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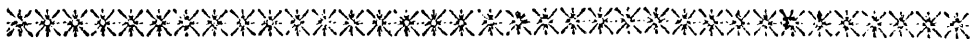
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VOTES

Of T H E

HOUSE of ASSEMBLY

For the Province of *Nova-Scotia.*



Friday *June* 6th, 1777.

The House being met,

A Message from the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber.

Message from the Lieutenant Govern.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended accordingly, and being returned,

The House attend his Honor.

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Honor in the Council-Chamber, where his Honor was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

“ Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly.

I Have the Satisfaction of acquainting you, that, since your last Meeting, the Success which has attended the King's Forces, affords a Prospect of Peace being soon restored to his Majesty's American Dominions, and that those unhappy People, who deluded and misled, have been contending for certain Slavery and Oppression, will be relieved from a Train of Miseries, which they have brought on themselves during this obstinate Contest.

His Honor's Speech.

As to this Province, I have in general, received many Testimonies from the Inhabitants of their Disposition to continue in Duty and Allegiance to the King, and every Thing has remained quiet, except at *Cumberland*, where an Insurrection has been excited by a few desperate People, who solicited and gained Assistance from *Nova-England*, and were joined by some Indians from *St. John's River*, but their Attempts were soon frustrated, and themselves dispersed, by the timely Aid sent from the Commanders of the King's Forces in this Province; most of the Inhabitants who had been concerned in this daring Enterprize soon laid down their Arms and submitted, and from the Reliance I have on the loyal and firm Attachment of the

Settlers

“ Settlers from *Yorkshire*, and some other well disposed Persons, every
“ Thing there will remain quiet.

“ It became prudent and necessary that I should have certain Know-
“ ledge of the State and Condition of the Settlements on *St. John's Ri-*
“ *ver*; and from some Informations which I had received that the In-
“ habitants should be reminded of their Duty, for this Purpose Mr.
“ *Goold*, one of the Members of his Majesty's Council, chearfully
“ offered his Service, and he has acquitted himself entirely to my Satis-
“ faction, all the Inhabitants (three seditious Persons who have fled
“ excepted) together with the Chiefs and Principals of the Indians
“ have taken the Oaths to Government before him; and given Af-
“ surances of their Stedfast Resolution to behave as good Subjects.

“ For this Service and some of the like Kind, together with others,
“ in which the Safety of the Province was concerned, Expences have
“ been incurred, which notwithstanding my Attention to the utmost
“ Frugality were unavoidable.

“ However, Gentlemen, you will find, that all the old Debts are
“ paid off, and all Arrears of Interest as far as they have been de-
“ manded, have been discharged; that the Debt on Interest is lessened,
“ and that there is Money in the Treasury.

“ Your Unanimity, of which I have no Doubt; will give Dispatch
“ to the public Business, and enable you to return to your private Con-
“ cerns; and be assured, Gentlemen, that the Success of every laud-
“ able Endeavour is the utmost of my Wishes, and, that no Aid
“ in my Power will be wanting to promote it.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Brenton*, Mr. *Morris*, and Mr. *Deschamps*, do
prepare an Address to be presented to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor,
in Answer to his Honor's Speech.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday June 7th, 1777.

Mr. *Brenton*, reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an
Address to be presented to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, that the
Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had di-
rected him to report to the House, and the same, was read, and agreed
to by the House,

And the same is as follows.

“ *May it please your Honor,*

“ **T**HE Representatives of the Province, now met in *General-*
“ *Assembly*, are happy in having it in their Power to acknowledge
“ the Pleasure they received by your Honor's Speech from the Chair.

“ The Success of his Majesty's Arms in *America*, and the agre-
“ able Prospect it presents of a Restoration of Peace to the distressed
“ Parts of his Majesty's Dominions, are Objects of the sincerest Plea-
“ sure to them, as they wish for nothing more ardently than the Per-
“ manency of the established Constitution of Government, which cannot
“ fail to be productive of Happiness to all good Subjects of the Crown
“ of *Great-Britain*.

“ Impressed as we are with the fullest and strongest Sentiments of
“ Zeal and Loyalty for his Majesty's Government, we have the great-
“ est Satisfaction in the many Testimonies your Honor has received of
“ a general Disposition throughout the Province of a Perseverance in
“ Duty and Allegiance, and tho' a wicked, but fruitless Effort, has
“ been

Address ordered,

Address reported.

“ been made at *Cumberland*, by a few individuals to disturb the general
 “ Tranquility, we heartily and sincerely congratulate you, as well upon
 “ the Success of your own spirited Exertions, as upon the good Effects
 “ of the timely Aids furnished by the Commanders of his Majesty’s
 “ Forces in this Province, by which happy Means the Attempts of
 “ the Insurgents have been totally frustrated.

“ The judicious and necessary Steps you have taken to recall the
 “ Minds of the Inhabitants of *St. John’s River*, to a Sense of their Duty
 “ to Government, and the salutary Effects which we hope will flow
 “ from that Measure, deserves our sincerest Acknowledgments, and be
 “ assured we shall most readily acquiesce in such Expences as have
 “ been unavoidably incurred for the Safety of the Province.

“ Permit us to assure you, Sir, of our heartiest Desire to promote by
 “ a Unanimity and unremitting Zeal, the Service of the Province, in
 “ which we have not the least Room to doubt of your Honor’s Con-
 “ currence.

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

Ordered, That a Committee do wait on his Honor the Lieutenant-
 Governor to know his Pleasure, when he will be attended by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brenton*, and Mr. *Deschamps*, do examine and
 report to the House such Laws as are near expiring.

Then the House adjourned till Monday Morning 9 o’Clock.

Monday June 9th, 1777.

Mr. *Deschamps*, reported to the House, that his Honor the Lieuten-
 ant-Governor having been waited upon (pursuant to the Order of Sa-
 turday last) to know his Honor’s Pleasure when he would be attended
 by this House, had been pleased to appoint this Morning.

