Assembly,

OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1820.

A MESSAGE from His Excellency the Governor in Chief by Mr. Secretary George,
Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor in Chief commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended His Excellency the Governor in Chief in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been 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 follows :

Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

IT is my first duty to inform you, that the health of His Majesty the King, continues nearly the same as when I last met you in General Assembly.

For some months past, much anxiety, has been felt on account of the disturbances which have agitated the manufacturing districts in England and Scotland. It appears that mischievous and daring men have stirred up the people to acts of sedition and outrages; but I am happy to state, that there is every reason to believe, that the resolute conduct of the Civil Magistrates, has put down this disposition to riot and disorder.

If we look around on the nations of the world in all their peculiar difficulties, or vari-

ous degrees of prosperity, we cannot but reflect how few of them enjoy the peaceful tranquillity with which this portion of His Majesty's dominions is blessed. Among the great natural advantages which Nova-Scotia possesses, I consider the industrious contentment of her people as the surest guide to lead them to a proper use of these bounties of an Almighty Providence.

I am happy to think, that I have not any unfavorable report to lay before you of the general state of the Province ; although, like others, we also have our difficulties.

It is to be regretted, that our Fisheries have not been so successful this past season, as they have been in former years ; and that our Trade still feels the effects of the general embarrassment of Commerce.

The Agriculture of the Province prospers to my utmost wish :—Under the sanction given in the last Session of the Legislature to this Branch of the Public Interest, by the Institution of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, no less than twenty Societies have been formed for the encouragement and improvement of Farming. The zealous exertions of these Societies have done much good around them almost every where. The mind of the people is roused to this pursuit ; and a manly emulation has spread abroad the blessed influence of active Industry.

It is a pleasing part of my duties to suggest to your consideration such new subjects as present themselves in the rapid steps of our improvement ; and I confidently trust, that the Legislature will enable me to promote and confirm this prosperous march.

The want of an accurate Survey of the Province, has been long felt as a very serious inconvenience ; and one that necessarily increases with the increasing settlement of the Forest Lands : I recommend this to your attention, as a matter if not absolutely necessary, at least as highly desireable—and, I think, of easy accomplishment.

I also submit to your consideration the practicability of a Canal, to connect the Harbour of Halifax with the Basin of Minas, by the Lakes of Shubenacadie. This is a work of great importance, and to be attempted with caution : It promises great public advantages ; but I do not know the extent of its difficulties—and to ascertain these, by competent Engineers, is all I mean to suggest at present.

The improvement of the public roads will, as heretofore, have your attentive consideration ; and, with them, I again recommend the roads lately opened into the Military, and other new Settlements ; which, I am happy to say, are prospering to my best expectations.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

The Public Accounts will be laid before you ; and, I trust it will appear that the Supplies granted to His Majesty in the last Session, have been carefully and faithfully applied.

Although the Revenue has not augmented largely ; still, it has been increasing in the course of this year. I must, however, again advise a prudent application of the Funds that shall be found to be disposable for Public Services.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

His Majesty's American Provinces have lately sustained a severe loss, in the death of the Governor-General, the Duke of Richmond. This event, most sudden and unexpected, has been generally and justly lamented ; and deeply so in Canada, where his Grace's able Administration, his manly character, and mild and amiable manners, had gained him the confidence and affection of the country.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been most graciously pleased to honor me with that important command ; and to appoint Lieutenant-General Sir James Kempt, to the Government of this Province.

While

While I rejoice in the pleasing scene of comfort and prosperity which this Province exhibits ; and while I press upon your attention such matters as occur to me to be worthy of your consideration, I look to your more intimate knowledge of local wants and circumstances ; and I depend upon that unanimity which has so happily existed between the several branches of the Legislature, to enable me to bestow an unbiased and equal attention to all points of Public interest. It is no less my duty and desire to give this, than it is your right to expect it ; and by thus joining my powers with yours, the important objects for which you are assembled will be most effectually accomplished.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Prescott, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. Cogswell, Mr. J. I. Chipman, and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws.

Ordered, That Mr. Roach be added to the Grand Committee of Justice, in the room of Edward Mortimer, Esq. late Member for the County of Halifax, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Crane, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Ritchie, of Annapolis Royal, be a Committee of Privileges.

George Smith, Esq. returned duly elected as a Member for the County of Halifax, in the room of Edward Mortimer, Esq. deceased, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, and the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, two of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

William Henry Roach, Esq. returned duly elected as Member for the Township of Digby, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, and the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, two of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Albro, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Smith and Mr. W. Dickson, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts jointly with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That no Petition of a private nature be received after Wednesday, the first day of March next.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at two of the clock.

Friday, 11th, February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker, ~~Committee of Privileges~~

The Council have appointed a Committee to join the Committee of the House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, 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,

On motion, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Address.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. W. A. Chipman took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the Address, and that the committee had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Address as amended, in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to the several Acts now in force relating to the Office of Sheriff, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday, 12th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

The Address in answer to His Excellency the Governor in Chief's Speech being engrossed, pursuant to the Order of yesterday, the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

*To His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honorable
GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,*

*Baron Dalhousie, of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand
Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the
Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and
over His Majesty's Provinces of Lower Canada, Up-
per Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and the
Islands of Prince Edward, and Cape Breton and
their several Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please Your Excellency :

WE, His Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of His loyal people of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

We most sincerely lament the continued indisposition of our revered and beloved Sovereign.

It is with great pleasure we learn that the resolute and determined conduct of those in Civil Authority, has, in a great measure, subdued the disposition for riot and disorder, which, for some time past, disturbed the manufacturing Districts in Great-Britain ; and that a seasonable check has been given to the seditious disturbers of the Public peace.

We have great reason to acknowledge the manifold mercies of the Almighty Disposer of Events, in the peace and tranquillity with which this Province is blessed ; and we confidently hope, that the increasing industry and zeal for improvement, so evidently manifested by its Inhabitants, will enable them to avail themselves of the natural advantages placed within their reach. We

We regret, with your Excellency, that our Trade has suffered in the general depression of Commerce; and that our Fisheries have not been so successful as in former years.

To your Excellency we are deeply indebted for your liberal and zealous exertions to promote and improve the Agriculture of the Province; we are fully sensible of the advantages this branch of the Public Interest has derived from the institution of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, formed under your Excellency's immediate patronage.

We are fully of opinion, with your Excellency, as to the advantages likely to result from an accurate survey of the Province, and the facilities it would afford to the settlement of the Forest Lands; and we trust, that, 'ere long, we shall be enabled to accomplish this highly desirable object.

We thank your Excellency for calling our attention to the proposed Inland Navigation, between the Harbour of Halifax and the Basin of Minas; we shall carefully consider this interesting subject, and endeavour to ascertain the extent of its difficulties, and the advantages likely to result from its completion.

The improvement of the Public Roads, and those lately opened in the Military and other new Settlements, shall occupy our most attentive consideration.

We thank your Excellency for having directed the accounts of the expenditures of the Supplies, granted in the last Session, to be laid before us at this early period, and we shall carefully apply the Revenues of the Province to such purposes as may appear to us most conducive to its best interests.

The sudden death of the late Governor-General, the Duke of Richmond, has been sincerely deplored throughout these Provinces, and we deeply lament, as one of its consequences, the removal of your Excellency from the immediate Administration of this Government. We rejoice, however, that the distinguished zeal, talents, and patriotism, of your Excellency, have been justly valued and conspicuously rewarded by our Sovereign, in the appointment of your Excellency to the Supreme Command of His Majesty's North American Dominions; and we confidently trust, that the same wisdom which made choice of your Excellency to preside over us, has been again manifested in our favour, by the appointment of so meritorious an Officer as Sir James Kempt, to succeed your Excellency in the Government of this Province.

We are much gratified at the satisfaction expressed by your Excellency for the comfort and prosperity of the Province; and we are sensible that your Excellency's pleasure on this occasion arises from the purest source, as we are mainly indebted for our increasing prosperity and happiness, to the mild, impartial, and judicious measures of your Excellency's Administration.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we shall have much pleasure in contributing all the aid which our local information may afford us, to facilitate the Public Service; and we will diligently cultivate a spirit of unanimity and harmony in the discharge of our Legislative Duties, and in the effectual accomplishment of the important objects for which we are assembled.

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

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the Address to his Excellency the Governor in Chief, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, to know his pleasure, when he will be attended by the House.

A Bill, in addition to the several Acts now in force, relating to the Office of Sheriff, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to know his pleasure when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, that the Committee had, pursuant to Order, waited on His Excellency accordingly, and that His Excellency was pleased to appoint this day, at two of the clock, at the Government House.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of this day.

And being returned.

Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to give this Answer :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

I THANK you for this Address, conveying to me the assurance of your continued support and co-operation in the great public trust committed to us.

The prosperity of the Province has been, and still will be, the great object of my endeavours ; and it is always gratifying to me to find my humble efforts so cordially assisted by the House of Assembly.

DALHOUSIE.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at leeven of the clock.

Monday, 14th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Jehu Mosher was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is one of the Securities for Nicholas Mosher and Jehu Mosher, junior, contractors for building a Bridge over Cornwallis River. That in consequence of the Contractors failing to perform their Contract, he is now confined in the Jail at Windsor, at the suit of the Commissioners ; and praying that the House will be pleased to permit him to re-build the said Bridge, upon his giving ample security to the Commissioners for the performance of the work, or afford him such relief in the premises as to them may seem meet.

A Petition of A. Cunard & Son, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, encouraged by the vote of the House in the last Session, fitted out and employed a Vessel at a very heavy expense in the Northern Whale Fishery, which has returned unsuccessful. That the Petitioners, not discouraged by the failure of this first attempt, have again fitted out a vessel for the South Sea Fishery, and furnished her with Provisions and Stores requisite for a voyage of fifteen Months, and praying the further encouragement and aid of the House in such way as to the House may seem meet.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue the several Acts for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province : and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the several Laws relating to the Revenue, and to report, if, in their opinion, any, and what, alteration shall be made, in order to obtain a more efficient mode of securing and collecting the Revenue.

Ordered, That Mr. Prescott, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Roach, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, take into consideration His Excellency the Governor in Chief's Speech at the opening of the Session.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill in addition to the several Acts now in force, relating to the Office of Sheriff.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. W. A. Chipman 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 he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday, 15th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue the several Acts for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province, was read a second time.

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

A Petition of William Pride and others, Inhabitants of the County of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, praying an aid for the road from Sable River to Lewes' Head, and from thence past Spearwater's Tavern, being a distance of about fourteen miles, as the making the said road passable with safety to cattle and carriages would be of great public utility.

A petition of John Todd was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has at a great expense established a Stage Coach and Sleigh, which he has continued to run between Windsor and Halifax, for nearly two years, and praying the aid of the House to enable him to pursue his undertaking, which is acknowledged to be of great public convenience, but unfortunately not beneficial to the Petitioner.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to continue the several Acts for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. W. A. Chipman 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 he was directed by the committee to report the same to the House without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 16th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts now in force for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence;

Mr. Cogswell presented to the House an account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all

Monies received by him into, and payments by him made from, the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1819.

Ordered, That the account do lie on the table, to be perused by the Members of the Hou^{se}.

A Petition of John Brison, and others, Proprietors of the Town Marsh, so (called,) in Newport, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to enable them to make regulations for the fencing and depasturing of the said Marsh Land.

A Petition of Francis Rudolf, and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that a Law may be passed for the establishing of a Public Market in the said Town, for the benefit of the Inhabitants.

A Petition of the Rev. Roger Aitken, President of the Lunenburg Farmers' Society, in behalf of the said Society, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that a Law may be passed for the establishing of Public Markets, and for holding two annual Fairs, for the sale of Cattle, Horses, &c. within the Town of Lunenburg,

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Archibald have leave to bring in a Bill for establishing Public Markets, &c. in the Town of Lunenburg.

The order of the day being read,

On motion, His Excellency the Governor in Chief's Speech was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Speech.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool 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 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 follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to report what actual Surveys have been made under the Resolution of this House in the Session of 1816, by which the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds was granted to defray the expences of a Survey of the Lines of the Counties and Townships, and also of the main roads of the Province, and what part of the said sum of money has been expended; and also to report to the House what further sum of money will be required to complete the said Survey, and also to report the probable expense of an actual Survey of the whole of the unlocated Lands of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House to enquire into, and report upon, the expenditure of all sums of money, that have been heretofore granted for the purpose of completing the Surveys of the several Lakes and Streams between the Shubenacadie River, and the Harbour of Halifax. And also, to report what sum of money would be necessary to enable His Excellency the Governor, to ascertain, by competent Engineers, the practicability of the proposed inland Navigation between the Harbour of Halifax and the Basin of Minas, and the probable sum of money, which it would require to complete the undertaking.

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. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. W. A. Chipman, be a Committee, agreeably to the first Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Fraser and Mr.

Mr. Archibald, be a Committee, agreeably to the last resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 17th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for establishing public Markets in the Town of Lunenburg, and for holding annual Fairs, for the sale of Horses, Cattle, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for re-building the Bridge over Cornwallis River, and for the relief of Jehu Mosher and Barzilla Mosher, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of Daniel Dickinson, of Parrsborough, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying compensation for an injury he alleges to have sustained by a new public road, lately laid out through part of his cultivated Land, and also for a Bridge erected over Partridge Island River at his own expense, which now forms part of the said road, and is used by the public.

A Petition of Thomas Boggs, Lawrence Hartshorne, Jun. and others, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a reduction of the duty payable on spirituous liquors distilled within the Province.

A Petition of James Leishman, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying the further indulgence of the House, in allowing him time to pay the sum due by him to the Province, as surety for David Dundas & Co. Insolvent Debtors.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the several Papers following, viz.—

A copy of a Letter from Earl Bathurst to His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, dated Downing-Street, 27th April, 1819, acknowledging the receipt of the Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, from the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, on the Death of Her late Majesty the Queen.

A copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker to the Speakers of Colonial Assemblies, dated 28th June, 1819, on the subject of the Convention with the United States of America.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, the Agent of the Province, to the President of His Majesty's Council, and Mr. Speaker, dated London, 7th April, 1819, on the subject of Timber Duties, and enclosing sundry Acts of Parliament recently passed.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to the President of His Majesty's Council and Mr. Speaker, dated London, 5th July, 1819, on the subject of the Timber Duties, and enclosing a copy of a Letter from him to Earl Bathurst, on the subject of certain Indulgencies granted to the Newfoundland Trade.

A copy of a Letter from Mr. Atcheson, to Earl Bathurst, dated London, 17th June, 1819, soliciting the extention of the indulgencies granted to the Newfoundland Traders, to the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, the Canadas, and New-Brunswick.

A copy of a Letter from John Bainbridge, Esq. to Mr. Atcheson, dated London, 5th July, 1819, on the subject of the Timber Duties.

A Letter from Angus Maccaulay, Esq. Speaker of the Assembly of Prince Edward Island,

Island; to Mr. Speaker, dated 25th Sept. 1819, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the Report of the Council and Assembly of Nova-Scotia, on the subject of the Convention with the United States of America.

A copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker, to His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, dated 8th Nov. 1819, requesting a new Writ to be issued for the election of a Member to represent the County of Halifax, in the General Assembly, in the room of Edward Mortimer, Esq. deceased.

A copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker, to Mr. Atcheson, dated 8th November, 1819, on the subject of the Instance Court of Vice Admiralty. Also

A Report of the British Herring Fishery, for the year 1817, and sundry other Reports and Returns relating to the Trade with the British American Colonies, which accompanied the Letters received by Mr. Speaker from the Agent of the Province.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday, 18th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for re-building the Bridge over Cornwallis River, and for the relief of Jehu Mosher, and Barzilla Mosher ; and also,

A Bill for establishing Public Markets in the Town of Lunenburg, and for holding Annual Fairs for the sale of Horses, Cattle, &c. were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Ritchie, of Annapolis Royal, offered to the House a Petition of William Winniett, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, praying compensation for his time, and for expenses incurred by him, in attending on the House in the last Session, on the subject of the Digby Election, pursuant to the order of the House, and thereupon,

Mr. James moved, that the Petition be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine ; against it, nine.

So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the receiving the Petition.

A Petition of George Taylor, of Digby, was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has taught a School in the Town of Digby, under License, from the 10th Nov. 1818 ; that two of the Trustees appointed to superintend Schools in the said Town, have refused to sign his certificate, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Petition of Jehu Mosher, and also the Bill for the re-building the Bridge over Cornwallis River, and for the relief of Jehu Mosher and Barzilla Mosher.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the business to them referred ; that the committee had deferred the consideration of the Bill to this day three months ; and that the committee had come to a resolution on the Petition of Jehu Mosher, as follows :

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Commissioners for re-building the Cornwallis Bridge, may discharge the said Jehu Mosher, and Barzilla Mosher, from Jail, upon their giving to the said Commissioners good and sufficient security, to pay to them the amount of the Judgment obtained by the said Commissioners against them, within one year and six months ; or upon the said Jehu Mosher making a new Contract, for rebuilding the said Bridge, and giving ample and sufficient security to the said Commissioners, for the performance of such Contract, as may be agreed upon between him and the said Commissioners : and he afterwards delivered the said Report in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 19th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for establishing Public Markets in the Town of Lunenburg, &c. and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendment 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 Bills to them referred, which report the House agreed to.

The amendment to the Bill was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendment be engrossed.

The Petition of George Taylor was, by leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. W. H. Roach.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at twelve of the clock.

Monday, 21st February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for establishing Public Markets in the Town of Lunenburg, and for holding Annual Fairs for the sale of Horses, Cattle, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for establishing a Public Market in the Town of Lunenburg.

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

A Petition of Thomas Dobson, was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, setting forth, that he is at present under confinement in the Jail at Halifax, at the suit of the King, for the sum of £289, due on certain Bonds entered into at the Excise Office, as security for one John Owen, who was the principal, which sum he is totally unable to pay, and praying relief.

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Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Prescott, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Tuesday, 22d February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in addition to an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers was read a second time.

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

A Petition of Thomas Moody was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that he is at present confined in the Jail, at Halifax, at the suit of the King, for the sum of £368, as surety for Moody & Boyle, which sum he is totally unable to discharge, and praying relief.

A Petition of John Otterson, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying compensation for an injury he alleges to have sustained by the alteration of the public road leading from Truro to Halifax, which runs through part of his cultivated Land.

A Petition of Thomas Kerby and John M'Millan, Painters, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying compensation for services performed in affixing Labels at the corners of the different Streets, describing their names, and also numbering the houses and lots within the Town of Halifax, in the year 1815, amounting to the sum of £40 1 7.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

A Petition of Isaac Ditmars, and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Clements and Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, setting forth, that the Inhabitants of Clements, since their first Settlement in that Township, have been in the habit of catching Herrings on the Shore within the Basin of Annapolis, and curing them for home consumption and exportation, to the great advantage of the Petitioners and the Province at large. That 30,000 boxes of Smoked Herrings have been exported from the Port of Annapolis alone in one season, besides pickled Herrings. That about six years since, the Indians commenced shooting Porpoises at the Gut of Annapolis, for the purpose of making Oil, which occupation they have since followed annually, during the season of the Herring Fishery; and that, from the above period, the said Fishery has been on the decline, and in the last season totally failed. That the Petitioners attribute this failure of the usual run of the Fish into the said Basin, to the destroying of the Porpoises, and the noise occasioned by the firing of guns at the entrance of, and within, the said Gut and Basin of Annapolis, and praying that a Law may be passed to remedy the evil complained of.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Ritchie have leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the Petition of Isaac Ditmars, and others; and thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within the Basin of Annapolis, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of John Hovington was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, praying for a remission of the Provincial Duties on a certain quantity of Wine, saved from the Ship Adventure, of London, wrecked on Cape Sable, on the 3d November, 1819.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

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On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill in addition to the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool 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 without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's table: and thereupon,

Mr. Crane moved that the Bill be recommitted, 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,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the aforesaid Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill in addition to the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendment in at the Clerk's table.

The said amendment was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendment be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House that he had three Messages from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Messages to the House ; and the said Messages were severally read, by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follow, viz.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

IN the last Session of the General Assembly a Bill was presented to me, for approval, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the forty-second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, which I thought proper to reject : first, because the Royal Instructions, under which I act, assign the right of regulating all fees in this Province to the Governor and Council ; and, secondly, because I conceive that a Bill, proposing certain alterations in a Court, of which the Executive is the Head, should not have originated without some representation being first made to me of the necessity of such alterations, or without any previous communication with me on the measure.

As, however, I am of opinion that the Fees in this Court require some diminution, and as they have already been established by a Law of the Province, and can, consequently, only be altered by an Act of the Legislature, I shall readily concur with the House of Assembly and His Majesty's Council, in making such alterations in them, as may be thought advisable.

With this view I lay before you some observations on this subject, by one of the Masters in Chancery, which I recommend to your consideration.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

BY an Official Dispatch, under date of July 10, 1819, received from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, I am informed that His Royal

Royal Highness the Prince Regent does not give his consent to the Act of the Legislature, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act relating to Marriages, and the issuing of Marriage Licences.

As the policy and propriety of this Act have occasioned much discussion, I deem it proper to state, to the Legislature, the reasons which have influenced His Royal Highness to withhold his assent to the Act.

1st. Because the latitude already given under the Law, as it now stands, removes every real cause of complaint.

2d. By the publication of Banns, in their respective Congregations, Dissenters of all denominations may be married according to the rites of their respective Churches.

3d. It is only when the parties prefer being married by Licence, that the obligation arises of their being married agreeably to the forms of the Church of England. If therefore, there be any grievance in this obligation it is purely optional, and so far from its being advisable to multiply the occasions on which marriages are to be solemnized by License, much inconvenience and irregularity must arise from the extensive use of them.

4th. That it is not the practice of the Church of Scotland to marry under License; the Church of England allows it, but is not inclined to encourage the practice, being aware that if Licenses were indiscriminately given, there would not be the same security against irregular Marriages, as there is when celebrated by Banns.

If Marriages under the Licenses proposed were permitted to be indiscriminately solemnized by dissenting Ministers of all denominations, according to their respective rituals, it would become a fruitful source of confusion in a matter where irregularity leads to the most painful consequences, while it would entirely pass by the Established Church, impoverish its revenue, and degrade its authority.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

I take an early opportunity of laying before you an extract of a Letter which I lately received from Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

" Observing, among the Acts recently received from Nova-Scotia, one entitled "An Act to continue in force several Acts therein mentioned," the effect of which is to "continue, by one enactment, eleven former Acts, wholly unconnected with each other; I "take this opportunity of calling your Lordship's attention to the extreme inconvenience "attending a practice of this nature, inasmuch as it precludes the separate consideration "of the Acts so renewed, and prevents the disallowance, by His Majesty, of any particular "Law, which may be considered objectionable, without exposing the Colony to the extreme "inconvenience of preventing the operation of other Acts, which may be essentially con- "ducive to its interest and welfare."

" Under these circumstances, I have to request that your Lordship would take such mea- "sures as you may consider most effectual for impressing upon the Legislature the necessity "of avoiding this practice."

In order to comply with this desire of His Majesty's Government it will be necessary in future that all Acts, which it may be found expedient to renew or continue, may be so framed as to allow of their being separately brought under the Royal Consideration.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by order of His Excellency, the undermentioned Papers, viz,

The Observations on the subject of the Fees taken in the Court of Chancery, referred to in His Excellency's Message. Also,

A copy of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Order, in Council, for disallowing an Act, passed in the General Assembly, in amendment of an Act, to prevent the circula-
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tion of base and counterfeit half-pence, and other copper coin, &c. And also,

An estimate of the charge, for defraying the expense of the Civil Establishment of Nova Scotia, for the year 1820.

The copy of the Prince Regent's Order in Council, was read by the Clerk, and is as follows, viz.

At the Court at Carlton-House, the 7th December, 1818,

PRESENT :

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE REGENT,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS by Commission under the Great Seal of Great-Britain, the Governor, Council and Assembly, of the Province of Nova-Scotia, are authorized and empowered to make, constitute and ordain, Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, for the public peace, welfare, and good government of the said Province, which Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, are to be as near as conveniently may be agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom ; and are to be transmitted to His Majesty, for His Royal approbation or disallowance. And whereas, in pursuance of the said powers, an Act has been passed in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and transmitted, entitled, as follows, viz.

" An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit half-pence, and other copper coin, and to establish the current value of English crowns, half-crowns and shillings, in this Province."

Which Act having been referred to the committee of the Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, the said Lords of the Committee have this day reported, as their opinion, that the said Act ought to be disallowed. His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was thereupon pleased in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to declare his approbation of the said Report, and pursuant to His Royal Highness's pleasure thereupon expressed, the said Act is hereby disallowed, declared void and of none effect ; whereof the Governor or Commander in Chief of His Majesty's said Province of Nova-Scotia, for the time being, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

CHETWYND.

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

A Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for the aid of the House, either by a grant of Money or by a loan thereof, without interest, or that they may be empowered under such conditions as may be thought advisable to make an Issue of Notes to enable them to provide for the expenses of another Boat for the public accommodation.

A Petition of John Finnerty, James Finnerty, and John Hamilton, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a further compensation for an injury they allege to have sustained in the laying out a new public road, through their Lands at Springfield, on the Windsor road.

A Petition of James Archibald, and others, Inhabitants of the District of Colchester, was presented by Mr. William Dickson, and read, praying for a Provincial Loan of Money, similar to the one granted to the County of King's County, and the County of Annapolis, in the last Session of General Assembly.

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Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Wednesday, 23d February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the title be, an Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act, passed in the 34th year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

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

A Bill for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within the Basin of Annapolis, was read a second time.

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

A Petition of David Crowell, Jun. and others, Ship owners, at Barrington, was presented by Mr. Sargent, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are much burthened and greatly aggrieved by the exaction and payment of heavy fees at the Custom-House, for the Port and District of Shelburne, agreeable to a statement annexed to the Petition, and praying relief.

A Petition of John Owen, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is indebted to the Province in the sum of two hundred and seventy pounds, for Impost and Excise Duties, which he is at present totally unable to discharge, and praying an extension of time to enable him to pay the same.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Petition of James Finnerty, and others; and also, the Petition of Daniel Dickinson.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool 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 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 follow:

The Petition of James Finnerty, and others, was read and considered, and thereupon,
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Petition should be dismissed.

The Petition of Daniel Dickinson was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee that the Petition should be referred to a Committee to be appointed by the House, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

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 the Petition of Daniel Dickinson be referred to Mr. Dimock, Mr. Allison and Mr. W. A. Chipman, agreeably to the Resolution of the committee of the whole House.

Mr.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the committee appointed on the subject of the Surveys of the several Lakes and Streams between the Shubenacadie River and the Harbour of Halifax, and also, on the proposed Inland Navigation, between the said Harbour and the Basin of Minas : 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 :

That the committee upon inquiry, find that in the year 1796, the sum of £250 was granted to explore the Dartmouth Lakes, and the Shubenacadie Lakes, and to ascertain the practicability of effecting an Inland Navigation from the Basin of Minas with the Harbour of Halifax, and that the Honorable Michael Wallace was appointed a Commissioner to expend the same.

