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JOURNAL,

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA.

Wednesday June 6th, 1792.

THIRTEEN Members being met, agreeable to the Proclamation.

House met.

The Speaker took the Chair.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, commanding the Attendance of the House immediately in the Council-Chamber.

Message from His Excellency.

The Speaker and the House attended accordingly,

And being returned,

The Speaker *reported*, that the House had attended upon His Excellency in the Council-Chamber, where He was pleased to make a Speech, of which the Speaker said, he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which he read to the House, and is as followeth;

GENTLEMEN of the Council, and House of Assembly.

“ **H**IS Majesty having been graciously pleased to appoint me Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, I have, in Conformity to His Majesty’s Commission and Instructions, assumed the Administration of the Government committed to my Charge.
 “ Among the first and most pleasing of my official Duties, I consider the Honor now presented to me, of meeting you in *General-Assembly*, and adding my best Assistance to your Legislative Deliberations for the Prosperity of the Province.

His Excellency’s Speech.

“ The Situation of the Country—its Political Connection with *Great-Britain*, and the many natural Advantages it possesses, render it in most Respects equal, and in none inferior to any other.
 “ I am persuaded your own Knowledge and Experience will justify

“ my Opinion. It is therefore especially incumbent on us, to exert every Endeavor to bring these Advantages forward into general Utility.

“ To this end let me recommend to your Consideration the best Means of improving the Agriculture, Commerce, Fisheries, and Revenues of the Province. These must reciprocally aid each other; and to be availed of their Benefits, the Public Credit should be established, Morality and Literature promoted, Industry and Economy encouraged, Trade and the Fisheries cherished.

“ Your Zeal and Wisdom, I doubt not, will meet my warmest Wishes in these great Objects, and that the requisite Supplies will be cheerfully granted, as well for the current Services of the Year as for the necessary Support of the Public Credit. On my part, Gentlemen, you may be assured of the faithful Application of them, and of my best Care to carry into Effect the Result of Your Deliberations for the Public Welfare.

“ The noblest Motives combine to animate us :—The exemplary Loyalty of the Inhabitants of the Province, exerted on the most trying Occasions ;—the Protection and Support so liberally afforded to us by the Parent State ;—our Duty to the best of Sovereigns, who delights in the Happiness of his Subjects ;—a steady Love for our Country, and an honest Zeal for its Honor, cannot fail, with the Blessing of Providence, to render our Cares permanently useful to the Province, and highly honorable to the Government.

“ The necessary Papers and Information will be laid before you, by the proper Officers.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Putnam*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Hill*, and Major *Millidge* be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech.

Resolved, That no Petition of a private Nature be received after Saturday the 16th Instant.

A Petition of *John Meany* and *James Meany*, presented.

A Petition of *John Meany* and *James Meany*, was presented by Mr. *Pyke*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are Inhabitants of this Province, and have been dispossessed of nearly the whole of their Property by the Seizure and Condemnation of a Vessel and Cargo under very hard and singular Circumstances at *Sydney*, in the Island of *Cape-Breton*, and praying the House will interfere in their Behalf, that they may procure a Restitution for the same.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, June 7th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

The House being met, and no Business before the House;

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

Friday, June 8th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

William Cotnam Tonge, Esq; returned duly elected for the Township of Newport, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Member for Newport, take his Seat.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported a Draft, which being twice read, was agreed to unanimously, ordered to be engrossed, and is as follows :

Address reported.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, ESQUIRE.

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

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please Your Excellency,

“ HIS Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Representatives of the Province of Nova-Scotia, now in General Assembly, beg leave to return our best Thanks for Your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

“ We very sincerely congratulate you, Sir, on your Appointment to the Government of this Province ; and acknowledge with Gratitude His Majesty's Goodness in committing the Charge of this Part of his Dominions to a Person whose Zeal and Abilities have been so eminently distinguished, and which we are convinced will be exerted for the Happiness and Prosperity of his Subjects here.

“ We are fully sensible of the Value and Importance of our Connection with the Parent State, and that it is both our Duty and Interest to strengthen it on every Occasion as the best and surest Means of deriving essential and lasting Benefits from those natural Advantages which this Country possesses ; and we shall make it our Study to improve them by all the Means that are in our Power.

“ The

“ The promoting of Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries are
“ Objects which we consider of the first Importance, and will meet
“ our serious Attention as on their Increase and Success depend, the
“ Improvement of our Revenue and the Support of public Credit.

“ We will most cheerfully avail ourselves of all Opportunities that
“ may tend to encourage and promote Morality, Literature, Industry
“ and Economy, without which public Prosperity and Happiness
“ cannot be expected.

“ We shall proceed to deliberate upon such Business as may come
“ before us, with all the Attention and Dispatch that Circumstances
“ will admit of, and provide Ways and Means for such Supplies as
“ are requisite and essential to the Support of public Credit, as well as
“ for the current Service of the Year, having the fullest confidence,
“ that whatever may be granted by the People, will be faithfully and
“ œconomically applied.

“ And we beg leave to assure your Excellency of our earnest Desire
“ to co-operate with you in every measure, that may contribute to
“ render your Administration of this Government, honourable to
“ yourself, and beneficial to the Province.”

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Bulkeley*, do wait upon His Excellency, to know
when he will be attended by this House.

Committee appointed to examine
public Accounts:

Ordered, That Mr. *James*, Mr. *Wallace*, M. *Cochran*, Mr. *Pyke* and
Mr. *Tonge*, be a Committee of this House, to join a Committee of
His Majesty's Council for the Purpose of examining the public Ac-
counts, and reporting thereon, and that the Clerk do acquaint the
Council therewith.

Mr. *Bulkeley*, reported to the House, that having waited upon His
Excellency, pursuant to Order, to know when He would be attended
by the House; His Excellency was pleased to appoint To-morrow at
12 o'Clock, at the Government-House.

Committee appointed on expiring
Laws.

Ordered, That Major *Millidge*, Mr. *Morris*, and Captain *Howe*, be
a Committee to examine into, and report to this House such Laws are
near expiring.

Council appoint
Committee on public
Accounts.

A Message was received from the Council, to acquaint the House,
they had appointed a Committee to examine the public Accounts
jointly with the Committee of this House, and that they would be
ready to meet in the Council-Chamber on Monday next at Ten
o'Clock to proceed on the same,

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do attend accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at 11 of the Clock.

Saturday, June 9th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Major Millidge, ordered, that Major Millidge, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Tonge, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to enable the Creditors of absconding or absent Debtors to recover just and equal Proportions of such absconding Debtors, Property and Effects, and to prevent all unfair Advantages to one Creditor in preference to another.

Committee appointed to prepare Bill respecting absconding Debtors.

A Petition of Charles Lyons, and W. H. Sophia Lyons his Wife was presented by Mr. Tonge, and read, setting forth, that they are possessed of a certain Lot of Ground (commonly called the School House Lot) in the Town of Halifax, with valuable Buildings erected thereon, which they offer to convey to the Use of the Public for the small Sum of £800. for certain Reasons stated in their Petition, which they pray the House will take into their Consideration.

Petition of Charles Lyons and his Wife, presented.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Morris, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Times of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Colchester*, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill to regulate the times of holding Inferior Court at Colchester. Read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Speaker, and the House attended his Excellency with their Address pursuant to the Resolution of Friday last,

And being returned,

The Speaker reported, that His Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer to the same.

House wait on His Excellency with their Address.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

“ I Return you my sincerest Thanks for your very affectionate and respectful Address. Your consideration of His Majesty's most Gracious Pleasure in my Appointment to this Province, is in the highest Degree honorable to me; and your Intentions to promote the Ease and Happiness of my Administration present me with additional Reasons to hope my assiduous Endeavours for His Majesty's Service, and the Welfare of His faithful Subjects in this Province, will be successful.”

His Excellency's Answer.

JOHN WENTWORTH.

On Motion of Mr. Tonge, ordered, that Col. Delancey, Major Millidge, and Mr. Tonge, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to request he will be pleased to Order the Custos Rotulorum of the several Counties and Districts in this Province, to transmit to this House, Copies of the Assessments of the Poll Tax, and lists of the Persons who have been relieved by the Sessions from the whole or any Part of that Tax; and likewise Copies

Committee appointed respecting Assessments for Poll Tax and County Rates.

of the Assessments for the Rates in each County and District respectively, on which the County Taxes were collected for the last Year.

Petition of *Jonathan Prescott* and others, presented.

A Petition of *Jonathan Prescott, James Green, and Thomas Thompson*, was presented by Mr. *Morris*, and read, setting forth, that in the Year 1784, the Petitioners were appointed Commissioners, to make Sale of certain Lots of Ground at *Chester*, and appropriate the Proceeds to the opening of a Road from thence to *Windsor*, that in consequence of such Appointment they entered into a Contract, with one *William Nealson*, for opening part of said Road, who has sued for, and recovered a Judgment against them, for Fifty Pounds, being a Balance due him thereon, to the great Distress of themselves, and Families; and praying the House would take their Case into Consideration, and enable them to Discharge the same.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, *June 11th*, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Committee appointed respecting Assessments for Poll Tax, and County Rates report.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported, from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the Subject of the Assessments for the Poll Tax and County Rates in the several Counties and Districts in this Province, that His Excellency had been waited on pursuant to the Resolution of Saturday, and was pleased to say, he would give the necessary Directions respecting the said Assessments agreeable to the Request of this House.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Bill for establishing Workhouses, read first Time.

Captain *Howe*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for establishing and regulating Work-Houses in the several Counties within this Province, *Halifax* excepted, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Committee appointed on Highway Laws.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, ordered, that Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Sherlock*, Mr. *M'Monagle*, Capt. *Howe* and Mr. *Archibald*, be a Committee to consider the several Laws respecting Highways, and report such Amendments thereto, as they may deem expedient.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, June 12th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Major Millidge, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to confer with his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the Subject of dividing the Counties of Halifax, and Annapolis; and to know whether his Excellency has received any Information from his Majesty's Ministers, respecting two Petitions, from this House to his Majesty, on that Subject, in the Year 1790, transmitted by the late Lieutenant Governor Parr, likewise to request his Excellency would inform them, if he has any Instruction from his Majesty, to give his Assent to Bills for increasing the Representation in this Province.

Committee appointed to confer with His Excellency on Subject of dividing the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis.

Ordered, That Major Millidge, Major Barclay, and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

The Bill for regulating the Times of holding the Inferior Court, and Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Colchester, Also the Bill for establishing and regulating Work-Houses in the several Counties in this Province, Halifax excepted, were severally read a second Time.

Bill to regulate the Times of holding the Inferior Court, &c. at Colchester, Also Bill for establishing Work-houses read second Time.

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

According to the Order of the Day.

The House on Motion, resolved itself into a Committee to consider of Way and Means for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

House resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again to Morrow, on the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Pursuant to leave given, Major Barclay, presented a Bill for limiting the Duration or Continuance of the General Assemblies, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill for limiting Duration of the General Assemblies, read first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at 11 of the Clock.

Wednesday, June 13th 1792.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Benjamin Mulberry Holmes, was presented by Mr. Cochran, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner imported two Thousand four Hundred and Thirteen Gallons of Rum, from the Island of St. Kitts, in the Brigantine Joseph; and praying he may be relieved from paying the Impost Duty demanded thereon, for Reasons offered in the Petition.