Mr. Treasurer of the Province, laid before the House by Order of
 the Lieutenant-Governor,

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| No. 1. | An Account of Particulars of Receipts of Money from the Collectors of Impost and Excise Duties at <i>Halifax</i> , from 1st June, 1776, — | £6166. | 2. | 7. |
| 2. | An Account of ditto from the Collector of ditto, at <i>King’s County</i> and <i>Windsor</i> , — — — | 306. | 3. | 9. |
| 3. | An Account of ditto from the Collector of ditto at <i>Lunenburg</i> , — — — | 188. | 16. | 6. |
| 4. | An Account of ditto from the Collector of ditto at <i>Annapolis-Royal</i> , — — — | 135. | 15. | 3. |
| 5. | An Account of ditto from the Collector of ditto at <i>Cumberland</i> , — — — | 50. | | |
| 6. | An Account of Fines and Forfeitures received into the Treasury, — — — | 68. | 17. | |
| 7. | An Account of Money received on Bonds, | 256. | 5. | 4. |
| 8. | An Account of old Duties of Impost and Excise due to Government on, or before the 8th of <i>October</i> , 1773, and since recovered, — | 179. | 2. | |
| 9. | An Account of Particulars of Payments for Interest, | 2767. | 13. | 7. |
| 10. | An Account of Payments for Salaries, — and for Commissions to the several Collectors | 763. | 15. | 1. |
| | | 292. | 14. | 7. |
| 11. | An Account of Ditto for Votes of the General- Assembly, — — — — | 1636. | 19. | 10. |
| | | | 12. | An |

Accounts laid be-
fore the House by
the Treasurer.

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| No. 12. | An Account of ditto for Contingencies, | — | £269. | 14. | 8. |
| 13. | An Account of ditto for pay of the Militia and other Expences attending the same, | — | 528. | 0. | 8. |
| 14. | An Account of ditto for Drawbacks | — | 106. | 3. | 11. |
| 15. | An Account of ditto for decrease of the Provincial Debt on Interest, | — — — | 1011. | 6. | 11. |
| 16. | General Account of Impost and Excise Duties at the Treasury, between the 1st June, 1776, and the 1st June, 1777, Ballance in the Treasury, | — — — — | 1434. | 9. | 10. |
| 17. | Light-House Duty Account, ditto | — | 55. | 18. | 3. |
| 18. | Licence Duty Account, ditto | — | 191. | 10. | 8. |
| 19. | Wheel-Carriage Duty Account, ditto | — | 10. | 5. | 1. |
| 20. | Accounts of Bonds remaining in the Treasury for Monies due to the Government, 1st June, 1777, now due | — — — | 227. | 8. | 2. |
| | Due next October, | — — — | 318. | 3. | 2. |
| 21. | Account of Interest due on Provincial Securities, to the 1st May, 1777, not yet demanded about 1000. | | | | |

And the Titles of the said Accounts were read,

Message to the Council relating to the public Accounts

Ordered, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council, to desire that a Committee may be appointed, who together with a Committee of this House, and by the Approbation of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, may proceed to examine the said Accounts, and report thereon.

And a Message was sent to his Majesty's Council accordingly.

And his Majesty's Council having by Message acquainted the House, that they had appointed Mr. *Bulkely*, Mr. *Binney*, and Mr. *Creighton*, for that Purpose.

Committee appointed to examine thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Fillis*, and Mr. *Bridge*, be the Committee of this House to examine the said Accounts jointly with the Committee of his Majesty's Council.

And they are to meet in the Council Chamber To-morrow Morning.

Report on the Laws near expiring.

The Committee appointed to examine and report to the House such Laws as are near expiring, reported thereon,

That the following Acts will expire the 31st *December* next, viz.

The Act for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Wheel-Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*.

The Act raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication thro' this Province.

And that the Act made in the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, to avoid the double Payment of Debts, which was to continue in Force for Five Years, expires at the End of this present Session of the *General Assembly*.

Bills ordered thereon.

Ordered, That Bills be prepared for continuing the first and last of those Acts.

Inconveniencies arising in the present Method of appointing grand Juries.

Upon a Motion, that whereas great Inconveniencies do arise from the present Method of appointing Grand Jurors for the Supreme Court and Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, held in the several Counties in this Province, and that it will greatly tend to the Ease of the Inhabitants, that the said Grand Juries should hold their Office for one Year, and serve at the said several Courts during that Time.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared for remedying the same.

Bill ordered thereon

The Collectors of the Duties of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, laid before the House by Order of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor,

Accounts laid before the House by the Collectors of Impost and Excise.

The Accounts of the Impost and Excise Duties for the several Quarters, beginning the first of April, 1776, and ending the Thirty First of March, 1777.

The Lists of Masters of Vessels and others who have paid Impost and Excise Duties, together with the Sums they have paid and Arrears on the different Articles.

An Account Current with Government to the 31st March, 1777.

Lists of Permits granted for Rum, &c. sent into the different Districts of the Province for the several Quarters, beginning the 1st July, and ending the 31st March, 1777.

An Account of the Light-House Duty collected from the 1st April, 1776, to the 31st March, 1777.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine the public Accounts.

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Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday June 10th, 1777.

John Chipman,, Esq; returned Member for the Township of Cornwallis, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

According to Order,

A Bill for continuing the several Acts, relating to the Duty on Wheel-Carriages within the Peninsula of Halifax.

Bills presented

A Bill for the making perpetual an Act made in the 11th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to avoid the double Payment of Debts.

And a Bill in Amendment of the several Acts for regulating Juries,

Were presented to the House,

And the same were read a 1st Time,

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

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had Yesterday attended his Honor the Lieutenant Governor with their Address, to which his Honor was pleased to give the following Answer.

The Lieutenant-Governor's Answer to the Address of the House.

" GENTLEMEN,

" I Thank you for your Address, the just Sense you entertain of
" the Happiness you enjoy under Laws framed on the Principles of the
" British Constitution, together with the dutiful Attachment to the
" King's Government, and your Confidence in the Measures of my Administration, gives me a sensible Pleasure, and be assured, that I cannot
" receive a higher Gratification than to be enabled to advance your Welfare and Prosperity.