That the Commissioner, with the approbation of His Excellency Sir John Wentworth, the then Lieutenant-Governor, employed Mr. Isaac Hildrith, an experienced Engineer, and eminently qualified to make the Survey ; that Mr. Hildrith, with a practical Land Surveyor, and suitable assistants, made the Survey, and returned the Plan of the same, with the Report and calculation of the probable expense of the whole work, into the Secretary's Office, a copy of which Report the Committee beg leave to submit to the House. That the expense then incurred by that Survey and Report, was £208 13 1, leaving a balance of £41 6 11 undrawn from the Treasury. That in the year 1814, the sum of £150 was granted, and in 1815, the further sum of £190 was also granted, to complete a Survey and Plan of the Lakes, and proposed Canal, part of which money was applied by William Sabatier, Esq. the Commissioner, towards the deepening and removing obstructions in the Shubenacadie River, and the residue for the payment of Mr. Valentine Gill, who was employed in making a second Survey and Plan, which Survey and Plan were returned into the Secretary's Office, and, as far as they go, tend to corroborate the Report of Mr. Hildrith, and to shew the correctness of the level he had taken.

That it has been stated to the Committee by the Hon. Michael Wallace, the Commissioner, that the Survey and Plan of Mr. Hildrith, were submitted by the late Commissioner Duncan to the Navy Board : and that they were so well thought of, by that Board, that, had not the war prevented, it was their intention to have sent out a Naval Engineer, to examine and confirm, or correct, Mr. Hildrith's Report and Estimate.

That the Committee further report that in their opinion a Sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, will be necessary to make such further inquiry and report, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, in case such further Report and inquiry shall be deemed necessary.

The Clerk also read the Report made by Mr. Hildreth, referred to in the foregoing Report of the Committee, and thereupon :

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie on the table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. Lawson reported from the Committee, appointed to join a Committee of his Majesty's Council to examine the Public Accounts, 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 :

Treasurer of the Province.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct; balance
in his hands

L.1,568 8 7½

Collectors of Impost and Excise.

Halifax :

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct; balance
of Bonds in his hands L.40,426 12 2
Ditto in the hands of the Attorney General 4780 2 5

45,206 14 7

Lunenburg.

Lunenburg.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct ; balance of Bonds in his hands	...	...	...	<i>L</i> 2650 10 3
The Administrators of the late Robert Bethel, still remain accountable for the balance reported last year	...	...	137 19 8	
The Administrators of the late Robert Bolman, still remain accountable as reported last year	...	...	143 1 9½	2,931 11 8½

Shelburne.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; ba- lance of Bonds in his hands	...	...	...	<i>L</i> 370 9 4½
Ditto in the hands of the Attorney-General	...	...	309 1 3½	679 10 8

Liverpool.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; balance of Bonds in his hands	...	...	...	<i>L</i> 3,297 5 0
Ditto in the hands of the Attorney-General	...	...	384 10 2½	
The Treasurer reports that he has received since closing his Accounts, the sum of	...	...	292 0 0	
				<i>L</i> 3973 15 2½
The Balance due by the former Collector, still remains due, as reported for several years past	...	...	1976 9 7	5,950 4 9½

Yarmouth.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; balance of Bonds in his hands	...	...	...	<i>L</i> 1,079 18 0
				<i>L</i> 1,831 8 3

Annapolis.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; balance of Bonds in his hands	...	...	...	<i>L</i> 1,831 8 3
				<i>L</i> 1,425 18 5
His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; balance of Bonds in his hands	...	...	...	<i>L</i> 1,425 18 5
The balance due by the late Collector, remains as reported last year	184	0	11	

Pictou.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; balance of Bonds in his hands	...	...	...	<i>L</i> 1241 17 6
The balance due by the late Collector, remains as reported last year	184	0	11	

King's County.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; he has collected and paid the Treasurer since closing his Accounts, the sum of	<i>L</i> 39 2 0
Balance of Bonds in his hands	59 15 9
	<i>L</i> 98 17 9
The former Collector's Accounts have been received, and are correct ; he is accountable for Bonds in his hands to the Amount of	236 9 6

335 7 5

Colchester.

No Accounts or Returns ; the balance due by the former Collector, remains as reported for several years past	
	337 10 0

Windsor.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct, balance of Bonds in his hands	...	...	...	<i>L</i> 32 17 8
The Treasurer reports that he has received since closing his accounts, the sum of	273	10	0	
The Amount due on Plaster Paris Bonds, remains as reported for several years past	4477	12	6	4,784 0 2

274 10 0

Cumberland.

No Returns ; the balance remains due, as reported for several years past	
	274 10 0

*L*66,405 2 7½*Isle of Sable.*

The Commissioner's Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct ; balance due him	...	...	<i>L</i> 35 15 11
He reports there is due to the Superintendent and Servants, their wages to the above date, amounting to <i>L</i> 180, leaving due to that			

Establishment, the sum of 144 4 1

Province Notes.

Balance in circulation the 31st December, 1819.		<i>L</i> 39,691 10 0
Delivered by the Commissioners, to the Treasurer	2028	0 0
		<i>L</i> 41,719 10 0
Destroyed at Mr. George Grassie's Fire	1,142	
Examined and destroyed by the Committee	2000	2142 0 0
Leaving in circulation the 31st December last	...	<i>L</i> 39,577 10 0

Auction

Auction Duty.

The Treasurer reports that he has received from the following persons, the sum of £735 6 11 $\frac{1}{2}$, not included in his Accounts, for want of the proper Returns being made in time.

Berton & Bulger's Accounts to the 20th October last.
 W. K. Reynolds & Co. ditto.
 Joseph Hamilton, ditto.
 Charles Hill & Co. to the 16th ditto last.
 Bowie & Deblois 31st July do.
 George S. Patterson, Pictou.

Light-Houses.

HALIFAX.—The Collector's Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct; and he has paid the Treasurer ... L.1529 16 6

LIVERPOOL.—Ditto Ditto Ditto
 The Return for December Quarter, has £.53 1 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
 been received, balance to be remitted, 30 6 2 83 7 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
 SHELBURNE.—He has paid the Treasurer ... 24 5 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
 YARMOUTH.—His Accounts have been received and are correct;
 amount to be remitted ... 25 5 10
 COLCHESTER.—Ditto Ditto The Treasurer reports that
 he has received since closing his Account ... 25 12 0

L 1688 7 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

The Commissioners Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received for repairs and supplies of Light Houses, amounting to £2030 18 9; they have received from the Treasurer £1200, leaving a balance due them of £932 9 7. That there is due to sundry persons, included in the above balance, and not paid, the sum of £665 8 9. They report in addition, that there is due to Mr. Leslie for sundry repairs, &c; upwards of £200 0 0, and a further sum for Machinery for a Revolving Light, ordered by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and afterwards countermanded, the expense of which cannot at present be ascertained.

BRIAR ISLAND.—The Legislature of New-Brunswick, have voted the last two years £100 per annum, towards the support of that House, which has been paid the Treasurer, say L200 0 0

Annapolis, Pictou, Lunenburg, Windsor, King's County and Cumberland, no returns or Remittances.

Provincial House.

The Commissioners Accounts to the 20th July, 1820, have been received, balance due them £621 10 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. They state there is now due to sundry persons, for Materials and Workmanship, including the above sum, £4,255 7 8; they have charged Interest paid to sundry persons, which your Committee find no Authority by Law for so doing. The Accounts and Vouchers for the expenditure of the Money, in building the House, are so numerous, that the time of your Committee would not allow them to enter into the examination, with that attention that was necessary; and suggest the propriety of appointing a select Committee for that purpose; as the Commissioners report the Building in that state, as to render it unnecessary for any further superintendance of theirs. They state that there has been expended, up to the present time, including the above sum, £49,867, exclusive of commissions, to which they annex a charge of Five per Cent. amounting to £2493 7 0, when by Law it appears they are only entitled to receive three per Cent. which would amount to the sum of £1495 18 4.

LOAN OFFICES.

King's County.

The Commissioners Accounts have been received, they have Loaned the whole Sum granted ... L.5000 0 0

They have received Interest to the 31st December last, £99 6; deducting their Commission, they paid the Treasurer the balance of ... L96 6 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Annapolis.

The Commissioners Accounts have been received, they have Loaned out of the amount granted, the sum of ... L.4948 15 0
 And have returned the Treasurer, Notes to the sum of ... 61 5 0

They have received Interest to the amount of £16 18 10, deducting for Postage and Commission, they have paid the Balance to the Treasurer of ... L16 8 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Committee-Room, Halifax, 23d February, 1820.

JOHN BLACK, } Committee of
 JAMES FRASER, } Council.

WILLIAM LAWSON,
 JOHN ALBRO,
 CHAS. R. PRESCOTT,
 GEORGE SMITH,
 WM. DICKSON,

} Committee of the
 House of Assembly.

Dr. *The Province of NOVA SCOTIA.*

Contra.

Credit.

1819.

Decr. 31. For the following Sums appropriated, and not drawn from the Treasury, Viz:	
Securing Ammunition	L. 2,010 18 7
Running the Bounds of Townships	682 19 0
Browning Militia Arms	100 0 0
Building a House of Correction at Annapolis	449 12 6
Expenses of Council Chamber	400 0 0
Pictou Academy	30 0 0
Agricultural Society	500 0 0
College at Halifax	1500 0 0
Shubenacadie Ferry	2000 0 0
Loan Certificates due sundry persons	25 0 0
Balance of Bounty on Fish	11,950 0 0
Inspecting Field Officers	33 11 94
Due Commissioners of Province House	300 0 0
Due Island of Sable Establishment	621 10 14
Notes in circulation the 31st December last	144 4 1
	932 9 7
	49,577 10 0

1819.	Decr. 31. By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer..	..	..	..	..	L. 1,158 8 7½
	Ditto paid him by the Commissioners for Bounty to Seamen .....	..	..	..	..	75 7 8
	Ditto ditto Paid on account of Auction Duty .....	..	..	..	..	735 6 11½
	Ditto ditto Remitted by the Province of New-Brunswick, towards the support of Briar Island Light House .....	..	..	..	..	200 0 0
	Ditto ditto Interest on Loan in the hands of the Commissioner on account of Copper Coinage .....	..	..	..	..	112 15 3
	So much due on account of Light Houses .....	..	..	..	..	583 6 8
	Securities for so much Loaned in the County of Annapolis .....	..	..	..	..	81 4 0
	Ditto ditto King's County .....	..	..	..	..	5000 0 0
	By Securities in the hands of the Collector of Impost and Excise, Halifax .....	..	..	..	..	13,206 14 7
	Deduct probable Drawbacks .....	..	..	..	..	9948 15 0
	By ditto Out-Port Collectors, Viz:					32000 0 0
	Lunenburg .....	..	..	..	..	L. 2,931 11 8½
	Shelburne .....	..	..	..	..	679 10 8
	Liverpool .....	..	..	..	..	5950 4 9½
	Yarmouth .....	..	..	..	..	1079 18 0
	Annapolis .....	..	..	..	..	1831 8 3
	Pictou .....	..	..	..	..	1425 18 5
	Kings County .....	..	..	..	..	335 7 5
	Colchester .....	..	..	..	..	337 10 0
	Windsor .....	..	..	..	..	4784 0 2
	Cumberland .....	..	..	..	..	274 10 0
	Deduct probable Drawbacks .....	..	..	..	..	L. 19,629 19 6
	By Balance .....	..	..	..	..	11,629 19 6

L. 71,257	15	8				

Committee-Room, Halifax, 23d February, 1820.

WILLIAM LAWSON,

JOHN ALBRO,
CHAS. R. PRESCOTT,
GEO. SMITH,
WM. DICKSON,

JOHN BLACK, } Committee of the
JAMES FRASER, } Council.

Abstract of Dutiable Goods imported into the Province of Nova-Scotia, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1819.

	BRANDY AND GIN. Gallons.	SPIRITS Gallons	WINE Galls.	MOLAS- SES Gallons	SUGAR Cwt.	COFFEE Cwt.	2½ and 5 per Cent	AMOUNT
HALIFAX	34,826	659,124	41,243	196,483	15,373 0 0	47,438	291,040 0 0	52,473 15 0
LUNENBURG	268	28,846	364	25,784	779 3 0	1,179	392 0 11	1,798 17 73
SHELBOURNE		7,448	121	5,691	579 3 17		18 5 0	528 12 73
LIVERPOOL	111	37,109		47,455	909 2 5	1,965	47 3 21	2,376 6 64
YARMOUTH		19,118		18,593	396 1 0	2,544	645 6 8	1,256 13 04
ANNAPOLIS	52	16,274	99	13,708	780 2 0	3,001	2,673 8 5	1,255 0 84
WINDSOR		1,370		196	152 3 15	104	112 19 11	141 11 11
KING'S COUNTY		5,743		3,087	63 0 0		197 0 0	312 5 3
PICTOU	1803	13,064	70 ¹ ₂	4,132	186 1 14	3,818	19,199 15 10 ₁	1,681 6 2
TOTAL.	37,060	658,096	42,535¹₂	315,014	19,203 0 23	60,049	314,626 0 0	1,834 9 31

Abstract of Monies undrawn on Account of Roads and Bridges, the 31st of Dec. 1819, Viz.

VOTE.

1815.—Cape Negro to Shelburne	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 60 0 0
1816.—Balance of Cornwallis Bridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	1000 0 0
1817.—From Johnson's to Economy	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0 0
Balance to re-build a Bridge over Allen's Creek	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 16 8
1818.—	Of Casualty Vote	...	...	...	...	...	5 4 1
To aid the Inhabitants of Digby to secure Banks of the							
Streets that terminate at the Basin	...	...	...	...	...	...	43 4 0
Beaver Bank towards Rawdon, George Thompson, Commissioner	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 0 0
1819.—From Beaver Bank, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	30 0 0
Dartmouth Ferry to Horn's, Frederick Major, Commissioner	...	...	...	...	...	...	25 0 0
Horn's to Cole Harbour	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	25 0 0
Economy to River Philip, Joshua Marsh	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	10 0 0
Macan to Franklin Mauer, John Glennie	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	25 0 0
Barronsfield to Partridge Island do.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	40 0 0
Remsheg to Amherst, Donald McFarlane	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	30 0 0
Fox Harbour to Amherst	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	20 0 0
Scotch Settlement to Amherst	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	20 0 0
For Road near William Campbell's, John Smith	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	20 0 0
County Line between Queen's County and Lunenburg	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	60 0 0
Pugwash towards Remsheg, Alexander Flemming	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	20 0 0
Pugwash to the Scotch Settlement	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	10 0 0
Road by Woodberry's Mills in Wilmot, Sam'l. Wilmot	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	20 0 0
Chute's Cove in Granville, Robert Clarke	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	20 0 0
Opening a Road near St. Mary's Bay	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	30 0 0
Marsh, John Small	...	...	...	...	...	...	30 0 0
Petit Passage through Long Island, Robert Outhouse	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	20 0 0
For New Road near the River Clare, C. McCarthy	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	70 0 0
Marlin's River to Khee's Mill, James Longille	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	20 0 0
Birch Town Road to Hambleton, James Hambleton	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	15 0 0
For removing obstructions in the River Clyde	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	15 0 0
Balance from Shubenacadie to Green River, and for	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	46 13 4
Bridge over Green River, two Votes, James Green	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	10 0 0
Balance Old Barnes in Shubenacadie, from Green's	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	28 7 2
River to Polly's, two Votes, James Philips	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	20 0 0
Balance from Stewart's in Amherst, to bounds of	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	1 6 8
King's County, William Baker	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	40 0 0
From Kindress's to Malagash Point, Alex. McNabb	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	150 0 0
New Canaan to Nictaur, Elisha Bishop	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	150 0 0
Mount Denson Hill to Horton Line, John Irish	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	150 0 0
Durkie's to North Line of Yarmouth, Elisha Butler	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	150 0 0
For Roads in the Eastern and Western parts of	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	150 0 0
the Province	150 0 0
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Committee Room, Halifax, 23d February, 1820.

JAMES FRASER, } Committee of
JOHN BLACK, } Council.

WM. LAWSON,
JOHN ALBRO,
CHAS. R. PRESCOTT,
GEORGE SMITH,
WM. DICKSON,

Committee of
the House of
Assembly.

Ordered, That the said Report, also the Account and Abstracts, do lie on the table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That this House will, on Saturday the 26th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of Ways and Means.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 24th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine into and report upon the Accounts of Expenditures by the Commissioners for the Province Building.

Ordered, That Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Prescott, and Mr. Bingay, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of Thomas Holland, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, praying for the Provincial Allowance as Teacher of the English School, at the Settlement of St. Margaret's Bay, since the 30th April, 1819.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, on the subject of Chancery Fees ; and also, His Excellency's Message on the subject of Acts passed by the General Assembly, were severally read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Messages be referred to the Committee of Privileges, and that they do report thereon by Monday next, the 28th instant.

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, on the subject of Marriage Licenses, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will on Thursday, the 2d March next, take into consideration the said Message.

On motion, the Report on the subject of the Navigation of the Shubenacadie Lakes and River, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Report be committed to a Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing a Public Market in the Town of Lunenburg.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill in addition to the several Acts now in force relating to the Office of Sheriff, to this day three months.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for

for leave to sit again; on the consideration of the Bills to them referred, which report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Friday, 25th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Temple Piers & Lewis E. Piers, Merchants of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners fitted out a Brig at a heavy expense, which sailed from Halifax in May last, and was employed in the Whale Fishery, for four months on the Coast of Newfoundland; that the said Brig, on her return to Port, with a small quantity of Oil, was unfortunately wrecked on the said Coast, and totally lost, in the Month of October following; and praying that they may be allowed to receive part of the sum of £400, voted in the last Session for the encouraging of the said Fishery.

A Petition of David Sutherland, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for the Provincial allowance, as Teacher of the English School, at Ship Harbour, from the 30th April, 1819.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the Petition of Thomas Moody, the Petition of John Owen, and also the Petition of Thomas Dobson, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Fraser, Mr. James, and Mr. Freeman, and that the said Committee be instructed to report:

- 1st. As to the truth of the statement, respectively made in the several Petitions.
- 2d. As to the solvency of the several Petitioners, at the time of the executing the Bonds at the Excise Office, upon which the judgments against them have been recovered.
- 3d. What sureties, if any, were taken with the Petitioners, respectively, for the payment of the monies stated in the said Bonds, and in each of them: in order that the House may be enabled to judge, upon the report of the Committee, whether sufficient sureties have been taken, as directed by Law. The Committee also to report the date of the several Bonds referred to in the Petitions; when the money secured by them became payable; at what time these Bonds were placed in the hands of the Attorney-General, and when they were put in suit, and what was the state of the principal Debtors and their several Sureties, as respects their ability to pay, at the times the several sums of money became payable; and further that the Committee do report, on or before Wednesday, the first day of March next.

Mr. W. A. Chipman reported from the Committee to whom the Accounts of the Commissioners for the Province House were 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 have examined the Accounts, and the Vouchers in support thereof, and find them correct in the amount, and the balance due thereon, as reported by the Committee of Public Accounts: but that it appears to the Committee, that many charges in the Accounts are exorbitant, and some unnecessary, and also improper, among which are the following, viz.

For Interest paid to Messrs. Tobin's, £6 8 4; to John Ross, £26 13 6; to William Kidston & Son, £64 16 2; and to Richard Scott, £29 15 9; amounting to one hundred and twenty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and seven pence; also, a charge for fitting up the Grand Jury Room of forty pounds; and also, a further charge of £62 for 10 chairs,

and a sum of £21 for a table and cloth for the Council Chamber, amounting to eighty-three pounds.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee to whom the Resolution of the House on the subject of the Surveys of the Province, 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, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, have made enquiry as to the actual Surveys of the Lines of the Townships and Counties, and the main Roads of the Province, and have obtained from the Surveyor-General a statement of those Surveys, which they have subjoined to this Report. That it appears to the Committee that the Surveys of the Lines and Roads of Annapolis and King's County, made by John Harris, Deputy-Surveyor, and mentioned in the annexed Report, are, apparently, the most correct and satisfactory to the Committee, of any which they have seen, and if the actual Surveys of the Lines and Roads of the other Townships and Counties, can be had at the moderate Expence, which has been incurred in making those Surveys and Plans, it would be a very desirable object, and by connecting those Plans, when completed, a most correct Map of the whole Province could be made, by which, at one view, the unlocated Lands would be apparent. The Committee further report, that they have enquired into the expenditure of the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted in the year 1816, for the purpose of procuring a Survey and Plan of the lines and bounds of the Townships and Counties in the Province, and that, by the Surveyor-General's Account of the Expenditure, it appears that the Grant has been exceeded, and that the whole expense amounts to eight hundred and eighty-four pounds four shillings and four pence, of which sum the Surveyor-General has received only six hundred and fifty pounds, leaving undrawn in the Treasury, one hundred pounds, and the balance of one hundred and thirty-four pounds four shillings and four pence, claimed by the Surveyor General. The Committee observe, that there is included in this Account a Charge of one hundred and eighty pounds, for money paid to Mr. Lockwood, for completing a Map of the Province, which sum does not appear to have been provided for by the Legislature, and that the Account of a Mr. Gill, wherein he has charged twenty shillings per day, and that of Mr. John Roach, Deputy-Surveyor, wherein he has charged fifteen shillings per day, exclusive of his expenses, are extravagant and ought not to have been allowed. The Committee further report that from any information which they can obtain they cannot accurately determine what sum of Money will be requisite to complete the running through the Lines of the Townships and Counties, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, but they are of opinion that a sum not less than five hundred pounds, will be requisite for that purpose.

The Committee have enquired of the Surveyor-General as to the probable expense which would be incurred, by running out the unlocated Lands of the Province, but cannot obtain such information as will enable them to report, pursuant to the Resolution of the House. But as the Emigrants and others, who are desirous of becoming Settlers, on the ungranted and wilderness lands of the Province, experience great and almost insurmountable difficulty, and inconvenience, in laying out their Lands, for want of a proper Survey, and as the expense of making the Survey of the ungranted Lands will be very great, the Committee submit to the House the propriety of granting such sum or sums of money, as might be deemed expedient, for the purpose of laying out and opening two or three Roads, through such parts of the ungranted Lands, as are most suitable for settlement, and on which Townships might be laid out, and, by such, facilitate the settlement of the great Tracts of Forest Lands, which are to be found in the Western and Eastern parts of the Province.

The Statement of the Surveyor-General, referred to in the foregoing Report, was also read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

SURVEYOR-GENERAL OF LAND'S OFFICE,
HALIFAX, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1820.

SIR,

IN compliance with your desire, as Chairman of the Committee appointed by the House of Assembly, to enquire and report, pursuant to a Resolution of the House which you have been pleased to enclose for my guidance and information :

I beg leave to report as follows :

That all the Public Roads throughout the County of Cumberland, have been carefully and accurately Surveyed, and the traverses of the whole taken, and protracted, and a Plan and Report thereof made and returned to this Office.

The County line at Parrsborough, as far as was required, has been run and marked.

The Public Roads throughout the County of Annapolis, have been accurately Surveyed, the different Surveys connected and formed into one General Plan, and returned into this Office. The dividing line between that County and King's County carefully run and marked.

The Public Roads leading through King's County, have all been Surveyed, and a Plan thereof returned to this office.

A Survey of the Road from Halifax to Windsor; from Halifax to Truro, with the Roads that diverge from this Main Road to the Shubenacadie, and towards the Musquodoboit, the Lakes and Waters contiguous to these Roads; the prominent features are pourtrayed on the Map of the whole work, and the Plans lodged in this Office. This service was performed by Valentine Gill, at the desire of His Excellency Sir JOHN C. SHERBROOKE, then Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief.

A Survey of the New Public Roads, from Dartmouth to Fort Sackville, and from Dartmouth to the Truro Road, to the Eastward of Fletcher's Bridge, with a Plan and Report, has been completed and lodged in this Office.

A Survey has been made of the whole line of Public Roads from the Town of Chester to Avon Bridge.

From Chester to Lunenburg, and from Chester, through Hammond Plains, to the junction of this Public Road, with the Main Road leading from Halifax to Windsor.

The Main Roads leading from the Windsor Road to Rawdon, and through that Settlement.

I have also to Report, that I have given the necessary directions for an accurate Survey of the Public Road, leading from (near) the Falls of Lahave to Brookfield.

And in furtherance of the object of the Legislature, I beg leave to state, I employed Anthony Lockwood, Esq. to assist me in compiling and connecting the several detached Surveys of the Province, into one general Map, on an enlarged Scale, the outline or external limits of which, on the South Shore of the Province, taken from the accurate Surveys of the Coast, by that able and celebrated Surveyor T. F. W. Desbarres, Esq. which, as far as respects the Navigable Harbours, Bays, and Indents of the Coast, have stood the test of minute examination, and excited the admiration, of all experienced Mariners who have visited these Shores.

Thus much having been accomplished, and the lines of the District of Pictou, with its internal Townships of Pictou, Egerton and Maxwelton, having been previously surveyed, and well marked, and also the dividing line between the County of Halifax and Sydney, run out and well marked. The division lines between Chester and Lunenburg Townships, and between New Dublin and Liverpool run out; and it being in contemplation to make alterations, subdivisions and additions, in the old, and to create New Counties and Townships, and which are now under consideration. I did not feel myself justified in proceeding further on this Service, or of the Roads which are undergoing alteration, without further orders on this subject.

The expense of the foregoing Service is as follows :

Surveys of Roads through Cumberland, by Mr. Roach	L. 137	10	0
Deputy Surveyor Jesse Woodworth's Account, for Surveying the County Line at Parrsborough	22	17	4
John Harris, for Survey of the Main Road from Chester to Avon Bridge, and from do. to Ham-	45	2	0
mond Plains, and the Basin of Halifax			
Ditto for Surveying the Public Road from Chester to Lunenburg	8	0	0
Valentine Gill, for his services, employed on the recommendation of Sir J. C. Sherbrooke, to make an accurate Survey of the Main and Public Roads from Halifax to Truro and Windsor, with the Roads and Waters connected therewith	216	15	0
Paid John Harris, Deputy Surveyor, for his time and services, in Surveying the Public Roads in the County of Annapolis, connecting the different Surveys in that County, and making a fair Plan of the same	102	0	0
Paid Capt. Scott, D'y Surveyor for his time and services in making Surveys of the public roads from Dartmouth to Sackville, and from Dartmouth to the Truro road, near Fletcher's Bridge	13	0	0
Paid John McColla, Esq. Deputy Surveyor, his Bill for Surveying Roads, in Rawdon Plan, &c.	5	0	0
William Smith, Esq. ditto and Douglas	10	0	0
Paid J. Harris, for Surveying King's County, fair Plan and Report	146	0	0
Paid Anthony Lockwood & Son, for time and service, as above stated	180	0	0
Received on Account of the above		£884	4
Remain in the Treasury	£650		4
	100		4
		750	0
To	Balance due	£84	4
W. H. O. Haliburton, Esq.	CHARLES MORRIS,		4
	Surveyor-General.		4
	Ordered		4
	Signed)		4

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

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

Saturday, 26th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dimock reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Daniel Dickinson 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, from the best information they could obtain, are of opinion that the Petitioner is justly entitled to the sum of fifteen pounds, as a compensation for the labour he has expended on the Road, Bridges and Causeways, through his Land, and recommend that the said Sum be paid to him, out of the Dividend of Money, which may be allotted to that District for the repairs of Roads and Bridges.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 two 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 :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Duties payable on Wine, Rum, Brandy, Gin, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, imported into this Province, should remain the same as imposed the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Duty on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, imported into the Province, should remain as imposed last year.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of Ways and Means, which the House agreed to.

