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HOUSE of ASSEMBLY,

1817.



PROCLAMATION.

DALHOUSIE.

*By His Excellency Lieutenant-General
The Right Honourable GEORGE
Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie,
of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand
Cross of the Most Honourable Military
Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-
Governor, and Commander in Chief,
in and over His Majesty's Province of
Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies,
&c. &c. &c.*

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued
to Wednesday, the 20th Day of November next :

I have thought fit, further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, until
Thursday the 13th Day of February next, *then to meet for the Dispatch of Bu-
siness*; of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern
themselves accordingly.

*GIVEN under my Hand, and Seal at Arms,
at Halifax, this 29th Day of October, in
the 57th Year of His Majesty's Reign,
Annoque Domini, 1816.*

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE,

Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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OF
THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
OF
THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

THURSDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1817.

THE following Members having assembled, agreeably to His Excellency's Proclamation, bearing date the 29th October, 1816 :

<i>Mr. Solicitor-General,</i>	<i>Mr. Chipman,</i>	<i>Mr. Pryor,</i>
<i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>	<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>	<i>Mr. Marsters</i>
<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>	<i>Mr. Cunningham,</i>	<i>Mr. Purdy,</i>
<i>Mr. Allison,</i>	<i>Mr. Crane,</i>	<i>Mr. Baker,</i>
<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>	<i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>	<i>Mr. Mortimer,</i>
<i>Mr. Kent,</i>	<i>Mr. Manning,</i>	<i>Mr. Shaw,</i>
<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>	<i>Mr. Flemming,</i>	<i>Mr. Wells,</i>
<i>Mr. Ritchie,</i>	<i>Mr. Roach,</i>	<i>Mr. Warwick.</i>
<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>	<i>Mr. Harris.</i>	

The Clerk acquainted the said Members that he had received a Letter
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from the Speaker, dated the 12th instant, addressed to him, which letter, the Clerk, by their direction, read, and is as follows, Viz :

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“ Having accepted the situation of one of the Assistant Justices of His Majesty’s Supreme Court, to which His Excellency Sir John Coape Sherbrooke was pleased to nominate me, I find, by the Laws of the Province, I can no longer retain a Seat in the House of Assembly, and am consequently compelled to ask the House, through you, to permit me to resign my situation as their Speaker, and at the same time to request that Body to accept my warmest and most grateful acknowledgments for the attention and support received from them, during the time I had the honor of filling the Chair, and to assure them that I part from them with reluctance, and am only consoled by the reflection that they have in the Assembly, Gentlemen, whose talents and ability will more than compensate for any loss they may have sustained in me, as the only merit to which I felt myself entitled was an honest and fervent zeal for the public good, which still animates me, and, with the House, will plead my excuse for recommending, as my last Legislative act, the cultivation of harmony with the other branches of the Legislature : as the surest means of promoting the happiness and prosperity of the Province” ; and thereupon,

The said Members came to a Resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the seat of the said Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq. Representative for the County of Lunenburg, and the Speaker of the House, be vacant by his acceptance of the appointment of an Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court ; and that the Clerk do inform his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that in consequence thereof the House are at present without a Speaker.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, commanding the attendance of the Members in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Members with the Clerk, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where the Clerk, by command of the Members, addressed His Excellency as follows :

May it please Your Excellency :

In obedience to the commands of the Members of the House of Assembly, now in attendance on your Excellency, I am to acquaint your Excellency that they are at present without a Speaker ; the seat of their late Speaker, Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq. having become vacant by his appointment as an Assistant Justice of His Majesty’s Supreme Court.

The President of His Majesty’s Council by his Excellency’s command, then said :

Gentlemen,

Gentlemen,

It is His Excellency's the Lieutenant-Governor's pleasure, that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person as your Speaker, and that you present such person whom you shall so choose immediately for His Excellency's approbation.

And the House being returned,

Mr. Pyke then proposed Simon Bradstreet Robie, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor General, and Member for the County of Halifax; and Mr. Shaw proposed Thomas Ritchie, Esq. Member for the County of Annapolis; for their Speaker; and the choice of the House having fallen upon Mr. Solicitor General, he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred upon him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Mr. Pyke, and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Secretary George, commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker elect was presented to His Excellency by Mr. Pyke, Member for the Town of Halifax, who addressed His Excellency as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

The House of Assembly, agreeably to your Excellency's Commands, have proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and their choice having fallen upon His Majesty's Solicitor-General, Simon Bradstreet Robie, Esq. I have the honour of presenting him to your Excellency, for your approbation.