Mr. Morris from the Commissioners appointed by his Honor the Lieutenant Governor to farm the Duties of Impost and Excise arising in the Districts of Canso, of Liverpool, of Yarmouth, of Passamaquady, and the River St. John, presented to the House a Report of the Proceedings of the said Commissioners therein, and the same was read, and is as follows, viz.

Report of the Commissioners appointed to farm the Duties at Canso, &c.

That the said Commissioners had advertised for Sale the said Duties as the Law directs, and that on the Second Day of December, 1776, the Duties of Impost and Excise on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors,

Liquors and Wines, brown Sugar, and Melasses consumed to the Thirty first of December, 1778, in the District of *Canso*, were sold at Public Auction to *George Smith*, Esq; for the Sum of £135. Currency, he being the highest Bidder, and having given Security agreeable to the Directions of the Law for that Purpose.

That the Duties aforesaid on the several above-mentioned Articles consumed in the District of *Liverpool*, were sold to *John Fenton* Esq; for the Sum of £50. and he gave Bond accordingly.

And that the said Duties on the like Articles consumed in the District of *Yarmouth*, were sold to *William Smith*, for the Sum of £15. which Sum he paid into the Treasury.

And that no Persons have appeared to bid for the Duties in the Districts of *Passamaquody* and *St. John's*.

The Expences incurred in the compleating this Business amounts to £6. 6. 6. as per Account annexed.

Signed, *Henry Newton,*
John Butler,
James Brenton,
Charles Morris, jun.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Monies arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise, to *Charles Morris, jun.* Esq; the Sum of Six Pounds, six Shillings for the Expences attending the Sale at Public Auction of the several Duties of Impost and Excise arising in the respective Districts of *Canso*, *Liverpool* and *Yarmouth*, agreeable to an Act passed last Session.

Vote for Expences attending the same.

Two Accounts from *Israel Andrews* of *Windsor*, for Work done and Materials found for building a Bridge over the River *St. Croix*, on the Road to *Windsor*, and opening a Road to the same, amounting the

Two Accounts for Roads and Bridges presented.

Account for the Bridge to - - - £284. 7. 3.
and the Account for opening the Road to - £109. 8.

Were presented to the House and Read,

Ordered, That the said Accounts be referred to the Committees for examining the public Accounts.

referred to the Committee of Accounts

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday June 11th, 1777.

The Bills presented Yesterday, viz.

A Bill for continuing the several Acts relating to the Duty on Wheel-Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*.

A Bill for the making perpetual an Act made in the 11th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to avoid the double Payment of Debts."

And a Bill in Amendment of the several Acts for regulating Juries: Were read a 2d and 3d Time.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That they be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

It appearing to the House, that a Writ for the Election of a Member of this House for the Township of *Onslow* had been returned by the Provoost-Marshal, and it also appearing to the House, that the Inhabitants of that Township have refused to take the Oaths of Allegiance to his Majesty.

Resolved.

Bills for Duty on Wheel-Carriages,

to avoid double Payment of Debts.

for regulating Juries,

passed.

Resolved unanimously, That this House cannot consistent with its Honor and Dignity admit the return of the said Writ, as the Inhabitants of that Township have (in the Opinion of the House) by their Ingratitude and Disaffection forfeited all Title to the Privilege of a Representation.

Resolution on the Writ returned from Onslow.

The House taking into Consideration the exorbitant Prices of Provisions, and of Labour in this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brenton*, and Mr. *Deschamps* do prepare Heads of a Bill for regulating the Prices of certain Provisions in the Township of *Halifax*, and of a Bill to restrain the exorbitant Price of Labour in this Province.

Bills relating to the Prices of Labour & Provisions, Ordered.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Thursday June 12th, 1777.

Mr. Secretary of the Province acquainted the House, by Order of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, that his Majesty has been pleased to declare his Disallowance of the Act passed last Session of the *General Assembly*, for taking, examining and stating the public Accounts of this Province.

His Majesty's Disallowance of Act for examining public Accounts.

According to Order, the Heads of a Bill for restraining the exorbitant Price of Labour,

Bills relating to the Price of Labour and Provisions,

And of a Bill to regulate the Price of certain Provisions in the Township of *Halifax*.

presented,

Were presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the Committee of this House appointed to examine the public Accounts do confer thereon with the Committee of his Majesty's Council, and report to the House, the Opinion of the joint Committee on the said Bills.

referred to the joint Committees of Accounts.

Upon a Motion leave was given to Colonel *Tonge* to bring in a Bill for more effectually preventing the Desertion of Seamen and Soldiers from his Majesty's Navy and Army in this Province.

Leave for Bill for preventing Desertion.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday June, 13th, 1777.

Mr. *Samuel Archibald*, a Member of this House for the Township of *Truro*, having presented himself to take his Seat in the House,

Resolved, That as the Inhabitants of the said Township of *Truro*, have together with those of the Townships of *Onslow* and *Londonderry*, refused to take the Oaths of Allegiance to his Majesty. This House is unanimously of Opinion, that they are not intitled to the Privilege of a Representation, and that therefore Mr. *Archibald* cannot be admitted to take his Seat.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday June 14th, 1777.

The House met and adjourned till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

Monday June 16th, 1777.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts, laid before the House the 9th Instant, by Order of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor,

Report of the Committee on the public Accounts.

Reported,

Reported, That they had jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council examined the said several Accounts, and find them just and properly stated.

That they find considerable Charges and Sums paid for sundry Services, and for calling out the Militia in several Parts of this Province for the Protection thereof, which altho' not strictly agreeable to Law, appear to the Committees to have been necessary on the late alarming Situation of the Province.

And that on examining the several Charges relating to the Militia at *Annapolis-Royal*, it appears that the Sum of £26. 6. 11. has been twice paid to Colonel *Shaw*, and that therefore he ought to repay the said Sum into the Treasury.