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, 28th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Andrew Crawford and others, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying an aid from the House, for opening the Canal, or narrow Passage, of Lake Porter, to improve the navigation of the said Lake.

A Petition of John Black and others, Merchants and Inhabitants of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for an alteration in the Duty, payable on Goods sold at Public Auction.

A Petition of Charles Morris and others, Trustees of the National School, at Halifax, was presented

presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for the aid of the House to enable them to discharge the debt now due, for completing the building erected for the use of the Institution, amounting to nearly the sum of £300.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool 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 he was directed by the Committee 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. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the subject of the School Bill now before the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Wm. Dixon, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved,* That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the Clock.

Tuesday, 29th February, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Alliston, *resolved,* That the Trustees of the National School be requested to lay before the House, an account of all the funds of that School, and from what source they are derived, and how the same are applied, and what is the total annual expense of that Establishment.

A Petition of Walter Bromley, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying to be reimbursed the sum of £29 12 6, expended in the purchase of Seeds, and for pecuniary aid for the use of the Indians settled upon the Shubenacadie River.

A Petition of the Reverend Edmund Burke, and others, the Committee of the Acadian School, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for pecuniary aid towards the erecting a suitable Building for the purposes of such Institution; and also, for the support and maintenance of the Establishment.

A Petition of the Committee of the Halifax Poor Man's Friend Society, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for a pecuniary aid to assist in carrying into effect the benevolent intentions of that Society.

A Petition of the President and Directors of the Halifax Fire Insurance Company, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to enable the Province to borrow from the said Company, the sum of £10,000, on interest, being part of their Capital or Joint Stock, directed by Law to be deposited or secured in the British or Provincial Funds.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Order of the day being read,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool 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 he was directed by the Committee 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, to consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. Pool 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 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 a sum of Twelve Thousand Pounds, should be granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, for the present year, to be appropriated and applied in such manner as shall hereafter be agreed upon by the Legislature.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of a Supply, which Report 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, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Wednesday, 1st March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House the undermentioned Papers, received by him from Mr. Secretary George, which were addressed to his Excellency the Governor in Chief, and recommended by His Excellency, to the consideration of the House, viz.

A Petition of T. F. Gschwind, praying a compensation for services performed by him, as Health Officer for the Port of Halifax, in the last year; also,

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A Petition of Edward Ducket, Collector of the Light Duty, for the Port of Halifax, praying for an increased allowance for his services in the collection of the said Duty.

A Petition of Wentworth Taylor, of St. Mary's River, in the County of Sydney, setting forth, that from the great exertions of the Inhabitants, in saving articles from the brig Sir George Beckwith, from Demerara, bound to Newfoundland, which was unfortunately stranded on the Coast, in March last, Duties to the amount of £400, had been secured to the Province, and praying for a grant of a sum of money, to open and repair Roads adjacent to the Sea Coast, and connected with the main Province Road, in the said County, for the general benefit of the Public; also,

A Letter from Lt. Col. MacColla, acting Adjutant-General of the Militia, soliciting his Excellency's favorable recommendation to the Legislature, that the usual allowance to the Adjutant-General of Militia, for a Clerk, Stationary, and Postage, be allowed to him for the last year, and the like provision made for the Adjutant-General for the present year; and also,

A Letter from John Elder and Charles Rathburn, Commissioners of the Main Roads in the County of Hants to Mr. Secretary George, dated, 22d February, 1820, stating the decayed state of the Bridge over the River Avon, recommended to the consideration of the House by His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

A Petition of W. K. Reynolds, and others, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, praying that Proprietors of Stone and Brick Buildings, in the Town of Halifax, may be exempt from assessment to pay for Houses pulled down, to prevent the spreading of Fire in the said Town.

A Petition of Jonathan Woodberry, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Wilmot, in the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, setting forth, that, prior to the settlement of the said Township, His Majesty's Government was pleased to issue a Proclamation to encourage emigration from the then New England Provinces, to settle the said Township, then a complete wilderness; and, amongst other things, promised such persons as would settle the said Township, the privilege of sending a Member to represent them in General Assembly, as soon as the Township should consist of Fifty Families. That, under the said Proclamation, many Inhabitants of New-England removed to, and settled in, the said Township; that, in ratification of the premises made by His Majesty's Government, an Act of the General Assembly was passed in the 5th year of His present Majesty's Reign, (1765,) enacting, that when, and as soon as, the said Township should consist of Fifty Families, and upon the same being certified, the said Township should send a Member to represent the Inhabitants thereof in General Assembly. That the said Township now contains more Inhabitants than any other Township within the County of Annapolis. It consists of four hundred families, and has three hundred freeholders within it, as appears by the Certificate annexed. That most of the other Townships mentioned in the said Act, when, and as they severally extended their Settlement to fifty families, had the privilege of sending a Member to the General Assembly, under the said Act, and praying that the House would be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and obtain for the Petitioners the privilege promised to them by His Majesty's Government, and confirmed by an Act of the General Assembly, as before stated.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fraser, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the more easy redemption and foreclosure of Mortgages, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. J. I. Chipman reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Thomas Dobson, the Petition of John Owen, and the Petition of Thomas Moody, were 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 gave an early notice to each of the Petitioners, that they would severally be required to afford satisfactory proof of the truth of the Statements made in their respective Petitions, and intimated to them a wish to be furnished with a Schedule of their property, real and personal, and of all their goods, effects and credits, accompanied with an affidavit similar to that required from Petitioners, claiming the benefit of the Insolvent Debtors Act, leaving the sums to be filled up at their discretion.

That the Committee were not furnished with any affidavits until a late period, which has prevented them from making an earlier report on this subject, and even at this time, the Committee are without such affidavits as they were desirous of obtaining, and those received are less satisfactory than they could wish, and will not warrant the Committee in conveying to the House their conviction, or belief, of the inability of the Petitioners to satisfy the Judgments against them, although the Committee are induced to believe, that the Petitioners are in embarrassed circumstances, and are not now solvent.

The Committee also report, that the Judgments were recovered against the Petitioners and others, at the times and for the respective sums set forth in the annexed certificate of Mr. Nutting, the Deputy Prothonotary,

That the Judgment recovered against John Owen and Thomas Dobson, therein mentioned, is for Impost and Excise Duties, secured on two several Bonds, bearing date, the 11th Nov. 1814, and 25th July, 1815, made by the said John Owen and Principal, and the said Thomas Dobson, as his only Surety, and upon which Bonds there appears to be due for principal and interest, a balance of £.281 17 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, about fifty pounds of which, are for interest computed in the said Bonds. That the said Bonds severally became due in one year from the respective dates thereof, and were payable in equal quarterly payments. That the whole sum due upon the Judgment recovered for principal, interest and costs, amounts to the sum of £.289 13 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, for which the said Thomas Dobson, the security, has been committed to Gaol, the said John Owen having hitherto kept himself close, in the hope of being ultimately delivered by the Order of the House of Assembly.

That the Judgment recovered against John Moody, Joseph P. Boyle, and Thomas Moody, in the said Certificate mentioned, is also for Impost and Excise Duties, secured in like manner, on three several Bonds, entered into by the said John Moody and Joseph P. Boyle, as principals, and the said Thomas Moody, as their only Security, bearing date the 29th July, 18th August, and 18th September, 1817, respectively, and upon which Bonds there remains due, a balance of £.358 18 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, principal. That the said last mentioned Bonds, were also payable in one year from the respective dates thereof, by four equal quarterly payments, and that the amount due on said Judgment, for debt and costs of suit, is in the whole the sum of £.367 12 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, and in satisfaction of which the said Thomas Moody, the Petitioner, was committed to Gaol in December last.

The Committee further report, that the Bonds of the said John Owen and Thomas Dobson, were in July, 1816, placed by the Collector of Impost and Excise, in the hands of the Attorney-General, for prosecution, as will appear by the Certificate of the said Collector, hereunto annexed; and in January, 1817, a writ of Summons was issued, against the said John Owen, and Thomas Dobson, and a Judgment obtained thereon in May following. The Committee also find that the said John Owen, and Thomas Dobson, were generally reported to be solvent, at the time the respective Bonds were taken, and when they became due, and they are of opinion that the amount thereof might have been secured at that period, and payment thereof since obtained.

That the Bonds of the said John Moody, Joseph P. Boyle, and Thomas Moody, were placed by the said Collector of Impost and Excise, in the Hands of the Attorney-General in Nov. 1819, soon after they were taken, and an Attachment at the suit of the King, was issued against them in the same month, (Nov.) at which time but one quarterly payment had become due on the first Bond. That in March, 1818, an alias attachment was issued against them, and levied on the personal property of John Moody, only, to the amount of £.507 8 6 and Judgment was thereupon obtained against them in April, and signed in May following. The Committee also find that in October, 1817, an attachment at the suit of the Hon. Charles Hill, was issued against the said John Moody, and Thomas Moody, for a large sum of money, which attachment does not appear to have been returned into the Prothonotary's Office, but Judgment, by confession, was obtained thereon, against the Defendants in July, 1818, and Execution subsequently issued, which does not appear to be returned, but which the Committee understand was levied on the real property of Thomas Moody.

The Committee further find that the said John Moody, Joseph P. Boyle, and Thomas Moody, were reputed to be solvent and in good circumstances at the time the last mentioned Bonds were respectively taken. But that the said John Moody and Joseph P. Boyle, the principal debtors, soon after failed and became Bankrupts, but the Committee have reason to believe that the said Thomas Moody was considered solvent, and was able to satisfy the said Bonds, at that time, and when they became due.

The Committee have also turned their attention to the Act of Assembly, passed in the 57th year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors," by which ample provision appears to have been made for the relief and discharge of Insolvent Persons imprisoned for debt, at the suit of the Crown, and the Committee cannot perceive any necessity, while this Law is in force, for an application to the House of Assembly, unless in very special cases, and where the object in view cannot be obtained under the regulations and provisions of that Act.

Lastly, the Committee cannot refrain from suggesting for the consideration of the House, the propriety and expediency of adding a clause to the Revenue Laws, by which the Excise Officer shall be made responsible for all Monies secured by Bond, if he shall neglect for the space of thirty days, after any quarterly payment becomes due, to take the proper steps to enforce such payment, or if he shall neglect to take two or more Sureties on each Bond, which the Committee conceive are required by the existing Laws, but which they have reason to believe are in too many instances not taken.

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

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On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, the 3d inst. take into consideration the several Private Petitions now before the House.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be held with His Majesty's Council upon the subject of the Bill now before the Council, for the continuing the Act for the support of English Schools, and that the Committee of this House be instructed to state to the Committee of the Council, that the House is satisfied that the Ways and Means will be sufficient to enable them to provide for all the Schools which may be entitled to the Provincial Allowance under the said Act, and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Piclou Academy, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a pecuniary aid towards the support of that Establishment, and in aid of their undertaking.

A Petition of George Grassie, and others, Merchants, interested in the Trade, Agriculture and Fisheries, of the Province, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a grant of Money to enable them to discharge an arrear of £163 sterling, due to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. for his services during the time he was employed as Special Agent.

A Petition of Gideon C. White, was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Duties on 3153 gallons of Rum, exported to Boston, in April, 1817, amounting to £131 1s. 1d

A Petition of Boggs and Hartshorne, and others, Merchants of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for certain alterations in the Revenue Laws, by which in the opinion of the Petitioners a relief will be afforded to the Merchants, and Commerce of the Province, and the Provincial Revenue more effectually secured.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Belcher, Binney & Co. and others, Merchants and Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, stating the expediency of imposing a Duty on the importation of Superfine and Fine Flour, from the United States of America, and the adopting of certain regulations for the benefit of the Export Trade from the Province.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the Clock.

Thursday, 2d March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the more easy redemption and foreclosure of Mortgages, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Prescott reported from the Committee on the subject of the Revenue Laws, 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 have diligently investigated the subject to them referred, and, in their opinion, no part of the Impost Duties paid or secured upon articles imported in Vessels not owned in the Province, or by non-resident persons, should be drawn back upon exportation thereof. That they are also of opinion, that the Master of each and every Registered Vessel shall, within twenty-four hours after arrival within the District of any Collector of Impost and Excise, report upon Oath, at the Office of such Collector, what articles such Vessel had on board during her last voyage.

The Committee do also most strongly recommend that more suitable persons be appointed

ed to fill the Office of Collector of Impost and Excise, in Districts where the Collectors have neglected to give the Bonds and discharge the Duties required by Law; and do also recommend that an additional number of Preventive Officers be appointed in the Districts and Ports in the Bay of Fundy. The Committee are also of opinion, that it is expedient to pass an Act, similar to one which was passed in the 18th year of His Majesty Reign, entitled, An Act for the more speedy recovery of His Majesty's Debts within this Province.

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. George,
Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the subject of the Resolution for granting the sum of £12,000, for the service of Roads and Bridges.

The Council have agreed to a further conference on the subject of the School Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Lawson, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference on the subject of the School Bill, do manage the further conference with the Council on the said Bill.

And they went to the conference.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Estimate of the Expence for the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government, for the year 1820, be referred to the Committee of Supply, and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. James 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 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 to reduce the Civil List for the ensuing year.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom the two Messages of His Excellency the Governor in Chief to this House, on the 22d February last, were 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 have carefully examined the Messages to them referred, and as to the matter contained in the abstract of the Letter from Earl Bathurst to His Excellency, relative to the Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, they beg to state

state, for the information of this Honorable House, that it has been the uniform practice of the Assembly of Nova-Scotia, since it first became necessary to continue such Laws, thus to continue in one Act the several Acts which they have considered expedient to renew or continue, nor does it appear to the Committee that any exception has been taken to that mode of continuing the Laws about to expire from that time to the present. But it appears to the Committee that all Acts should be so framed as to allow of their being separately considered, and therefore the Committee submit to this Honorable House, the expediency of so framing their Acts in future.

The Committee have also had under consideration the first reason afforded by His Excellency to the House of Assembly, for rejecting the Bill which passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, "An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the 42d year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery," in which His Excellency states that the Royal Instructions under which he acts assign the right of regulating all Fees in this Province, to the Governor and Council; and the Committee are fully of opinion, that the Royal Instructions cannot constitutionally assign the right of regulating Fees in this Province to the Governor and Council, but that the right of establishing and regulating all Fees is constitutionally vested in the Legislature of this Province only.

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

The Order of the day being read : thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, on Saturday the 4th instant, take into consideration His Excellency the Governor in Chief's Message on the subject of Marriage Licenses.

Pursuant to leave given, Mr. Allison presented a Petition of William S. Church, and others, owners of Vessels in the County of Hants, setting forth, that the Petitioners are greatly aggrieved by the heavy Fees payable at the Custom House, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday, 3d March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. William Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish a Loan Office, in the District of Colchester, 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 proceeded to the consideration of the several Private Petitions before the House, and thereupon,

The Petition of A. Cunard & Son, and the Petition of Temple Piers and Lewis E. Piers, were read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petitions be referred to Mr. Prescott, Mr. W. A. Chipman, and Mr. Smith, who are to examine into the merits of the same respectively, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of William Pride, and others, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to the Members of the County of Shelburne, who shall be appointed to make a distribution of the sum appropriated for the service of the Roads and Bridges in that County.

The Petition of John Todd, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of Thomas Boggs, Lawrence Hartshorne, Junr. and others, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Prescott, and Mr. Albro, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of John Otterton was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to the Members of the County of Halifax, who shall be appointed to make a distribution of the sum appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in that County.

The Petition of Thomas Kerby and John McMillan, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of John Hovington was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted.

The Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Smith, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of John Brison and others, was, by leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Dimock.

The Petition of Andrew Crawford and others, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to the Member of the District of Halifax, who shall be appointed to make a distribution of the sum appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in that District.

The Petition of James Leishman was read, and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be, and they are hereby, authorized to suspend the operation of all and every execution and executions, which shall, or may be issued upon the judgments mentioned in the Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly, on the 23d day of March, 1818, or any of them, so far as regards the person of the said Petitioner, or any property he may hereafter acquire, until they shall be of opinion the said Petitioner is enabled to make payment of the balance which may remain due on the said several Judgments, or until the House of Assembly shall make a further Order relative thereto.

The Petition of David Crowell, Junr. and also the Petition of William S. Church, and others, were severally read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to request that His Excellency would be pleased to direct the Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Halifax, to lay before this House a Statement of the Fees, now taken by him, and the several Officers of the Customs within his District, together with a copy of all instructions received by him, on the subject of fees, since the year 1807, and a statement of the King's Customs, collected by himself and by his Deputies respectively, during each year since the year 1816.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to request that His Excellency would be pleased to direct the Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Shelburne, to lay before this House, a statement of the Fees now taken by him, and the several Officers of the Customs, within his District, together with a Copy of all instructions received by him on the subject of Fees, since the year 1807, and a statement of the King's Customs collected by himself, and by His Deputies respectively, during each year, since the year 1816.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Purdy, and Mr. Heckman, be a Committee, agreeable to the forgoing Resolutions,

Mr.

Mr. Dewolf reported that the Managers had held a conference with a Committee of the Council on the subject of the Resolution for granting £12,000 for Roads and Bridges, pursuant to the Resolution of yesterday, and stated the substance of the said conference to the House.

Mr. Archibald delivered to the House the several Papers required by the House, from the Trustees of the National School at Halifax.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday, 4th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish a Loan Office, in the District of Colchester, was read a second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Dimock moved, that the consideration of the Bill be postponed to this day three months, which, being seconded and put, passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House the undermentioned Papers received by him from Mr. Secretary George, recommended to the consideration of the House, by his Excellency the Governor in Chief, viz.

A Petition of F. Carter Pike, Surgeon, praying for a compensation for his Services for Vaccinating Poor Persons of Colour, in the year 1818. Also,

A Letter from Francis Vaughan, Commissioner of Roads at Chester, stating the decayed and ruinous state of the Bridge over Gold River.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

The Clerk communicated to the House a Letter he had received yesterday from Colonel Darling, the Military Secretary, requesting to know what has been done by the House of Assembly, respecting a Drawback due to the Public on 35,326 gallons of Rum, issued to the Troops, by Deputy-Commissary-General Damerum, in the year 1817, for the information of the Commander of the Forces: and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Letter be referred to Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Bars, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Prescott reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of A. Cunard & Son, and also the Petition of Temple Piers and Lewis E. Piers, were 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 have made the necessary enquiries on the subjects to them referred; and find that the Vessels named in the Petitions, were actually fitted out and employed in the Whale Fishery, agreeable to the Resolution of the House, passed in the last Session, as will more fully appear by the Certificates, and Affidavits hereunto annexed, and the Committee consider them entitled to receive the sum of one hundred pounds, for each Vessel. It also appears by the Petition of Messrs. A. Cunard and Son, that they have fitted out a Vessel for the Southern Whale Fishery, and the Committee beg leave to recommend that a Bounty be provided to encourage them in an enterprize that is likely to prove so beneficial to the Commerce of the Province, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Report and the Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the two Resolutions of this House, passed yesterday, on the subject of Custom House Fees, that the Committee had waited upon, and delivered to His Excellency the said Resolutions, pursuant to the Order of the House, and that His Excellency was pleased to say to the Committee, that he would cause an enquiry to be made into the subject matter of the said several Resolutions, and would convey to the House an answer on Monday next.

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the several Private Petitions before the House, and thereupon,

The Petition of Charles Morris and others, the Trustees of the National School. The Petition of the Trustees of the Acadian School. The Petition of the Committee of the Poor Man's Friend Society. The Petition of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy; and also the Petition of George Grasse, and others, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of John Black and others, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Albro, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of the President and Directors of the Halifax Fire Insurance Company was read, and thereupon:

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Petition of W. K. Reynolds, and others, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the relief of the Petitioners.

The Order of the day was read: and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Monday next, the 6th inst. take into consideration His Excellency the Governor in Chief's Message on the subject of Marriage Licenses.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the Clock.

Monday, 6th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a letter which he this morning received from Mr. Secretary George, and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, March 4, 1820.

SIR,

IN compliance with the request of the House of Assembly, signified to the Governor in Chief, by the Committee which waited upon His Excellency this day, the Collectors of His Majesty's Customs for the Ports of Halifax and Shelburne, have been directed to lay before the House, a Statement of the Fees now taken by them, and the several Officers of the Customs within their respective Districts, together with a Copy of all the Instructions which they have received on the subject of Fees since the year 1807, and a Statement of all the King's Customs, collected by them and their Deputies, respectively, since the year 1816.

I am also instructed to acquaint you, that, by command of His Excellency, the Collector of the Customs for the Port of Halifax, will present in person to the House of Assembly

the Documents required of him, at twelve o'clock, on Tuesday next, and will give such other information, consistent with his Official Duty, as the House may desire. I have the honor to be,

Sir, your most obedt. humble Servt.

RUPERT D. GEORGE,
Prov. Secretary.

Ordered, That the Letter do lie on the Table.

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief 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 covered, and is as follows :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I MUST again specially recommend to your notice, the Road through the Military Settlements, lately established in the Counties of Annapolis and Lunenburg. I rode through these Settlements, last October, and as I am satisfied that they deserve every encouragement, I earnestly hope that the House will not now be less disposed to promote their prosperity, than they were in the last Session.

I conceive it also to be my duty to call your attention in a particular manner to the Road from Halifax to Chester, which is literally impassible. A great part of the population of the South and West Coast, is in consequence obliged, when desirous of visiting the Capital, to come by Sea to Halifax, or to make a circuitous Journey by the Northern Coast of the Province.

The House will at once see the necessity of making some provision to remedy this inconvenience.

I also strongly recommended to the care of the House, the great leading Road from Musquodoboit to St. Mary's River and Guysborough.

DALHOUSIE.

Ordered, That His Excellency's Message do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the several Private Petitions before the House.

The Petition of Boggs & Hartshorne, and others, on the subject of the Revenue Laws, was read, and thereupon.

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Barls, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Young, Mr. Cogswell and Mr. Albro, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of J. F. T. Gschwind was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of Edward Ducket was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the Petition be deferred until the House shall be in Committee on the Bill relating to Light Duties.

On motion the Letter of Lt. Col. Maccolla, Acting Adjutant-General to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Letter be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, 7th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of George Oxley and others, Inhabitants of Remsheg, the River Philip, &c. in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying that a Law may be passed for disposing of the Court-House in Amherst, and to apply the proceeds of the same towards finishing the Court-House at the River Philip; and also that the Sessions of the Peace and Court of Common Pleas, for the said County, may in future be held at the said River Philip.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with His Majesty's Council on the subject of the Resolution granting £12000, for the service of Roads and Bridges, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

The Council agree to the conference as desired by the House, on the subject of the road resolution.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned.

Mr. Dewolf reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion of Mr. Dimock, *resolved*, That no Bill be brought into the House after Monday the 20th instant.

On motion the House proceeded to the further consideration of the several Petitions before the House.

The Petition of Wentworth Taylor was read, and thereupon,

Resolved. That the Petition be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Bingay, and Mr. Thomas Dickson, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of F. Carter Pike was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr Flemming, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Robert Dickson, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the Letter of John Elder and Charles Rathburn; and also, the Letter of Francis Vaughan, Commissioners of Roads, were read, and thereupon,

Reeolved, That the Letter of Francis Vaughan, be referred to the Members of the County of Lunenburg, : and the Letter of John Elder and Charles Rathburn, be referred to the Members of the County of Hants.

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

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of £12,000, for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to Establish a Loan Office in the District of Colchester, and that he was directed by the Committee to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards 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, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell, *resolved*, That when the Collector of His Majesty's Customs shall attend this House, agreeably to the direction of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, Mr. Speaker do put the following questions, and that the answers thereto be taken down in writing by the Clerk, viz :

- Ques. 1. In Custom-House Regulation do you consider the Port of Shelburne for the purposes of entering and clearing Vessels to and from such Port and Halifax respectively, as similar to the Custom-House at New-Brunswick?
- 2d. Do you consider the Ports of New-Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Cape-Breton, as Foreign Ports, and demand fees accordingly, and if so, under what authority?
- 3d. Do not many of your Deputies in the Out or Member Ports of this Province, hold Deputations jointly or separately from yourself and the Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs?
- 4th. Are not several of your Deputies within your own knowledge, now holding Deputations from the Naval Officer of the Port of Halifax, and acting as Deputies in that Department?
- 5th. What Fees are taken by you upon clearing out Vessels from 50 tons and upwards, for Foreign Ports or Coasting Voyages respectively?
- 6th. What authority have you to appoint Deputies in the Out or Member Ports of the District of Halifax : what Instructions do you give them : what Fees are they directed to receive?
- 7th. What is the amount of His Majesty's Customs and of the Fees respectively received by you, and the several persons acting under you, in the different parts of the Province respectively, during each year since 1816?
- 8th. What is the amount of His Majesty's Customs taken and received at the Port of Windsor, in any one year, since the year 1816?
- 9th. What is the amount of Fees taken and received by your Deputy at the Port of Windsor, in any one year since the year 1816?
- 10th. What are the Fees taken by your Deputies in the Out or Member Ports of this Province, for reporting?
- 11th. By the Records of your Office can you ascertain at what period the District of the Custom-House of Nova-Scotia, comprehended the present Province of New-Brunswick, and the Islands of Cape-Breton, and Prince Edward Island.
- 12th. At what period was a change made in the mode of transacting business at the Custom-House, as respects Cockets to lade on board, and Permits to land articles : why are they now given separately and not together for the whole lading as formerly, and what difference is occasioned in the Fees by the newly adopted mode?
- 13th. Would not one General Cocket be sufficient to authorise the lading of a whole Cargo, although the Cargo might be owned by twenty or more persons, and do the Acts of Parliament require more, and do you give separate Permits for landing articles to correspond in point of Number with the number of Cockets?
- 14th. Is one general rule practised by all your Deputies or persons acting under you, as respects the mode of granting Cockets?
- 15th. Do you, when requested, deliver a specification of the particular items which compose the amount of Fees demanded by you upon the entrance or clearance of Vessels?
- 16th. Will you specify what items compose the Bill of charges now produced?
- 17th. Is the appointment of Deputy Comptroller of the Customs, of any service, if the appointment is held jointly with the Deputation under you?
- 18th. Do you conceive that any advantage is produced to His Majesty's Revenue, of the Customs, by the appointment of your Deputies at the Out or Member Ports of your District, to be Deputy Comptroller of the Customs?
- 19th. At what time was an additional Surveyor and Searcher appointed at this Port : has it occasioned any additional expense to Vessels, and cannot one officer of this description perform that duty at this Port?
- 20th. Have your Deputies in any cases within your knowledge, received the Fees appointed under the Fee Table, to Surveyors and Searchers, and Waiters, if so, have such Deputies paid you any part of such Fees?
- 21st. In Vessels cleared from the Member Ports within your District to the Province of New-Brunswick, the Islands of Cape-Breton and Prince Edward Island, what are the Fees, if under fifty tons ; what are the Fees if between fifty and one hundred tons ; and what Fees are paid by those over one hundred tons?