After which His Excellency was pleased to say:

I approve of the Speaker which the House of Assembly have chosen.

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

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he had spoken to the following effect:

May it please your Excellency,

The customary privileges of the Commons of Nova-Scotia having already been confirmed to the Members of this House of Assembly, by your Excellency's Predecessor, on their behalf I have nothing to solicit.

For myself, I have to hope that the same goodness which has induced your Excellency to approve of the choice which has been made of me to be the Speaker of this Assembly, will also lead your Excellency to put the most favorable construction upon my conduct, in discharging the duties of this high office.

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After which Mr. Speaker said, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

IN meeting you in General Assembly, it becomes my duty to acquaint you, that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been graciously pleased to appoint me to the Civil and Military Command in Nova-Scotia.

In assuming the Administration of the Government, I am sensible of the importance of the trust with which I have been honoured; and conscious that I may be found deficient in the experience requisite for the station in which I am placed in this important part of His Majesty's American Dominions—I feel this the more strongly, in succeeding an Officer, whose abilities and conduct, during his residence among you, have obtained him the approbation of his Sovereign, and the respect and esteem of the inhabitants of this Province.

I am, however, encouraged, in having this early opportunity of meeting the two Branches of the Legislature in General Assembly. It is from you I can receive the best information of the state of the Country to direct my attention to the objects most likely to conduce to its general prosperity and welfare. I shall hope to merit your confidence by a constitutional exercise of the powers given me, and by an assiduous discharge of my duties.

Outrages having been committed on the British Flag; by one of the Piratical States on the shores of the Mediterranean, it has been punished with a promptitude and decision of which the British Navy alone was capable; and I have the pleasure to congratulate you on the splendid Victory obtained by Lord EXMOUTH at Algiers, by which the Admiral (joined by a Squadron of Dutch frigates) levelled the defences of that City, burnt their Fleet, and dictated Peace in the Palace of the Dey. An achievement that reflects the highest honour on the Noble Admiral, and all that were engaged under him; and gives to the Crown of England another claim to the gratitude of the civilized world.

It is with great satisfaction I have to announce to you, the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess CHARLOTTE of Wales to the Prince LEOPOLD of Saxe Cobourg; and that of Her Royal Highness the Princess MARY, to His Royal Highness the Duke of GLOUCESTER.—I am confident you will participate in the great joy and happiness which these events must afford to the hearts of their affectionate Parents, and to every branch of the Royal Family; and which have been felt and expressed by the Nation at large, in warm congratulations from every part of His Majesty's Dominions.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I have ordered the Public Accounts to be prepared and laid before you without delay; and I trust it will be found that the Supplies of last Session have been faithfully applied to the purposes for which they were granted. Considering the great depression Commerce has experienced, since the return of Peace, the Revenue cannot be expected to prove so productive as it was during the War. It will therefore be advisable to make a judicious use of the means we may have in apportioning them to the Public Service.

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

I am sorry to have to state to you, that I have received since my arrival various reports of distress, occasioned by the failure of the Crops, in many districts of the Province during the last two years; and though some temporary relief has been afforded, there is reason to apprehend that the pressure of want still continues, and may be severely felt before another harvest can be obtained, even under the most favourable circumstances of season. This subject I recommend to your earliest and most serious consideration.

In perusing the Proceedings of the Legislature for some years back, I have observed with great satisfaction the attention given to the making and improving the Public Roads. Nothing, indeed, is of greater importance to a new Country, or more powerfully claims my recommendation to your further attention.

Relying on the zeal, liberality and patriotism, manifested by this Assembly during the Administration of my Predecessors, and ardently desirous to co-operate with you in all measures tending to the general welfare of the Province, I shall look forward in a confident hope, under the blessing of Divine Providence, that our united endeavours will not prove unavailing.

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Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Roach, Mr. Wells and Mr. Flemming, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly, with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Pyke, be a Committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws.

Ordered, That no Petition of a private nature be received after Wednesday the 5th March next.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent had been most graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Doctor Stanfer, the Chaplain to this House, to the situation of Lord Bishop of Nova-Scotia; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Reverend John Inglis, D. D. the present Rector of St-Paul's, be the Chaplain to this House.

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

Friday, 14th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech; that they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable GEORGE, Earl of Dalhousie, Baron Dalhousie, of Dalhousie-Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &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 loyal and affectionate Subjects the People of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of this Session of the General Assembly.