The Committee also reported, the State of the Account of the Province as it appears to the said joint Committee, and is as follows;

The Province of *Nova-Scotia*,

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| 1777. The Sum due to the Creditors of Government | | | |
| <i>June</i> . bearing Interest, - - - | £20137. | 5. | 1. |
| To Interest due on ditto to 1 st <i>May</i> . - - - | 1000. | 0. | 0. |
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| | £21137. | 5. | 1. |

The Province of *Nova-Scotia*,

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| 1777. By Cash in the Treasury collected by Duties of | | | |
| <i>June</i> . Impost and Excise, - - - | £1368. | 17. | 10. |
| By ditto for the Duty on Licences, - - - | 191. | 10. | 8. |
| By ditto from Light-House Duty, - - - | 55. | 18. | 3. |
| By ditto from Wheel-Carriage Duty, - - - | 10. | 5. | 1. |
| By sundry Bonds in the Treasury due, £227. 8. 2. | | | |
| Ditto due the 19 th <i>October</i> next - 318. 3. 2. | | | |
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| | 545. | 11. | 4. |
| Ditto in <i>Halifax</i> on Duties of Impost and | | | |
| Excise, - - - - - | 327. | 3. | 4. |
| Ballance, - - - - - | 18637. | 17. | 7. |
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| | £21137. | 5. | 1. |

Ordered, That the said Report and Account do lie on the Table.

Joseph Pierse, Esq; returned Member for the Township of *Horton*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Bill in *Amendment of the several Acts for regulating Furies*, to the Bill for the making perpetual an Act made in the 11th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled, An Act to avoid the double Payment of Debts, and to the Bill for continuing the several Acts relating to the Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, whether the Act for raising a Fund for Repairs, &c. of Roads and Bridges, be continued, and it was carried in the affirmative, that the said Act be continued

Bills agreed to by
the Council.

Proceedings relative
to the Continuance
of the Act for Repairs,
&c. of Roads
and Bridges.

continued

continued, and it was carried in the affirmative, that the said Act be continued accordingly, And

A Bill for continuing the several Acts for raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication thro' the Province,

Was thereupon presented to the House and read,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass,

Ordered, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

The Committee of this House to whom it was referred to confer with the Committee of his Majesty's Council, on the Bill for regulating the Prices of certain Provisions in the Township of *Halifax*, and on the Bill to restrain the exorbitant Price of Labour.

Reported, That the said joint Committee were of Opinion, that the said Bills were very proper and necessary.

The said Bills were then read a 1st and 2d Time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be ingrossed.

Colonel *Tonge*, presented to the House according to Order,

A Bill for more effectually preventing the Desertion of Seamen and Soldiers from his Majesty's Navy and Army in this Province,

And the said Bill was read the 1st Time,

Ordered, That it be read a 2d Time.

It appearing to this House, that several of the Commissioners for carrying into Execution the Act for raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication thro' the Province, have not, as is directed by said Act, transmitted to the Treasurer of the Province their Accounts of the Monies received by them in Virtue of the said Act, and how the same was expended.

Ordered, That an Address be presented to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to request his Honor will please to direct that the said Commissioners do account forthwith for the Monies received and expended by them, for the making and repairing Roads and Bridges within the Limits of their several Commissions.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday June 17th, 1777.

Henry Evans, Esq; returned Member for the County of *Annapolis*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

The House Proceeded to take into Consideration the report of the Committee on the Public Accounts, and after some Debate thereon, the Question being put

That the House do agree to the said Report, it was *Resolved* in the affirmative,

The Bill for restraining the exorbitant Price of Labour, And

The Bill for regulating the Price of certain Provisions in the Township of *Halifax*,

Were read a 3d Time,

Resolved, That that the said Bills do pass.

His Majesty's Council sent down a Bill for the more effectually securing Prisoners committed for Crimes against his Majesty and Government, and for the Trial of such Offenders,

A Bill for that purpose passed.

Report of the Committee on the Bills for regulating the price of provisions, & to restrain the exorbitant price of Labour.

A Bill for more effectually preventing Desertion, presented.

An Address to be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, relative to the Accounts of the Commissioners for Roads.

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the public Accounts.

Bill for restraining the exorbitant price of Labour.

and a Bill for regulating the price of certain provisions in Halifax, passed.

Bill from the Council for more effectually securing prisoners committed for Crimes against his Majesty's Government.

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With a Message, desiring the Concurrence of this House to the same.
And the said Bill was read a 1st Time.

Ordered, That it be read a 2d Time.

Consideration of the Services to the Province by the Troops

The House having taken into Consideration the essential Services rendered the Province by the spirited Exertions of his Majesty's Troops, particularly in quelling the late Insurrection at *Cumberland*, and the Alacrity the Officers and Soldiers have on all Occasions shewn in doing their Duty, so intirely to the Satisfaction of the Inhabitants.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be presented to Major General Maffey, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Troops in this Province, for his constant and generous Attention to its Safety and Protection.

Ordered, That Colonel *Tonge*, *John Newton*, Esq; and Mr. Solicitor General do present the same.

Consideration of the Services to the Province by the Officers and Seamen of his Majesty's Ships,

The House having also taken into Consideration the essential Services rendered the Province by the spirited Exertions of the Officers and Seamen of his Majesty's Ships, particularly in quelling the late Insurrection at *Cumberland*, and the Alacrity they have on all Occasions shewn in doing their Duty, so entirely to the Satisfaction of the Inhabitants,

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be presented to Sir *George Collier*, Commander of his Majesty's Ships in this Province for his constant and generous Attention to its Safety and Protection.

Ordered, That Colonel *Tonge*, *John Newton*, Esq; and Mr. Solicitor General do present the same.

Motion relating to the Militia and contingent Accounts,

Notice being taken that in the Accounts for Expences, relating to the Militia and in the Account for Contingencies, there are several improper Charges, and a Motion being made, that a Committee be appointed to examine into the same.

Order thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Chipman*, and Mr. *Lovett*, be a Committee for that Purpose, and they are to call before them such Persons as may be necessary to explain, or give Evidence relative thereto.

Mr. Secretary of the Province laid before the House, by Order of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, an Estimate for the Expences of Government for one Year commencing the 1st of *January*, 1778.