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that the Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Halifax, being a Member of His Majesty's Council, should be received as such when he attends the House.

The Collector of His Majesty's Customs attended the House, and coming to the Bar uncovered.

uncovered, Mr. Speaker informed him that it was the pleasure of the House that he should sit and be covered, and a chair being placed for him at the Clerk's Table, he, being seated, delivered to the House the following papers, viz :

A copy of the Table of Fees, taken by the Officers of the Customs at the Port of Halifax, in Nova-Scotia.

An account of the Annual Receipt of His Majesty's Duties at the Port of Halifax, and at the several Out-Ports within the District thereof respectively, during the years 1816, 1817, 1818, and 1819.

An extract of a Letter from B. B. Dean, R. Thompson, and George Wyke, to the Collector and Comptroller, dated, Halifax, 28th October, 1811, on the subject of the Coasting Trade.

A copy of a Letter from W. Roe, J. Williams, J. Buller, and William Boothby, Commissioners of the Customs, to the Collector and Comptroller, dated Custom-House, London, 17th July, 1817, on the subject of a general certificate of the landing of a cargo.

A copy of Notice respecting certificates to cancel Bonds, dated London, 17th July, 1817.

A copy of a Letter from F. T. Luttrell, J. Barne, B. B. Dean, and J. Buller, Commissioners of the Customs, dated Custom-House, London, January, 1818, on the subject of Vessels carrying Goods from Cape Breton, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick and Canada, not to be deemed carrying coastwise ; and also,

An extract of a Letter from the Honorable Board of Customs, dated, London, 10th July, 1819, to the Collector and Comptroller, relative to the principal Waiter's Fee.

After which the Questions before stated, were, by Order of the House, severally put to the said Collector by the Speaker, to which Questions he made the answers respectively, as followeth, viz :

Answer to Question 1. They are governed by the same Table of Fees, I believe.

Answer to Question 2. I do consider them as Foreign Ports, and that I have a right to receive the Fees under my Instructions.

Answer to Question 3. If they do, with one exception, it is irregular, and not sanctioned by me.

Answer to Question 4. I believe they do hold those Commissions, and I should make no objection to their doing so.

Answer to Question 5. I must refer to the Table of Fees.

Answer to Question 6. I am not prepared to answer to that question.

Answer to Question 7. The first part of that question relating to the amount of the Customs, is answered by one of the documents given in ; the latter part relating to the amount of Fees received, I consider to be of a private nature, and therefore conceive I am not bound to give any information to this Honorable House thereon.

Answer to Question 8. Answered by the statement of Duties already given in.

Answer to Question 9. I beg to refer to the answer to the 7th Question.

Answer to Question 10. I should hope that they were governed by the Table of Fees.

Answer to Question 11. If I am furnished with a written memorandum, I will endeavour to give an early answer.

Answer to Question 12. I found myself authorized on my arrival to follow that practice, and I am not aware of any change.

Answer to Question 13. I consider that as a very loose practice, and that I am authorized by the Acts of Parliament to pursue the course I now do. Twenty importers may be interested in one Cocket, and Permits granted accordingly.

Answer to Question 14. I cannot answer this Question.

Answer to Question 15. I am not aware of any such demand having been made, but if it had been made, I should have had no objection to comply with it.

Answer to Question 16. If you furnish me with that Bill of Charges, I will take time and consider whether I will answer it or not.

Answer to Question 17. None whatever.

Answer to Question 18. That is a question which affects the interest of another Officer, and which I decline answering.

Answer to Question 19. There is no such officer appointed.

Answer to Question 20. They have, and I, together with the Comptroller, have received one half.

Answer to Question 21. The Table of Fees makes no difference with respect to the Tonnage of Vessels.

The Collector of the Customs then withdrew from the House.

On motion, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon the Petition of David Crowell, Junr. and others ; and also, the Petition of W. S. Church, and others, complaining of the Fees taken by the Officers of His Majesty's Customs ; and also, to Report upon the documents and facts which have been laid before the House, by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, for the Port of Halifax ; and also, to Report if any, and what grievances exist ; and what may be the proper remedy therefor.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Bingay, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Cogswell, be a Committee for the above purpose.

An engrossed Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish a Loan-Office in the District of Colchester, was read a third time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish a Loan Office in the District of Colchester.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, 8th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

The Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Halifax, having been furnished with Question No. 11, in writing, as stated in the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the Collector's answer thereto in writing; which was read by the Clerk and is as follows, viz.

Answer to Question No. 11. There is no Record in His Majesty's Custom-House, that will afford the information required by the above Question.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Francis Rudolf and others, of Lunenburg, and Members of the Parish of St. John, in the said County, was presented by Mr. James, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to authorize the sale of one third part of the Glebe Land, within the said County, towards the purchase and finishing of a Parsonage House, for the residence of the Rector of the said Parish; for reasons offered in the said Petition; and thereupon,

Mr. James, pursuant to leave given by the House, presented a Bill to authorize the sale of one third part of the Glebe Land, in the County of Lunenburg, 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, on the consideration of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool 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 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 the consideration of the Petition of the President and Directors of the Halifax Fire Insurance Company, should be deferred to this day three months.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of Ways and Means, 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.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, 9th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Cogswell, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in further amendment of the Act relating to Firewards, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the sale of one third part of the Glebe Land, in the County of Lunenburg, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company 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 it appears to the Committee that very great advantages to the Public, have been derived from the running of the Team Boat, between Halifax and Dartmouth ; as the Country is rapidly improving to the Northward and Eastward of Halifax, and Roads of Communication opened in different directions from Dartmouth with the interior of the Country, and others are projected.

That in the opinion of the Committee, it will be more extensively beneficial to the Country, if the Company should establish the second Boat proposed by them, so as to have one Boat constantly employed. The Committee are also of opinion, that, in addition to the advantages which the Act of Incorporation affords to the Company, by giving to them the exclusive right of using such Boats, some aid should be granted to the Petitioners, and considering the Team Boat as affording to the Public almost all the advantages which might be derived from a Bridge,

The Committee recommend to the House to assist the Petitioners by a loan of a Sum of Money, without Interest, for a certain period, or by a grant of a sum of Money, not to be drawn from the Treasury until the second Boat shall be provided.

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

Mr. Flemming reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of F. Carter Pike, 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 have examined into the merits of the Petition; and find that the Petitioner did attend upon, and Vaccinated, nearly one hundred of the People of Colour, settled at Hammond Plains, which occasioned him much trouble and some expense, and therefore recommend that the sum of sixteen pounds should be granted to the Petitioner in full for his services, and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. James 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's table, where they were read and are as follow, viz :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that it is expedient to impose a Duty on Goods sold at Auction.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that it is expedient to impose an additional Duty on articles imported from the United States of America, and that the under-mentioned Duty be paid, viz :

On every Horse Ten Shillings,

On every Ox Twenty Shillings,

On every Cow and Head of Young Cattle, Five Shillings.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Duty, of Fifteen Shillings, should be paid on every Hog, which may be imported from the said United States.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave, to sit again, on the consideration of Ways and Means, which Report the House agreed to.

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved, that the second Resolution, so far as relates to imposing an additional Duty of Ten Shillings on every Horse, be not agreed to the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, twenty :

For the Motion,

Mr. Thos. Dickson
Mr. Heckman
Mr. Roach
Mr. Bass
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Smith
Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Pool

Against the Motion,

Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Flemming
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Young
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Morse
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Purdy
Mr. Ritchie

Mr. Rudolf
Mr. Prescott
Mr. Bingay
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. James
Mr. Albro
Mr. D'Wolf
Mr. Crane
Mr. Dimock

So it passed in the Negative.

The said Resolutions were then severally put, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Rudolf and Mr. J. I. Chipman, be a Committee to prepare and bring in Bills for continuing the several Revenue Laws now in force; and also, for carrying into effect the several Resolutions passed in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House the undermentioned Papers received by him from Mr. Secretary George, recommended to the consideration of the House by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, viz.

A Petition of S. G. W. Archibald, and others, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Edward Mortimer, Esq. late of Pictou, deceased, praying payment of the sum of £111. 15 9, expended by the said Edward Mortimer, in erecting a Magazine and Storehouse in the Battery at Pictou, as per account annexed.

An Abstract of demands against the Province for repairs to the Government-House, Out-Houses, Fences, &c. in the year 1819, amounting to £567. 18. 6½, together with the Vouchers in support thereof.

An Abstract of Demands against the Province for casual services, in the year 1819, amounting to £132. 11. 1, together with the Vouchers in support thereof.

An Account of Furniture received from London for the Government House, in the year 1819, amounting to £350 sterling.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday, 10th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in further amendment of the Act relating to Firewards, 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, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. James 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum of Ten Thousand Pounds should be granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, for the present year, to be appropriated and applied in such manner as shall hereafter be agreed upon by the Legislature.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of a Supply, 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, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Petition of Charles Baker, the Custos Rotulorum, and of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants, of the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Morse, and read, praying that the fittings of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the said County, may not be removed to the River Philip, for reasons offered in the Petition.

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

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

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of £10,000, for the service of Roads and Bridges, for the present year.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish a Loan Office, in the District of Colchester.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. James 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 Resolution 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:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum of one hundred pounds, should be granted and paid to each of the three Assistant Justices of the Supreme Court, in addition to their Salaries for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds should be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province, in addition to his Salary for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of five hundred pounds should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Acadian School, to aid them in the erection of a Building for the purposes of such School.

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The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved, that the first Resolution be not agreed to by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it seventeen.

For the motion,

Mr. Lawson	Mr. Young
Mr. Sargent	Mr. Bingay
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Heckman
Mr. Ritchie	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Crane	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Cogswell	Mr. Pool
Mr. Ruggles	Mr. Allison
Mr. Barss	Mr. Dimock

Against the motion,

Mr. Flemming	Mr. Prescott
Mr. R. Dickson	Mr. Thos. Dickson
Mr. Lent	Mr. Purdy
Mr. Roach	Mr. James
Mr. Smith	Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. J. I. Chipman	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Ritchie, A. Royal
Mr. Morse	Mr. W. H. Roach
	Mr. Rudolf

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Haliburton then moved that the second Resolution be not agreed to by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, five; against it, twenty-nine:

For the motion,

Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Lent
Mr. Young
Mr. Allison
Mr. Dimock

Against the motion,

Mr. Lawson	Mr. Purdy
Mr. W. A. Chipman	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Rudolf	Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. W. H. Roach	Mr. Heckman
Mr. Ruggles	Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Ritchie, A. Royal	Mr. Prescott
Mr. Bingay	Mr. Morse
Mr. Pool	Mr. Archibald
Mr. W. Dickson	Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. James	Mr. Smith

Mr. Roach
Mr. Cutler
Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Crane
Mr. Fleming
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Fraser
Mr. Barss

So it passed in the Negative.

The said Resolutions were then severally put and agreed to by the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, 11th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, That a conference be desired with the Council on the General State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Peter McNab and others, in behalf of the Provincial Agricultural Society, and the same was read, praying for a grant of a sum of Money to the said Society, to be applied in the encouragement of the Agriculture of the Province.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

The Council have agreed to the conference as desired by the House on the General State of the Province, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. James and Mr. Smith, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned.

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Wentworth Taylor 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 have enquired into the facts stated in the Petition, and are of opinion that essential service has been done by the Petitioner and those concerned with him, not only in saving the property shipwrecked, but in securing Duties to the Province, amounting to £480 2 1, and submit to the House the propriety of voting an additional grant of Money to be expended in repairing and opening Roads in the vicinity of the place where the shipwrecked property was saved; and the Committee are of opinion, that the sum of £100 to repair the road from Sherbrooke Village to the main road leading from Guysborough to Halifax, a distance of 12½ miles; the like sum to open a Road from Sherbrooke Village to Indian Harbour, the distance of 14 miles; and the sum of £40 to open a road from St. Mary's to Liscombe Harbour, a distance of 8 miles: which sums would amount to one half of the Duties secured to the Province, as above stated, would be granting the prayer of the Petition.

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. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference on the General State of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Lawson delivered to the House a Report from the Auditor of Public Accounts, of the Expenditure of the several sums of money granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, in the year 1819; also,

A Return from the Commissioners of the Poor, of the number of Transient and other Poor Persons in the Poor-House at Halifax, on the 10th instant; and also;

An Account of the several sums expended in the support of the Poor-House at Halifax, between the 1st January, and 31st Dec. 1819, amounting to £2725 19. 2.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should

should be granted and paid to A. Cunard & Son, as a Bounty for having fitted out, and actually employed in the Whale Fishery, for the space of four months in the last year, a Vessel of the Burthen of one hundred and fifty Tons, agreeable to the Resolution of this House, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to Temple Piers and Lewis E. Piers, as a Bounty for having fitted out, and actually employed in the Whale Fishery, for the space of four months, in the last year, a Vessel of the Burthen of one hundred Tons and upwards, agreeable to the Resolution of this House, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pound should be granted and paid to the Committee of the Acadian School in Halifax, towards the support of that Establishment for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that leave should be given to withdraw the Petition of the Trustees of the National School.

Resolved, That it is opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty pounds, should be granted and paid to the Committee of the Poor Man's Friend Society, to aid them in carrying into effect the benevolent intentions of the Society.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the Resolution respecting the Petition of the Trustees of the National School, be not received by the House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twelve; against it, fourteen. So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions were then severally put, and agreed to by the House; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition of the Trustees of the National School be dismissed.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Petition of John Todd be dismissed.

On motion, the Petition of J. F. T. Gschwind; and also, the Petition of Walter Bromley, were severally read, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Petition of J. F. T. Gschwind, be referred to Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Allison, and Mr. Young, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Walter Bromley, be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Heckman, and Mr. Young, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. William Dickson have leave to return home on his private affairs for a few days.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 13th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On reading the proceedings of Saturday last, Mr. Archibald thereupon moved, that the several Resolutions passed on that day, relating to the Petition of the Trustees of the

National School, at Halifax, be rescinded, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven ; against it, thirteen :

For the motion,

<i>Mr. Archibald</i>	<i>Mr. J. J. Chipman</i>
<i>Mr. Thos. Dickson</i>	<i>Mr. Purdy</i>
<i>Mr. Morse</i>	<i>Mr. Albro</i>
<i>Mr. Crane</i>	<i>Mr. Cutler</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman</i>	<i>Mr. Pool</i>
<i>Mr. Cogswell</i>	

Against the motion,

<i>Mr. Dimock</i>	<i>Mr. Young</i>
<i>Mr. Ritchie</i>	<i>Mr. Heckman</i>
<i>Mr. Haliburton</i>	<i>Mr. Sargent</i>
<i>Mr. Lawson.</i>	<i>Mr. Ruggles.</i>
<i>Mr. James</i>	<i>Mr. W. H. Roach</i>
<i>Mr. Bingay</i>	<i>Mr. Rudolf</i>
<i>Mr. Ritchie, A. Royal</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Bars reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Messrs. Boggs and Hartshorne, and others, Merchants of Halifax, on the subject of the Revenue Laws, 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 it is the opinion of this Committee, that the time allowed for obtaining the Drawback of Duties upon articles exported from the Province, should be extended. That every facility, consistent with the public interest, should be afforded to persons exporting dutiable articles to the United States of America, to enable them to obtain a Drawback of the Duties upon exportation. That the Committee are of opinion that the Commissioners of the Revenue should be invested with discretionary power to establish such rules and regulations, under which dutiable articles, exported to the United States of America, may be entitled to the Drawback, as may be deemed sufficient to guard the Revenue from loss, and be best adapted to the variations to which our trade with that country must in all probability be exposed. Penalties against relanding dutiable articles, shipped for exportation may be continued or augmented. But the Committee are of opinion that a lesser degree of evidence of the landing of such articles in the United States than has heretofore been required, should hereafter be received as satisfactory. That in respect of the general benefit which would arise from subjecting to the lesser duty only such articles of West India Produce, as may be imported into this Province in vessels owned here, although purchased with the produce of any of the British North-American Colonies, the Committee are unable to form a correct and decided opinion ; it appears clearly that the navigation of the Province would be benefited, but it seems probable that such a measure would operate unfavorably upon our Fisheries, and the Produce of the Province, exported to the West-Indies. As the larger duty payable upon West-India importations, not purchased with articles of our produce or manufacture, has operated to encourage the increase of every article which this Province may from its industry and resources export. The Committee conceive that a departure from that long established principle of Revenue regulation, a measure of sufficient importance to merit the serious consideration of the General Assembly.

Your Committee have paid particular attention to that part of the Petition which prays for the adoption of a mode of securing the Provincial Duties altogether novel in this Country ; the privilege sought for, that Importers may have the option of securing the Duties payable on such importations by instalments as heretofore, or of depositing the articles in Warehouses, in Custody of the Collector of Impost and Excise, if granted by the

the Legislature, will be attended with additional trouble and expense, and will require an adoption of all our Revenue Laws to such proposed system. The advantage to be derived from the change appears to be doubtful. Precedents drawn from the practise of our Parent Country are inapplicable in many respects. The vast disproportion which exists in the Duties upon the same articles (as compared with the prime cost) in Great-Britain and in this Province, renders it difficult to decide, whether a practice, there found convenient and beneficial, could be introduced without prejudice here; granting to the Importer, the option would render it necessary for the Province to prepare for the alternative. The adoption of the Wharehousing system to the total exclusion of the other has not been suggested as desirable. Under all the circumstances therefore, the Committee forbear to recommend any thing decisive upon this subject, but beg to refer it entirely to the decision of the Assembly.

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

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Thomas Boggs, Lawrence Hartshorne, Junr. and others, 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 have made due enquiry into the subject of the Petition, and find that, owing to the increased price of the raw material made use of in the Distilleries, and the reduced price of Rum since the year 1812, at which period the Duty on Rum distilled within the Province, was three pence per gallon, whereas it is at present nine pence per gallon, which duty amounts to a total prohibition, as will appear by a statement annexed, which shews the average price of the raw material, from the year 1812, up to the present period, and satisfies the Committee, that, in order to insure any Revenue to the Province, the Duty should not be more than three pence per gallon, and might be made contingent on the average price of the article at Market.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Revenue Laws, be instructed to leave a blank therein for the Duty to be imposed upon Rum and other Spirits, distilled within the Province.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, and the report respecting the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Dimock presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz.

A Petition of James M'Donald, and others, Inhabitants of Douglass.

A Petition of James Grant, and others, of do.

A Petition of Edward Upton, and others, of do.

A Petition of James M'Phee, and others, of do.

Mr. W. H. Roach presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz.

A Petition of Thomas Waistcoat, and others, of Digby.

A Petition of Robert Hankinson, and others, of do.

A Petition of Robert Timpanny, and others, of do.

A Petition of Thomas Lettery, and others, of do.

A Petition of Abraham Vantapell, and others, of do.

A Petition of James Journey, and others, of do.

A Petition of John Hains, and others, of Long Island, do.

A Petition of Isaac Hatfield, and others, of Digby

A Petition of Thomas Bacon, and others, of do.

A Petition of Ambrose Hait, and others, of do.

A Petition of Joseph Dunbar, and others, of Sciffabou River.

Mr. Smith presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, as follows, Viz:

A Petition of Wentworth Taylor, and others, St. Mary's River.

- A Petition of George Campbell, and others, of Tatamagushe and the River John.
- A Petition of Donald M'Kay, and others, of the Gulf Shore.
- Mr. Haliburton presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz.
- A Petition of John Grant and others, of Douglass.
 - A Petition of Peter Grant, and others, of do.
 - A Petition of Francis M'Donald, and others, of do.
 - A Petition of John G. Archibald, and others, of Petit and Noel.
 - A Petition of William Parker, and others, of do.
 - A Petition of Joseph J. Blackburne, and others, of Rawdon.
 - A Petition of George Graham, and others, of Shubenacadie.
- Mr. Archibald presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz :
- A Petition of George H. Lynch, and others, of Shubenacadie Middle Settlement.
 - A Petition of Hugh Graham, and others, of Upper-Sewack.
- Mr. Pool presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz :
- A Petition of Joseph N. Bond, and others, of Yarmouth and Wentworth.
 - A Petition of Robert Kelly, and others, of Yarmouth.
- Mr. Ritchie presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz :
- A Petition of Robert Fitz Randolph, and others, of the Township of Annapolis.
 - A Petition of Lewis Pierse, and others, of Wilmot.
 - A Petition of Zebulon Durland, and others, of do.
 - A Petition of Francis Smith, and others, of do.
 - A Petition of Timothy Parker, and others, of do.
 - A Petition of George Clarke, and others, of do.
 - A Petition of William Randall, and others, of Wilmot and the Upper District of the Township of Annapolis.
 - A Petition of Silvanus Snow, and others, of Granville.
 - A Petition of James M'Intire, and others, of Broad Cove, Digby.
 - A Petition of Christopher Roop, and others, of Digby.
- Mr. J. I. Chipman presented a Petition of John M'Kinnon, and others, of Argyle, praying an aid for Roads.
- Mr. Albro presented a Petition of William Giese, praying an aid for the Road leading from the Dutch Village to Margaret's Bay.
- Mr. Flemming presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz.
- A Petition of Thomas Crow, and others, of Londonderry.
 - A Petition of William Durning, and others, of Economy.
 - A Petition of George Logan, and others, of Lower Sewack.
 - A Petition of Alexander Nelson, and others, of Shubenacadie.
- Mr. Morse presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz :
- A Petition of John Black, and others, of the River Philip and Remsheg.
 - A Petition of George King, and others, of Pugwash.
- Mr. Lawson presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz :
- A Petition of Edward Keating, and others, of Middle Settlement of Musquodoboit.
 - A Petition of James Benvie, and others, of Upper Settlement, of do.
 - A Petition of Adam Archibald, and others, of Middle Settlement of do.
 - A Petition of Peter Gordon, and others, of Little River Musquodoboit.
 - A Petition of Alexander Henry, and others, of Sheet Harbour, and Musquodoboit.
- Mr. Roach presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz :
- A Petition of George Oxley, and others, of Remsheg.
 - A Petition of Hezekiah King, and others, of River Philip and Remsheg.
 - A Petition of Samuel Bent, and others, of Amherst.
 - A Petition of James Sutherland, and others, of West-Chester, and Portipique.
 - A Petition of John Tait, and others, of River Philip and Remsheg.

Mr. Heckman presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of John Evans, and others, of Chester.

A Petition of F. G. Eter, and others, of do.

Mr. Rudolf presented a Petition of Henry Lohnes, and others, of Lunenburg and New-Dublin, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Dewolf presented a Petition of Henry V. Buskirk, and others, of Aylesford, praying an aid for a Road.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the Clock.

Tuesday, 14th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 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 the sum of One Thousand Pounds should be granted and paid to the Directors of the Central Board, to be applied to the encouragement of Agriculture, agreeably to a Scale to be approved by this House.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

A motion was made that the foregoing Resolution be received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen; against it, fourteen:

For the Motion,

Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Royal	Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Sargent		Mr. Young
Mr. Ritchie		Mr. Crane
Mr. Heckman		Mr. Barss
Mr. Roach		Mr. Bingay
Mr. Albro		Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Lawson		Mr. Fraser
Mr. W. H. Roach		Mr. Allison
Mr. Freeman		Mr. Dimock

Against the Motion,

Mr. R. Dickson	Mr. Smith
Mr. Haliburton	Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Flemming	Mr. Morse
Mr. T. Dickson	Mr. Rudolf
Mr. James	Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Dewolf	Mr. Archibald
Mr. Prescott	
Mr. Purdy	

So it passed in the affirmative.

The said Resolution was then put, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the several Revenue Bills, and accordingly presented to the House,

A Bill to impose a Duty on Articles sold at Public Auction.

A Bill to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same.

A Bill to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugar, within the Province; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; also,

A Bill to alter and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c.; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province; and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 15th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate and establish Fees, in the Court of Chancery, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of the East Hants Agricultural Society, and the same was read, praying that all Monies which may be granted in future by the Legislature, for the encouragement of Agriculture, may be placed at the disposal of the Central Board of Agriculture, and no other.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Bill to impose a Duty on articles Sold at Public Auction; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same; also,

A Bill to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugar, within the Province; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; also,

A Bill to alter and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, were severally read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference on the subject of the School Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. W. A. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of John Black, and others, 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 have made every enquiry on the subject to them referred, and find that the Oath in the Auction Bill, is so construed as to create doubts in the mind of the Auctioneer, as to the propriety of taking it ; from the information the Committee have received, they are of opinion, that were the Duty to apply to all articles Sold at Public Auction, (except houses, lands, ships and vessels, and goods sold under execution) and the Duty reduced to one per cent. the Revenue would be more productive than under the present Act, and that a clause should be inserted in the Bill to prevent an Auctioneer to sell at Private Sale.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 the several Acts, imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America. Also, a Bill to continue an Act, for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province. Also, a Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province. Also, a Bill to alter and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. And also, a Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province. And that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills, severally, without any amendments, with the exception to the two last mentioned, Bills, to which Bills the Committee had made an amendment thereto, respectively. And he afterwards delivered the Bills and the amendments 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 Bills to them referred, which the House agreed to.

The amendments to the two Bills, as reported from the Committee, were severally read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon.

Mr. Archibald moved that the amendment to the Bill for granting to His Majesty certain Duties, &c. be not received by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seven, against it fourteen;

For the motion. Against the motion.

Mr. Roach

Mr. Ritchie

Mr. W. H. Roach

Mr. Crane

Mr. Purdy

Mr. Barss

Mr. Archibald

Mr. Heckman

Mr. Rudolf

Mr. Cogswell

Mr. Lawson

Mr. Albro

Mr. Smith

Mr. Haliburton

Mr. Altison

Mr. W. A. Chipman

Mr. Freeman

Mr. Pool

Mr. Morse

Mr. Young

Mr. Dimock

So it passed in the Negative.