Petition of B. M. Holmes, presented.

Petition of *William Taylor* presented.

A Petition of *William Taylor*, was presented by Mr. *Hill*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner in the Year 1790, received from the Island of *Grenada*, Twelve Puncheons of Rum, and praying he may be relieved from paying the Impost Duty demanded thereon, for Reasons offered in the Petition.

Petition of *Charles Hill* presented.

A Petition of *Charles Hill*, was presented by Mr. *Pyke*, and read, setting forth; that the Petitioner in the Year 1787, entered into Bonds with one Capt. *Walter Smith*, for the Payment of the Impost Duty on a Quantity of Rum imported in the *St. John's Packet*, Capt. *O'Laughlin*, from the Island of *Grenada*, which Bond he has been obliged to Pay, and praying the Amount thereof may be refunded him, for Reasons offered in the Petition.

Petition of Magistrates and Grand Jurors of County of *Cumberland* presented.

A Petition of the Magistrates and Grand Jurors of the County of *Cumberland*, was presented by Mr. *Marchinton*, and read, setting forth; that the Inhabitants in said District, suffer great Inconvenience from the Badness of the Roads, and praying the House would grant them one Hundred Pounds, to enable them to open a Road from the Town of *Amberst*, along the East-side of the River *Macan*, to the Half-way River, on the Road leading to *Patridge Island*; and for building a Bridge across the River *Napan*.

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

Correspondence with the Provincial Agent, &c. Communicated.

The Speaker, communicated to the House, his Correspondence on the Business of the Province, with the Provincial Agent Mr. *Cumberland*, and Col. *Lawrence*; and also, a Copy of a Report from him, to his late Excellency Lieutenant Governor *Parr*, on the Subject of the Whale Fishery, carried on in this Province.

Ordered, that the said Papers, do lie on the Table, for the Inspection of the Members.

Petition of *William Kidston* and others presented.

A Petition of *William Kidston* and others, of *Halifax*, Merchants and Traders, was presented by Mr. *Cochran*, and read, setting forth, that great Injury is occasioned to the Commerce and Revenue of this Country; by Strangers and transient Persons bringing with them into *Halifax*, and other Parts of the Province, Articles of Merchandize for Sale, and interfering with the established Traders of the Town and Province; and praying the House would pass an Act for laying a Duty, on all Articles of Merchandize, imported for Sale by Strangers and transient Persons into this Province, or grant them such other Relief in the Premises, as to them, may seem meet.

Ordered, that the Petition do lie on the Table.

Committee appointed to examine Accounts of the Collectors of Poll Tax at *Halifax*.

Ordered, that Major *Millidge*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Schwartz*, be a Committee to examine into the Accounts of the Collectors of the Poll Tax, for the Town and District of *Halifax*, and obtain from them, the Reasons why the said Tax has not been fully collected, and Report thereon, to this House.

Ordered, that the said Collectors do attend on the Committee accordingly, whenever notified for that Purpose, by the Clerk.

On Motion, the Order of the Day, for the House going into a Committee of Ways and Means, for the Support of His Majesty's Government, was adjourned until To-morrow.

Order of the Day adjourned.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the Bill for regulating the Times of holding the Inferior Court and Sessions of the Peace in the District of Colchester, also the Bill for establishing and regulating Work-Houses in the several Counties within this Province, Halifax excepted.

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Report.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at 11 of the Clock.

Thursday, June 14th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Moses Pitcher*, was presented by Mr. Hill and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner was appointed by his late Excellency Lieutenant Governor *Parr*, one of the Coroners for the County of *Shelburne*, in which Office he served for many Years; that there is a Balance of Fifty Pounds yet due him for his Services, from the said County, for the payment of which they have made no Provision, and praying the House would take his Case into Consideration, and grant him such Relief, as to them may seem meet.

Petition of *Moses Pitcher*, presented.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, that the Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Colchester*, be ordered to attend this House, to Account for his Conduct, in irregularly admitting to an Entry dutiable Articles imported in the Schooner *Truro*, in June 1791. Also for not having complied with the Requisitions of the Law imposing Duties on such Articles, and likewise for not having accounted for his Collections, in Manner prescribed by Law.

Resolution respecting Collector of the Impost and Excise for the District of *Colchester*.

Ordered, That the Speaker do demand the immediate Attendance of the said Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Colchester*, by a Special Messenger, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

Order thereon.

According to the Order of the Day.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of Ways and Means for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman of the Committee *reported*, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again To-morrow on the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Report.

Committee appointed on subject of dividing Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, &c. Report.

Major *Barclay*, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the Subject of dividing the Counties of *Halifax* and *Annapolis*; that his Excellency had been waited on, and was pleased to say, he had received no Information whatever, from His Majesty's Ministers, respecting the two Petitions from this House to His Majesty in the Year 1790, also, that his Excellency would inform this House in the Course of a few Days, whether he has an Instruction from His Majesty, to give his Assent to Bills, for increasing the Representation in this Province.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at 11 of the Clock.

Friday, June 15th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Petition of *William Forsyth & Co.* presented.

A Petition of *William Forsyth & Co.* Merchants, was presented by Mr. *Hill* and read, setting forth, that as the Law now stands, which regulates the Light Money to be paid by Vessels entering the Harbour of *Halifax*, those not wholly owned in the Province are subject to an additional Duty of two pence per Ton; that although the Petitioners are Freeholders, and have on all occasions contributed their Proportion of the Public Burthens, yet they have been obliged heretofore to pay the said Duty on their Vessels, because two of their Partners are resident in Great Britain; and praying the House will grant them Relief in the Premises.

Petition of *William Forsyth & Co.* presented.

A Petition of *William Forsyth & Co.* was presented by Mr. *Hill* and read, setting forth, that in the Year 1790, the Petitioners imported a Quantity of Madeira Wine from *Jamaica*, upon which they paid Provincial Duties to the Amount of £31. that not being able to dispose of the said Wine, they reshippt the same to *Jamaica* in the Month of *July* following; and praying the House would order the Duties to be refunded them for Reasons stated in the Petition.

Ordered, that the Petitions do severally lie on the Table.

According to the Order of the Day.

House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again To-morrow, on the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Petition of *James Kavanagh* presented.

A Petition of *James Kavanagh*, was presented by Captain *Howe*, and read, setting forth, that in the Year 1785, the Petitioner carried on an extensive Fishery in the Island of *Cape Breton*, whither he sent large Quantities of Rum and other Articles, on which he paid the Provincial

Provincial Duties without drawing back any part of the same on Exportation, by which Circumstance, he has suffered materially, and praying he may be heard by his Counsel on the Merits of the Petition.

A Petition of *John Allan*, and others, Inhabitants of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Wallace*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, and the Inhabitants of the Town in general, suffer much Inconvenience from a Clause in the Act for regulating the Market, which prevents Butchers from selling their Meat in any other part of the Town than the Market House, and praying a Repeal of the said Clause, or such other Relief in the Premises, as to the House may seem meet.

Petition of *John Allan* and others presented.

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

Pursuant to leave given, Mr. *Archibald* presented a Bill, in Amendment of an Act, for the better regulating of Elections, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill for regulating Elections, read first Time.

Mr. *Hill* moved, That the said Bill be dismissed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Ten, against it Sixteen, so it passed in the Negative.

Motion thereon:

Resolved, That the Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at 11 of the Clock.

Saturday, June 16th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Resolved, That the House will on Monday next the 18th Instant go into the Consideration of Private Petitions.

A Petition of *William Lawlor* of *Halifax*, Painter, was presented by Captain *Hovee*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has erected a Mill and Presses for making Linseed Oil at the Expence of nearly £800, and praying the House will grant him a Bounty on every Barrel of Oil produced by his Mill, or afford him such other Encouragement to enable him to pursue his Undertaking, as to them may seem meet.

Petition of *William Lawlor* presented.

A Petition of *George Bell*, and others, Merchants, was presented by Mr. *Hill*, and read, setting forth that the present Mode of gauging Casks with a gauging Rod, and marking their Contents, is often Subject to Errors, and praying the House would take the Act for appointing Gaugers into Consideration, and amend the same, by compelling all Gaugers in future to use Callipers only, and to mark the Contents of each Cask more legibly.

Petition of *George Bell* and others presented,

A Petition of *Benjamin Knaut*, High Sheriff of the County of *Lunenburg*, was presented by Mr. *Wilkins*, and read, setting forth, that the Sum of Eighteen Pounds is due him for the Subsistence and Execution of the two *Botelieurs*, who suffered at *Lunenburg*, for Murder in *May* last,

Petition of *Benjamin Knaut* presented.

last, and praying the House will grant him Payment of the same, or such other Relief as they may think proper.

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

House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

According to the Order of the Day.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

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

Committee appointed respecting further increasing of the Revenue.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider of the best Mode to be adopted for the further increasing of the Revenue, and Report thereon.

Ordered, That Major Millidge, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Morris, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Hill, Mr. Tonge and Major Barclay be a Committee for that Purpose.

Petition of John M^r Alpine and others presented.

A Petition of *John M^r Alpine*, and others of *Halifax*, Butchers, was presented by Mr. Tonge, and read, setting forth, that much Injury arises to them individually, as well as to the Inhabitants of the Town in general, by a Clause in the Act of this Province, passed in the 34th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, which prohibits all Persons whatsoever from selling or exposing to Sale any Butcher's Meat in any Shop or Stall in the Town and Suburbs of *Halifax*, other than in the Market-House, and praying the House would take the same into Consideration, and pass an Act for repealing the said Clause, or grant such other Relief in the Premises as to them may seem meet.

Petition of Overseers of Poor of Halifax presented.

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of *Halifax*, for the Year 1790, was presented by Mr. Wallace, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are yet indebted to sundry Persons on Government Account for Supplies to the Poor-House in the Sum of £40. 2. 2. that the Persons to whom they stand thus indebted, threaten to commence immediate Prosecutions against them in a private Capacity, unless their Demands are discharged, and praying the House will grant them the necessary Relief.

Petition of Alexander Gay presented.

A Petition of *Alexander Gay*, Attorney to *William Hale*, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, setting forth, that the said *William Hale*, was nominated Treasurer by the Commissioners appointed by the late Lieutenant-Governor *Parr*, to superintend the Building of a Light-House at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*, that there remains a Balance due him of £119. 7. 6. from the First of *June*, 1791, on Account of the Expenditures for said Building, and praying the House will take the same into Consideration, and grant him such Relief in the Premises as to them may seem meet.

A Petition of *Alexander Cocken*, was presented by Mr. *Wilkins*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner was appointed Keeper of the Light House at *Shelburne* in the Year 1788, by his late Excellency Lieutenant Governor *Parr*, that he has received only Sixty Pounds for his Services, and praying the House will grant him a further Compensation for the same, or such other Relief as they may think proper.

Petition of *Alexander Cocken* presented.

On Motion of Major *Barclay*, resolved, That the Committee of this House on the public Accounts do wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting he will direct the Attorney General to prosecute without delay the Bonds of *George Deschamps* and others, *James Smith* and others, and *John Newton* and others, and all other public Bonds, the Obligors of which are Delinquents, and that the said Committee do deliver to His Excellency, a List of the Names of such public Delinquents.

Resolution for the prosecution of public Delinquents.

The Bill in Amendment of the Act for regulating Elections, was read a second Time.