And the same was read,

Ordered, That it it be read again on Thursday next.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday June 18th, 1777.

The Bill for more effectually securing Prisoners committed for Crimes against his Majesty, &c.,

The Bill from his Majesty's Council, for the more effectually securing Prisoners committed for Crimes against his Majesty and Government, and for the Trial of such Offenders,

Was read a 2d Time,

committed,

Resolved, That the Bill be committed, and the House having accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Colonel *Denfon* took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

reported.

Colonel *Denfon*, reported from the Committee, that they had gone thro' the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto,

To which Amendments the House having agreed,
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to his Majesty's Council, with a Message, that this House hath agreed to the said Bill with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of his Majesty's Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Bills sent up by this House, *viz.*

Bills agreed to by the Council.

The Bill for restraining the exorbitant Price of Labour,
And to the Bill for regulating the Price of certain Provisions in the Township of *Halifax*.

Without any Amendment;
And that they have also agreed to the Bill for continuing the several Acts for raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication thro' the Province,

With an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And the House having taken the said Amendment into Consideration,
Resolved, That this House do adhere to the Bills as sent up,

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to his Majesty's Council, with a Message accordingly.

The Bill for the more effectually preventing the Desertion of Seamen and Soldiers from his Majesty's Navy and Army in this Province,
Was read a 2d Time,

Bill for more effectually preventing the Desertion of Seamen and Soldiers,

And the House having proceeded to the Consideration of the said Bill,
It was agreed to with Amendments,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and be sent to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

passed.

His Majesty's Council sent down a Bill, in Addition to the Act for preventing Trespasses,

Bill from the Council in Addition to the Act for preventing Trespasses, read agreed to with an Amendment,

And the said Bill was read, and an Amendment being proposed to the same, to which the House having agreed,

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to his Majesty's Council with a Message, that this House hath agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of his Majesty's Council.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Thursday June 19th, 1777.

Upon a Motion, leave was given to Colonel *Tonge*, to bring in a Bill for ascertaining the Fees of the Naval Officers in the several Ports of this Province (the Port of *Halifax* excepted).

Leave for a Bill to ascertain Fees of Naval Office.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Amendments proposed to the Bill for the more effectually securing Prisoners committed for Crimes against his Majesty and Government, &c.

The Council agree to the Amendments proposed to the Bill for more effectually securing Prisoners committed for Crimes against his Majesty and Government.

Upon a Motion leave was given to Mr. *Prince* to bring in Bill for Payment of the Representatives, serving in *General Assembly*.

Leave given to bring in a Bill for Payment of the Representatives. Report of the Committee appointed to examine Militia & Contingent Accts.

The Committee appointed to examine into the several Charges made in the Accounts for Payment of the Militia, who have lately done Duty in several Parts of the Province, reported,

That it appears to the said Committee, that several Sums charged in the Account for the Services of the Militia at *Annapolis Royal*, have not been paid to the Persons whose Names are therein inserted, and it also appears to this Committee that the Duty has not been done agreeable to Colonel *Shaw's* Account rendered.

That they find the other Accounts for the Services of the Militia right, and

and that the several Sums charged in the Account for Contingencies appear to the Committee to have been necessary for suppressing the late Infurrection at *Cumberland*, and the alarming Situation of the Province at that Time.

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

Leave given to bring in a Bill in further Addition to the Act to enable the Townships to maintain their Poor.

Upon a Motion leave was given to Mr. *Pierse*, to bring in a Bill in further Addition to the Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor, in order to oblige the Overseers of the Poor under a Penalty to render an Account to the Sessions of the Peace of the Sums received and disbursed by them, and a Bill for that Purpose having been presented accordingly, the same was received and read a 1st Time.

Ordered, That it be read a 2d Time.

Representation relating to Surveyors and Weighers of Hay, Assessors and Collectors of Taxes

It being represented to the House, that it is become necessary in many Parts of the Province, that there should be Surveyors and Weighers of Hay, and also that if the Assessors and Collectors of Taxes in the several Townships are nominated and appointed as other Town Officers are by Law, for the making and collecting all Assessments within the Year for which they serve, it will be of great Ease to the Inhabitants, and prevent the making a Number of Assessments for such Town and County Charges, as are required to be raised from Time to Time.

Bill ordered in Addition to the Act for the Choice of Town Officers.

Ordered, That a Bill in further Addition to the Act for the Choice of Town Officers and regulating Townships be prepared.

According to Order, the Estimate laid before the House on the 17th, by Order of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, was read,

Ordered, That said Estimate be taken into Consideration on Saturday next.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow-Morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday June, 20th, 1777.

Bill in Addition to Act to enable the Townships to maintain their Poor,

The Bill in further Addition to the Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor,

Was read a 2d and 3d Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and be sent to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

passed.

According to Order,

Bill for ascertaining Fees for naval officers

A Bill for ascertaining the Fees of the Naval Officers in the several Ports of this Province (the Port of *Halifax* excepted)

And Bill in Addition to the Act for the Choice of Town Officers,

And a Bill in further Addition to the Act for the Choice of Town Officers and regulating Townships,

presented,

Were presented to the House and read, *Resolved*, that the said Bills do pass, and be sent to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

read,

Thomas Dixson, Esqr; returned Member for the County of *Cumberland*, took the Usual Oaths and his Seat.

passed.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Amendment proposed to the Bill in Addition to the Act for preventing Trespasses, And,

That they also agree to the Bill for more effectually preventing the Desertion of Seamen and Soldiers from his Majesty Navy and Army in this Province.

To the Bill in further Addition to the Act for the Choice of Town-Officers and regulating Townships.

And to the Bill in further Addition to the Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to examine into the several Charges made in the Accounts for Payment of the Militia.

Consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts for payment of the Militia,

And the said Report was agreed to by the House.

Motion of Col. Shaw

Thereupon Colonel *Shaw*, moved the House, that as Colonel of the Militia, he did every Thing in his Power for the Protection of that Part of the Province where he commanded, that he obtained a Sum of Money as a Recompence for those who he thought most zealous in Defence of their Country, Part of his Demand on that Account he had paid long before he received it; Part since, and Part he has still in his Hands, and which he thought prudent to retain untill the Accounts underwent a public Examination, and that he is ready to restore the Money he received or such Part of it as the House may judge proper.