The said amendments were then put and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the several Acts, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties, &c. ; and also, the Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue, to repair the roads throughout the Province, with the amendments made to them respectively, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the several other Bills as reported by the Committee be engrossed.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of an Act, for incorporating certain persons therein mentioned, for Insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, from loss and damage by fire, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 16th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of an Act, for incorporating certain persons, therein mentioned, for Insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, from loss and damage by fire ; and also,

A Bill to regulate and establish Fees, in the Court of Chancery, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Cogswell, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery from the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles, to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugar within this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar, within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An engrossed Bill to alter and amend the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Cogswell moved, that an Enacting Clause, as a Rider, be added to the said Bill, in the words following, Viz.,

"And be it further enacted, That the sum of five pounds and no more, upon every hundred pounds, be allowed to the Collectors of Impost and Excise, in each and every other Port and District in this Province, and which allowance shall be in lieu of all Fees and Charges whatever;" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fourteen; against the motion, twenty:

For the motion,

Mr. Young	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Flemming	Mr. Albro
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Ranch	Mr. Dimock
Mr. R. Dickson	Mr. Smith
Mr. Archibald	
Mr. Cogswell	
Mr. Pool	
Mr. Thos. Dickson,	

Against the motion,

Mr. Ritchie	Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Rudolf	Mr. Heckman
Mr. Crane	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. W. H. Roach	Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal
Mr. Barss	Mr. Morse
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Purdy
Mr. Ruggles	Mr. Sargent
Mr. Prescott	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Fraser	Mr. James
Mr. Bingay.	Mr. Allison

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries, of this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, for raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that an Enacting Clause as a Rider, be added to the said Bill, in the words following, Viz.

"And provided always, and be it further enacted, That there shall be allowed and paid to the Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of Halifax, a Commission of two pounds for every hundred pounds, which he shall collect and pay into the Treasury of the Province, under the provisions of this Act, and no more, any thing in any other Act or Acts, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding," which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fourteen; against it, ten.

For the motion,

Mr. Rudolf	Mr. Ritchie, A. Royal
Mr. W. H. Roach	Mr. Purdy
Mr. Barss	Mr. Morse
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Albro
Mr. James	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Haliburton	Mr. Allison
Mr. Heckman	Mr. Dimock

Against the motion,

Mr. Flemming	Mr. Thos. Dickson
Mr. Pool	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Crane	Mr. Archibald
Mr. R. Dickson	Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Roach

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Cogswell then moved, that a further Enacting Clause, as a Rider, be added to the said Bill, in the words following, Viz.

"And whereas, The perpetual Act of this Province, passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign, has been controled and altered by this Act, in respect of the allowance to the Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax. And whereas, the allowance by the same Act of ten pounds, upon every hundred pounds, collected and paid by the Collectors of Impost and Excise, at all and every other Port and District of this Province, is at present deemed too much. Be it therefore enacted, that the sum of five pounds and no more, upon every one hundred pounds, be allowed to the Collectors of Impost and Excise, in each and every such Port and District, and which allowance shall be in lieu of all fees and charges whatever;" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it sixteen.

For the motion,

Mr. Fleming Mr. T. Dickson
 Mr. Sargent Mr. W. A. Chipman
 Mr. Reach Mr. Allison
 Mr. Young Mr. Prescott
 Mr. R. Dickson Mr. Albro
 Mr. Archibald Mr. Smith
 Mr. Pool Mr. Dimock
 Mr. Cogswell Mr. Cutler

Against the motion,

Mr. Lawson Mr. Bingay
 Mr. Rudolf Mr. J. I. Chipman
 Mr. Crane Mr. Ritchie, A. Royal
 Mr. W. H. Reach Mr. Ritchie
 Mr. Barss Mr. Haliburton
 Mr. Freeman Mr. Purdy
 Mr. Ruggles Mr. Heckman
 Mr. Fraser Mr. James

Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote for the motion, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be re-committed to a committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the several Bills which have passed the House to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill, for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and appropriating the same, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill without amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, &c. and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills with the amendment 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, which the House agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendment, and also the other Bill reported without amendment, be engrossed.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, for the Port of Halifax, to lay before the House, a statement of the aggregate amount of Fees received by his several Deputies at the Out or Member Ports, as they have rendered the same to him, for the years 1816, 1817, 1818 & 1819, specifying the amount received at each Port during those years. He, the Collector, when he attended the House by His Excellency's direction, having declined furnishing any document on this subject, and having refused any information relating to the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Purdy, and Mr. Heckman, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Committee appointed to enquire into the Petitions to this House, complaining of the Fees taken by the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, be authorised to send for such persons and papers, as they may deem expedient and necessary, to assist in the enquiring into the grievances alleged in the said Petitions.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool 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 had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one thousand seven hundred pounds, should be granted and paid to complete the Bounty granted in the last Session of the General Assembly, to encourage the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of a Supply, 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.

On motion, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of a Bill to impose a Duty on Articles Sold at Public Auction.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 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.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at eleven of the clock.

Friday, 17th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery from the Province of Nova-Scotia was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same.

An engrossed Bill to impose a Duty on Articles Sold at Public Auction, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to impose a Duty on Articles Sold at Public Auction.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Prescott, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Messrs. Collins & Allison, of Halifax, Merchants, and the same was read, setting forth, that, through mistake, it appears

pears that the Petitioners have been returned to this House, (in a list of Bonds in the hands of the Attorney General, to recover) as Debtors to the Province, for the sum of upwards of £800, on the Bonds of the late Firm of Moody & Boyle, for whom the Petitioners, or one of them, were Sureties, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Cogswell reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of J. F. T. Gschwind, Health-Officer for the Port of Halifax, 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 last year, alarming contagious distempers prevailed, and were very fatal in the West-Indies, Bermuda, and the United States, and, from the frequent intercourse between those places and this Province, there was great reason to apprehend that contagious distempers would be introduced here. That Quarantine Regulations were established at this Port, and the Petitioner, as Health-Officer, visited eighty-five vessels, and was zealous and attentive in the discharge of his duty, several of the vessels so visited, had infectious distempers on board, but by fumigations, and the strict observance of Quarantine Regulations, under the directions of the Petitioner, the diseases were not communicated to the Inhabitants. That in the performance of his dangerous and important Duty, the Health-Officer incurred various expenses, which the Committee recommend should be repaid to him, together with a compensation for his services in full to the present period ; and the Committee are of opinion that, for such expences and services, the Petitioner should be allowed the sum of one hundred and ten pounds.

The Committee further beg leave to suggest the expediency of passing a Law, that vessels which may be subject to Quarantine Regulations, should be liable for the payment of the Health-Officer's service.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. F. T. Gschwind, and the foregoing Report, be referred to the Committee of Supply, and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds should be granted and paid to the Team Boat Company at Halifax : the said sum not to be drawn from the Treasury, until a second Boat, of sufficient burthen and dimensions, is provided by them, and actually employed in the transportation of Passengers, Horses, Cattle and Hay, across the Harbour of Halifax.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of two hundred pounds should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, towards the support of that Establishment.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of nineteen pounds nineteen shillings and six pence, should be granted and paid to Gideon C. White, for a Drawback of the Duty on four hundred and seventy gallons of Rum, exported to Boston, in the year 1817.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

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The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon, Mr. Dimock moved, that the Resolution for granting two hundred and fifty pounds to the Team Boat Company, be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, sixteen; against it, sixteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Young
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Bass
Mr. James
Mr. Albro
Mr. Morse
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Pool

Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Prescott
Mr. Rudolf
Mr. Cutler
Mr. Purdy
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Allison
Mr. Dimock

Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Ritchie Ann. Royal
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Smith
Mr. Heckman
Mr. Fraser
Mr. Thos. Dickson

Against the Motion,

Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Crane
Mr. Rotch
Mr. Flemming
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Freeman

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote for the motion.

The two other Resolutions, passed in the Committee, were then put, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said resolutions, and also the several other resolutions for granting money, which have passed the House, except the Resolution for granting £1000, for the encouragement of Agriculture, be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and continue the Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries, of the Province; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise, on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province, severally, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the general division of the sum of £10,000, to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, for the present year, and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the distribution be as follows, Viz.

For the making and repairing the three Roads recommended by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to the House, to be expended under the direction of His Excellency	£800
For the Main Windsor Road	500
For the Main Truro Road	500
For the District of Halifax	750
of Colchester	750
of Pictou	800
For the County of Sydney	750
of Shelburne	800
of Hants	750

For the County of King's County						£700
of Annapolis						800
of Queen's County						700
of Cumberland						700
of Lunenburg						700
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						£10,000

which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty ; against it, fourteen :

For the Motion,

Mr. Heckman	Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Sargent	Mr. Flemming
Mr. Lawson	Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Rudolf	Mr. Smith
Mr. Bingay	Mr. Cutler
Mr. Morse	Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. J. I. Chipman	Mr. Purdy
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Albion
Mr. James	Mr. Freeman
Mr. Barss	Mr. Roach

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Resolution for granting £1000 for the encouragement of Agriculture, which passed the House on the 14th instant, be re-committed to the Committee of Supply, and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Thousand Pounds should be granted and paid to the Central Board of the Provincial Agricultural Society, to be applied to the encouragement of Agriculture, agreeably to Law.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Sixteen Pounds should be granted and paid to F. Carter Pike, Surgeon, in full for Vaccinating Poor Persons of Colour, settled at Hammond Plains, in the year 1818, as stated in his Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-one Pounds Two Shillings and Two Pence Half-penny, should be granted and paid to George Grassie, Esq. to enable the Merchants of Halifax to discharge an arrear due from them to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. of London, for his services as Special Agent, by which the Trade, Agriculture, and Fisheries, of the Province, have been benefitted, as stated in their Petition.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said Resolutions were severally read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Dimock moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of £181 2 2½, to George Grassie, Esq. be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven ; against it, twenty-two ;

For

Against the Motion,

Mr. Pool	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Young	Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Ruggles	Mr. Ritchie, A. Ry.
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Prescott
Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Alison
Mr. Haliburton	Mr. Dimock
Mr. Crane	Mr. W. A. Chipman

For the motion,

*Mr. Ruggles
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Purdy
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Flemming
Mr. Young
Mr. Pool
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Ritchie, A. Royal.
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Dimock*

Against the motion;

<i>Mr. R. Dickson</i>	<i>Mr. Heckman</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman</i>	<i>Mr. Cutler</i>
<i>Mr. Morse</i>	<i>Mr. Rudolf</i>
<i>Mr. Smith</i>	<i>Mr. Cogswell</i>
<i>Mr. Barss</i>	<i>Mr. Prescott</i>
<i>Mr. Lawson</i>	<i>Mr. Reach</i>
<i>Mr. Albro</i>	<i>Mr. Archibald</i>
<i>Mr. Haliburton</i>	<i>Mr. James</i>
<i>Mr. W. Dickson</i>	<i>Mr. Crane</i>
<i>Mr. Dewolf</i>	<i>Mr. Allison</i>
<i>Mr. Ritchie</i>	<i>Mr. W. A. Chipman</i>

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolutions were then severally put and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolutions, except the one in favour of George Grassie, to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday, 18th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with the Resolution passed yesterday, relative to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Halifax : that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency, pursuant to the Order of the House, and that His Excellency, was pleased to say to the Committee that he would issue a new Order to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, to afford this House such information respecting the request in the said Resolution as is consistent with his Duty and his Office.

Mr. Ritchie moved that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in Bills to provide a Revenue for the support of His Majesty's Government, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-three; against it, ten. So it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Fraser, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Bingay, be a committee for the above purpose.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition of Thomas Holland, and also, the Petition of Daniel Sutherland, be referred to the Committee of Supply, and thereupon,

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 a Supply, which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Revenue Bills, and accordingly presented

A Bill to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, &c. And also, A

A Bill to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. and the said Bills were severally read a first time; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the said Bills be now read a second time, which Mr. Lawson objected to, as being contrary to the rules of the House: whereupon,

Mr. Speaker stated, that, by the rule of the House, and the usage of Parliament, a Bill could not be read twice the same day, and that he could not suffer the same to be read without the special order of the House, if opposition was made by any one Member: and Mr. Lawson refusing to agree to the reading thereof,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the said Bills be now read a second time, which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative, and the said Bills were severally read a second time accordingly, and thereupon,

On motion, *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 consideration of the said Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bills to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 a Supply, which Report the House agreed to.

An engrossed Bill, to alter, amend, and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved, That, Whereas a clause in the words following, viz.

"*And be it further enacted*, That, instead of the allowance of a Commission of three pounds ten shillings for every hundred pounds, paid into the Treasury of the Province, by the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, he shall be allowed and paid a Commission of two pounds per cent. and no more," was, by a large majority of this House, inserted in two Revenue Bills, sent yesterday to His Majesty's Council for concurrence, who proposed as an amendment, that the same should be omitted in the said Bills. *And whereas*, passing a new Bill, omitting the said clause, is in effect adopting an amendment of His Majesty's Council to a Money Bill, and thereby giving up the exclusive right of this House in matters of Supply:

Resolved, Therefore, that a clause in the words before named, be inserted in this Bill, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, seventeen:

For

For the motion,

Mr. Barss
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Heckman
Mr. Lawson
Mr. James
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Albro
Mr. W. H. Roach

Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Rudolf

Against the motion;

Mr. Flemming
Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Reach
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Smith
Mr. Cutler
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Fraser

Mr. Thos. Dickson
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Prescott
Mr. Young
Mr. Morse
Mr. Pool
Mr. Allison

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of this Province.

An engrossed Bill to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts for imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the title be, An Act to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 several Bills which stood committed, which report the House agreed to.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of this Province ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 20th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference on the subject of the Revenue Bills.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Resolved, That this House do agree to a conference with His Majesty's Council, on the subject of such Revenue Bills as are now before the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Haliburton, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald 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. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference on the subject of the general State of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. J. I. Chipman, and Mr. Lawson do manage the conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in Bills to provide a Revenue for the support of His Majesty's Government, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-four; against it, twelve. So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Fraser, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Bingay, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference on the subject of the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same, now before the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Haliburton, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr.

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the Cod Fisheries of the Province, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. T. Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cumberland, to be held at the new Court-House at the River Philip; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. J. I. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. James took the Chair;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to authorise the sale of one third part of the Glebe Land in the County of Lunenburg, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment.

That the Committee had also gone through the Bill in further amendment of an Act, appointing Firewards; and the Bill for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery; and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, and he afterwards delivered the Bills with the amendments 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 which stood committed, which Report the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bills, as reported from the Committee, were severally read throughout a first and second time; and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorise the sale of one third part of the Glebe Land in the County of Lunenburg be engrossed.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee on the subject of the Revenue Bills, and accordingly presented a Bill to revive, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty's certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, &c. for the support of His Majesty's Government. Also,

A Bill to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise; and also,

A Bill to amend, revive and continue, the several Acts for imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America: and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee to whom the Letter of Col. Darling, Military Secretary, upon the subject of claims made for Drawbacks of Duties on Rum, issued to the Troops, 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 subject has been considered by this House in a former Session, and was deferred for further proof. That the Committee have obtained satisfactory evidence, that a Drawback of the Duties on 15 341 gallons of Rum should be allowed. And with respect to the residue claimed, the Committee have reason to believe that the Duties have not

not been entirely paid. The Committee annex the Letter of the Collector of Impost and Excise upon this subject, for the information of the House, and recommend re-payment of the Duties upon the abovementioned quantity of 15341 gallons to be now made; and, when the remainder of the Duties shall have been satisfied, that the residue of the Drawback should be allowed.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, 21st March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

The House having considered the subject matter of the conference held with the Council yesterday, on the Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise: thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That it is expedient to hold a further conference, with the Council, on the said Bill; and, that a Committee be appointed to prepare instructions to be given to the Committee who may be nominated to manage the said further conference with the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Lawson, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Prescott, be a Committee to prepare the said Instructions.

A Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province; also,

A Bill to encourage the Cod Fisheries of the Province; also,

A Bill to authorize the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Cumberland, to be held at the new Court-House, at the River Philip; also

A Bill to revive, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, &c. for the support of His Majesty's Government; also,

A Bill to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise; and also,

A Bill to amend, revive and continue, the several Acts for imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, were severally read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill, to amend, revive and continue, the several Acts for imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to revive, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, &c. And also, the Bill to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise; and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills with the amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for

for leave to sit again, on the consideration of the Bills to them referred, which the House agreed to.

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 Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend, revive and continue, the several Acts for imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, be engrossed.

Mr. Cogswell moved for leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Halifax Steam Bea Company, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven ; against it, thirteen. So it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to encourage the Cod Fisheries of the Province, to the next Session, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of the several other Bills which stood committed, which report the House agreed to.

An engrossed Bill to revive, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, &c. for the support of His Majesty's Government, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to revive, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province.

An engrossed Bill to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, for raising a Duty of Excise, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An engrossed Bill to amend, revive and continue, the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend, revive and continue, the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion, *resolved*, that Nathaniel Thomas, Esq. the Deputy-Collector of His Majesty's Customs, for the Member-Port of Windsor, do forthwith attend the Committee appointed by this House to take into their consideration, and report upon, the Petition of David Crowell, Junr. and others ; and also, the Petition of William Church, and others, complaining of the fees taken by the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, and that he do furnish the Committee with the amount of Custom-House Fees, received by him, for the years 1816, 1817, 1818 and 1819.

Ordered, That the Clerk do write to Mr. Thomas, and enclose to him a copy of the foregoing resolution.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend, revive and continue, the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 22d March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery from the Province of Nova-Scotia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the encouragement of the Whale-Fishery from the Province of Nova-Scotia.

An engrossed Bill, in further amendment of an Act for appointing Firewards, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in further amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Cogswell, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the more speedy recovery of His Majesty's Debts within this Province ; and also,

A Bill in further amendment of an Act to prevent the spreading of contagious Distempers, and the same were read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Cogswell reported from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented

A Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to provide for the trial of Issues, by Justices of Nisi Prius, in the Counties of Sydney, Lunenburg and Shelburne ; also

A Bill to continue an Act for the security of Navigation, &c. ; also

A Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops or of the Militia ; also

A Bill to continue the several Acts now in force relating to a Militia ; also

A Bill to continue an Act in addition to an Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages, also ;

A Bill to continue several Acts in amendment of an Act for repairing, cleansing and paving the Streets, in the Town of Peninsula and Halifax ; also

A Bill to continue an Act relating to the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax ; also

A Bill to continue an Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and for providing for a Police Office ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoaked Herrings, &c. ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light Houses ; and also,

A Bill to render perpetual the Act to raise Money for defraying the expense of running lines and bounds of Townships, and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by Mr. Secretary George,

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor in Chief commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency the Governor in Chief, in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following, viz.

A Bill to revive, amend and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province ; also,

A Bill to revive, and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province ; also,

A Bill to amend, revive and continue, the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same ; also

A Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same ; and also,

A Bill for establishing a Public Market in the Town of Lunenburg.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to authorize the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the County

of Cumberland, to be held at the new Court-House at the River Philip, to this day three months. That the Committee had gone through the Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province, and had made several amendments thereto, 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 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 Archibald moved, that the report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill first mentioned, be not agreed to by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen ; against it, seventeen,

For the motion,

Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Roach
Mr. Barss
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Cutler
Mr. Flemming

Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Smith

Against the motion,

Mr. Heckman
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Ritchie, A. Ry.
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Rudolf
Mr. Morse
Mr. Young
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Purdy

Mr. Crane
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Albro
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Pool
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Allison
Mr. Dimeck

So it passed in the negative.

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 until to-morrow, at eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, 23d March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Cogswell reported further from the Committee, on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue and amend the Acts to encourage persons engaged in the Lumber Trade, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province.

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

A Bill in further amendment of an Act, to prevent the spreading of Contagious Distempers ; also,

A Bill for the more speedy recovery of His Majesty's Debts within this Province ; also, A Bill to continue the several Acts in amendment of an Act, for repairing, cleansing, and paving the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges ; also,

A Bill to render perpetual the Act to raise Money for defraying the expence of running lines and bounds of Townships, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. William Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for imposing a Duty on Bricks,

Bricks and certain other Articles, to be imported into this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions; also,

A Bill to provide for the Trial of Issues by Justices of Nisi Prius, in the Counties of Sydney, Lunenburg and Shelburne; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the security of Navigation, &c.; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops or of the Militia; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts now in force relating to a Militia; also,

A Bill to continue an Act in addition to an Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriage; also,

A Bill to continue an Act relating to the forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax, and for providing for a Police Office; also,

A Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoaked Herrings; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light Houses; were severally read a second time.

Resolved, That the 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 consideration of the said Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to provide for the Trial of Issues by Justices of Nisi Prius, in the Counties of Sydney, Lunenburg and Shelburne, to this day three months. That the Committee had gone through the several other Bills to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table, which report the House agreed to; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Bills, reported by the Committee, without amendment, be engrossed.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for opening and maintaining a Road to the Settlements on Gay's River, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, ordered, That the general distribution of the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, passed on the 17th March, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts, and that the said Members for each County

or District, do prepare, and bring into the House by to-morrow morning, a scale of subdivision of the sum appropriated for their respective County or District, for the said service.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Abstract of Demands for the repairs to the Government House ; and also,

The Abstract for Casual Services, together with the respective vouchers in support thereof, be referred to Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Allison and Mr. Heckman, who are to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the Petition of the Executors of the late Edward Mortimer, Esq. was read : and thereupon,

Mr. W. Dickson moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion fourteen, against it nine :

For the motion,

<i>Mr. W. H. Roach</i>	<i>Mr. Lawson</i>
<i>Mr. R. Dickson</i>	<i>Mr. Albion</i>
<i>Mr. Flemming</i>	<i>Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal</i>
<i>Mr. Crane</i>	<i>Mr. W. A. Chipman</i>
<i>Mr. W. Dickson</i>	<i>Mr. Pool</i>
<i>Mr. Thos. Dickson</i>	<i>Mr. Smith</i>
<i>Mr. Archibald</i>	<i>Mr. Ruggles</i>

Against the motion,

<i>Mr. Dewolf</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock</i>
<i>Mr. Young</i>	<i>Mr. Heckman</i>
<i>Mr. Rudolf</i>	
<i>Mr. J. I. Chipman</i>	
<i>Mr. Barss</i>	
<i>Mr. Haliburton</i>	
<i>Mr. Allison</i>	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare Instructions to be given to the Committee of this House, to be used in a further conference with the Council, on the subject of the additional Excise Bill, that the Committee had prepared the Instructions accordingly ; 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 follow :

That, in the last Session of the General Assembly, the attention of the House was called by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to the state of the Revenue, with a recommendation from His Excellency that it should be further advanced ; and the House, in their Address in answer thereto, undertook seriously to consider the expediency of further augmenting it ; and the House did accordingly take the subject into consideration, and being of opinion that an additional Duty of Excise should be imposed on all Goods imported into Province, they accordingly passed the Bill in Question ; from the limitation of the Colonial Trade, the Goods, Wares and Merchandise, upon which the Assembly considered the additional Duty of one and a quarter per cent. should be paid, must principally be imported from Great-Britain, although that part of the Goods thus subject to the additional Duty, are of the growth, manufacture, or produce of Great-Britain ; and as the Duty levied by that Act attaches only upon such Goods, Wares and Merchandise, as are consumed in this Province, it appears to the House, that it is a Duty constitutionally imposed upon, and payable by, the Inhabitants of the Province. The House further state, that this Duty is not complained of by the Inhabitants of this Province, who are subject to the payment of the customary rates and duties imposed by the Legislature ; but the objection is principally made by interested individuals, many of whom are transient persons, having but a temporary residence within the Province, for the purposes of trade. The House are further of opinion, that the importations from Great-Britain, are not in the least diminished by the imposition of this Duty ; and, as the Province is still in debt, and its Revenue on the decline, owing to the depression of the West-India Trade, from which its principal support has been derived ; for these reasons, the House were, at the time of the continuing this

Law, and still are of opinion, it ought to be continued; and the House further slate, that during the progres[s] of the Bill, in the House of Assembly, no remonstrance was made against it, by Petition or otherwise, either in the last or present Session.

Ordered, That the said Instructions do lie on the Table.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council on the subject matter of the last Conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to a further Conference as desired by this House, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to impose a Duty on Articles Sold at Public Auction.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the Instructions to be used in a further Conference with the Council, do manage the Conference, and also deliver to the Committee of the Council a copy of the said Instructions.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

Ordered, That the several Petitions praying aids for the service of Roads and Bridges, now before the House, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts, who are to prepare and bring in a Scale of the Sub-division of the sums to be appropriated for that service.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at one of the clock.

Friday, 24th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for opening and maintaining a Road to the Settlements on Gay's River; also,

A Bill to continue and amend the Acts to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade, &c.; and also,

A Bill for imposing a Duty on Bricks, and certain other Articles to be imported into this Province, were severally read a second time,

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

An engrossed Bill, to authorize the Sale of one-third part of the Glebe Land, in the County of Lunenburg, was read a third time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that title be, An Act to authorize the sale of one third part of the Glebe Land in the County of Lunenburg.

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

Mr. W. A. Chipman reported from the Committee to whom the Abstracts of Demands, for repairs to the Government House, and also for Casual Services, were 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 have examined the several Accounts for Casual Services, amounting to £132 11; and it appears to the Committee that the charges for copying Papers, also the charges for gilding and cleaning Pictures, are very extravagant, nor is there any

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Voucher rendered to the Committee for the charge of £10 for cleaning the said Pictures; The Committee have also examined the Abstract of Demands for repairs to the Government House, &c. and find them correct, as to the addition of the several sums. The work has been done under the inspection of one of the Commissioners of the Revenue, amounting to £567 18 6*½*.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had held a further conference with a Committee of the Council yesterday; and delivered to them a copy of the Instructions on the subject of the additional Excise Bill, and that they had received from the Committee of the Council, a written paper, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz.

The Council have considered the reasons offered by the Committee of the Assembly, on the subject of the Bill sent up, imposing an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; and, being sensible of the probable deficiency of the Revenue for the ensuing year, and of the necessity of augmenting the means to meet the necessary demands on the Treasury, have consented to continue such augmentation for the present year, but they wish to suggest to the House, the propriety of appropriating the additional tax as the two and a half per cent. is appropriated: and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of one third part of the Glebe Land in the County of Lunenburg; and also,

A Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province.

The Council have agreed to two Resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, Viz.

£100 to Messrs. Piers,

£100 to A. Cunard & Son.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize Christian Brehm, and Adolphus Vieth, and others, Trustees of the German Congregation in the Township of Halifax, to assign, transfer, and set over, all the trust and interest which they have in the Building, called St. George's, and the premises whereon the same is erected, in the Town of Halifax, to certain Trustees therein named, for the purpose of conveying and confirming the same, to and for the uses of the Established Church of England; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, 25th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to Order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House a Scale of the sub-division of the several Sums of Money appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the respective Counties and Districts of the Province, Viz.

Mr. Lawson for the District of Halifax.

Mr. William Dickson for the District of Colchester.

Mr. Smith for the District of Pictou.

Mr. Roach for the County of Cumberland.

Mr. Thomas Dickson for the County of Sydney.

Mr. W. A. Chipman for King's County.

Mr. Ritchie for the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Haliburton for the County of Hants.

Mr. Bars for Queen's County.

Mr. Bingay for the County of Shelburne.