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

The Bill for regulating Elections, read second time

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

Monday, June 18th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

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

House resolve itself into Committee on private Petitions.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again To-morrow on the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Report.

George Henry Monk, Esqr; returned duly elected for the County of *Hants*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Member for County of *Hants*, takes his Seat.

The Committee appointed to examine into the Accounts of the Collectors of the Poll Tax for the Town and District of *Halifax*, made a Report, which was read, and thereupon

Committee appointed respecting Assessments for Poll Tax and County Rates. Report.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, June 19th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

House resolve
itself into Commit-
tee on private Peti-
tions.

According to the Order of the Day ;
On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the fur-
ther Consideration of private Petitions.

The Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. *Jessen* took the Chair,
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone
through the Business to them referred, and delivered a Report, which
was read and is as follows, viz.

The Petition of *John Meany* and *James Meany* with the several Do-
cuments in Support of the same, was considered, and thereupon.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the House, to desire the
Speaker, to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the
said Petition, and the Proofs and Proceedings accompanying the same,
and to request in the Name of the House, that His Excellency will
take the most effectual Means in his Power to procure Redress for the
Petitioners ; and at the same Time, to prevent such Evils happening
in future, and that it likewise be recommended to the House, to in-
struct the Speaker to transmit Copies thereof to the Agent of the
Province, and in the Name of the House, to request such Agent to
interfere with His Majesty's Ministers, to procure Redress for the
Petitioners, and to prevent the like Injury from ever happening again.

The Petition of *Charles Hill* was considered, as also the Vouchers in
Support thereof, and thereupon

Resolved, That the Sum of Eighteen Pounds, Seventeen Shillings
and nine pence, be granted to the Petitioner in full of his Demand,
he having withdrawn his claim for Cofts accrued on the Bond, amount-
ing to four Pounds Fifteen Shillings and one Penny.

Report.

The Petition of *Charles Lyons*, and *W. H. Lyons* his Wife, was
withdrawn.

The Petition of *Benjamin Mulberry Holmes* was considered, as also
the Vouchers produced by him in Support of the same, and thereupon.

Resolved, That the Petitioner is entitled to Relief, and that the
Bond given by him for certain Impost Duties on a Quantity of Rum
imported from the Island of *St. Kitt's*, in the Brigantine *Joseph* be can-
celled.

The Petition of the Magistrates and Grand Jurors of the County
of *Cumberland* was considered, and thereupon

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed, it being inconsistent with
the present Situation of the Province to grant any Money for Roads.

The Petition of *William Taylor* was read, and thereupon

Resolved, That the Petition do lie on the Table to be considered in
the

the next Sessions ; and that the Collectors of the Impost and Excise at *Halifax*, do postpone demanding the Payment of *Mr. Taylor's* Bond, for the Impost Duties, until that Period.

The Petition of *William Kidston* and others, withdrawn.

The Petition of *Moses Pitcher* being considered, and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed, it being out of the Power of this Committee to grant him any Relief whatever.

The Petition of *William Forsyth, & Co*, praying to be relieved from paying the additional Light House Duty, was withdrawn.

The Petition of *William Forsyth, & Co*, respecting Duties paid by him on Wine exported to the Island of *Jamaica* was considered, and thereupon

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of *James Kavanagh*, was read, and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed, it not being in the Power of this Committee, to consider the same, the Merits having been repeatedly decided upon by the House.

The Petition of *John Allan* and others, also the Petition of *John McAlpine* and others; also the Petition of *William Lawlor*, and also the Petition of *George Bell* and others, were severally withdrawn.

The Petition of *Benjamin Knaut* was considered, and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed, and that the Clerk be directed to recommend to the Petitioner, to make Application to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for Payment of Ten Pounds of his Demand, and to the County of *Lunenburg* for the remaining Balance.

The Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of *Halifax*, for the Year 1790, was considered, and thereupon

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of *Alexander Gay* was considered, and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of *Jonathan Prescott, James Green, and Thomas Thompson* was considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of *Alexander Cocken* was considered, and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed.

Which Report, and the Resolutions as passed in the Committee being severally put to the House, the same were agreed to.

Agreed to.

The Committee appointed to consider of the best Mode to be adopted for the further increasing of the Revenue made a Report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Major *Millidge* pursuant to leave given presented a *Bill in Amendment of*
the

Bill respecting appointment of Gaugers, read first time.

the Act for the Appointment of sworn Gaugers, &c. and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the said Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

House resolve itself into Committee on Ways and Means.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of Ways and Means for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the several Bills, which stand Committed,

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for regulating the Times of holding the *Inferior Court and the Sessions of the Peace* in the District of *Colchester*, and had agreed to the same with Amendments, and prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the several Bills to them referred, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee, was *ordered* to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-morrow.

Order thereon.

Bills to appoint Inspectors of Flour, &c. Also Bill to regulate summary Trial of Actions, read a first Time.

Mr. *Pyke* pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Meal within the Town of Halifax*, and *to regulate the Sale of Potatoes*. Also a *Bill to regulate the summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and County of Halifax*, and the same were severally read a first Time.

Resolved, That the said Bills do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

Bill for limiting duration of the General Assemblies, read second Time.

The Bill *for limiting the Duration or Continuance of the GENERAL ASSEMBLIES*, was read a second Time.

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

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at 12 of the Clock.

Wednesday, June 20th 1792.

PRAYERS.

Resolution respecting Overseers of the Poor of Halifax for 1790.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *resolved*, That the Resolution of Yesterday, respecting the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of *Halifax* for the Year 1790, be rescinded, and that the Petitioners have leave to be heard in Support of their Petition.

The Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the 31st Year of his present

present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to regulate the Times of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Colchester, &c.* being engrossed, was read a third Time, and passed.

Bill to regulate Times of holding Inferior Courts: Colchester.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the several Resolutions of this House for granting Money to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

The Bill to *appoint Inspectors of Flour and Meal within the Town of Halifax, and to regulate the Sale of Potatoes*, and also,

Bill to appoint Inspectors of Flour, &c. Also Bill to regulate Summary Trial of Actions. Read a 2d Time.

The Bill to *regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax*, 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 on the several Bills, which stand committed.

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that the Committee had made further Progress in the *Bill for regulating Elections*, and prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same, and also the several other Bills to them referred, which Report the House agreed to.

Report.

The Committee of His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the public Accounts made a Report, which was read, and is as followeth, viz.

Committee on public Accounts report

Treasurer.	{	His Accounts to the 26th <i>May</i> 1792, are exact, well stated, and properly Vouched.	
Collectors of Excise and Impost at HALIFAX.		Their Accounts to the 31st <i>March</i> 1792, are well stated and correct, and the Sum of £3395. 11. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. has been paid to the Treasurer; And a Balance in the Hands of Mr. <i>John Newton</i> , to the 31st <i>December</i> last, to be accounted for £793. 15. 8. Also an accepted Order due from Mr. <i>Newton</i> . } 20. 0. 0.	£813. 15. 8.

Collectors of Excise and Impost	There appears to have been paid to the Treasurer to the 30th <i>May</i> 1791, £193. 0. 4. and the Accounts have not been audited agreeable to the Minutes and Report of the Committee of public Accounts in the last Sessions.	
at	The present Collector has rendered his Accounts to 2d <i>June</i> 1792, and the Collections for last Year amounts only to £135. 8. 6. part of this Sum, (say £22. 10. 0.) appears to have been received by the Treasurer, the Remainder is to be accounted for, say - - -	£112. 18. 6.
SHELburne.	The Capitation Tax from thence hath not been sent, and only the Sum of £14. collected, and is yet in the Hands of the Collector.	
Ditto at ANNAPOLIS.	His Accounts correct, and well stated, and has paid to the Treasurer - - - £313. 4. 3. Also Bonds, amounting to - - -	£50. 13. 3.
Ditto at HANTS.	His Accounts correct, and well stated to the 18th <i>November</i> 1791, and paid the Treasurer £187. 0. 4½. (No Accounts or Collections since.)	
Ditto at LIVERPOOL.	No Accounts since <i>October</i> 1791, but a Balance remaining in his Hands at that period - - -	£103. 4. 5.
Ditto at	There appears a Sum paid by the Collector to the Treasurer to the 24th <i>June</i> 1791, - £4. 3. 5. Bonds remaining in his Hands due from that District to that Period Bonds remaining in his Hands to <i>June</i> , 1792. - - -	£128. 15. 0. £109. 10.
Ditto at CORNWALLIS.	His Accounts to <i>June</i> 1791, correct, and the Sum of £53. 6. 8. paid the Treasurer, also a Bond in the Hands of the Treasurer of - - - (No Accounts or Remittance since.)	£215. 16. 7½.
Ditto at LUNENBURG.	His Accounts correct, and the Sum of £77. 5. 5. paid the Treasurer to <i>March</i> 1792, and Securities in his Hands to the Amount of - - -	£21. 13. 3.
Ditto at Guisborough.	His Accounts and Collections to <i>December</i> 1790, Amounting to £69. 13. 13. paid the Treasurer, part of which is an accepted Order of £20. not yet paid, - - - (No Accounts or Remittance since.)	£20. 0. 0.

<i>Ditto</i> at CUMBERLAND	} No Accounts or Remittance, but the old Balance due from Mr. Law, not yet paid	£80. 0. 0.
<i>Ditto</i> of <i>Licensed</i> <i>Houses.</i>		} There appears to have been collected between the 19th <i>March</i> 1791, and 31st <i>January</i> 1792, and all paid as appears by his Accounts £526. 15. 1.
<i>Sambro Light-</i> <i>House.</i>	} The Accounts are correct and properly vouched, and collected to 31st <i>March</i> 1792, £333. 6. 2. Expenditure as per Account 224. 14. 7.	
<i>Transient</i> <i>Poor.</i>	} It appears by the Treasurer's Accounts, there has been paid between 30th <i>June</i> 1791, and 29th <i>March</i> 1792, the Sum of £525. 13. 4½	

There appears a Balance of Bonds in the the Hands of the *Attorney General*.

Amount of Outstanding Debts, viz.

On Account of Collections of Excise and Impos.	<i>John Newton,</i>	-	£813. 15. 8.	
	<i>George Deschamps,</i>		394. 4. 7.	
	<i>Matibew Gabitt,</i>	-	605. 6. 10.	
	Bonds from <i>Cornwallis,</i>		215. 16. 7½.	} <i>John Whidden,</i> <i>and Co.</i>
	<i>Ditto</i> from <i>Colchester,</i>		128. 15. 0.	
	<i>Ditto</i> from <i>Annapolis,</i>		68. 12. 10.	} <i>Tettons and Burket.</i>
	Collector of <i>Liverpool,</i>		103. 4. 5.	
	<i>Ditto</i> of <i>Cumberland,</i>		80. 0. 0.	
	<i>Ditto</i> of <i>Colchester,</i>		96. 7. 3.	
			<hr/>	£2,506. 3. 2½.
<i>Licensed</i> <i>Houses.</i>	} <i>Estate Francis Shipton,</i>		£300. 12. 9.	
		<i>James Gautier,</i>	-	396. 3. 9.
		<hr/>	£.696. 16. 6.	

Balance of Bonds in the Hands of the *Attorney General*.

Dr.

Dr. The State of the Provincial Fund of NOVA-SCOTIA, to the 26th MAY 1792. Cr.