Resolved, That Colonel *Shaw* do repay into the Treasury the whole of the Money received by him for Payment of the Militia of the County of *Annapolis-Royal*.

Resolution thereon. ✓

Ordered, That a Bill in Amendment of the Act for better regulating the Militia on actual Service in Time of War, be prepared, and a Bill for that Purpose having been presented accordingly, the same was read a 1st Time.

Bill in Amendment of the Act for better regulating the Militia on Service. presented,

Ordered, That it be read a 2d Time.

According to Order, a Bill for the Payment of the Representatives of the several Counties and Towns within this Province,

Bill for Payment of Representatives, presented,

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

Ordered, That it be committed to a Committee of the whole House, And the House having resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

committed,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Colonel *Denson* took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

Colonel *Denson*, reported from the Committee, that they had gone thro' the Bill, and made some Amendments thereto, which being read, and the Question having been put thereupon, the said Amendments were agreed to by the House,

reported.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday June 21st, 1777.

A Bill in Amendment of an Act, made in the 2d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Militia on actual Service in Time of War*,

Bill in Amendment of Act for better regulating the Militia, &c.

Was read a 2d and 3d Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass,

passed.

Ordered, That the said Bill be carried to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

A Bill for the Payment of the Representatives of the several Counties and Towns within this Province,

Bill for Payment of Representatives,

Was read a 3d Time,

Resolved,

passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass,*Ordered*, That it be carried to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence.Consideration of
the Estimate.According to Order, the House proceeded to the Consideration of the Estimate for the Support of Government for one Year, commencing the 1st of *January*, 1778.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid to the several Persons and for the several Purposes hereafter mentioned, *viz.*

To the Second and Third Judges of the Supreme Court, each - £150

To the Treasurer of the Province for himself, Clerk and

Office Rent, - - - - - 200

To the Clerk of the Council in General-Assembly, - - - 60

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, - - - 60

For the Expences of the Council in General-Assembly, about 30

To the Speaker for the Expences of the House of Assembly including Chaplain, Doorkeeper and Firewood, - - - 100

To the Clerk of the Crown, - - - - - 20

For Stationary for the Secretary's Office, - - - 20

Ditto - - for the Treasurer's Office, - - - 10

Ditto - - For the Assistant Surveyor of Lands - - - 10

To the Printer for Printing for the Government and General-Assembly, - - - - - 60

For the Expences of the Coroners of the several Counties in taking Inquests, about - - - - - 15

To the Housekeeper to the Council-chamber and House of Assembly, 15

To the Keeper of the Court-House at *Halifax*, - - - 10

To ditto for Fuel for the Supreme Court, - - - 10

For Provisions for the Goal at *Halifax*, to be accounted for, 20

For two Gaugers and two Waiters in the Impost and Excise-Office, - - - - - 160

The Collector of Impost and Excise at *Halifax*, to be allowed for himself, Clerk, Office Rent and Stationary £6. *per Cent.* on the Sum collected and paid into the Treasury, to be deducted from the same, also £6. *per Cent.* on the amount of the Duties of such Liquors and other Articles as shall be entered at his Office, and shall afterwards be exported, landed and consumed at the Out-ports.And that there be allowed to the Collectors of the Duties of Impost and Excise at the Out-ports, £20. *per Cent.* on the Sum collected, if the Sum do not exceed £300. and £15. *per Cent.* on all exceeding, to be deducted from the same.

Also that there be allowed for the Clerks of the Supreme Court in the several distant Counties, in which the said Court is held, to be paid in the Manner the Judges shall recommend. £20.

For Contingencies, - - - - - about - - - £500.

Ordered, That these Resolutions be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

Account from Catherine Kirkham.

A Memorial from *Catherine Kirkham*, and an Account of Materials supplied and Carpenters Work done by her Husband *Hugh Kirkham*, at the Province House, was presented and read.*Resolved*, That there be paid to said *Catherine Kirkham* out of the Monies arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise in full of the above Account the Sum of - - - - - £11. 15. 9.

A Memorial from Dr. *Thomas Reeve*, and his Account for his Attendance and Medicines to the Poor sick and hurt Persons of the Province from *June 18th, 1776*, to *June 17th, 1777*, was presented and read,

Account from Dr. *Reeve*, for Attendance and Medicines to the Poor of the Province,

Resolved, That there be paid to Dr. *Thomas Reeve*, out of the Monies arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise the Sum of £67. 7. 6. in full of his said Account.

Vote thereon.

The House took into Consideration the Accounts from *Israel Andrews* for Materials and Work done at the Bridge over *St. Croix River*, and the Road leading to the same,

Accounts from *Israel Andrews* for Bridgeover *St. Croix River* and Road, considered, Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That an Address be presented to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, setting forth, That whereas it appears to the House, that the Work done by the said *Israel Andrews* is both useful and necessary, and that if the said Bridge had not been built the public would have been put to much Difficulty in crossing the said River. This House request He will please to grant a Warrant to the said *Israel Andrews* for Payment of £200. on Account, out of the Duties arising from Licences, and that his Honor will please to direct that proper Persons may survey the Work done, and report to him the Value thereof.

A Memorial from *John Woodin*, Master and Keeper of the Poor-House, and his Account for maintaing several Poor Sick, Lame, blind and lunatick Persons, who have no Settlement in the Province, to the 12th Instant, were presented and read,

Account from *John Woodin*, for maintaining several Poor, &c. in the Poor-House, who have no Settlement in the Province, Vote thereon.

Resolved, That there be paid for the same to said *John Woodin*, out of the Monies arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise the Sum of £177. 10. 10. in full of his said Account.

Mr. *Schwartz*, in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of *Halifax*, presented to the House an Account for supporting sundry poor Persons who have no legal Settlement in the Province, to prevent them from starving. and praying that they may be reimbursed the Money advanced by them for that Purpose.