Mr. Rudolf for the County of Lunenburg. And the House having had the same under their consideration, thereupon,

Resolved, That the sum of £1000 appropriated for the service of the Great Roads of the Province, be applied as follows :

From Sackville to Pence's to improve the road	£175 0 0
From Pence's to Borden's to improve the road	175 0 0
From Borden's to Avon Bridge to improve the road, and repair said Bridge	60 0 0
From Avon Bridge to the north end of Bishop's Bridge to improve the road ; one half of the sum } to be expended from the Half-Way River to Bishop's Bridge, aforesaid, in Horton }	90 0 0
From the Windsor road to John M'Keen's to repair the road and bridges	200 0 0
For repairing the road and bridges from John M'Keen's to M'Keen's Mills at the entrance of, Truro including the Gay's River and Sewack Bridge, on the said road, also, including ten pounds, to be paid by the Commissioner, to John Oughterson, for damage done to his improved Lands, by an alteration of the main road.	300 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of £750, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the District of Halifax, be applied as follows :

For the road from Kennedy's to the Cobiquid Road, East of Fletcher's Bridge	50 0 0
For the road from the Bridge near Johnson Calbeck's leading to John Lindsay's, from thence to M'Hafty's upper line	20 0 0
For the road from Windsor road towards Rawdon, by Beaver Brook	20 0 0
For the road from Black Rock road to Subenaccadie	10 0 0
For the road from John Crookshank's to William Cock's at Gay's River	20 0 0
For aiding the Inhabitants to open a road from Preston Saw Mills, to Meagher's Grant, towards Musquabit River	50 0 0
For aiding the Inhabitants to open and repair the road from Musquodoboit to Sheet Harbour	50 0 0
For the road from John Robinson's to Mrs. Green's, in Lawrence Town	20 0 0
For the road from the Bridge at Brown's to Ogilvie's, on the Middle River of Musquodoboit	15 0 0
For the road from Fletcher's on the West side of Shubenacadie Lake, and for erecting a Bridge over Rawdon River	25 0 0
For the road from Chisencook to Scott's at Musquodoboit	20 0 0
For altering the road near Woodman's and Putnam's Farms, and repairing the same towards Porter's Lake	40 0 0
For the road from M'Dougal's on the Guysborough Road, to the new Bridge near Brown's	10 0 0
For the road from Moore's at Gay's River to Johnson Calbeck's	20 0 0
For the road from Dartmouth to Sackville	20 0 0
For the road from the Old Dartmouth Ferry to Horne's	20 0 0
For the road from Horne's to Cumming's in Cole Harbour	20 0 0
For the road from Cumming's to George Bissit's	20 0 0
For the road from the head of the North-West Arm to M'Intosh's	25 0 0
For the road from M'Intosh's to Herring Cove	20 0 0
For the road from Herring Cove to Catch Harbour	20 0 0
For the road from Spyfield to Harriet Fields	25 0 0
For the road from Hewlaw's towards Margaret's Bay	50 0 0
For the road from Ferguson's Cove to Herring Cove Road	15 0 0
For the road from the Dutch Village to Keezer's	10 0 0
For the road from the Nine Mile River through Hamond's Plains	50 0 0

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For the road from the Dutch Village to the Head of the North West Arm	25	0	0
For the road between Young's and Bayer's, towards the Dutch Village	10	0	0
Towards re-building the great Bridge over the Shubenacadie River at Hall's	25	0	0
To aid the Inhabitants to re-build the Bridge over the East Branch of St. Mary's, at the Forks } on the road from the head of the Tide, to the main road from Guysborough to Halifax }	25	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £750, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Colchester, be applied as follows :

For the road from the Chignoise Bridge to the Cumberland County line, including the repairs } necessary for the Great River Bridge	30	0	0
For the road from Barnhill's in Onslow, by Crowe's and Coltam's Farm, to Remsheg road	25	0	0
For the road from Crowe's, down the Settlement on Debart River, to Robert M'Neil's	10	0	0
For the road from the Remsheg road, to the Cumberland road, by Asa Clarke's	10	0	0
For the road from Asa Clarke's, to the new road leading from Bass River, to the River Philip	16	0	0
For the road from Crowe's at Portipique Upper Settlement, to Cumberland road, by M'Lellan's	10	0	9
For the road from Bass River, by the New Settlement, on Portipique River, to the Cumberland } road between Purdy's and Fountain's	10	0	0
For the road from Bass River to the River Philip Court-House	10	0	0
For the road from Economy to the River Philip	10	0	0
For the road from the Great Village River, to Bass River	10	0	0
For the road from Bass River to the bounds of King's County, through Economy	25	0	0
For the road from Londonderry to Folly Lake, on the Remsheg road	20	0	0
For the road from Economy River, to the Boat Landing at Point Economy, on Minas Basin	10	0	0
For the road from the Settlement on the Onslow Mountain, to the cross road near Samuel } Blair's leading to Truro	10	0	0
For the road from John Dickson's, Onslow Mountain, to the Pictou road, near Christie's	10	0	0
For the road from Onslow Meeting House to Barnhill's, by James Crowe's Mill	10	0	0
For the road from Onslow to Tatamagushe	40	0	0
For the road from G. Crowe's in Onslow, to the Bridge by David M'Callum's	10	0	0
For the road from the Bridge by David M'Callum's, Junr. to Luke Upham's, Junr.	10	0	0
For the bridge at David M'Callum's, Junr.	10	0	0
For the road from Luke Upham's, Junr. to the River John	15	0	0
For the road from William Blair's Mill, to S. Nicholl's Mill	10	0	0
For the road from the Tatamagushe road, to S. Rude's, by Cutten's	10	0	0
For the road from the entrance of Baird's lane, to Crowe's Mill	10	0	0
For the road from Rude's Bridge in Onslow, to John Graham's, on the Debart River	10	0	0
For the road from the French River to Dowr's Bridge, on the road to Remsheg	10	0	0
For the road from Asa Daniel's to the Upper Settlers, on the East Mountain in Onslow	10	0	0
For the road from John Thomas's to the Upper Settlers, on the Chignoise River in Onslow	10	0	0
For the road from Dickey's to Upper Sewack	10	0	0
For to aid in building a Bridge over the Sewack River, at Middle Sewack	40	0	0
For the road from Upper Sewack to Musquodoboit	10	0	0
For the road from Halifax road to Sewack, by Brookfield	10	0	0
For the road from Fort Ellis to Robert Poiluck's	10	0	0
For the road from Gay's River to the Shubenacadie Meeting House	10	0	0
For the road from the Shubenacadie Meeting House, to James Dickey's	10	0	0
For the road from the Halifax road to Musquodoboit, by Sibley's	10	6	0
For the road from Creelman's Mill, to Dean's in Musquodoboit	10	0	0
For the road from Coxe's in Truro, to Middle Sewack	75	0	0
For the road from J. Colbeck's through Musquodoboit	25	0	0
For the road from William Polly's on the Halifax road, to Middle Sewack, by Peter Stevens's.	10	0	0
For the road from Hauglin's on the Salmon River, towards the River John	10	0	0
For the road from the Lower Village of Truro, to the Forks on the Halifax road	10	0	0
For the road from the Lower Village of Truro, to the Old Barns on the new road	15	0	0
For securing the Pillars, Railing, &c. of the new Bridge near Alexander Handley's	40	0	0
For the road for Christie's Mills to Greenfield	10	0	0
For the road from Henry Hughes's on the East Side of Shubenacadie River, to Green River	20	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants to complete the Bridge over Green River	10	0	0
For the road from the Old Barns to the Shubenacadie River, by Sanderson's	10	0	0
For the road from George Young's Farm, to the Halifax Road, between J. Clarke's and } Dunlap's Farms	10	0	0
For to aid in building a Bridge over Salmon River, 14 miles from Truro, on the Pictou road, } and for the said road	60	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £800, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Pictou, be applied as follows :

For the road and bridges from the line dividing Pictou and Colchester, to the Solid Bridge	140	0	0
For the road from Jollymore's to the Pictou road, towards River John and Tatamagushe	40	0	0
For the road and bridges from Blanchard's on the West River of Pictou, to the East River of Pictou	140	0	0
For the road from New Glasgow, to the Pine Tree Gut	20	0	0
For the road from the Pine Tree Gut, by John Smali's, to Donald McDonald's, Little Harbour	10	0	0

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For the road and bridges from the Pine Tree Gut, to the line of the County of Sydney	100	0	0
For the road from Charles Brown's on the East River, to Fisher's Grant	10	0	0
For the road from James Carmichael's at Fisher's Grant, to New Glasgow	15	0	0
For the road from the Old Meeting House, on the East River, to James Cameron's on the West Branch, and to assist the Inhabitants on the West Branch of the East River to build a Bridge across the said River, near to Duncan Falconer's	30	0	0
For the road from David McLean's on the West branch of the East River, to the East branch of the East River, by Grant's Mills	25	0	0
For the road from New Glasgow, towards the East branch of the East River	25	0	0
For the road from McLean's Mountain, towards St. Mary's, by the Garden of Eder	20	0	0
For the road from the Lime Kilns on the West River, towards the Widow Gill's	10	0	0
For the road from the Middle River of Picton, towards Stewack	10	0	0
For the road from John Marshall's on the Middle River, to David Marshall's	15	0	0
For the road from the West branch of the River John, by Andrew McCarry's, to John Mattheson's	20	0	0
For the road from the Halifax road to Roger's Village	10	0	0
For the road from Picton to Cape John, by Carribou	30	0	0
For the road from Green Hill to the West River, by William Mathison's	10	0	0
For the road from Green Hill towards New Larwig and Stewack, by David McColl's	10	0	0
For the road and bridges from Andrew Marshall's towards the East branch of the East River by Alex. Fraser's	25	0	0
For the road from George Ives's on Fisher's Grant, to Little Harbour	30	0	0
For the road from the East branch of the River John, towards the North River of Onslow	20	0	0
For the road from the Old Meeting House on the East River, to Abercrombie's & Fraser's Point	15	0	0
For the road from the Black Point on the Middle River, towards the Little Island	10	0	0
For the road from David Longille's on the River John, towards the Upper Settlement of the said River	10	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £750, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney, be applied as follows :

For the road from the District line of Picton to Malignant Cove	40	0	0
For the road from Malignant Cove to Dorchester Village	60	0	0
For the road from Dorchester Village to Roderick McDonald's	95	0	0
For the road from Roderick McDonald's to Brown's Bridge	55	0	0
For the road from Dorchester Village commencing at the Forks of the Road nearly opposite to the Court House, to Malcolm McMillan's	45	0	0
For the road from Malcolm McMillan's to the cross roads at St. Mary	20	0	0
For the road from the cross roads at St. Mary's to the head of the Tide at Sherbrooke Village	45	0	0
For the Road from Malignant Cove to David Ballantyne's round Cape St. George	15	0	0
For the road from David Ballantyne's to Ogden's Pond	12	10	0
For the road from Ogden's Pond to Dorchester Village, including a proposed alteration at Dux- ter's Hill	35	0	0
For the road from the Ferry at the mouth of Antigonish Harbour to Tracadie River	25	0	0
For the road from the Guysborough road, to the North side of the South River to the upper Settlement on the said River.	15	0	0
For the road from Morris town Lakes to the Gulf Shore across the Cape	10	0	0
For the road from the Upper Settlement on the South River of Antigonish to the Ohio Settlement	10	0	0
For the road from Peabody's Shop in Dorchester Village to the Salt Springs	10	0	0
For the road from Donald McNeilson's, on the East side of Antigonish Harbour, to the main road leading to Guysborough.	10	0	0
For the road from Brown Bridge, (including the repair of the said Bridge) to Guysborough Church	100	0	0
For the road from Manchester Ferry to Red Head	50	0	0
For the road from Morris's Mill, at Country Harbour, to the main road leading from Guysborough to Halifax, by St. Mary's	12	10	0
For the road from Boylston to the Gut of Canso	25	0	0
For the road from Traecadie to Colin McNair's at the Gut of Canso	20	0	0
For the road from Milford Haven to Tracadie	20	0	0
For the road from Antigonish Interval, to the County line by the North Grant	10	0	0
For opening a road and building Bridges from William Grant's, on the St. Mary's road, to the Salmon River Lakes.	20	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £700, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows :

For the road and bridges from the bounds of Londonderry to Mr. Morse's in Amherst	100	0	0
For the road and bridges from John Stuart's, in Amherst, to the line of King's County, towards Partridge Island	60	0	0
For the road from Macau to River Hebert.	20	0	0
For the road from Barronsfield towards Partridge Island	25	0	0
For the road from Macau Settlement to the River Philip	20	0	0
For the road from the head of Amherst, commencing at Freeman's Mill, to the River Shinimcas	30	0	0
For the road from Shinimcas to Goose River	10	0	0
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For the road from Goose River to the River Philip	10	0	0
For the road from Shennecas to the Tignish road, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence	20	0	0
For the road from Gabriel Purdy's, Esq. to Bebee's, at Remsieg	20	0	0
For the road from Bebee's to the Harbour of Remsieg	20	0	0
For the road from the Harbour of Pugwash to Peter Angevine's, on the Remsieg River	30	0	0
For the road from Daniel Tida's on Remsieg River, by Folly Lake, to the Line of Londonderry	20	0	0
For the road from Peter Wynn's on the East side of Remsieg Harbour, to Dower's bridge, near Tatamagusie, on the shore road leading to Picton	20	0	0
For the road from Dower's bridge, aforesaid, to Malagash Point, by Mr. M'Nabb's	10	0	0
For the road from the Town Plot to Remsieg, to the road leading from A. Forshner's, to Amherst	10	0	0
For the road from Fox Harbour in Remsieg, to the road above-mentioned	10	0	0
For the road from the Scotch Settlement, to the road leading to Amherst	10	0	0
For the road from Pugwash Harbour, to the River Philip	25	0	0
For the road from Black River Settlement, by John Ripley's, to the head of Remsieg Harbour at A. Forshner's	50	0	0
For the new road from Bebee's at Remsieg to Tatamagusie	15	0	0
For the road from the little Forks of Macan River to the main Post road, near William Chapman's, Junr.	10	0	0
For the road from Pipes's at Napan, to the main road aforesaid	10	0	0
For the road from the said Post road, towards the mouth of the River Philip, called the Leicester road	20	0	0
For the road from Bass River in Londonderry, to the Main Post road on the Cumberland Mountain, between Gabriel Purdy's and Aaron Fountain's	10	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants in building a Bridge over the River Philip, at or near John Tait's, in addition to the sum of £.75 12 6, subscribed. The Money not to be drawn from the Treasury until the Justices in General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Cumberland certify, that the said Bridge has been built and the subscription Money expended	50	0	0
For aiding the Settlers in opening a road from John Ripley's at the River Philip, towards Remsieg River, and Zephron Stevens's, in addition to the sum subscribed	10	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants of Remsieg in building a Bridge over the head of Remsieg Harbour, near John Tuttle's, in addition to the sum subscribed by the Inhabitants; the money not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be certified by the Justices in General Sessions, that the said Bridge is built and completed	25	0	0
For the road from the Harbour of Pugwash, at or near Mark Bigney's, to the Scotch Settlement, on the Gulf Shore	10	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants in building a Bridge over the Creek called Black's Creek, on the road from Pineo's at Pugwash, towards Remsieg	20	0	0

Resolved, That the Sum of £700 appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of King's County be applied as follows :

For the road leading to Annapolis from the West bound of Horton, to the West bound of Cornwallis	20	0	0
From Silas Rand's by Condon's Mill, to the Annapolis road	15	0	0
For the road near Condon's Mill, past Abner Woodworth's, and for opening the road from Boss Condon's to Chase and Skinner's Mill	17	10	0
For the road leading from the main road by Streng's to the Annapolis road near Sharp's, and for the road past Joel English's, to the New Canaan road, and by William Ward's, to Horton Line	15	0	0
For the main road past John H. Chipman's, and Little Lake, leading to Aylesford Church, to the West bounds of Cornwallis	17	10	0
For the road from Black Rock, to James Condon's	15	0	0
For the road from Edy Newcomb's by Fuller's Mill, and Hall Harbour, and for the road from R. Insley's to the Bay of Fundy, and for the cross road to Hall Harbour, and from Charles Finche's by William North's	20	0	0
For the road from Benjamin Foxe's, by Wilmot Osborne's; by Luther Porter's to Foot's; for the road near Stephen Porter's and Abraham Masters's, past John Woodworth's, and Noah and Samuel Rockwell's Farms to the main road leading to Aylesford Church	15	0	0
For the road and bridges near Peter Woodworth's and James Burbidge's, on the main road leading to Aylesford Church, and for the road past John Pearl's to the road near Asel Bentley's	15	0	0
For the road from Little Lake by Nathan Wert's and Bear Brook, and A. Calkin's by Burges's to the Black Rock Road	12	10	0
For the road leading from the road by Little Lake, North by the Wood Farm, to the road by Benjamin Rockwell's, and South from said road past Joel Parish's Farm, to the main road by Strong's	12	10	0
For the road from Baxter's Harbour by Sheffield, to the foot of the Hill, near Harris's, and for the road past the Lyons and C. Webster's Farm, to Daniel Sanford's, and for the road up the Mountains to Stephen West's	17	10	0
For the road from Silas Wickwire's by Huntley's, to the Basin near White Water	10	0	0
For the road leading over the Dyke by Benjamin Weaver's and the Settlement at Bass Creek Westerly to the road leading to Pero	10	0	0
For the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis	12	10	0
For the road leading Westerly from the Morden road under the Mountain, to or near Thomas Tupper's, one half of which is to be expended on the east end	19	0	0

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For the Ormsby road Northerly on or near the line of William Parker and John West's Lands	L 10	0	0
For the Road leading to Aylesford Church, from the West bounds of Cornwallis	10	0	0
For the road leading easterly from the Morden road on the Mountain, to Cornwallis line, and } for the Morlen road	10	0	0
For the road leading southerly from the Annapolis road, called the Palmer road, to join the } new Canaan road	10	0	0
For the New Canaan road, through Aylesford, near Joseph Orpin's, Easterly, towards New } Canaan	10	0	0
For the road from Ryarson's Mill, to the New Canaan Road	10	0	0
For the road leading Southerly, from the Annapolis road, near Samuel Parker's, Horton	10	0	0
From the Falmouth line, near Mount Dudson, to the North side of Gaspereau Bridge	43	0	0
For the road from the lower Gaspereau Bridge, to Stone Bridge	29	0	0
For the road from the North side of Bishop's, to Stone Bridge	7	10	0
For the new road leading to Benjamin's Mill, and from thence on the new road, up the hill to } the top of the South Mountain	25	0	0
For the road from the top of the South Mountain, by Nathan Davison's to the road leading to } Nictaur	15	0	0
For the road from Daniel Ellis's, to Pittsburgh, and to extend Southerly to Nictaur Road	20	0	0
For the road from Scovell's Bridge, Southerly, to Nictaur Road	15	0	0
From Calvill's near the Nictaur Road towards Jordon's	10	0	0
From David Ward's, towards Michael Rand's, at New Canaan	10	0	0
For the new road near Half-way River at Riley's, extending to Nictaur road	25	0	0
For the road from Armstrong's towards Fuller's Mill	10	0	0
From near William Allen's by Roswell Rathburn's, towards Fuller's Mill	10	0	0
For the old road from Bishop's Bridge towards Falmouth Ferry	7	10	0
For the road from Cape Chignecto to Robert Spicer's	10	0	0
From Robert Spicer's to L. Fraser's	10	0	0
From L. Fraser's to Rams Head, by Ratchford's Harbour	20	0	0
From Rams Head to the Cumberland road	10	0	0
From Partridge Island to the Church	10	0	0
From the Church towards Cumberland	20	0	0
From Eli Welton's towards Daniel Holme's	10	0	0
On the road from William Dewolf's Farm to Eli Welton's on Coal Mine road	20	0	0
From Jesse Jeffer's towards Macan	8	0	0
From Daniel Dickerson's towards Macan	10	0	0
From the Church towards Swan Creek	10	0	0
On the road from Swan Creek to Economy	25	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £800, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows :

For the main road in Wilmot, near Aylesford Boundary, to the Bay of Fundy, called } Strouack's road	L 15	0	0
From the main road in Wilmot, to the Bay of Fundy, called the General Ruggles' road	20	0	0
For the road under the North Mountain from the Stronack road, to the General Ruggles' road	10	0	0
For the road from Wilmot Church, to the Bay of Fundy	15	0	0
For the road from Mrs. Leonard's to the cross road at the foot of the Mountain	15	0	0
From the cross road to the Bay of Fundy, by Marshall's Farm, including the alteration on the } face of the Mountain	10	0	0
For the Post road in Wilmot, from Barn's hollow, to Elm Tree Brook	20	0	0
For the Liverpool road, beginning three miles from the Depot, towards the Half-way tree	50	0	0
To aid the new Settlers to improve the road from Nictaur towards Lunenburg	30	0	0
For the road by Robert Nealy's in Annapolis, to Toft's farm	10	0	0
For the cross road from Beal's Farm, to the Liverpool road	10	0	0
From the main road in Annapolis, by the Farm of Silas Morse, to the Dalhousie Settlement	20	0	0
From the main road in Granville, by Saundier's farm, to the road under the Mountain, and thence } to the Wilmot line	20	0	0
From the main road in Granville, to Parker's Cove, at the Bay of Fundy	10	0	0
From the main road in Granville, by M'Kenzie's, to the Bay of Fundy	15	0	0
In addition to the twenty pounds last year, not drawn, for the road from the Granville Line to } Chute's Cove, on the Bay of Fundy	10	0	0
To improve the road on the North-side of the Mountain, from the cross road by Phinney's } farm in Granville, to the cross road by Covert's farm	10	0	0
To improve the same road from the cross road to Parker's Cove in Granville, to the cross road } by M'Kenzie's farm	20	0	0
To improve the same road from the cross road by M'Kenzie's farm, to the Gut of Annapolis	30	0	0
To improve the road by the way of the General's bridge, to the Hessian Line, from Esoe } Davoue's House, Southward, to the Hessian line corner	25	0	0
From the main road in Clements, by J. Ditmars, to the Hessian line	15	0	0
To aid the Inhabitants of the Waldeck Line in Clements, to reduce the hill called Crassis hill	10	0	0
For the repairs of the bridge over Hollenshead Creek, on the lower road from Annapolis to Digby	20	0	0
For the repairs of the bridge at Lee's Mill, on the said road	10	0	0

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For the repairs of the western abutment of Bear River Bridge, and improving the new road towards Sissiboo	£20 0 0
From Ellenswood bridge on the main road towards Yarmouth, to Sissiboo Church	15 0 0
For the repairing of Sissiboo Bridge	80 0 0
For the road from Henry Snider's farm, to the North range, No. 26	15 0 0
For the cross road from St. Mary's Bay road, to the Northrange Settlement	20 0 0
For the road from Dunbar's, on the west side of Sissiboo River, to the Upper Yarmouth road	10 0 0
For the upper road from Sissiboo Falls towards the Tusket River	30 6 0
For the road from the South-side of Sissiboo River, to the New Settlement, at the rear of Colonel Taylor's	10 0 0
For the road from the said Settlement to the main road in Clare	10 0 0
For the road from the Racket Bridge, towards Broad Cove	10 0 0
For the road from the main road leading down the Peninsula, over the Mountain by G. Post's to the Scotch Settlement	10 0 0
For the road from Little River to Petit Passage	25 0 0
For the road from the Deep Hollow on Long Island, to Farm Lot, No. 18	20 0 0
For aiding the Inhabitants of Clare to open and improve the road between the 2d and 3d division of Lots in Clare, and the cross roads leading to the same	50 0 0
For the improvement of the new road on the Northand South side of Salmon River Bridge in Clare, from where it leaves and again enters the old Road	45 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of £750, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants, be applied as follows, viz :

For the road from Winkworth to the Seven Mile Plain	£15 0 0
For the road from Martock to William Jenkins's	18 0 0
For the road from the Three Mile Plain to Panuke Settlement	10 0 0
For the road from J. Redden's on the Chester road, to the line of the County	20 0 0
For the road from the Falmouth Church to the Bridge over the West Branch of the River Avon	7 0 0
For the road from the Church to the Bridge, called the corner Bridge on the Causeway	10 0 0
For the road leading from Horton to the Post road by Knowles's	10 0 0
For the road called the old Horton road to the line of the Township of Horton	6 0 0
For the road over Mount Denson Hill, and from thence to Horton line	10 0 0
For the road from Hugh Smith's to the main road near Lawrence's	60 0 0
For the road from Edward Lockhart's to Meander Bridge, and to repair the Bridge at Lockhart's	45 0 0
For the road from Meander Bridge to the main road near Daniel Wien's	25 0 0
For to repair the great Kenetcook Bridge and the Bridge over Pitch Pine Creek	17 0 0
For the road from Cockmagun to Kenetcook Bridge	10 0 0
For the road from Lawrence's to John M'Lellan's	40 0 0
For the road from M'Lellan's to the Douglas line	40 0 0
For the road from said line to the main road in Douglas	10 0 0
For the road from Bond's to Beaver Bank	15 0 0
For the road from Rawdon Church, to the line of the Township of Douglas, near Nine Mile River	10 0 0
For the road from Higgins's to the Nine Mile River	10 0 0
For the road from Landrekin's to I. Higgins's	10 0 0
For the road from Douglas Church to Killcup's	40 0 0
For the road from Noel to the Kenetcook road	10 0 0
For the road from Noel Village to Salter's Head	15 0 0
For the road from Petit to Noel	15 0 0
For the road from Hall's Bridge to the Nine Mile River Bridge	20 0 0
For the road from the Nine Mile River Bridge to Taggart's	20 0 0
For the road from Nine Mile River road to Douglas Church	25 0 0
For the road from Kenetcook Bridge to Beaver Bank	20 0 0
For the road from the Nine Mile River road at Mahane's to the road leading from Taggart's to Ellis's	10 0 0
For to repair the Bridge at Five Mile River, and improve the road from thence to Burwick's Brook	35 0 0
For the road from Burwick's Brook to Wardrobe's	25 0 0
For re-building the Bridge over the Shubenacadie River, near Hall's, in addition to the sum of Twenty-Five Pounds from the County of Halifax	41 0 0
For the road from Five Mile River to Douglas Church	30 0 0
For the road from Cockmagun to Cambridge	15 0 0
For the road from Tutton's to Petit Bridge	16 0 0
For the road from Petit Bridge to Salter's	15 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of £700, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg, be applied as follows :

For the road from Chester towards Martin's River, and to repair Middle River Bridge	£100 0 0
For the road from Martin's river to Kneessc's Mill	10 0 0
For the road from George Zwicker's, Mush---Mush, towards the School House at North-West Range	15 0 0
For the road from John Rank's to Shaufelburger's Mill	10 0 0