To the Amount of the old Funded Debt.	£17,784.	2.	7.
Amount of the new Funded Debt.	4,895.	2.	1.
Demands on the Treasury to 26th May 1792.	2,138.	11.	1.
	<u>£24,817.</u>	15.	9.

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

By Balance of Bonds in the Hands of the Collectors of Excise and Impost at Halifax, 31st March, 1792.	£1,435.	10.	0.
Balance in the Hands of the Treasurer, viz.			
Capitation Tax, £166.	0.	5½.	
Impost and Excise Duties, 244.	17.	2.	
	<u>£410.</u>	17.	7½.
By Balance due the Creditors of Government exclusive of outstanding Debts.	22,971.	8.	1½.
	<u>£24,817.</u>	15.	9.

BENJAMIN JAMES,
MICHAEL WALLACE,
Wm. COCHRAN,
J. G. PYKE,
W. C. TONGE. }
Committee of the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

Thursday, June 21st, 1792.

PRAYERS.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of Ways and Means for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

House resolve itself into Committee on Ways and Means.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, That they had gone through the Business to them referred, and had prepared and agreed to a Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue herein aftermentioned ; and also of a Bill for the further Increase of the Revenue of this Province by raising a Duty of Excise on certain enumerated Articles, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bills as passed in the Committee were on Motion, read a first Time.

Report.

Order thereon.

Resolved, That the said Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

A Petition of the Merchants of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Hill*, and read, sitting forth, that the Petitioners understanding a Bill is now before the House for increasing the Revenue, beg leave to represent, that should the same pass into a Law it will prove highly injurious to the Trade and Welfare of this Colony, and praying the House would take the same into Consideration and grant the necessary Relief in the Premises.

Petition of the Merchants of *Halifax* presented.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. *James*, reported from the Committee on the public Accounts, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, had been waited on, pursuant to the Resolution of Saturday last, requesting His Excellency would direct the Attorney General to prosecute the Bonds of all public Delinquents, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, the most speedy Measures should be adopted, to comply with the Request of this House.

Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency on subject of public Defaulters, Report.

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

Friday, June 22d, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Captain *Howe*, moved, That the Petition of the Merchants of *Halifax* be dismissed, which being seconded, and put, and the House

dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Twelve, against it Sixteen. So it passed in the Negative.

Bill for further increase of Revenue, read second time.

The Bill for the further Increase of the Revenue of this Province by raising a Duty of Excise on certain enumerated Articles, was read a second Time.

Resolution thereon.

On Motion *resolved*, That the said Bill be rejected.

Mr. *Wilkins*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill, for the further Increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province, leave given.

Petition of *John and Edward Kerby* and others presented.

A Petition of *John and Edward Kerby* and others, Manufacturers, Artificers and Tradesmen in *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Pyke*, and read, sitting forth, that the Petitioners entirely depend on their respective Trades and Occupations for the Subsistence of themselves and Families, and praying the House will pass an Act imposing a Duty on all ready made Articles imported into the Province, as an Encouragement to them in their several Occupations.

Resolution respecting Petitions against money Bills.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On Motion of Major *Barclay*, *Resolved*, That no Petition in future, be received on the Subject of any Money Bill, while the same is pending before this House.

Copies of Assessment for Poll Tax in County of *Hants* and *King's County* received.

The Deputy Secretary of the Province, by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House Copies of the Assessments for the Poll Tax, in the County of *Hants*, and *King's County*, and the same were *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Bill for raising additional Excise Duty read second time.

The Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise on Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue hereinafter mentioned, was read a second Time.

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

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

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

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

Bill to regulate times holding Inferior Court &c. in District *Colchester*, agreed to by the Council.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council with the Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the 31st year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, an Act to regulate the Times of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of *Colchester*, agreed to.

Also, resolve in favor of *Charles Hill* and *B. M. Holmes* not agreed to.

Also the *Resolve* in favor of *Charles Hill*, and the *Resolve* in Favor *Benjamin Mulberry Holmes*, not agreed to.

The House went again to Committee,

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

the Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise on Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. And also the Bill for Establishing and regulating Work-Houses, in the several Counties within this Province, Halifax excepted, and had agreed to the said Bills with Amendments, and prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bills as passed in the Committee, were ordered to be Engrossed and read a third Time To-morrow.

Report of Committee on Bills.

Order thereon:

Mr. Wallace pursuant to leave given presented a Bill to revive and amend an Act for establishing the Standard Weight of Grain, &c. and the same was read a first Time.

Bill for establishing Standard Weight of Grain, &c. read first Time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do lie on the Table, to be read a second time.

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

Saturday, June 23d, 1792.

PRAYERS.

A Bill intituled an Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the 33d Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for regulating and maintaining an House of Correction or Work House within the Town of Halifax, and binding out poor children, and to extend certain Provisions therein to the whole of the Province, also

Bill for establishing Work Houses &c.

A Bill intituled an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for amending and continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue herein after mentioned, being engrossed, the same were severally read a third time, and passed.

Also Bill for raising additional Excise Duty.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Sent to the Council.

Mr. Wilkins pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the further Increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Bill for further increase of the Revenue by raising Duty of Excise, read first Time.

Mr. Tonge pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Amendment of An Act for establishing a Public Market at the Market House in Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Bill in Amendment of Act for establishing Public Market, read first Time.

Resolved, That the said Bills do severally lie on the Table, to be read a second time.

The Bill to revive and Amend an Act for the establishing the Weight of Grain, &c. was read a second time.

Bill for establishing Standard Weight of Grain, &c. read second Time.

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

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

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report of Com-
mittee.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and had agreed to the same with amendments, and prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, which Report the House to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time on Monday.

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

Monday, June 25th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Bill to regulate
Summary Trial of
Actions.

The Bill intituled an Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, being engrossed, was read a third Time, and passed.

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Bill for further in-
crease of Revenue
by raising Duty of
Excise, read second
Time.

The Bill 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 second Time.

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

List of Persons re-
lieved from Poll
Tax in County of
Halifax, presented.

The Deputy Secretary of the Province, by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a list of Persons relieved and exempted from the Poll Tax by His Majesty's Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax, and the same was ordered to lie on the Table.

House resolve itself
into a Committee
on Bills.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the several Bills which stand committed.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the further Increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province, and had agreed to the same with Amendments, and prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the several Bills to them referred, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time to Day.

Order thereon.

The Speaker informed the House, that Mr. Cutton, the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Colchester, was attending at

at

Bar pursuant to the Order of the House, and desired a Copy of the Charges brought against him, and thereupon.

Mr. *Belcher*, delivered in the Charges of Misconduct against Mr. *Cutten*, which had come to his Knowledge, which were read, and are as follows, viz.

Charges exhibited against Collector of District of *Colchester*.

That he Mr. *Cutten*, as Collector of the District of *Colchester*, permitted dutiable Articles to be entered within, and removed out of his District without the same having been gauged or weighed, and that he has also detained the public Monies in his Hands.

On Motion of Major *Millidge*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into, and examine Mr. *Cutten*, on the said Charges exhibited against him, and report thereon to this House as speedily as possible.

Resolution thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *James*, Major *Millidge*, Mr. *Wollenhaupt* and Major *Monk*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

The Bill in Amendment of an Act for establishing a public Market at the Market House in Halifax, was read a second Time.

Bill in amendment of Act for establishing public Market, read second time.

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

Mr. *Tonge* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable Commissioners to make Sale of a public Lot of Ground called the School House Lot in the Town of Halifax, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill to enable Commissioners to sell School House Lot, read first time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

The Bill for the further Increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province, being engrossed, was read a third Time and passed.

Bill for farther increase of Revenue by Excise Duty.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Sent to the Council.

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

House resolve itself into a Committee on Bills.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in Amendment of the Act for regulating of Elections, and had agreed to the same with Amendments, and prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time to-morrow.

Report.

Order thereon.

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

Tuesday, June 26th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Bill in amendment
of Act for regulating
Elections.
Sent to the Council.

The *Bill in Amendment of an Act for the better regulating of Elections*, being engrossed, the same was read a third Time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Report of Commit-
tee on Charges ex-
hibited against Col-
lector of Colchester.

The Committee appointed to examine Mr. *Cutten* Collector of the Impost and Excise for the District of *Colchester*, on the Charges exhibited against him by Mr. *Belcher* made a Report, which was read and is as follows :

That on the first Charge, the Collector acknowledges that he did not swear the Master of the Vessel, neither did he go on Board the Vessel, he declares he did not know the Duty required of him by Law, and that he endeavoured all in his Power to get Possession of the Revenue Laws, but could not obtain them, neither could he obtain any information to assist him in his Duty, and that this was the first Instance in which he had been called on to Exercise the Duty of his Office.

That on the second Charge of keeping the public Monies in his Hands, he says, that the Person who had given the Bond, had from time to time, promised him Payment, and on that Account, he did not send the Bonds to the Treasurer in due Season, that the said Bond is now lodged with the Treasurer as appear by a Receipt Mr. *Cutten* has in his Possession.

That there appears a great Deal of Candour in Mr. *Cutten's* whole Behaviour before the Committee, and they are of Opinion, that he has been led into Error intirely through Ignorance of his Duty.

The House having considered the above Report.

Resolution thereon.

On Motion of Mr. *Pyke*, *resolved*, That Mr. *Cutten*, the Collector of the District of *Colchester*, be dismissed from his Attendance on this House.

Bill in amendment
of Act to raise a
Revenue,
read first time.

Major *Barclay* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the Thirty first Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, (the funded Debt only excepted)* and the same was read a first Time.

Bill in addition to
Act for holding In-
ferior Court &c. in
Township of Yar-
mouth,
read first time.

Mr. *Pool* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to an Act, entitled, *an Act for establishing the Times of holding Inferior Courts, &c. in the Township of Yarmouth*, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill in amendment
of Act respecting
absent Proprietors
of Lands,

Mr. *Tonge* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition and Amendment of an Act to enable the Inhabitants in the several Townships in the Province, to cause absent Proprietors of Lands to bear their just Proportion

tion in repairing Highways, Roads, &c. and the same was read a first Time. Read first time.

Resolved, That the Bills do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill for raising an Additional Duty of Excise on Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for amending and continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue herein after mentioned, agreed to. Bill for raising additional Excise Duty, agreed to by the Council.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the several Bills which stand committed, House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

The Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,
The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for limmitting the Duration or Continuance of the General Assemblies, and had agreed to the same without Amendment; that they had also gone through the Bill in Addition to the Act for appointing Gaugers, &c. And the Bill to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Meal within the Town of Halifax, and had agreed to the same with Amendments, and prayed leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bills as passed in the Committee were ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-morrow. Report.

Order thereon.

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

Wednesday, June 27th 1792.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Tonge pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Amendment of the Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Sambro-Island, and the same was read a first Time. Bill in amendment of Light House Act, read first time.

The Committee appointed to examine into the several Laws respecting Roads, Highways, &c. reported and presented, a Bill in further Addition to and Amendment of an Act made in the first Year of His present Majesty's Reign for the repairing of Highways, Roads, &c. and the same was read a first Time. Bill in amendment of Highway Act, read first time.

Resolved, That the said Bills do lie on the Table to be read second Time.