Account from Overseers of the Poor for supporting sundry Poor who have no legal Settlement in the Province. Vote thereon.

Resolved, That there be paid to Messrs. *Schwartz* and *Kerby* Overseers of the Poor out of the Monies arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise in full of said Account the Sum of Thirty-four Pounds, three Shillings.

A Remonstrance and Memorial from *John Fenton*, Esq; Provost-Marshal, was Presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in *October 1773*, he presented to this House a Petition praying among other Things, that the House would please to take into Consideration the then ruinous State of the Goal in *Halifax*, and that some Provision might be made for repairing the same. That he now begs leave to renew his Petition, and to represent that such Repairs are become absolutely necessary, as thro' the insufficiency of the said Goal, the Course of Justice is perverted by the Escape of Prisoners That he has been under the Necessity of allowing £20. to a Goaler, and £15. to a proper Person hired to execute the Sentences of the Courts for the Year past, and praying that the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and direct such Measures as may be necessary for the public Service, and his Relief.

Memorial from *John Fenton*, Esq; Provost-Marshal, relating to the Goal.

and sundry Services

An Account from Mr. *Fenton*, was also presented for Money expended for Provisions for the Goal over and above the Sum of £20. allowed for that Purpose, amounting to £14. 10. 10.

Account presented for Money expended for Provisions for the Goal at *Halifax*, and for sundry Services.

And also an Account for sundry Services, amounting to £57. 12. 6. Ordered,

A Committee to view the Goal and Work-house.

Ordered, That the said Memorial and Accounts do lie on the Table,
Ordered, That Colonel *Tonge*, Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Newton*, do view the Goal and Work-house, and report the State thereof, and such Repairs as are necessary to be made to the same.

Memorial from *L. C. Rudolff*.

A Memorial from *L. C. Rudolff* of *Lunenburg*, Esq; was presented to the House, setting forth, sundry public Services performed by him, and the same was read.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, that there be paid to *L. C. Rudolff*, Esq; the Sum of £20. out of the Monies arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise for his said Services.

Bill relating to Militia agreed to in Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Bill in Amendment of the Act for better regulating the Militia on actual Service in Time of War.

Memorial from *James Monk*, Esq; read,

A Memorial from *James Monk*, Esq; late Solicitor-General, setting forth his Services for the Province, was read.

Resolved, That the Consideration of the said Memorial be deferred till Monday next.

Then the House adjourned till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

Monday June 23d, 1777.

Consideration of the memorial of *James Monk*, Esq; Resolution thereon.

According to Order, the Memorial and Account, of *James Monk*, Esq; late Solicitor-General, was taken into Consideration,

Resolved, That the several Charges made in the said Account are improper, and not chargeable to the Province.

Consideration of Accounts presented by *John Fenton*, Esq;

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Accounts presented by *John Fenton*, Esq;

Resolved, That there be paid to said *John Fenton*, out of the Monies arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise, for a Ballance of an Account of Provisions supplied for the Goal, the Sum of £14. 10. 10. And for the Return of eight Writts for the Election of Members to serve in this House, publishing Proclamations, and sundry other Services the Sum of, - - - - - £52. 12. 6.

Memorial of Dr. *John Philipps*, presented,

A Memorial from Dr. *John Philipps*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, his Services and Care of the Children in the Orphan-House,

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That there be paid to Dr. *Philipps* out of the Monies in the Treasury, arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise for his said Services and Care of the said Orphan Children from the 1st *January* last to the 30th *June* Instant, the Sum of £10.

Message from the Council on the Bill relating to Fees of the Naval Officers.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that having had under Consideration the Bill sent up by this House for ascertaining the Fees of the Naval-Office in the several Ports of this Province (the Port of *Halifax* excepted)

They are of Opinion, That the Fees to be taken by the Naval Officer in the Outports of this Province, are settled by Act of Parliament, and therefore it is unnecessary to make a Law for that Purpose.

Memorial of Col. *Shaw*.

Colonel *William Shaw*, presented to the House a Memorial, setting forth the Services of the Militia under his Command at *Annapolis-Royal*, and his having engaged, that those who did Duty should be paid for the same, that the Guard Rooms, where the said Militia mounted guard were supplied with Fire and Candles, and that he issued pay, Provisions and Ammunition, and was at many other incidental Charges to a considerable amount.

and

And requesting that the House will take the same into Consideration, and grant such Allowances for the same, as they shall think just and reasonable.

And the same was read,

read.

Resolved, that so soon as Colonel *Shaw*, shall produce to this House proper Vouchers for the Sums paid by him before this Time, to the Militia, and for Provisions, Fire, Candles, Wood and Ammunition supplied, that the House will then take the same into Consideration for Payment thereof.

Resolution thereon.

A Message from his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary of the Province,

Message from the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker,

“ The Lieutenant-Governor having taken into Consideration the extraordinary Expences attending the Duty of the puisne Judges of the Supreme Court, recommends to the House the establishing a proper and permanent Sallary for their Services, agreeable to the Promises and Engagements formerly made by this House.”

Ordered, That the several Resolutions and Votes agreed to by this House for Payments to be made sundry Persons, be sent to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

Resolution & Votes sent to the Council.

A Message came from his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber.

Message from the Lieute. Governor.

And Mr. Speaker with the House, having attended accordingly, his Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, viz.

The House attend his Honor in the Council-Chamber.

An Act to restrain the exorbitant Price of Labour.

An Act for regulating the Prices of certain Provisions in the Township of Halifax,

Bills assented to.

An Act in further Addition to an Act, made in the 3d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor.

An Act in further Addition to the Act, made in the 5th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Choice of Town Officers and for regulating Townships.

An Act for more effectually preventing the Desertion of Seamen and Soldiers from his Majesty's Navy and Army in this Province.

An Act in Addition to the Act for preventing Trespasses.

An Act in Amendment of the several Acts for regulating Juries.

An Act for the more effectually securing Prisoners committed for Crimes against his Majesty and Government, and for the Tryal of such Offenders.