For the road from Wagner's Ferry, New Dublin, to Petit Riviere Bridge	L 20	0	0
For the road from Queen's County, where the Commissioner left off last year, towards Petit Riviere	40	0	0
For the road from Leonard Young's corner, to William Rudolf's, Lahave	20	0	0
For the road from Michael Hertle's, Junr. at Lahave, to George and Peter Hertle's	17	0	0
For the road from George and Peter Hertle's to the German Settlement	25	0	0
For the road from Andrew Whyles' towards Brookfield	80	0	0
For the road from Henry Ernst's, Block House, to Peter Vienott's 300 acre lot	30	0	0
For the road from Mash-a-Mush, to Burgone's, now Ernst's, mill	15	0	0
For the road from Joseph Gate's, near Gold River, to Thomas Brown's at Lot No. 40, Sherbrooke Settlement	25	0	0
For the road from the West side of Gold River Bridge to Rafuse's farm, on Mount Wilkins	15	0	0
For the road from Chester to Windsor	50	0	0
For the road from Esinshauser's Bridge, North-West Range, to Blystiner's 300 acre lot	20	0	0
For the road from Mullock's to Adam Vinacht's	15	0	0
For the road from Adam Vinacht's to Lahave River, passing Leonard Silber's House	20	0	0
For the road from Garret Whyle's to Jacob Simon's, Lanty's, and others	20	0	0
For the road from Sarty's, New Dublin, to Conquer-All Settlement	20	0	0
For the road from Rudolf's Tavern, to Bear Hill	10	0	0
For the road from Pernette's, New-Dublin, to Sarty's	15	0	0
For the road from George Beck's to Shauselbouger's Mill	10	0	0
For the road from the 30 acre Lots, letter B. numbers 35 and 36, N. W. Range, towards the 300 acre Lots	20	0	0
For the road from Conrad Nass's, North West Range, towards Lunenburg Town	20	0	0
For the road from Petit River Bridge, on the Sea Shore, towards Sperry's, New Dublin	10	0	0
For the road from Crandell's towards Lanteze's	10	0	0
For the road from Melchor Zwicker's, North-West Range, to Mahone Bay	20	0	0
For Mrs. Zwicker, widow of the late John M. Zwicker, for services done by him in the year 1817, on the main road from Chester to Lunenburg	18	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £800, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows, viz :

For the road and Bridges from Shelburne to Queen's County	L 95	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Ragged Island to Little Harbour	30	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Port Le Bear to Sable Island	18	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Cape Negro to Shelburne	10	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Birch Town road to Hambleton	10	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Shelburne to Beaver Dam	75	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Beaver Dam to Clyde River, including a small Bridge	40	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Clyde River to Mill Brook, Barrington	30	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Coffin's at Barrington, to Port Latour	20	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Barrington to Shag Harbour	12	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Shelburne to Jordan Ferry	10	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Barrington Mill Brook, to Mrs. Brown's	65	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Mrs. Brown's to John Nicholson's, Argyle	40	0	0
For the road and Bridges from John Nicholson's to John Kenney's	142	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Reynold's Mill to Tusket Bridge	15	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Nehemiah Churchill's to Northline Yarmouth	48	0	0
For the road and Bridges from John Kenney's to Seth Johnson's	20	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Richard Rose's to Jegogin Pier	12	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Jacob Tedford's to Salmon River	30	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Cyrus Perry's to Annapolis County	15	0	0
For the road and Bridges from John Coming's at Beaver River, to the new Sissaboo road	15	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Charles Amoro's, at Pubnico, to Cockiwit	25	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Cockiwit to Shag Harbour	8	0	0
For the road and Bridges from Amable Babine's to Tusket Forks	15	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £700, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Queen's County, be applied as follows, viz :

For the main road leading from Liverpool to Nictaur, in Annapolis County, to be expended from where the Commissioner left off last year, to Brookfield Settlement	L 325	0	0
For the road from Brookfield towards Liverpool Lake, through the New Settlement	75	0	0
For to assist in building a Bridge over Little River on the Nictaur road	25	0	0
For the main road towards Lunenburg, between Herring Cove Bridge and Mill Village	100	0	0
For the main road from Herring Cove Bridge, to Smith's Tan Yard	35	0	0
For the main road from Smith's Tan Yard to Salmon Island Bridge	40	0	0
For the main road to Shelburne, between Port Matoon and Shelburne County	60	0	0
For the road from Herring Cove to Port Metway Village	25	0	0
For the road from Hunt's Point Settlement to the main road from Liverpool to Shelburne	25	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £800 be applied for the three road's recommended to the House, by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by Message, on the 6th day of March, instant, and expended under the direction of His Excellency.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolutions be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

A Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise imported into this Province, was read a second time, and thereupon,

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bill be now 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 consideration of the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. Pool 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, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Bill, to authorise Christian Brehm and Adolphus Vieth, and others, Trustees of the German Congregation, in the Township of Halifax, to assign, transfer, and set over, all the trust and interest which they have in the Building called St. George's, and the premises wherin the same is erected in the Town of Halifax, to certain Trustees, therein named, for the purpose of conveying and confirming the same to, and for the uses of, the Established Church of England, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise, on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise, on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference as desired by this House, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. J. I. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald 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. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act, for raising an additional Duty on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Nine Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to defray the Contingent Expenses of the House of Assembly, during the present Session, to be drawn for by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, on the Certificate of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and not otherwise.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to Thomas Holland, towards the support of a School kept by him during the year 1819, at Margaret's Bay.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to Daniel Sutherland, towards the support of a School kept by him during the year 1819, at Ship Harbour.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

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 the Clerk do carry the Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Bill in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the security of Navigation, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the security of Navigation, and for preserving all Ships, Vessels, and Goods, which may be found on shore, wrecked or stranded upon the Coasts of this Province; and for punishing all persons who shall steal shipwrecked Goods; and for the relief of persons suffering loss thereby.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also, the several Acts in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act relating to the forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to revive and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-eighth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend, and render more effectual, an Act, passed in the eighteenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoaked Herrings, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoaked Herrings; and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same; and also the several acts in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch by Night.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light Houses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light Houses.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to six Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz.

£500 for the Acadian School.

£16 to F. Carter Pike.

£900 for the Contingent Expenses of the House of Assembly.

£200 for the Pictou Academy.

£1000 for the encouragement of Agriculture.

£1700 for the Bounty on Fish.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw Warrants on the Treasury for certain sums of Money, for the services of the present year, and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now read a second time, and the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

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The Council request a conference by Committee on the subject of the License Duty Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Albro, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province ; and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second time, and the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill 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 consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to draw Warrants on the Treasury for certain sums of Money, &c. ; and also, a Bill to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province ; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to render perpetual the Act to raise Money for the defraying the expense of running lines and bounds of Townships ; and also, a Bill to continue an Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, 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, which the House agreed to.

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.

Ordered, That the several Bills, reported without amendment, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions ; and also the Act in addition to and amendment of the said Act ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Security of Navigation, and for preserving all Ships, Vessels and Goods, which may be found on shore, wrecked or stranded upon the coasts of this Province ; and for punishing persons who shall steal shipwrecked Goods : and for the relief of persons suffering loss thereby ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation

comodation and Billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also, the several Acts in amendment thereof; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions, before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoaked Herrings; and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same; and also the several Acts in amendment thereof; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light-Houses, severally without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with His Majesty's Council, on the subject of the School Bill, now before the Council, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the Conference on the School Bill, as desired by this House, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

The Council have agreed to two Resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, &c.

£50 to the Poor Man's Friend Society.

£100 to the Acadian School.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. W. Dickson, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Roach and Mr. Thomas Dickson, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

An engrossed Bill, to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the expenditure of Monies, hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that title be, An Act to alter and continue an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges; and also, an Act to alter and amend the said Act.

An engrossed Bill to render perpetual the Act to raise a sum of Money for defraying the expense of running Lines and Bounds of Townships, was read a third time.

Resolved,

Resolved. That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of each Township to raise Money for defraying the expense attending the running or perambulating the Lines and Bounds of the respective Townships in this Province.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds, part of the Vote of the Forty Pounds heretofore granted and not appropriated, for opening the new road near the head of St. Mary's Bay Marsh, be now appropriated for the improvement of the Main Road from Digby to the Sea Wall.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference on the subject of the School Bill.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Halifax Steam Boat Company, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie on the Table.

Resolved, That this House do agree to a further conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton 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. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery from the Province of Nova-Scotia.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Cogswell moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, Viz.

Resolved, That the Township of Halifax, be added to the list of Townships entitled to the Provincial Allowance for Schools, and that the Settlement of Middle Sewack, in the District of Colchester, and also the Settlement on the Liverpool Road, be added to the said list of Settlements entitled to such allowance; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nine; against it, twenty:

For the motion,

Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Albro
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Lawson
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Flemming

Against the motion,

Mr. Thos. Dickson	Mr. Morse
Mr. Heckman	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Rudolf	Mr. Bars
Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Roach
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. W. A. Chipman	Mr. Cutler
Mr. Smith	Mr. Young
Mr. James	Mr. Freeman
Mr. Crane	Mr. Pool
Mr. Purdy	Mr. Allison

So it passed in the negative.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An

Act to revive and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-eighth year of His present Majesty's, reign entitled, An Act to amend, and render more effectual, an Act, passed in the eighteenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent fore-stalling, regrating, and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of fire.

The Council have agreed to three Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, Viz.

£19 19 6 to Gideon C. White.

£25 to Daniel Sutherland.

£25 to Thomas Holland.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee on the subject of the Custom-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 :

The Committee appointed to take into consideration and report upon the Petition of David Crowell, Junr. and others, and the Petition of W. S. Church, and others, complaining of the Fees taken by Officers of His Majesty's Customs ; and also, to report upon the documents and facts which have been laid before the House by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, for the Port of Halifax ; and also, to report if any, and what grievances exist, and what may be the proper remedy therefor, having met for the above purposes, having examined witnesses, and given full and mature consideration to the subjects committed to them, report as follows :

THAT, from the circumstance of the Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Shelburne not having yet given, under the directions of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, the information required by the House upon the subject of the Petition of David Crowell and others, your Committee have been unable to examine and report as particularly upon the grievances stated in the said Petition as the subject seems to require ; but, from the many facts disclosed in the Documents accompanying this Report, and which have resulted from the inquiry induced by the order of the House in other parts of the resolution, your Committee conceive much proof is afforded in support of the great evils, and oppressive burthens, endured by the Coasters and others described in that Petition.

THAT your Committee have reason to believe, that the complaint contained in the Petition of W. S. Church and others, that the Fees taken in the Custom-House at the Member-Port of Windsor are grievous and oppressive, is well founded ; in support of which, your Committee refer to the Affidavits of several Ship-Owners annexed to the said Petition, the Answers and Documents of the Collector of His Majesty's Customs as laid before this House, and the examination of the Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs accompanying this Report, and made before your Committee.

THE Committee have not yet obtained direct and positive proof of the amount of Fees received at the Member-Port of Windsor for the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, but have no hesitation in stating, that evils, to a very great extent, do exist, respecting the mode generally practised by Custom-House Officers, and more especially so in the Out or Member Ports :—That Deputy-Collectors are in most cases Deputy Naval Officers, and demand and receive Fees allowed in the Fee Table to the Collector, Comptroller, Surveyor and Searcher and Principal Waiter.—Nor does it appear that the Revenue of the Customs is in the slightest manner benefitted by such accumulation of Officers and expence ; or that any Deputation whatever is made or given to such Deputy-Collector by either the Comptroller, Surveyor and Searcher or Principal Waiter : But, on the contrary, that such Deputies are instructed, by the Collector for the Port of Halifax, to take all the Fees particularly given in the Fee Table to such Officers respectively, which these Deputies invariably do, and account to the Collector for the Port of Halifax only for the half of all such Fees.

THE Committee have reason to believe (for the Collector refuses to give information, and the Comptroller declares himself incapable) that during the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, upwards of £ 3000 have been received by the Deputy-Collector at Windsor under the name of Custom-House Fees, while, during the same period, by a return made by the Collector, the King's duties in that Port have not exceeded 18s. 10d. The great disproportion between the Fees paid by the Inhabitants of the Province trading at that Port, and the sum received to His Majesty's use, forcibly impresses the mind with the conviction of the unjust and ruinous nature of such a tax : A tax, your Committee cannot forbear stating, unsanctioned by any Law, and imposed on Coasters almost wholly employed in the unproductive shipment of Plaster of Paris to the Ports of New-Brunswick, and to which they can pass within the short period of 24 hours. That in one vessel, of 75 tons, belonging to one James Wilcox, and engaged in the Trade of Plaster during the last summer, the Custom-House Fees alone amounted to upwards of Eighty Pounds, nearly equal to the expence of Navigating the Vessel, the whole of which Trade is subject to the like and similar burthens.

THE Committee conceive, that, in all the Member Ports, the above mentioned Officers, excepting that of Deputy-Collector, ought to be, and can be, discontinued without any hazard to His Majesty's Duties or Customs in these Ports, while the Coasting Trade will be essentially relieved from its present embarrassed and oppressed state.

YOUR Committee cannot forbear remarking, that this formidable and expensive list of Custom-House Officers comprehended in the person of one individual whose duty and employment almost entirely consist in the receipt of Fees, would be far less burthensome but for the enlarged, forced and interested, construction put upon the terms and expressions used in the Fee Table.

THAT all British topsail Vessels are considered Foreign Vessels, and Fees charged accordingly; while Foreign Vessels are considered without the pale and provision of the Table, and no Fees allotted for them but such as the caprice or conscience of the Custom-House Department prescribe. Ports also which were Member Ports of Halifax when the Fee Table was established, and paid the Fees of Coasters only, are now considered as Ports of distinct and separate Colonies; and Fees taken by the Custom-House in three-fold proportion.

THE dismemberment of the Province, by the separation of New-Brunswick, Cape-Breton, &c. from Nova-Scotia, has, according to Custom-House construction, occasioned a great increase of Fees. This measure, so utterly inconsistent with the rights and privileges of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and so very burthensome and unjust in its operation, your Committee conceive should immediately, in the most respectful and urgent manner, be brought under the consideration of His Majesty's Government. Your Committee also beg leave to recommend, that the Coasting Trade, and the Fees to which it should be subject, may be regulated by Law, without interfering in the smallest degree with the regulations of that portion of the Foreign Trade in which His Majesty's Government may be pleased to allow us to participate.

IN the course of a laborious and diligent inquiry, your Committee have obtained a knowledge that many evils, and violations of Law, do exist in the Halifax Department of the Custom-House in this Province, upon which your Committee conceive the Resolution of this House imperatively requires them to Report. The evidence of the facts, upon which the Committee have founded their opinion, is herewith submitted to the consideration of the House. —And the Committee are of opinion, that they are warranted, from such evidence, further to state:—That the Hon. T. N. Jeffery, the Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Halifax, contrary to an Act of Parliament, has received King's Customs in dollars at 4s. 6d. sterling instead of silver at 5s. 6d. sterling the oz. by which Debtors for His Majesty's Customs, have paid upwards of five per cent. more than they were liable to pay, and that the Collector has frequently assumed the profit as a perquisite of Office.—In one year, 1814, the King's Duties exceeded £.8000, upon the greater part of which, there is reason to believe, a profit, at the above rate, accrued to the Collector. One of the Witnesses has stated to your Committee, that a letter from the Board of Customs, received in 1813, by the Collector, directed a discontinuance of the above practice, which was, notwithstanding, persisted in until 1817, and occasionally since.

THAT the Collector, unauthorised by Law, considers British topsail Vessels, direct from Ports in Great-Britain, and indeed from all other Ports out of the Province, as Foreign Vessels, and charges the increased Fees as for Foreign Vessels. This is a fact proved, and merely requires to be stated to show its absurdity and illegality.

THAT the said Collector, unlawfully and arbitrarily, varies the Fees, in the Fee Table, particularly in the cases of Registers, General Clearances, Entries, Cockets, Permits, Anchorage, &c. In most cases, he receives 10s. at the Custom-House for endorsing each Register, sometimes but 5s. The Committee have caused eight Bills, for Custom-House Fees, promiscuously taken, to be analized and arranged in such manner as to shew at one view the Fees taken, compared with the sum which it appears might be lawfully received, and the difference noted &c. in the annexed Document.

THAT the said Collector, in the appointing Deputies for the Out or Member Ports, gives a Deputation from himself alone, or purporting to be the joint Deputation of the Comptroller and himself, which he alone signs.—Such Deputies received instructions from, and account to, the Collector only. They have been in the practice of receiving the Fees, allowed in the Fee Table to the Surveyor, Searcher and Principal Waiter. The Collector has demanded, and received, from such Deputies, the one half of the Fees by them taken at such Member Ports, under the head of Collector's, Comptroller's, Surveyor and Searcher's and principal Waiter's Fees, until recently, and has retained such half to his exclusive use. It appears that he has recently allowed the Comptroller a part of the Fees received under the head of Comptroller's Fees. The Collector himself acknowledges, that the Revenue of the King's Customs is not benefited by his Deputies at the Member Ports holding Deputation from the Comptroller; and the Comptroller states that they do not hold Deputation from him. This corrupt, and oppressive, mode of managing business, by which the Fees of so many Officers are levied upon the Navigation and Trade of the Province, occasions much discontent, particularly in the Member Ports, and, while it accumulates additional expenses on the subject too heavy for him to bear, works no advantage or increase to the Revenue.

THAT the said Collector has, for many years, received, at the Port of Halifax, the Fees appointed for the principal Waiter, amounting to upwards of £80 per annum. And this not only without authority, but latterly in direct and open violation of a positive order from the Hon. Board of Customs. It even appears, that, since the receipt of such order, the Collector has continued to receive such Fee as before, and directed the Clerk to discontinue the column of Waiter's Fees, and include such sum in the Collector's, which was done, and the amount paid the Collector.

BY an enlarged, and as the Committee conceive a forced, construction of the Fee Table, the Fees received at the Custom-House amount to upwards of 60 per cent. upon an average above what can fairly and legally be demanded under the Fee Table. In the Out Ports, the excess upon Coasters will probably amount to upwards of 200 per cent. as, in those places, one Officer receives the Fees allowed to four, and for them all upon the enlarged construction put upon the Fee Table at Halifax.

YOUR Committee are therefore of opinion that evils of grievous and oppressive nature do exist in the Department of the Custom-House of Halifax, and although, from the various impediments and delays which have much retarded the Committee in the inquiry, they have not obtained such direct and positive proof, particularly as respects the Out Ports, as they probably would were it advisable to protract the inquiry, yet the Committee conceive that abundant evidence has been produced to ground a conviction, that great evils do exist, and require immediate redress;

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UNDER this view of the subject the Committee now call the deliberate attention of the House to the facts disclosed in the evidence accompanying this Report. If the House shall be of opinion that the Collector has, knowingly and wilfully, violated the Acts of Parliament made for the direction and government of His Majesty's Customs, and that he has arbitrarily and oppressively exacted Fees under colour of his Office, in direct opposition to the Laws, the Orders of the Board of Customs, and in violation of his Official Oath, the Committee conceive it altogether unnecessary to recommend to the House to take early measures to obtain redress of such enormous abuses: But they cannot refrain from remarking, that, unless some relief is obtained for the Coasting Trade of the Province, it must still, more and more, decline, and finally sink under the burthen of a ruinous and destructive regulation.

Mt. Frazer, also delivered to the House the undermentioned Papers, referred to in the foregoing Report, Viz.

The examination of Mr. F. C. Rumrell.

The examination of J. Slayter, Esq. Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs at Halifax.

The examination of Mr. Richard Best, Clerk in the Custom-House, Halifax.

The examination of Thomas Boggs, Esq. Merchant.

The examination of Robert Dickion, Esq. Deputy-Collector of the Customs for Colchester, &c.

The examination of Mr. William Wallace, Merchant.

Statement of Fees taken on eight Vessels at the Custom-House, in Halifax.

Copy of Thomas N. Jeffery's Commission as Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Halifax, Nova-Scotia,

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Report be received by the House.

Ordered. That the said Report and Papers do lie on the Table.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Report be immediately transmitted to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and a further copy be sent to His Majesty's Council.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by Mr. Secretary George,

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

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 several Bills following, Viz:

A Bill to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-eighth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend and render more effectual, an Act, passed in the eighteenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent forestalling, regrating, and monopolising, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light Houses.

A Bill to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

A Bill to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions; and also the Act in addition to and amendment thereof; and also,

A Bill to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night.

A Bill to impose a Duty on Articles Sold at Public Auction.

A Bill in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire.

A Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise upon all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

A Bill to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Security of Navigation, and for preserving all Ships, Vessels and Goods, which may be found on shore, wrecked or stranded, upon the coasts of this Province ; and for punishing all persons who shall steal shipwrecked Goods ; and for the relief of persons suffering loss thereby ; also,

A Bill to continue the Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoaked Herrings ; and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same ; and also the several Acts in amendment thereof ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions, before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax.

A Bill to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and Billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the several Acts in amendment thereof.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool 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 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 a sum not exceeding Five Hundred and Twenty Pounds should be granted and paid for defraying the expense of the Communication by Post, as granted in the last Session of the General Assembly.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, 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 ; and thereupon,

Mr. W. H. Roach moved, that the Resolution be not sent to the Council until an account of the expenditure of the sum, granted last year for the Communication by Post, be furnished to the House, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief 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 follows :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

IT is my painful duty to communicate to the House of Assembly, the melancholy intelligence I have this morning received of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, Fourth Son of His Majesty the King.

THIS event is stated to have happened at Sidmouth, in Devonshire, after an illness of a very few days, and has caused the deepest grief to the Royal Family and the Nation.

I CANNOT doubt but that you will receive this communication with the same feelings of pain and sorrow.

DALHOUSIE.

On motion, the said Message was read by the Clerk, and the House having considered the same, thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, go into decent and suitable mourning on the melancholy occasion of the Death of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent.

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with His Majesty's Council on the subject of the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, informing the House of the Death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, and to request His Majesty's Council to join this House in an Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on this melancholy occasion, and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the Conference as desired by this House, on the subject of His Excellency the Governor in Chief's Message, communicating the melancholy intelligence of the Death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Cogswell, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had held a conference with the Committee of His Majesty's Council, pursuant to the Order of the House, and that the Committee of the Council had informed the Managers that the Council had appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House, for the purpose of preparing an Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the Death of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Cogswell, be a Committee of this House to join the Committee of His Majesty's Council, for the purpose of preparing a Joint Address of both Houses, on this melancholy occasion.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 27th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to thirteen Resolutions of this House, for specifically applying the sum of £10,000, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges within the several Counties and Districts in the Province; also,

The Resolution for applying £30 for the main Road below Digby to the Sea Wall; and also,

The Resolution for granting the sum of £520, for the Post Communication.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Petitions from different parts of the Province, complaining of the Fees taken at the Custom Houses, in several places, having been presented to the House, and the House being aware of the obstacles and difficulties that might be interposed to any investigation or enquiry into the alleged grievances, by any authority inferior to that of the House, did, early in the Session, appoint a Committee of eight, consisting of Members indifferently selected

lected from various parts of the Province, with Orders to investigate and report upon the said Petitions, and His Excellency the Governor in Chief, having been pleased, in furtherance of the said enquiry, and in pursuance of the request of the House, to direct that the Collector of His Majesty's Customs should attend this House, and lay before them certain Documents, connected with the said enquiry. And the Committee, to whom the said subject was referred, having, after a laborious and diligent enquiry into the grievances above complained of, unanimously made their Report thereon to the House, and laid upon the Table the evidence in corroboration of the same, and the House having unanimously received and adopted the said Report, it is thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and deliver him a copy of the said Report, and to give the Tharks of this House to His Excellency for the assistance he has afforded the House in the course of the said investigation, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Bingay, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Cogswell, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and continue an Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; and also, the Act to alter and amend the said Act, without any amendment.

The Council request a Conference by Committee with the House of Assembly for the purpose of framing a Petition from His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, requesting His Excellency to endeavour to procure for His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, the same indulgence which has been extended to the Colony of Newfoundland, by the 39th section of the 59th George III. Cap. 52.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Bars and Mr. Lent, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Cogswell reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and that the Committee of His Majesty's Council and this House had drawn up a Joint Address from the Council and the House to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, on the subject matter of the conference, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

The Right Honorable

GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE;

Baron DALHOUSIE, of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and the Islands of Prince Edward and Cape Breton, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Lordship,

HIS Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly beg leave to represent to Your Lordship, that the depressed state of the Commerce of this Province requires the fostering care of His Majesty's Government.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly have cherished the hope, that the respectful representations which they set forth in their duty to make in the last Sessions of the General Assembly, relative to the injurious effects produced upon the Commerce and Fisheries of this Colony, by the Convention then recently entered into with the United States of America, would have attracted the attention of His Majesty's Government, and that some measures for their relief would have been devised

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly are thoroughly convinced, that the disappointment of these expectations does not proceed from any want of attention to their interest, on the part of His Majesty's Government, but from the complicated nature of the subject necessarily introduced to their consideration.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly now beg leave to solicit Your Excellency's good offices with His Majesty's Government, to procure for His Majesty's Subjects in this Province an extension of the same indulgence which has been granted to the Island of Newfoundland, by the 39th Section of the 59th Geo. III. chap. 52d, which would have a great tendency to relieve the present embarrassments of Commerce, until the wisdom of His Majesty's Government, shall devise measures for the general regulation of the Trade of British North-America.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly trust that His Majesty's Government will be disposed to grant this indulgence to the Province of Nova-Scotia, as its facilities for carrying on the Fisheries, which form the staple of both Colonies, are not equal to those of Newfoundland.

Ordered, That the Address do lie on the Table.

Mr. Prescott moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of £181 2 2½, to George Grassie, Esq. be sent to the Council, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, thirteen:

For the motion,

Mr. Smith	Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Lent
Mr. Lawson	Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Crane
Mr. W. Dickson	Mr. Prescott
Mr. Burss	Mr. Roach
Mr. Cogswell	Mr. Bingay

Against the motion,

Mr. W. A. Chipman	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. James	Mr. Ritchie, A. Ry.
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Dimock
Mr. Heckman	Mr. Allison
Mr. Pool	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Ruggles	Mr. Morse
Mr. W. H. Roach	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts now in force relating to a Militia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, in the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in the said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act in addition to an Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts in amendment of an Act, for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein; and also the Act in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the School Bill, and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference as desired by the House, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton 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. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of £181 2 2*d* to George Graffie, Esq.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in the said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein; and also, the Act in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-second year of His Majesty's reign, severally without any amendment.