A Bill intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, for the Appointment of Sworn Gaugers, ascertaining their Duty, granting them an Allowance, and establishing their Fees. Bill in amendment of Act respecting Gaugers.

Also, a Bill intituled an Act, to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Meal within the Town of Halifax, and also, Also, Bill to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Meal, and also,

A Bill intituled an Act, for Limiting the Duration or Continuance of the General Assemblies, being engrossed, were severally read a third Time and passed. Bill for limiting duration of General Assemblies.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same. Sent to the Council.

On

Overseers of the Poor of Halifax for 1790 heard.

On Motion of Mr. Hill, the Overseers of the Poor of Halifax, for the Year 1790, was admitted at the Bar of the House and heard on the Merits of their Petition, presented to this House and having withdrawn.

Resolution respecting ditto.

On Motion of Mr. Tonge, resolved, That the Sum of Forty eight Pounds two Shillings and two pence be granted and paid to the said Overseers of the Poor, pursuant to the Prayer of their Petition.

Bill in amendment of Act for regulating Elections, agreed to by the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Resolution to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

A Message was received from the Council with the *Bill in Amendment of the Act for the better Regulating of Elections*, agreed to.

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the several Bills, which stand committed,

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Belcher took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the *Bill to amend and revive the Act for establishing the Standard Weight of Grain, &c.* And had agreed to the same with Amendments, also that they had deferred to a future Day, the Consideration of the *Bill in Amendment of an Act for establishing a public Market at the Market House in Halifax*, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-morrow.

Order thereon.

The Deputy Secretary of the Province by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House an Estimate of the Sum required for the Support of His Majesty's Government, between the first July 1792, and first July, 1793, and thereupon,

Government Estimate received.

Resolution thereon.

On Motion Resolved, that this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the same into Consideration.

Bills for continuing Laws, &c. read first time.

The Committee appointed to examine into, and report such Laws as are near expiring, reported, and presented a *Bill for continuing in Force the several Acts herein mentioned*, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at 10 of the Clock.

Thursday, June 28th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Bill for establishing Standard Weight of Grain, &c.

The Bill, intituled, *an Act to amend and revive an Act for establishing the Standard of Weight of Grain, and for appointing proper Officers for measuring Grain, Salt, and Coals and ascertaining the Standard Size of Bricks*

Bricks, and the Quantity of Lime to be contained in a Hoghead, being engrossed, was read a third time and passed.

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council and desire their Concurrence to the same.

On Motion the Bill in Amendment of the Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, &c. was read a second Time.

Bill in amendmet of Act to raise a Revenue, read second time.

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

According to the Order of the Day.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Consideration of the Estimate for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

House resolve itself into Committee on Government Estimate.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council with the

Message from Council, with

Bill in Amendment of the Act for the establishing Work Houses, &c. with Amendments, which were read, and with the Bill ordered to lie on the Table for Consideration.

Bill for establishing Work Houses, with amendments.

The House went again into Committee,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, commanding the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

House attend his Excellency.

The House attended accordingly,
And being returned,

The Speaker reported that the House, had attended upon His Excellency in the Council Chamber, and that His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, Viz.

A Bill, intituled, an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for amending and continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue herein after mentioned.

Bills assented to by His Excellency.

The House went again into Committee,

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

Report of the Committee on Government Estimate.

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

Friday, June 29th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Bill in Amendment of Highway Act, read second time.

The Bill in further Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the first Year of His present Majesty's Reign for the repairing of Highway's, Roads, &c. was read a second Time, and thereupon,

Major Millidge moved, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be deferred to the next Sessions, which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared.

Motion thereon.

For the Motion,

- Major Millidge,
- Mr. James,
- Mr. Schwartz,
- Mr. Marchinton,
- Mr. Pyke,
- Mr. Jessen,
- Mr. Wallace,
- Mr. Wollenhaupt,
- Mr. Cochran,
- Mr. Dickson,
- Mr. Dewolf,
- Mr. Northup,
- Mr. Pool,
- Mr. Wilkins.

Against it,

- Mr. Tonge,
- Major Monk,
- Mr. Archibald,
- Mr. Sberlock,
- Captain Howe,
- Mr. M^cMonagle,
- Major Crane,
- Mr. Belber,
- Mr. Hill,
- Mr. M^cElbenney.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Bill to sell School House Lot, read second time.

The Bill to enable Commissioners to make Sale of a public Lot of Ground called the School House Lot in the Town of Halifax, was read a second Time.

Resolution thereon.

On Motion resolved, That the said Bill be dismissed.

Bill in Amendment of Light House Act.

The Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act for establishing and maintaining a Light House on Sambrô Island, also

Bill relative to Highways, Roads, &c.

The Bill in addition to, and Amendment of an Act to enable the Inhabitants in the several Townships in this Province, to cause absent Proprietors of Lands to bear their just Proportion in repairing Highways, Roads, &c. and also,

Bill in Addition to Act for holding Inferior Court, &c. at Yarmouth read second Time.

The Bill in Addition to an Act for establishing the Times of holding the Inferior Court, &c. in the Township of Yarmouth, were severally read a second Time.

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

Copies of Assessment for Poll Tax in County of Lunenburg and Annapolis, received.

The Deputy Secretary of the Province, by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a Copy of the Assessments for the Poll Tax in the Counties of Lunenburg, and Annapolis, and the same were ordered to lie on the Table.

According

According to the Order of the Day.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the further Consideration of the Government Estimate.

House resolve itself into Committee on Government Estimate.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council with the Bill *to amend and revive an Act for establishing the Standard Weight of Grain, &c.* with Amendments, which were read and with the Bill *ordered* to lie on the Table for consideration.

Bill for establishing Standard Weight of Grain, &c. from the Council with Amendments.

The House went again into Committee,

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council with,

Message from the Council with.

The Resolution in Favor of the Overseers of the Poor of *Halifax* for the Year, 1790, agreed to.

Resolution in favor Overseers Poor.

The Bill for the appointing of Inspectors of Flour and Meal within the Town of *Halifax*, not agreed to, also

Agreed to, Bill to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Meal, not agreed to.

The Bill for limiting the Duration or Continuance of the General Assemblies with Amendments which were read, and with the Bill *ordered* to lie on the Table for consideration.

The Bill for limiting duration of General Assemblies, with Amendments.

The House went again into Committee,

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and had prepared and agreed to a Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year 1791, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted this Session in General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as presented by the Committee, was read a first and second Time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-morrow.

Committee of whole House report.

Order thereon.

The Bill for continuing in Force the several Acts herein mentioned, was read a second Time.

Bill for continuing in force Laws, &c. read second Time.

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

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

Saturday, June 30, 1792.

PRAYERS.

The Speaker informed the House, that the Honourable *Isaac Deschamps*, was involved in great Distress by being Security for his Son *George Deschamps*, who his Excellency the Governor on the Request of the House had ordered to be prosecuted as a public Defaulter, that *George Deschamps's*, Circumstances were such, that he was totally unable to pay the Amount of the Demand against him, that he Judge
Deschamps,

Deschamps, was also unable to pay the Amount thereof, that he would have paid the Debt before this Time, but the Salary which he has for many Years past received from the Province, had fallen short by Reason of the Depreciation of the Province Warrants, whereby he was unable to settle the same, pursuant to a former Proposition, but that if he could be indulged with time, he would give good Security to pay the same by Instalments with Interest by Instalments until the whole should be paid.

Resolution respecting *George Deschamps*, Esq.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to Request, that he will Order the Prosecution against Mr. *Deschamps*, to stop on his giving good Security to pay the Amount of the Debt due to this Province, with Interest by Instalments at the Rate of £50. per Annum, until the whole shall be paid.

Order thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Wilkins* and Major *Monk*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee, on the *Bill for continuing in Force the several Acts herein mentioned*.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with Amendments, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee was *ordered* to be engrossed, and read a third Time to day.

Bill for continuing in force Laws herein mentioned.

A Bill, intituled, *an Act for continuing in Force the several Acts herein mentioned and also for reviving and continuing an Act herein mentioned which has expired*, being engrossed, was read a third Time and passed.

Sent to the Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the several Bills, which stand committed,

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council with

Message from the Council with Bill for continuing in force Laws herein mentioned, agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *an Act for continuing in Force the several Acts herein mentioned, and also for reviving and continuing an Act herein mentioned which has expired*, agreed to.

The House went again into Committee,

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

House attend His Excellency.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Commanding the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber,

The House attended accordingly,

And being returned.

The

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the House had attended upon His Excellency, in the Council Chamber, and that his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill viz.

A Bill, intituled, *an Act for continuing in Force the several Acts herein mentioned, and also for reviving and continuing an Act herein mentioned.*

Bill assented to.

The House went again into Committee,

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Committee of whole House on Bills report.

Mr. Pyke pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent the *Windfor and Hammond Plain Road from being injured by heavy loaded Carriages*, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill to prevent the Windfor Road &c. being injured, read first Time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

On Motion of Mr. Wallace, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor requesting, that he will be pleased to use his Endeavours to procure the Admission of Naval Stores and Tobacco, direct from the United States into the Province.

Resolution for an Address to his Excellency on subject of Naval Stores and Tobacco.

Ordered, That Mr. Wallace, Mr. Pyke and Mr. Cochran, be a Committee to prepare an Address accordingly.

A Message was received from the Council, requesting a Conference by Committee on the Bill for the further Increase of the Revenue, which the House agreed to.

Message from Council for conference on Revenue Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Tonge, Major Monk, Mr. Wallace, and Captain Howe be a Committee to manage said Conference, in behalf of the House and that they do attend accordingly.

Committee appointed.

Mr. Wilkins, reported from the Committee, and stated the Substance of the Conference with the Committee of His Majesty's Council.

Report.

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

Monday, July 2d, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Tonge, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Resolution of Saturday last in favor of *George Deschamps, Esq;* that his Excellency had been waited on, and was pleased to say he would comply with the Request of this House.

Resolved, That the Committee of Conference do confer again with the Committee of Council on the Bill for the further Increase of the Revenue.

Resolution to confer again on Revenue Bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Agreed to by Council.

A Message was received from the Council to acquaint this House, their Committee was ready to meet on the above Conference.

Ordered, That the Committee do attend accordingly.

Conference reported.

Mr. *Wilkins*, reported from the Committee and stated the Substance of the further Conference with the Council.

Bill to prevent the Windsor Road &c. being injured read second time.

The *Bill to prevent the Windsor and Hammond Plain Road from being injured by heavy loaded Carriages*, was read a second Time.

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

Bill for limiting Duration of General Assemblies, also

The House having considered and agreed to the several Amendments proposed by the Council to the *Bill for limiting the Duration or Continuance of the General Assemblies*, and also, to the *Bill to revive and amend an Act for establishing the Standard Weight of Grain, &c.* the said Bills were accordingly amended and passed.

Bill for establishing Standard Weight of Grain, &c. amended and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Sent to the Council.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the several Bills, which stand committed,

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council, with

Message from the Council with Bill for limiting duration General Assemblies, also Bill for establishing Standard Weight of Grain, &c. agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *an Act for limiting the Duration or continuance of the General Assemblies*, also

The Bill, intituled, *an Act to revive and amend an Act for establishing the Standard Weight of Grain, and for appointing proper Officers for measuring Grain, Salt and Coals, and ascertaining the Size of Bricks and the Quantity of Lime to be contained in a Hogshead*, agreed to.