An Act for continuing the several Acts relating to the Duty on Wheel-Carriages within the Penninsula of Halifax.

An Act for the making perpetual an Act, made in the 11th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to avoid the double Payment of Debts.

An Act in Amendment of an Act, made in the 2d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia on actual Service in Time of War.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday June 24th, 1777.

His Majesty's Council sent down the following Resolution,

“ That the Taxes imposed and set by the several Laws of this Province

Resolution from the Council relating to Ministers not being taxed for making and repairing Highways,

“ vince for the making, repairing and amending Highways doth not,
“ nor ought to extend to the taxing and levying the same on any of the
“ Ministers of the Gospel, except for their Lands,

To which they desire the Concurrence of the House.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said Resolution.

agreed to
Bill for raising a
Fund for Roads,
&c,
agreed to in Coun-
cil.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they
agree to the Bill for continuing the several Acts for raising a Fund for
the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communi-
cation thro' the Province.

Report of the Com-
mittee appointed to
examine the State
of the Goal and
Work House.

The Committee appointed to examine into the State and Condition of
the Goal and Work-house in the Town of *Halifax*, reported, that they
had examined the Cells and every other Apartment of the Goal, and
find the whole Building in a ruinous Condition, that the Apartments
for Felons are very ill secured as the Walls are made with loose Stones,
which may be easily broke thro', and the Wood Work too much de-
cayed to be repaired, the Committee are therefore of Opinion, that a
new Goal ought to be built for the Security of Prisoners.

That the Work-house is much out of Repair, and that it is necessary
that a Fence should be made round the same.

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

Address to be pre-
sented to the Lieut.
Governor for the
appointment of a
Person to survey,
&c. Bridges, Build-
ings & other works.

Upon a Motion, *Resolved*, that an humble Address be presented
to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, to request, that he will please to
appoint a proper Person to survey, examine, estimate and make Report,
to the *General-Assembly*, of all public Bridges Highways, Buildings and other
Works necessary to be carried on in the Province, and when such Works
shall be approved of, to contract for the same. And that such Person be
allowed for his Services therein for the ensuing Year the Sum of £150.

& cause an Estimate
to be made for
building a new
Goal,
in the mean Time
the present Goal to
be repaired.

“ That his Honor will please to direct that the Person he shall please
“ to appoint to the said Office, do cause an Estimate to be made for
“ building a new Goal, and that a Plan thereof be drawn.

“ And that in the mean Time a Sum not exceeding £25. be
“ laid out in repairing the present Goal for the better securing Prisoners.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to his Honor the
Lieutenant Governor to acquaint his Honor,

“ That this House have had under Consideration his Honor's Message,
“ relative to the establishing a permanent Salary to the puisne Judges of
“ the Supreme Court.

“ And that so soon as the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Com-
“ mander in Chief of the Province shall be authorized by his Majesty,
“ to issue Commissions to the said Judges, to hold their Offices during
“ good Behaviour, this House will then consistent with its former De-
“ clarations, make the Salaries of the said Judges, permanent.”

Ordered, That the said Addresses, and the Addresses of the 16th and
21st Instant, be presented by Mr. *Newton*, Mr. Solicitor General and
Mr. *Philipps*.

Resolution relating
to Payment on
Treasurer's Notes
and Warrants.

Upon a Motion, *Resolved*, that whatever Monies remain in the
Treasury of this Province, after paying the necessary Expences for the
Support of Government to the 30th *June* Instant, and setting apart
£500. voted for Contingencies. The Lieutenant Governor be requested
to order the Treasurer to notify by Advertisement, the Possessors of Notes
and Warrants, that such Sum is ready to be paid in Proportion to the Sums
demanded by the Possessors of said Notes and Warrants within Ten Days
from the Date of the said Advertisement.

Ordered,

Ordered, That this Resolution be sent to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday June 25th, 1777.

His Majesty's Council returned the Bill "for the Payment of the Representatives of the several Counties and Towns within this Province,

Not agreed to.

The Committee appointed to present the several Addresses of this House to his Honor the Lieut. Governor, reported, that they had presented the same, and that his Honor was pleased to say, that he would take into Consideration the Matters therein contained.

His Majesty's Council sent down, a Bill for continuing the Act, made in the 15th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act "to impower the Governor Lieut. Governor or Commander in Chief "for the Time being to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, "Arms and Ammunition or Salt Petre, or carrying the same Coastways to which they desire the Concurrence of his House.

And the said Bill was read and agreed to,

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Estimate for the Expences of Government, and to the several Resolutions and Votes of this House for Payment of money to the several Persons therein mentioned.

Ordered, that Mr. Speaker do request his Honor the Lieut. Governor will please to order a write to be issued for electing a Member of this House for the Township of Yarmouth, in the room of James Monk, Esqr, who is gone to reside at Quebec.

A Message came from his Honor the Lieut. Governor requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

And Mr. Speaker with the House having attended accordingly, his Honor was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills: viz.

An Act for continuing the several Acts for raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication thro' the province.

An Act for continuing the Act made in the 15th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to impower the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, Arms and Ammunition or Salt Petre, or Carrying the same Coastways.

Also to the report of the joint Committee of his Majesty's Council and of this House on the publick Accounts.

To the Estimate for the Expences of Government for the Year 1777.

And to the several Resolutions and Votes for Payment of money to sundry Persons as agreed to by his Majesty's Council and this House

After which his Honor was pleased to make the following SPEECH.

" Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly.

" I Return you my thanks for your Services during this Session.
" And you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, merit my
" particular thanks for the signal Proofs you have given during the
" Session of your Loyalty and Attachment to his Majesty's Govern-
" ment and for your Zeal for the publick Good.

Then the Clerk of the Council by his Honor's Command, declared the General Assembly prorogued to Friday the 1st day of August next and the same was prorogued accordingly.

Bill for payment of representatives returned, report of the committee who presented the addresses to the Lieutenant Governor.

Bill to prohibit the exportation of Gunpowder &c. from the Council

read, agreed to.

Message from the Lieut. Governor.

Bills assented to.

His Honor's speech