The gracious disposition His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has manifested for promoting the interest of this Province, by committing the Government of it to a person of your Excellency's high rank and distinguished talents, demands our utmost gratitude.

In your Excellency we repose every confidence, and we rely upon the assurance that your Excellency's exertions will be for the good of the Province: nothing shall be wanting on our part to render them effectual.

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We thank your Excellency for the wish you have expressed, to obtain a knowledge of the state of the Province you are appointed to govern, and it will afford us great satisfaction to communicate to your Excellency the best and earliest information on this subject.

The splendid Victory obtained by Lord Exmouth at Algiers, by which the Admiral (joined by a Squadron of Dutch Frigates) levelled the defences of that City, burnt their Fleet, and dictated Peace in the Palace of the Dey, is highly gratifying to us, and affords to the World an additional proof of the prowess and bravery of British Seamen, in humbling a Power long a scourge and dread to civilized nations.

We rejoice with your Excellency on the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales to the Prince Leopold of Saxe Cobourg, and that of Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester; and we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that every event which tends to the happiness and comfort of their affectionate Parents, and to every branch of the Royal Family, will afford us most sincere gratification.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be prepared and laid before us: they will receive our immediate and serious attention.— We lament the general depression of Commerce, but we trust that the period is not far distant when it will be restored to its usual and flourishing state; in the mean time, we shall carefully apportion our resources to the most important and beneficial Public Services.

We feel grateful for the concern expressed by your Excellency for the distresses occasioned by the failure of Crops in many parts of the Province; and, while we regret that such distresses exist, we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we shall give the subject our early and serious consideration.

The satisfaction your Excellency has been pleased to express as to the importance of improving the Public Roads, claims our thanks. We shall take great pleasure in making the necessary provision for continuing that beneficial service.

Permit us to assure your Excellency, that we have the fullest reliance that you will co-operate with us in all measures tending to the general welfare; and that our deliberations shall be uniformly and diligently directed to the promoting, to the utmost of our power, the prosperity of the Province.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Archibald, be a committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

On motion of Mr. Lawton, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the distress in many parts of the Province from the failure of Crops.

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

Saturday, 15th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, that the committee had, pursuant to order, waited on His Excellency, and that His Excellency was pleased to appoint this day at two o'clock, at the Government-House.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of that part of His Excellency's Message which relates to the distress in many parts of the Province from the failure of Crops.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Welis took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum of Money should be granted to purchase Bread and Seed for such of the indigent Settlers of the Province as have had their Crops destroyed by frost or otherwise.

The Chairman acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the business to them referred: which report the House agreed to.

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

Resolved, That a conference be requested with the Council, by committee,

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on the subject of the general State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Roach, do manage the said conference.

Mr. Speaker, and the House, attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of yesterday ;

And being returned,

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

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

I BEG to thank you for this Address.

It is highly gratifying to me to receive this assurance of your cordial cooperation in our relative duties : while that exists, and most certainly I have no cause to doubt its existence, I shall confidently hope to see the prosperity of the Province advance by rapid steps.

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

Monday, 17th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Lawson presented to the House, an Account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all Monies received by him into, and Payments by him made from, the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January, and 31st December, 1816.

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

A Petition of Daniel Frazer, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is an Insolvent Debtor, at present confined in the Jail of Halifax ; that his debts amount to more than five hundred pounds, and praying that a Law may be passed for his relief : and thereupon,

Mr. Marshall moved for leave to bring in a Bill conformably to the prayer of the Petition ; which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

▲ Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference as desired by the House, on the subject

ject of the general State of the Province, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the conference accordingly.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider of the best mode of improving the great Roads of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the House should appoint a committee to bring in a Bill to amend and continue the Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Dimock, and Mr. Chipman, do prepare and bring in a Bill agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

A Petition of the Officers of the Twenty-Sixth Battalion of Nova-Scotia Militia, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid from the House for the erecting an Armoury, and providing a proper person to take care of the Arms belonging to the said Battalion.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 18th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Shaw, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the same was read a first time.

On motion *resolved*, that the Bill be now read a second time, and the said Bill was read a second time accordingly. On

On motion *resolved*, that the Bill be now committed to a committee of the whole House ; and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A petition of George Oxley and others, inhabitants of Remfreg, was presented by Mr. Purdy, and read, praying an amendment to be made in the Act for the regulation of Elections : that, in future, Elections for the County of Cumberland, the Poll may be held at Remfreg as well as at Amherst.