Amendments to the Bill for establishing Work Houses, and to the Bill respecting appointment of Gaugers considered Order thereon.

The House having considered and agreed in part to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the *Bill in Amendment of the Act for establishing Work-Houses, &c.* And also the *Bill in Amendment of the Act for the Appointment of sworn Gaugers*.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills back to his Majesty's Council, and inform them therewith.

A Message was received from the Council with the above Bills, and to acquaint the House they adhere to the several Amendments proposed by them thereto.

Ordered, That the said Bills and Amendments do lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The House went again into Committee.

Committee of whole House on Bills report.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same Report, the House agreed to.

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

Tuesday, July 3d, 1792.

PRAYERS.

On Motion the House further considered the several Amendments proposed by the Council to the *Bill in Amendment of the Act for establishing Work Houses, &c.* and also to the *Bill in Amendment of the Act for the Appointment of sworn Gaugers,*

And having agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed conformable to the said Amendments and passed To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge, resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to acquaint His Excellency that Assessors and Collectors have not been appointed for the Assessment and Collection of the Poll Tax in all the Townships and Districts of the County of *Halifax,* and to request that His Excellency will be pleased to require the Justices of the said County, to appoint such Assessors and Collectors, forthwith, and further to request that when His Excellency shall receive the Papers necessary for his Information, that His Excellency will be pleased to enquire into the Causes of the Deficiency, of the Payment of the said Tax, into the Treasury, from other Districts within this Province, and to take Measures, that the same be paid without Delay.

Resolution respecting the Assessment and Collection of the Poll Tax in the County of *Halifax,* and other Districts in the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge, Major Monk* and Mr. *Putnam* be a Committee for the above purpose.

Order thereon.

On Motion of Mr. *Hill, resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the Subject of increasing the Number of Counties in this Province, and also for establishing convenient Districts in the several Counties throughout the Province.

Resolution for an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on subject of increasing number of Counties.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris, Major Monk,* and Major *Millidge* be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Order thereon.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge, resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the Subject of establishing more Ports of Entry and Clearance for Vessels throughout the Province.

Resolution for an Address to his Excellency on subject of establishing Ports of Entry and Clearance.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge, Mr. Dickson* and Mr. *Sberlock,* be a Committee for the above purpose.

Order thereon.

Mr. *Wallace,* reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the Subject of procuring the Admission of Naval Stores and Tobacco, direct from the United States of America into the Province, and presented an Address which was twice read, agreed to, *ordered* to be engrossed, and is as follows :

Address on subject of Naval Stores, and Tobacco, reported.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, ESQUIRE.

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

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please Your Excellency.

“ **W**E the Representatives of His Majesty's faithful Subjects in
“ this Province, beg leave to represent to your Excellency,
“ that great Inconvenience and Hardships are felt by the poor Fisher-
“ men and other Inhabitants of this Province, by Reason of Pitch,
“ Tar, Turpentine, and Tobacco, being prohibited to be imported
“ directly from the *United States of America*; those Articles by the
“ present Regulations being only admiffable from *Great Britain*, or by
“ a circuitous Voyage from the Place of their Growth to the West
“ *India* or *Bahama Islands*, there to be entered, landed and cleared
“ out again, which not only enhances their Price almost to a Prohibi-
“ tion, with double Freight, Infurance and heavy port Charges, but
“ is also attended with great Expence and Injury by unlading and
“ lading fuch Cargoes, which we humbly conceive could not be the
“ Intention of the Mother Country, in regulating the Intercourse with
“ the American States, and British Colonies, and must have been
“ occasioned by an Idea, that Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Tobacco
“ were the Produce of this Province, which they are not.

“ We therefore pray, that Your Excellency would be pleased to
“ represent to His Majesty's Ministers, the Inconveniencies His Ma-
“ jesty's Subjects here suffer, by those Articles being left out of the
“ American Intercourse Bill, and that Your Excellency, may use your
“ Endeavours, to procure them fuch Relief in the Premiffes, as may be
“ judged expedient.”

Resolution her:cn.

Resolved, That the faid Address be presented to His Excellency by
the Speaker and the whole House.

House resolve itself
in a Committee on
Bills.

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

The Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Message from the
Council requesting
further conference
on Revenue Bill.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the
Council, requesting a further Conference, by a Committee of both
Houses, on the Revenue Bill.

Resolved, That this House do agree to a Conference and

Ordered, That the Committee of this House attend accordingly.

Conference report-
ca.

Mr. *Wilkins*, reported from the Committee, and stated the Substance
of the further Conference with the Council, on the above Bill.

The House went again into Committee,
The Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Pyke took the Chair,
The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in Amendment to the Act for establishing the Times of holding the Inferior Court &c. at Yarmouth, and had agreed to the same without Amendment, that they had gone through the Bill in Amendment of the Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, &c. also the Bill to prevent the Windsor and Hammond Plain Road being injured by heavy loaded Carriages, and also the Bill in Amendment of the Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Sambrô Island, and had agreed to the same with Amendments, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bills as passed in the Committee were ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-morrow.

Report of Committee of whole House on Bills.

Order thereon.

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

Wednesday, July 4th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

The Bill, intituled, an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act for the Appointment of Sworn Gaugers, ascertaining their Duty, granting them an Allowance and establishing their Fees, and also

Bill in Amendment of Act respecting Gaugers.

The Bill, intituled, an Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the 33d Year of his late Majesty's Reign intituled, an Act for regulating and maintaining an House of Correction or Work House within the Town of Halifax, and binding out poor Children and to extend certain Provisions therein to the whole of the Province, being engrossed as amended were passed.

Bill for establishing Work Houses as amended.

Also the Bill, intituled, an Act in Addition to an Act for establishing the Times of holding the inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace at Yarmouth, being engrossed, was read a third Time and passed.

And also, Bill in Addition to Act for holding Inferior Court, &c. at Yarmouth.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Sent to the Council.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill to regulate the Summary Trials of Actions, &c. with Amendments, which were were read, and with the Bill ordered to lie on the Table.

Message from the Council with the Bill to regulate Summary Trial of Actions with amendments. Bill in Amendment of Act to raise a Revenue.

The Bill, intituled, an Act in amendment of an Act passed in the 31st Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted, being engrossed, and to be read a third Time, thereupon

Mr. Marchinton, moved, That the said Bill be dismissed which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared.

For the Motion,
Mr. Marchinton,
Mr. M^cMcNagle,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Schwartz,
Major Monk,
Major Crane,

Against it,
Major Millidge,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Jessen,
Mr. James,
M. Belcher,
Mr. Pool,
Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Tonge,
Mr. White,
Mr. Wollenbapt,
Mr. Sberlock,
Mr. M^cElbenny,
Mr. Northup,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Dewolf,
Captain Howe,
Mr. Putnam,

So it passed in the Negative, and the Bill was read a third Time and passed.

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency on Subject of Poll Tax, Report.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the Subject of the Assessment and Collection for the Poll Tax in the County of Halifax and the Deficiency of the Payment of said Tax in other Districts, that His Excellency had been waited on, and was pleased to say he would make enquiry, and give such Directions respecting the same as may appear to him necessary for complying with the desire of this House.

Bill for appropriating Monies for Services of the Year 1792. Also,

The Bill, intituled, *an Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year 1792, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, also*

Bill in Amendment of Light House Act.

The Bill, intituled, *an Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the 33d Year of his late Majesty King George the Second's Reign for regulating, and maintaining a Light House on Sambró Island, and for extending the Provisions and Clauses in this Act contained to the Light House at Shelburne being engrossed, were severally read a third Time, and passed.*

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. Merris reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the Subject of

of increasing the Number of Counties, &c. in this Province, and presented an Address, which was twice read, agreed to; ordered to be engrossed and is as follows:

Address on subject of Increasing the number of Counties Reported.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, ESQUIRE.

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

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please Your Excellency.

“ WE the Representatives, of His Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Province, beg leave to state to Your Excellency, that from the very great accession of Inhabitants, who have seated themselves on the extremities of the Counties of *Halifax, Annapolis, Shelburne, King's County, and Cumberland*; it has become indispensably necessary, for their Convenience, Order, and good Government, that a Division of the said Counties should be made.

Address to His Excellency.

“ We therefore beg leave, most earnestly to intreat Your Excellency, to consider their Situation, and that you will be pleased to exert your best Endeavours, to obtain His Majesty's most gracious Permission, to erect new Counties within this Province, for the Ease and Convenience of its Inhabitants; and that Your Excellency, will also be pleased to direct, that convenient Districts be erected, and established, within the several Counties in this Province, the more effectually to enable the Collectors and Assessors of the Taxes to comply with the Laws, and in general, for the Convenience, Order, and good Government of this Province.”

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

Resolution thereon.

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

Thursday, July 5th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Tonge moved*, That the Consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions be deferred to a future Day, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the Motion Seven, against it, Seventeen, so it passed in the Negative, and thereupon,

Motion respecting the Amendments to the Bill for regulating Summary Trial of Actions.

On Motion, the Amendments to the said Bill were considered and the House having agreed to them in Part.

Ordered, That the Clerk do return the said Bill to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

Order thereon.

Message from the Council with the Bill for establishing Work Houses.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill, intituled, an Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the 33d Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for regulating and maintaining an House of Correction, or Work House within the Town of Halifax, and binding out Poor Children, and to extend certain Provisions therein to the whole of the Province.

Bill in Amendment of Act respecting Gaugers.

The Bill, intituled, an Act, in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, intituled, an Act for the Appointment of Sworn Gaugers ascertaining their Duty, granting them an Allowance and establishing their Fees; also

Bill in addition to Act for holding Inferior Courts at Yarmouth agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, an Act in Addition to an Act for establishing the Times of holding an Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the Township of Yarmouth, agreed to.

Address on subject of establishing Ports of Entry and Clearances, reported.

Mr. Tonge, reported from the Committee to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor on the Subject of establishing more Ports of Entry and Clearance in the Province and presented an Address, which was twice read; agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, ESQUIRE;

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

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please Your Excellency.

Address to His Excellency.

“THE Representatives of His Majesty's faithful Subjects beg leave to State to Your Excellency, that the Trade of Nova-Scotia, has long suffered material injury by the Restrictions which confine it wholly to two Ports of Entry and Exportation.

“ We have Reason to believe, that Applications for Relief on this Head, have been made heretofore by Your Excellency's Predecessor at the Request of this House, but we do not find that any Answer has ever been given to such Applications :

“ Your Excellency is too well acquainted with the Situation of this Country in respect to Land Communication for want of Roads, and the consequent delays and Expence at present occasioned by sending overland from the various distant Outports and Harbours to Halifax and Shelburne, and likewise of the danger attending Navigation Coastways for many Months in the Year, to render it necessary for us to point out to Your Excellency, the alternative of obliging Vessels to come from the Eastern Parts of the Province, or from the Bay of Fundy to the Ports of Halifax and Shelburne, for Entry and Clearance.

“ We humbly conceive that the Establishment of Custom Houses by Deputation or otherwise at the following Places, would very greatly promote the Trade, and ease His Majesty's Subjects of the hardships

“ hardships complain of, viz. at *Annapolis* on the *Bay of Fundy*, on the
“ *Bafon* of *Minas*, and at *Pictou* on the *Gulf of St. Lawrence*.