The Council request a further conference by committee on the subject of the School Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Walter Bromley 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 have examined the Accounts and Vouchers for the Monies expended by the Petitioner, in purchasing Seeds for the Indians upon the Shubenacadie River, and they find that the sum of £29 12 9, has been expended by him as stated in his Petition. The Committee therefore recommend that that sum be paid to him. That the Committee have not had time or opportunity to examine into the situation of the Indians mentioned in the Petition, and therefore can make no report on that part of the subject of the Petition; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition of Walter Bromley, and the foregoing report, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend and continue the several Acts now in force for the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province, 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 a second time 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 consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 he was directed by the Committee to Report the said Bill to the House, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read and are follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Eleven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence should be granted and paid to the Executors of the last Will and Testament of the late Edward Mortimer, pursuant to the prayer of their Petition, being the amount of his account for erecting a Magazine and Storehouse in the Battery at Pictou, in the year 1817, under the direction of the Commander in Chief.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Sixty-four Pounds One Shilling and Six Pence should be granted and paid to William Minns, for Printing the Proceedings and Report of the Joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, on the Convention with the United States of America.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty-Seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Six Pence should be granted and paid, to defray the accounts of Expenditures and Repairs done to the Government-House, and the Out-houses and Fences of the same, in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Ten Pounds should be granted and paid to John F. T. Gschwind, in full, for articles furnished, and services performed, by him, as Health-Officer for the Port of Halifax, in the last year.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Dimock moved, that the Resolution for granting £111 15 9, to the Executors of the late Edward Mortimer, be not agreed to, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen ; against it nineteen :

For the motion,

Against the motion,

Mr. Fraser

Mr. Crane

Mr. Flemming

Mr. Roach

Mr. Young

Mr. Purdy

Mr. Bingay

Mr. Cogswell

Mr. Freeman

Mr. Lent

Mr. Sargent

Mr. Prescott

Mr. Dewolf

Mr. Pool

Mr. R. Dickson,

Mr. Smith

Mr. Basss

Mr. Dimock,

Mr. W. H. Roach

Mr. Rudolf

Mr. W. A. Chipman

Mr. J. I. Chipman

Mr. W. Dickson

Mr. Haliburton

Mr. Ritchie

Mr. Allison

Mr. Ruggles

Mr. Lawson

Mr. Morse

Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal

Mr. Albro

Mr. Archibald

Mr. Heckman

Mr. Thos. Dickson

So it passed in the negative.

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The said Resolutions were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Resolutions be sent to the Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed, by His Majesty's Council, to deliver to this House a Message, in writing, as follows, viz.

Council Chamber, 27th March, 1820.

Read the Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly, sent up this day, on the subject of the Custom-House: thereupon,

Resolved, That, before the Board proceed to the consideration of the said Report, a Message be sent to the House of Assembly, to request that they will furnish His Majesty's Council with a Copy of the Evidence, and Documents, upon which the said Report was founded.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the said Message do lie on the Table:

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Letter, received by him this day, from the Agent of the Province, dated, London, 6th January, 1820, on the subject of the Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the Clock.

Tuesday, 28th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, with the Resolution of yesterday on the subject of the Custom-House; that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency, pursuant to the Order of the House, and delivered to His Excellency a copy of the Report on the subject of the Custom-House, and that His Excellency was pleased to say to the Committee, that he would give that Report his early consideration, and should he require further information respecting it, he would communicate by Message to the House.

An engrossed Bill to amend and continue the several Acts now in force for the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend and continue the several Acts now in force for the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

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

On motion, the written Message, received yesterday, from His Majesty's Council, was read by the Clerk: and thereupon,

Resolved, That, when the House of Assembly communicated to His Majesty's Council an Extract from the Journals of the House containing a Report of an important nature against the Honorable Thomas N. Jeffery, Collector of His Majesty's Customs, and a Member of His Majesty's Council, it was from motives of respect and courtesy to His Majesty's Council, and an unwillingness to take such measures as the nature of the complaint appears to require, without previously acquainting His Majesty's Council with a charge implicating the official conduct of one of their Members. That, if the Collector of His Majesty's Customs shall controvert the facts contained in the Report, and His Excellency the Governor

or Commander in Chief shall think proper to establish a Tribunal to investigate the complaint, the House do certainly conceive themselves bound to support the truth of the Report; but, until that investigation takes place, they do not conceive themselves warranted in furnishing His Majesty's Council with any copy of the Evidence, or the Documents, upon which the said Report was founded.

Ordered, That a Copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council by the Clerk.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue the several Acts now in force for the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to three Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz.

£110 to John F. T. Gschwind.

111 15 9 to the Executors of Edward Mortimer.

567 18 6 for the Repairs of the Government-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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Four Thousand Pounds should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Province Building, towards enabling them to discharge the Debts for building the said House, which sum is not to include the furnishing of the Public Offices and the Grand Jury Room.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Thousand Pounds should be granted and paid, to Winckworth Allan, George Graffie and John Merrick, Esq. Commissioners for building the Province House, in part of their Commissions of three per cent. upon the Money by them expended, for the erecting the said Building.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the National School, towards the support of that Establishment for the present year.

Resolved, That is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, to the Adjutant-General of Militia, for his services in the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to aid the Inhabitants of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to finish the Pier at Arisaig Point, in the County of Sydney.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, for the purpose of procuring a further Survey of the proposed Lock Communication, between the Harbour of Halifax and the Baton of Minas; and a report as to the practicability

practicability of the same; and also of the probable amount of the expense of such Survey, and of the advantages which may be derived by such communication.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted and paid, to aid the Inhabitants of Lunenburg, for removing the obstructions out of, and deepening, the Passage between the Peninsula of Lunenburg, and Heckman's and Mason's Island.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-one Pounds Five Shillings should be granted and paid to Judah Wells, for his services as Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly, during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-one Pounds Five Shillings should be granted and paid to Matthew Forrester, for his services as acting Sergeant at Arms, to the House of Assembly, during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds should be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for defraying the expense of Stationary, furnished for the use of the House of Assembly and His Majesty's Council, in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of extra Clerks, Servants, and other incidental expenses, during 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 John Whidden, for his services, in drafting and copying Bills for the Members of the House of Assembly, in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid, to defray the expense of Fuel, and for Sundries, supplied for the use of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, in the present Session; the same to be paid on the Certificates of the President of the Council, and the Speaker of the Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings, should be granted and paid to John Hovington, for a Drawback of Duties on a certain quantity of Wine, saved from the ship Adventure, of London, wrecked near Cape Sable, on the third day of November in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid for the Road from Sherbrooke Village to the main Road leading from Guysborough to Halifax. One Hundred Pounds to open a Road from the said Sherbrooke Village to Indian Harbour; and also forty pounds to open a Road from St. Mary's to Liscomb's Harbour.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Thousand Pounds should be granted and paid for the purchase of a Star and Sword, to be presented to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Chief, as a Memorial of the grateful approbation entertained by the Inhabitants of the Province, of the unwearied attention to all its best interests which has characterised and distinguished His Excellency's Administration.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and Nine Pence should be granted and paid to Walter Bromley, Esq. being for the like sum he has expended in the purchase of Seeds for the use of the Indians settled upon the Shubenacadie River, as stated in his Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and One Penny should be granted and paid to defray the expense incurred for gilding and cleaning of Pictures, and for discharging the demands against the Province for other Casual Services, as certified by the Auditor of Public Accounts.

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 the foregoing resolutions be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 29th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dimock, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the raising of Bread-Corn, 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 a second time accordingly.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the fitting up a Room in the Province Building, for the Court of Chancery, is not comprehended in the exception annexed to the grant of Money to the Commissioners for the present Sessions.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Twenty Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, Viz.

£64 1 6 to William Migns.

£4000 for the Province House.

£1000 to the Commissioners for the Province House.

£100 to the National School.

£50 to the Adjutant General of Militia.

£100 for the Arisaig Pier.

£30 for deepening the Passage at Heckman's Island.

£200 for the Navigation of the Shubenacadie.

£21 5 to the Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly.

£21 5 to the Acting Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly.

£20 to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for Stationary.

£100 to the Clerk of the House of Assembly for Extras.

£25 to John Whidden.

£3 15 to John Hovington.

£240 for roads in the County of Sydney.

£29 12 9 to Walter Bromley.

£132 11 1 for Casual Services.

£100 for Fuel and Sundries for the Council and Assembly.

£1000 for a Star and a Sword, for the Governor in Chief.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Clerk do prepare and bring in a Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Speaker of this House be required immediately to transmit to the Agent of the Province, to be by him laid before His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Honorable Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, a copy of the proceedings of this House respecting the Custom-House, together with a copy of the Documents accompanying

panying the same, for their information ; and that he will endeavour to call the attention of His Majesty's Government to the subject as soon as possible, in order to obtain the relief sought for, so essentially necessary to the Coasting Trade, and the Navigation of the Colony.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill for the more easy redemption and foreclosure of Mortgages.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James 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 without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion, the Joint Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, reported on Monday last, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said Address, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do communicate with the President of His Majesty's Council on the time and mode of presenting the said Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the present state of the Treasury.
And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Haliburton, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

An engrossed Bill for the more easy foreclosure and redemption of Mortgages, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the more easy foreclosure and redemption of Mortgages.

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

The Clerk, pursuant to Order, presented to the House an engrossed Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, and the said Bill was read, and thereupon,

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 Twenty, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

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

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. James took the Chair,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for opening and maintaining a Road to the Settlements on Gay's River; and also, a Bill to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, and that he was directed by the Committee to report the said Bills without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills 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, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the Clock.

Thursday, 30th March, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, that it be a standing Order of this House, that no monies hereafter be appropriated for Roads and Bridges, in any County, District, Township or Settlement, within this Province, in any year after the present year, unless it shall appear by the Certificate of the Clerk of the Peace, for the County or District in which such Township or Settlement lies, that a Return of the Account of the Statute Labour has been made in the same year, by the Overseers of the Highways, agreeably to the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges, and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships in this Province; and also an Act, passed in the fifth year of His said Majesty's Reign, in addition to, and amendment thereof; and unless also it shall appear by such certificate, that the Statute Labour has been faithfully performed by the Inhabitants of the Township or Settlement for which any money is intended to be granted, or that the Delinquents have been prosecuted.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be published in the Royal Gazette, for the space of Six Months.

An engrossed Bill for opening and maintaining a Road to the Settlements on Gay's River, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the period allowed for finishing the said Road be three years, instead of five years: which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative, and the said term of three years was inserted in the Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for opening and maintaining a Road to the Settlements on Gay's River.

An engrossed Bill to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell, *resolved*, That this House will, in the next Session, provide for the payment of Six Hundred Pounds, to be paid to the Owner or Owners of each of the first two Vessels of the Burthen of two hundred and fifty Tons or upwards, owned and registered in this Province, which shall be fitted out on a Whaling Voyage, and shall double

double Cape Horn, or pass the Straits of Magellan, to the South Seas, in the Pacific Ocean, and carry on the Fishery during four months to the westward of Cape Horn, in those Seas, or shall double the Cape of Good Hope, and carry on the said Fishery to the eastward thereof for a like period; and shall return to some Port in Nova-Scotia previous to the expiration of two and an half years, but not sooner than fifteen months, and which shall so sail, and first arrive with the greatest quantity of Oil and Head Matter, taken together, not less in the whole than thirty tons, being the produce of any Whale or Whales, or other Creatures living in the Seas, and taken, and killed, by the Crew of such Ship or Vessel, in the said voyage, either outward or homeward.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for opening and maintaining a road to the Settlements on Gay's River, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendment, and the same was read throughout a first and second, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the amendment made by them to the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for opening and maintaining a Road to the Settlements on Gay's River, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the more speedy recovery of His Majesty's Debts within this Province. Also, a Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn. And the Bill in amendment of an Act for incorporating certain Persons, therein mentioned, for insuring Houses, &c. from loss and damage by Fire; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills 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, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn.

An engrossed Bill for the more speedy recovery of His Majesty's Debts within this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the more speedy recovery of His Majesty's Debts within this Province.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act, for incorporating certain Persons therein mentioned, for Insuring Houses, &c. from loss and damage by fire, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the title be, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for incorporating certain Persons, therein mentioned, for Insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares and Merchandises, from loss and damage by fire.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to authorise Christian Brehm and Adolphus Veith, and others, Trustees of the German Congregation, in the Township of Halifax, to assign, transfer, and set over, all the trust and interest which they have in the Building called St. George's Church, &c. and also, the Bill for imposing a Duty on Bricks, &c. to this day three months. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to continue and attend the Acts to encourage Persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, &c. and that the Committee had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills and the amendment in at the Clerk's Table, and thereupon, Mr. Bingay moved, that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill relative to St. George's Church, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative, and thereupon, the said report was agreed to by the House: and thereupon,

The amendment, as reported by the Committee, was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendment, be engrossed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by Mr. Secretary George,

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor in Chief commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency the Governor in Chief in the Council Chamber.

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 several Bills following, viz.

An Act to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed to keep Public Houses, and Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleansing, and paving the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing

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ing obstructions therein ; and also, the Act, in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-second year of His Majesty's Reign.

An Act to amend and continue the several Acts now in force, for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

An Act to alter and continue an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies, hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges ; and also, an Act to alter and amend the said Act.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages.

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, now in force, relating to a Militia.

An Act for opening and maintaining a Road to the Settlements on Gay's River.

An Act to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax ; and for providing a Police Office in the said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

After which Mr. Speaker said he spoke to His Excellency, the Governor in Chief as follows :

May it please Your Excellency,

I beg leave to present to your Excellency, on the behalf of His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Nova-Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in the present Session for the support of His Majesty's Government for the present year, and to request your Excellency's Assent to the same : and that

His Excellency was pleased to give His Assent to the 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 Twenty ; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Acts to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade ; and authorising Courts of Session to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers of this Province ; and also the Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, in addition to, and amendment thereof.

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

Mr. Cogswell moved, that the engrossed Bill from His Majesty's Council, entitled, An Act relating to the Halifax Steam Boat Company, be now read a first time, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eleven; against it, twelve. So it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That the consideration of the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of Wilmot, be deferred until the next Session; when the division of the County of Annapolis will be considered, and its Representation may be altered or increased.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the State of the Province, and thereupon, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr.

Mr. James 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 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 a Committee should be appointed by the House to prepare and bring in a Bill to authorise the Governor to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, not exceeding the amount of Twenty Thousand Pounds.

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. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

On motion the Petition of Thomas Dobson, the Petition of Thomas Moody, and the Petition of John Owen, and also the Report of the Committee of this House thereon, were severally read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be authorised to examine into the circumstances of Thomas Dobson, and to direct the Attorney-General to agree to his discharge from Jail, under such terms as they may judge proper, provided they shall be of opinion, he is unable to make payment of any part of the sum due by him, and ought to be discharged.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be authorised to examine into the circumstances of Thomas Moody, and to direct the Attorney-General to agree to his discharge from Jail, under such terms as they may judge proper; provided they shall be of opinion he is unable to make payment of any part of the sum due by him, and ought to be discharged.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be authorised, at the request of John Owen, the Petitioner, to suspend the issuing of any Execution at the suit of the Crown, upon the Judgment entered up against him, for such time as they shall think proper, or until the House shall make a further Order therein, provided the said Commissioners shall be of opinion, upon examination of the circumstances of the said Petitioner, that he is unable to make payment of any part of the said Judgment.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and this House, appointed to prepare an Address to His Royal Highness the Prince REGENT, on the death of His late Royal Highness the Duke of KENT, 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 having prepared the sketch of a suitable Address on this melancholy occasion, thought it their duty to wait on His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and submit the same to His Excellency's consideration, who was pleased to signify his approbation thereof, and at the same time expressed his desire to join, in his Legislative Capacity, with the other Branches of the Provincial Legislature, in transmitting such Address to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, accompanied with a request that he would present the same to His Royal Highness on the behalf of the Province, and that the Committee submit, to the consideration of both Houses, the following, being a draft of such Address, viz.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

GEORGE, PRINCE OF WALES,

REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT-BRITAIN AND IRELAND,

THE JOINT ADDRESS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE, CAPTAIN-GENERAL AND GOVERNOR IN CHIEF, IN AND OVER HIS MAJESTY'S PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA AND ITS DEPENDENCIES; OF THE HONORABLE HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, AND THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, IN THEIR SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE CAPACITIES, NOW SITTING AT HALIFAX.

May it Please Your ROYAL HIGHNESS:

THE Governor, Council, and House of Assembly, of Nova-Scotia, have received, with the deepest sorrow, the afflicting intelligence of the death of your illustrious Brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. We now beg leave to approach your sacred Person, to express the great grief which this distressing event has excited in the breasts of all His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, which was for several years honoured by his residence, and of which he ever proved himself the sincere friend and patron.

The uniform, consistent, and dignified manner, in which His Royal Highness fulfilled the important public and private duties of his station, has been universally acknowledged, by all descriptions of His Majesty's Subjects, throughout the Empire.

The humble Tribute to his Memory, which the People of Nova-Scotia now beg leave to offer, arises from a personal knowledge which enabled them duly to appreciate his invariable disposition to promote the honour of our Sovereign, and the happiness of His Subjects.

His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, who have been distinguished by so many marks of Royal Municie, cannot suffer the present opportunity to pass, without assuring your Royal Highness of their most faithful allegiance and fidelity; and that they will, with sentiments of sincere affection, invariably persevere in their dutiful attachment to your sacred Person and Government.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the foregoing Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint His Majesty's Council with the foregoing Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Rudolf and Mr. Heckman have leave to return to their homes, on their private affairs.

Then the House adjourned until Saturday, at ten of the Clock, the morrow being Good Friday.

Saturday, 1st April, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Resolved, That the Room adjoining the Court-House be exclusively applied for the use of the House of Assembly, as a Committee-Room, and for a deposit for the Papers and Records of the House; and also, that the whole of the Cellar under the Room, used for the sittings of the Court of Chancery, in the Province Building, be also, exclusively appropriated for the use of the House of Assembly; and, that the Clerk of the House be, and is hereby, authorised, to have these apartments conveniently fitted up, and that this House will provide for the expence of the same.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to the Right Honorable the Governor in Chief, on the subject of the Vote of this House, on the 28th ultimo, for granting the sum of One Thousand Pounds for the purchase of a Star and Sword to be presented to His Excellency, and thereupon;

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Lawson, Mr. J. L. Chipman, and Mr. Morse, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, the Petition of Edward Ducket was read by the Clerk: and thereupon,
Resolved, That the consideration of the said Petition be deferred to the next Session.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill on the subject of an Issue of Treasury Notes, and accordingly presented a Bill to empower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second time, and the said Bill was read a second time 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 consideration of the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James 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 without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade; and authorising Courts of Session to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers of this Province; and also the Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, in addition to, and amendment thereof.

The Council request a Conference by Committee on the subject of the Bill for the more speedy recovery of His Majesty's Debts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference, and that the Clerk do inform the Council with the same.

Ordered, That Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Prescott, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. J. I. Chipman reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Resolved, That a further 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 had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House,

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. J. I. Chipman reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

An engrossed Bill to empower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of, an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for incorporating certain Persons, therein mentioned, for Insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares and Merchandises, from loss and damage by fire. And also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Treasury Note Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the Conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Ruggles, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House: and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the last conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported, that the Council had agreed to a further conference, as desired by the House.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, That the Resolution of this House, passed on the fourteenth day of April, 1819, respecting the several Townships and Settlements entitled to a Provincial Allowance for Schools, shall not be continued in force after the first day of May next.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Chief, on the subject of the Resolution passed on the 28th ultimo; that the Committee 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 is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

The Right Honorable

GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

Baron DALHOUSIE, of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and the Islands of Prince Edward and Cape Breton, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please Your Excellency,

THE House of Assembly of the Province of Nova-Scotia, at the close of the last Session which is to be honored by the presence of Your Lordship, as the immediate head of the Legislature, cannot refrain from expressing the high sense they entertain of the wisdom, propriety and efficiency, of Your Excellency's measures, during the peaceful and happy period you have presided over us.

WE assure Your Excellency that, although you are soon to be separated from us, the interest you have uniformly and successfully taken to promote the prosperity of the Province, and the happiness of the Inhabitants, will long be had in their remembrance; and we most respectfully request, as a testimonial of our affection and gratitude, that Your Excellency would be pleased to accept a Star and Sword, suited to the distinguished Military Honors conferred by our most gracious Sovereign upon Your Lordship; for the purchase of which, the House of Assembly have unanimously voted the sum of One Thousand Pounds.

THE period of Your Excellency's departure is fast approaching, and the House of Assembly, in this their last Act of Legislative Duty, beg leave to wish Your Lordship farewell; and to assure Your Excellency, that you will carry with you the most affectionate esteem of the House of Assembly, and the People of Nova-Scotia, whom they represent.

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

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the said Address to His Excellency, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Mr. Ritchie,⁹ pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time, and thereupon the said Bill was read a second time 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 consideration of the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Jones 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 without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the more speedy recovery of His Majesty's Debts within this Province, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

An engrossed Bill to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds, was read a third time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds.

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

On motion of Mr. W. A. Chipman, *resolved*, that Mr. Speaker do inform His Excellency the Governor in Chief, that this House will be ready to be prorogued by His Excellency by two of the Clock on Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at ten of the clock.

Monday, 3d April, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to know his pleasure when he would receive the Address of this House, that, owing to the lateness of the hour on Saturday, he had, as Chairman of the said Committee, communicated the Resolution on the subject, through His Excellency's Aid-de-Camp, Major Couper, and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint this day at half past twelve o'clock, at the Government House.

On motion the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the more speedy recovery of His Majesty's Debts within this Province, were severally read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Mr. Roach moved, that the consideration of the said amendments be deferred to this day three months, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion ten, against it ten,

So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote for the motion, and it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with their Address, pursuant to the Order of yesterday.

And being returned.

Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to give this Answer:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

YOU cannot doubt of the sentiments with which I receive this Address, still I must assure you, that, as presented to me by the Representatives of the People of Nova-Scotia, in their Legislative capacity, I receive it as one of the highest honors that can be conferred.

I have endeavoured, to the utmost of my abilities, to fulfil the Royal Instructions, and the gracious intentions of His Majesty respecting this Province; and this public declaration, of the satisfaction of the Country, will ever be to me a most gratifying record of my service here.

THE magnificent Testimonial of your regard, which you propose for my acceptance, is infinitely enhanced in value as being presented in a form that attaches it to those honors which have been conferred by my Royal Master; to these it shall stand in my esteem nearest, and in a manner associated, but it is my first duty to obtain His Majesty's permission to accept of it. Should His Majesty be most graciously pleased to grant my request, I shall inform you of it, meanwhile I beg you will accept from me a return of those expressions of farewell which close this Address, and of the kindness of which I am deeply sensible.

DALHOUSIE.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding £20,000.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ded.

On

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, to this House, on the 21st February last, communicating the reasons which have influenced His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to withhold his assent from the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act relating to Marriages, and the Issuing of Marriage Licenses, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that this House do come to the several Resolutions following, Viz.

Resolved, That the House deeply regret that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been advised to withhold his assent from that Bill, as this House are of opinion, the confining Marriage Licenses to the Clergy of the Church of England creates an invidious distinction, which is not only injurious to the Church itself, but grating to the feelings of a large and respectable majority of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province; and that this House considers every attempt to increase the Revenue, or extend the authority of the Church of England, by such means, at the expense of Christians of other denominations, as a violation of that Law which encouraged them to settle themselves in the Country.

Resolved, That this House have great reason to believe that the suggestion which influenced those who advised His Royal Highness to withhold his assent from that Bill, arose from interested individuals within this Province.

Resolved, That the uncertainty of the duration of the present Session, has prevented this House from taking any further step at this time, to remedy an evil so justly complained of throughout the Country; but that this House will, in its next Session, resume the subject, and take such measures therein, as may appear to them best calculated to remove the jealousies occasioned by the rejection of this Bill, and to preserve that harmony among persons of different persuasions, so essential to the peace and happiness of the Province.

Which motion being seconded, thereupon,

The first Resolution was put, and agreed to by the House.

The second Resolution was put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the passing the same, eleven; against it, eighteen:

For passing the Resolution,

Against passing the Resolution,

Mr. Bass
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Cutler
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Thos. Dickson
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Smith
Mr. Pool
Mr. Allison

Mr. Crane
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Prescott
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Albro
Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. James

Mr. Roach
Mr. Flemming
Mr. Purdy
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Morse
Mr. Cogswell
Mr. Haliburton

So it passed in the Negative.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by Mr. Secretary George,

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor in Chief commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency the Governor in Chief in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, Viz.

An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds.

An Act to continue an Act to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade; and authorising Courts of Session to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers of this Province; and also the Act, passed

sed in the fifty-ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, in addition to, and amendment thereof.

The Honorable Michael Wallace, Acting President of His Majesty's Council then presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, the Joint Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly to His Excellency, requesting His Excellency to endeavour to procure for His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, the same indulgence which has been extended to the Colony of Newfoundland, by the Act of 59th Geo. III. to which Address His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would take the earliest opportunity of complying with the request of the Council and the House, as expressed therein.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech, viz.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

THE attention which has been given to the dispatch of the Public Business of this Session, is entitled to my best acknowledgements, and enables me now to relieve you from further attendance,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I OBSERVE with satisfaction that the Supplies which have been voted for the Public Service, have been proportioned to the circumstances and means of the Province. I thank you for them in His Majesty's name; and you may rely upon their being faithfully applied.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I CANNOT allow you to separate without expressing my personal thanks for the support I have received in the administration of the Government, and for the repeated assurances of your approbation in the discharge of the duties of my station.

IT affords me great satisfaction at this moment to see the Province in the enjoyment of peace, contentment, and abundance of all the necessaries of life. It is perhaps still more pleasing to see the fairest promise of a continuance of those blessings increasing too by a rising spirit of industry, the active efforts of which will best express its powers and importance.

LEAVING you in that state, I cannot but feel most anxious for the future. Convinced as I am, that Nova-Scotia is growing in strength more rapidly than you are aware of, and that every year it is acquiring multiplied powers of energy and exertion, I feel it my duty to point out to you the objects which appear to me above all others important, to promote those happy prospects. Pre-eminent in these I consider a continued encouragement to the pursuits of agriculture as the only source and solid foundation of the prosperity of this and any other country. On it your commerce and your fisheries will grow to consequence; and while it languishes, these also will be limited and unprofitable.

I EARNESTLY recommend to your protection, the College now rising in this town. The state of the Province requires more extended means of education; and this College, open to all classes and denominations of Christians, will afford these means in the situation best suited to make them generally available. I am myself fully convinced that the advantages will be great even in our time, but growing, as it will grow, with the prosperity of the Province, no human foresight can imagine to what extent it may have spread its blessings, when your children's children shall compare the state of Nova-Scotia to what it is now.

Or less consequence, but yet most important also, I consider the existence and state of the Militia. It is the constitutional defence and security of the Province; and the protection of Twenty Thousand young and willing sons of your own families, ought not to be slighted or neglected by Government or the Legislature. The Militia is not at present what I have wished to see it, but there is all the loyalty I could desire, and, in many battalions, all the zeal and discipline I could possibly wish.

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THE scope of the Chief Command which His Majesty has been pleased to intrust to me, holds me responsible to watch over, and enquire into, the administration, circumstances and improvement, as well as the defence, of every one of these His Majesty's North-American Provinces. Under the blessing of God, I will do so to the best of my abilities; and not only by inquiry, but in the succeeding years by personally visiting every one of them. I should indeed feel infinite satisfaction in seeing the measures now only begun, still persevered in here, and realising all the hopes which I believe the great majority of the people of Nova-Scotia at this moment entertain.

HAVING thus discharged what I conceive to be an important, and perhaps my last important duty here, it only remains for me to offer my fervent prayers for the happiness and prosperity of you all individually.

Afterwards the Honorable Michael Wallace, Acting-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 eighth day June next, to be then here held; and this General Assembly is accordingly Prorogued to Thursday, the eighth day of June next.