“ We therefore humbly request Your Excellency to take such mea-
“ sures as may appear most effectual, to remove the present restrictions,
“ which we have every reason to believe will prove mutually beneficial
“ to this Province, and the other Parts of the Empire, by securing the
“ King’s Revenue, and the Provincial Duties, which produce little or
“ nothing, on Account of the Frauds daily committed for want of such
“ Establishments.”

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

Resolution thereon.

The Deputy Secretary of the Province by Order of His Excellency
the Lieutenant Governor laid before the House an Address from the
Magistrates of the County of *Cumberland*, setting forth, that it was out
of their Power to carry the Laws of this Province into Execution on
Account of the inconvenient Situation of the Line dividing *New-*
Brunswick from this Province.

Address from the
Magistrates of the
County of *Cumber-*
land received.

The Deputy Secretary, also informed the House, that His Excel-
lency desired, that the Resolution of the House, relative to the Col-
lection of the Poll Tax may be explained, by pointing out the Coun-
ties, where the Deficiencies have happened, and thereupon,

On Motion of Major *Millidge*, *resolved* and *ordered*, That the Com-
mittee of public Accounts do immediately report to the House, what
Counties have been deficient in collecting and paying into the Trea-
sury the Proceeds of the Poll Tax.

Resolution respect-
ing Collection of
Poll Tax.

The House having considered the Address of the Magistrates of the
County of *Cumberland*.

Address of Magi-
strates of County of
Cumberland con-
sidered.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed
to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
requesting, that he would be pleased to use his utmost Endeavours to
procure an Alteration in the Boundary Line between this Province,
and *New-Brunswick*.

Resolution thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Monagle*, Major *Monk*
and Mr. *Morris*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Tonge*, *moved*, That the House should resolve itself into a Com-
mittee on the Bill in Addition to and Amendment of the Act to enable the
Inhabitants in the several Townships in this Province to cause absent Pro-
priators of Lands to bear their just Proportions in repairing Highways,
Roads, &c. which being seconded.

Motion for Com-
mitting Bill respect-
ing absent Propri-
ators of Lands.

Mr. *Wilkins*, *moved*, That the Committing of said Bill be postponed
to a future Day, which being seconded and put, and the House divid-
ing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Nine, against it Twelve.
So it passed in the Negative, and thereupon,

Division thereon.

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on said Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,
The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and had deferred, to a future Day, the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Message from the Council with Bill to regulate Summary Trial of Actions and amendments, also, The Bill in amendment of Light House Act, agreed to. Resolution to confer on said Bills.

A Message was received from the Council with the *Bill to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions*, and to inform the House the Council concur in the Amendments as agreed to by the House, and also,

The *Bill in Amendment of the Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Sambrô-Island, &c.* not agreed to.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Council on the Subject of the above Bill respecting the Light House,

Ordered, That Major *Monk*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Schwartz*, be a Committee to hold said Conference.

Order thereon.

Ordered, That the Bill to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions, be engrossed with the Amendments, and passed To-morrow.

Committee report respecting Collection of Poll Tax.

The Committee of Public Accounts pursuant to Order, made a Report on the subject of the Collection of the Poll Tax in the several Counties, and the House having considered the same.

Resolution thereon.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to acquaint His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that there is some deficiency from every County in the Province, in the Payment of the Poll Tax, and to request that His Excellency will be pleased to enquire into these Deficiencies, from the Papers relating to the Collection of that Tax, which His Excellency has already ordered from the several Counties agreeably to the Request of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Major *Monk* and Mr. *Putnam*, be a Committee for that Purpose.

Bill to enable the Treasurer to pay off certain Warrants on the Treasury, &c. read first time.

Mr. *Wallace*, pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill to enable the Treasurer to pay off certain Warrants drawn on the Treasury and to enable the Commissioners to Fund certain Debts not yet Liquidated*, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

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

Friday, July 6th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint His Majesty's Council that this House request a Conference by Committee on the Subject of the

Bill

Bill in Amendment of an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambrô-Island.

A Message was received from the Council acquainting the House they do agree to a Conference on the said Bill, and that they have appointed a Committee to manage the same.

Council agree to confer on Light House Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do attend accordingly.

Major Monk, reported from the Committee and stated the Substance of the Conference with a Committee of the Council on the said Bill.

Conference reported.

Mr. Wallace, reported, from the Committee to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the Subject of the Boundary Line between this Province and *New-Brunswick*, and presented an Address, which was twice read, agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and is as follows :

Address on the Subject of the Boundary Line between this Province and New-Brunswick reported

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, ESQUIRE.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, &c. &c. &c.

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, the Representatives of His Majesty's faithful Subjects in the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, beg leave to submit to Your Excellency's serious consideration, the very pressing necessity of an Alteration in the Division Line, between this and the Neighbouring Province of *New-Brunswick*.

Address to His Excellency.

We, beg leave to suggest that as the Division Line at present runs (following the Courses of the *Missiquash River*, to its Source and from thence due East to the *Bay of Vert*;) it is not only rendered vague and indeterminate from the many Sources of said River; most of which are of equal Magnitude, and take their rise from different Directions, but on many Accounts renders the situation of the Inhabitants of the adjoining Counties of *Cumberland* and *Westmoreland*, extremely inconvenient and perplexing, as their Lands are severed into small Pieces, by the direction of said Boundary Line and Part of them, thereby made Subject to both Governments, and the great difficulty of ascertaining the Limits of the respective Jurisdictions of the Courts in those Counties, has proved a Source of continual Vexation and Controversy among the Inhabitants.

And we beg leave further, to observe to Your Excellency, that from the foregoing Inconveniences, this Province, (as well as that of *New-Brunswick*) is deprived of a material Part of its Revenue, and no Assessments can be levied or collected, while it remains in its present Situation, and while the Laws can be so easily evaded.

From

“ From Your Excellency’s accurate Knowledge of the Province in
 “ General, as well as the local Situation of the several Counties, that
 “ form it, We are fully sensible You are persuaded of the Necessity of
 “ the Alteration, We now so ardently desire to be made, and we ear-
 “ nestly beg leave to implore Your strenuous Endeavours to effect an
 “ Object of so much Importance, to the Ease and Welfare of this Pro-
 “ vince, and we beg leave to recommend that the Bounds between
 “ Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, may be established as follows ;
 “ Beginning at the Head of *Memramcook River*, and from thence to
 “ run North Easterly to the *Head of Sbediack Harbour*, as the Boun-
 “ dary thus established will not interfere with any Lands heretofore
 “ granted, or Settlements on the Boundary Line of the Province,
 “ and will prove mutually convenient and beneficial to both Provinces,
 “ and admit of the Laws in both Governments, being duly admini-
 “ stred with ease and effect.”

Resolution thereon. *Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the Speaker and the whole House.

Bill to regulate Summary Trial of Actions as amended also,
 Bill to prevent Windsor Road, &c. being injured.
 The Bill *to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions*, being engrossed as amended, was passed.

Sent to the Council.
 The Bill *to prevent the Windsor and Hammond Plain Roads, being injured by heavy loaded Carriages*, being engrossed, was read a third Time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to His Majesty’s Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Message from the Council requesting further conference on Revenue Bill.
 A Message was received from the Council, requesting a further Conference immediately on the Bill for the further Increase of the Revenue, and also a Conference on the Bill in Amendment of the Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, &c. which the House agreed to, and thereupon,

Agreed to by the House.
 Ordered, That the Committee of this House before nominated to confer on the Bill for the further Increase of the Revenue, do immediately attend said Conference, on the above two Bills:

Conference report.
 Mr. *Wilkins*, reported from the Committee, and stated the Substance of the Conference with the Committee of Council on the said two Bills.

Message from the Council with Bill to regulate Summary Trial of Actions, agreed to, also.
 A Message was received from the Council with the Bill, intituled, *an Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax*, agreed to.

Bill to prevent the Windsor Road &c. being injured, with amendments.
 A Message was received from the Council with the Bill *to prevent the Windsor and Hammond Plain Road being injured by heavy loaded Carriages*, with Amendments, which were read, and with the Bill ordered to lie on the Table.

Bill to enable the Treasurer to pay off certain Warrants on the Treasury, &c. read second time.
 The Bill *to enable the Treasurer to pay off certain Warrants drawn on the Treasury, and to enable the Commissioners to Fund certain Debts not yet Liquidated*, was read a second Time.

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

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

House resolve itself into Committee on said Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council with the Bill in Amendment of the Act to raise a Revenue for the purpose of Paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, &c. with Amendments, and thereupon

Message from the Council with the Bill in amendment of Act to raise a Revenue with amendments. Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That the said Bill with the Amendments be rejected, and thrown under the Table, it being the established Right of this House to receive no Amendment whatever from the Council to a Money Bill.

The House went again into Committee,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again To-morrow, on the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Committee on Bill report.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at 10 of the Clock.

Saturday, July 7th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

The Bill to prevent the Windsor and Hammond Plain Road, being injured by heavy loaded Carriages, being engrossed as amended was passed ;

Bill to prevent the Windsor Road, &c. being injured amended. Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. Wilkins pursuant to leave given, presented, a Bill to amend and render more effectual an Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, &c. and the same was read a first Time.

Bill to amend and render more effectual Act to raise a Revenue &c. read first time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Mr. Bulkeley, do wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and inform him, the House have prepared several Addresses to his Excellency, and to know when his Excellency will be attended by this House, with the same.

Message to His Excellency respecting presenting of Addresses.

Mr. Bulkeley, reported to the House, that having waited upon his Excellency pursuant to Order to know when He would be attended by the House, His Excellency was pleased to appoint this Day at Eleven o'Clock at the Government House.

Report thereon.

The Speaker and the House attended his Excellency accordingly, and being returned,

House attend His Excellency with Addresses.

The Speaker reported, That he had presented to his Excellency, The Address of this House on the subject of procuring the Ad-

mission of Naval Stores and Tobacco into this Province, direct from the *United States of America*.

The Address on the subject of encreasing the Number of Counties in this Province.

The Address on the subject of establishing Ports of Entry and Clearance in the Province, and also

Speaker report thereon.

The Address on the subject of altering the Boundary Line between this Province and *New-Brunswick*, and that his Excellency was pleased to receive the same, and to say the several Subjects stated therein should have his serious Consideration, and also that he would exert his best Endeavours to effect the Wishes of the House.

Bill to amend and render more effectual Act to raise a Revenue, &c. read second time.

The Bill to amend and render more effectual an *Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, &c.* was read a second Time.

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

House resolve itself into Committee on said Bill.

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee on the above Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same without Amendment, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee was *ordered* to be engrossed, and read a third Time to Day.

Bill passed.

A Bill, intituled, an Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the Thirty first Year of this Present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the Funded Debt only excepted*, being engrossed, was read a third Time, and passed.

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by the Deputy Secretary of the Province, which was read and is as follows :

Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor respecting Spirits wanted for the use of His Majesty's troops.

The Lieutenant Governor having received a Letter from Brigadier General *Ogilvie*, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in this Province, stating, that he finds it necessary for the good of His Majesty's Service to purchase a Quantity of Spirits for the Use of the Regiments now under Order to embark for the Island of *Jamaica*, not exceeding two Thousand Gallons, and requesting, that the same may be exempted from Provincial Duty, upon the Ground of all Spirits, and Wine purchased for the Use of His Majesty's Troops being exempted from Duty in *Great-Britain* : The

Lieutenant

Lieutenant Governor therefore recommends it to the *House of Assembly* to adopt such Measures, as shall be proper for granting the Exemption requested.

J. WENTWORTH.

The House having taken the above Message into Consideration, thereupon,

On Motion of Major *Monk*, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to inform His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the House had taken into Consideration the Message, which he had been pleased to send to the House, and have adopted Measures to carry his Excellency's desires into Execution.

Resolution thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Major *Monk* and Captain *White* be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Order thereon.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by the Deputy Secretary of the Province, which was read, and is as follows :

The Lieutenant Governor having received Accounts of a Number of Poor and Industrious Families in the new Settlements being reduced to the greatest Distress by the Fires that have of late prevailed in different Parts of this Province ; earnestly recommends to the *House of Assembly*, the Propriety of taking into Consideration a Calamity of such general Concern, and of making some Provision for their immediate Relief.

Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor on the distressed situation of a number of Families in the new Settlements by Fires

J. WENTWORTH.

The House having taken the above Resolution, into consideration thereupon,

On Motion of Mr. *Leckie*, *resolved*, That the Sum of £300. be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to enable him relieve, such Persons as have suffered by the Fires, which have lately prevailed in this Province.

Resolution thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Major *Monk* and Captain *White* be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, and inform him of the above Resolution of this House.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the further Consideration of the Bill to enable the Treasurer to Pay off certain Warrants drawn on the Treasury, and to enable the Commissioners to Fund certain Debts not yet Liquidated.

House resolve itself into Committee on Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with Additions and Amendments, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee was *ordered* to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-morrow.

Report.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill, intituled, *an Act to prevent the Windsor and Hammond Plain Road, being injured by heavy loaded Carriages*, also,

A Message from the Council with Bill to prevent the Windsor Road, &c. being injured, also,

The Bill, intituled, *an Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled,*

Bill to amend and render more effectual Act to raise a Revenue agreed to.

an Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the Funded Debt only excepted, agreed to.

Conference requested by the Council on appropriation Bill.

A Message was received from the Council, requesting a Conference by Committee on the Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, which the House agreed to, and thereupon,

Order thereon.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to Confer on the Revenue Bill do manage said Conference, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Message from the Council with Bill for further increase of the Revenue by Excise Duty agreed to.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill, intituled, *an Act for the further Increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province*, agreed to.

Conference on appropriation Bill reported.

Mr. Wilkins, reported from the Committee, and stated the Substance of the Conference with the Committee of his Majesty's Council on the Appropriation Bill.

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

Monday, July 9th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

According to Order,

Bill to enable the Treasurer to pay off certain Warrants, on the Treasury, &c.

A Bill, intituled, *an Act to enable the Treasurer to pay off certain Warrants drawn on the Treasury, and to enable the Commissioners to Fund certain Debts, not yet Liquidated, as also to provide for allowing a Drawback of the Duties on a Quantity of Spirituous Liquors purchased for the Use of His Majesty's Troops*, being engrossed, was read a third Time, and passed.

Sent to the Council:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Message from the Council with Bill to enable the Treasurer to pay off certain Warrants, &c. agreed to.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill, intituled, *an Act to enable the Treasurer to pay off certain Warrants drawn on the Treasury, and to enable the Commissioners to Fund certain Debts not yet Liquidated, as also to provide for allowing the Drawback of the Duties on a Quantity of Spirituous Liquors to be purchased for the Use of His Majesty's Troops*, agreed to.

Further conference or appropriation Bill requested.

A Message was sent to His Majesty's Council to request a further Conference by Committee on the Appropriation Bill.

Agreed to by the Council.

A Message was received from the Council to inform the House they agree to said Conference, and that their Committee is ready to confer immediately.

Order thereon.

Ordered, That the Committee of the House do attend accordingly.
Mr.

Mr. Wilkins, reported from the Committee, and stated the Substance of the Conference with the Council on the said Bill. Report.

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

Tuesday, July 10th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

A Message was received from the Council requesting a further Conference by Committee on the Appropriation Bill which the House agreed to, and

Council request further Conference on Appropriation Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee do attend accordingly.

Order thereon.

Mr. Wilkins, reported from the Committee, the Substance of the Conference with the Committee of His Majesty's Council, and the House having taken the same into Consideration, and being sensible, That there is an impropriety in relieving Persons who have suffered Inconvenience by the Operation of the Impost Laws in the manner heretofore practiced, thereupon

Report on Conference.

Resolved, That the House will not in future grant Relief in the like Cases, otherwise than by a Resolution to be referred to His Majesty's Council for their Concurrence, or by an Act seperately passed for that express Purpose.

Resolution thereon.

Ordered, That the Committee of Conference do inform His Majesty's Council of the above Resolution.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill, intituled, an Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year 1792, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, agreed to.

A Message from the Council with Appropriation Bill agreed to.

On Motion of Mr. Wallace, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor representing the Danger to be apprehended to the Town of Halifax, from the exposed Situation of the Gun-Powder, the Property of the Crown deposited in His Majesty's Magazine at the Eastern Battery.

Resolution to prepare an Address to His Excellency respecting Gunpowder at Eastern Battery.

Ordered, That Mr. Wallace, Major Monk and Mr. Hill, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

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

Wednesday, July 11th, 1792.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wallace, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting His Majesty's Magazine at the Eastern Battery, and presented an Address,

Address reported:

which was twice read, agreed to, *ordered* to be engrossed, and is as follows :

To HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, ESQUIRE.

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

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please Your Excellency.

Address to His Excellency.

“ HIS Majesty’s faithful Subjects the Representatives of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, beg leave to represent, that the Inhabitants of the Town of *Halifax*, and all those settled upon the Harbour thereof, are under great apprehensions from the insecure Situation of His Majesty’s Magazine of Gunpowder at the Eastern Battery, which contains at this Time several Thousand Barrels, and being a Wooden Building with a Shingle Roof, situated on the the Verge of the Woods, which in the Summer Season are ever liable to be set on Fire, and recent Instances have occurred in Consequence of accidental Fire happening in the neighbouring Woods, that has justly occasioned great Alarm, and might have been attended with the most dreadful Consequences to the Town and Neighbourhood of *Halifax*, but for the timely Interposition of His Majesty’s Troops, and Providence.

“ We having the fullest Confidence in Your Excellency’s Attention to the Tranquility and Safety of the Lives and Properties of His Majesty’s faithful Subjects have no doubt, that you will speedily Concert such Measures as will effectually remove all Uneasiness with Regard to the Magazine, so as to have the Powder lodged in suitable Buildings, that are the most secure from external Fire, and in Situations as remote from the Town as may be convenient for His Majesty’s Service, or in such small Parcels, as to lessen the Danger, from any accidental Explosion.”

Resolution thereon. *Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by a Committee of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Pyke*, be a Committee for that Purpose.

Message to His Excellency respecting Address.
Report.

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait upon His Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive the above Address.

The Clerk reported to the House, that having waited upon His Excellency pursuant to Order to know when he would receive the Address; His Excellency was pleased to say he was ready to receive the same immediately.

Address presented.

Ordered, That the Committee do wait on his Excellency accordingly. Mr. *Wallace*, reported from the Committee, that His Excellency had been waited on, with the Address, was pleased to receive the same, and to assure the Committee he would take Measures for having the Desires of the House carried into effect.

Resolution for Committee to confer with His Excellency on State of Light Houses.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to confer with His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, during the Recess on the present State of the Light House on *Sambro Island*, and also the Light House at *Shelburne*.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Hill, be a Committee for that Purpose.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by the Deputy Secretary of the Province, Commanding the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Message from His Excellency.

The Speaker and the House attended Accordingly.

The Speaker presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Bill for appropriating the Supplies Granted in this Session of the *General Assembly*, and spoke to the following effect.

House attend His Excellency.

May it please your Excellency,

It is my Duty to present to you a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted to His Majesty for the Services of the present Year, and on behalf of the Representatives of His Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Province, humbly to request, that Your Excellency will be pleased to give your Assent thereto.

Speakers Speech to His Excellency.

The *House of Assembly*, after the most serious deliberation have cheerfully made Provision for an additional Increase to the Revenue for the present Year, and have sanguine Hopes, that the same will be more than sufficient to do justice to the public Creditors and defray the Expences of His Majesty's Government.

It is with sincere Pleasure that in the further Discharge of my Duty, I can assure You, that we are perfectly sensible of the Blessings we enjoy under the mildest and best of Governments, and that we have the most perfect Confidence in your Excellency's Administration, and shall on all Occasions, and in all Situations, exert our most zealous endeavours to render your Government acceptable to our most Gracious Sovereign, honourable to yourself, and beneficial to the People.

His Excellency was then pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills :

A BILL, intituled, An Act in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Times of holding the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Colchester, and to enable the Grand Juries in the said Districts to assess Monies for the Purpose of erecting a Court House and Jail in said District, and for ascertaining the Boundaries for the said District.*

Bills assented to.

A BILL, intituled, An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the Thirty third Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for regulating and maintaining an House of Correction or Work House within the Town of Halifax, and binding out Poor Children, and to extend certain Provisions therein, to the whole of the Province.*

A BILL, intituled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax.

A BILL, intituled, An Act for the further Encrease of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province

A BILL, intituled, An Act in Amendment of an Act for the better Regulation of Elections.

A BILL, intituled, An Act for limiting the Duration or Continuance of the *General Assemblies*.

A BILL, intituled, An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, intituled, *An Act for the Appointment of Sworn Gaugers, ascertaining their Duty, granting them an Allowance, and establishing their Fees.*

A BILL, intituled, An Act to revive and amend an Act for establishing the Standard Weight of Grain, and for appointing proper Officers, for measuring Grain, Salt and Coals, and ascertaining the Standard Size of Bricks and the Quantity of Lime to be contained in a Hoghead.

A BILL, intituled, An Act to enable the Treasurer to pay off certain Warrants drawn on the Treasury, and to enable the Commissioners to Fund certain Debts, not yet liquidated as also, to provide for allowing a Drawback of the Duties on a Quantity of Spirituous Liquors purchased for the Use of His Majesty.

A BILL, intituled, An Act in Addition to an Act for establishing the Times of holding an *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Session of the Peace* in the Township of Yarmouth.

A BILL, intituled, An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the Thirty first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted.*

A BILL, intituled, An Act to prevent the *Windsor and Hammond Plain Road*, to be injured by heavy loaded Carriages.

A BILL, intituled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year 1792, and for Appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

After

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

His Excellency's
Speech.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Council,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

“ THE public business being happily completed, I embrace the pleasing occasion to
“ prorogue the General Assembly ; and I confidently rely on your exerting the
“ same candour, harmony, and public spirit, in your respective districts, that have so much
“ distinguished your deliberations during the Session.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

“ I thank you for the Supplies you have so liberally granted to His Majesty :—They
“ shall be faithfully applied. We may reasonably expect that a ground is now laid for
“ establishing the public credit, greatly to the honour as well as to the general benefit of the
“ Province : Considerations which I trust, will not fail to render the contributions requisite
“ thereto, acceptable to every citizen who loves his country.”

JOHN WENTWORTH.

Then the Secretary of the Province by His Excellency's command, prorogued the General Assembly to Wednesday the 29th of August next, and the same was Prorogued accordingly.