A Petition of Ezra Whitter was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying an aid from the House to enable him to continue the running of a Four-wheeled Carriage in Summer, and a close Sleigh in Winter, for the conveyance of the Mail, and the accommodation of Passengers, from Halifax to Pictou, and which Establishment was commenced by the Petitioner in the month of July last.

A Petition of Matthew Richardson was presented by Mr. Pryor, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Excise Duty on a certain quantity of Coffee, shipped by the Petitioner on board the Brig Friends, Howel, Master, for London, and damaged and lost on board said vessel while on the voyage by tempestuous weather.

Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House.

And the said Message was read by the Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I avail myself of an early occasion to communicate to the Assembly a Letter, received from Mr. Goulbourn, Under Secretary of State, informing, that the Act of this Province for the encouragement of the Trade of the Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum, had been approved by His Royal

Highness the Prince Regent ; and also, the Letter from the Officer at présent administering the Government of New-Brunswick, together with his Proclamation to put the said Act in immediate operation there ; and I purpose to do the same, to give immediate effect to the Act in this Province, according to the provisions of it.

I also think it my duty to lose no time to communicate to you a Letter, received by me, from the Right Honorable Earl BATHURST, bearing date the 4th October last, stating, that it is an object of His Majesty's Government to augment the Population of Nova-Scotia by the settlement of Emigrants on the ungranted Lands in this Province ; and requesting to be informed of the difficulties experienced by the recent Settlers, and the means which may be best calculated to relieve them in future ; and requesting to be also informed in what manner adequate encouragement may be afforded with the least expense to the Public. And I shall be happy to receive from the Assembly such information and assistance on this subject as may appear to the Assembly conducive to the end proposed.

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Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by his Excellency's command, the undermentioned Papers referred to in the foregoing Message from his Excellency, Viz :

A Letter from Henry Goulbourn, Esq. to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, dated Downing-Street, 8th June, 1816.

A Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Hailes, Administrator of the Government of New-Brunswick, to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, dated Fredericton, 3d February, 1817.

A Copy of the Proclamation issued by Lieutenant-Colonel Hailes, dated Fredericton, 31st January, 1817, for putting in force the Act, of New-Brunswick, for the Encouragement of the Trade of that Province in Plaster of Paris ; and also,

A Letter from the Right Honorable Earl Bathurst, dated Downing-Street, 4th October, 1816, addressed to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That this House will, on Thursday next, the 20th instant, take into consideration that part of His Excellency's Message which relates to the settlement of Emigrants in this Province.

On motion of Mr. Kent, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that he will be pleased to communicate such information as he may possess relative to the encouragement given, or intended to be given, by His Majesty's Government to Emigrants to His Majesty's North-American Dominions.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Haliburton, be a committee accordingly.

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

Wednesday, 19th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent the commencing of Suits in Counties where neither Party resides, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that Mr. Secretary George had transmitted to him by order of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a petition of John Lawton, Archibald Gray and John Black, addressed to his Excellency, and by him recommended to the consideration of the House, and the said petition was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

It is already known to your Excellency, that a number of Gentlemen of this Town, considering with regret the destitute situation to which the stagnation of Trade, the unusual rigour of the Season, and an unexpected influx of strangers have reduced many of the labouring Poor amongst us, have formed an association in the hope of relieving the two prevalent distresses.

The Inhabitants of the Town have contributed, by donations and subscriptions, towards this desirable object, with a liberality and readiness which call for the grateful acknowledgement of the Committee of the Association.

The Committee, however, find their Funds still very inadequate to the completion of their benevolent design: they are, therefore, induced, humbly, to request that your Excellency will recommend to the General Assembly of the Province, to grant the Committee, out of the Public Treasury, such aid as the Assembly, in their wisdom, shall judge expedient and proper; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow take into consideration the foregoing Petition.

A Petition of Alexander Burket was presented by Mr. Harris, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Impost Duty on 650 gallons of Rum, and 17 cwt. and 14 lbs. Brown Sugar, imported by him from New-Brunswick, in the year 1813, and purchased with the Produce of the Province, amounting to 10l. 5s. 3d.

A Petition of Terence Cochran was presented by Mr. Harris, and read, praying payment of the sum of 58l. 7s. expended by him, as a Commissioner, in the year 1815, on the main road from the west end of Ardoise Hill to the Half-way River at Horton, over and above the sum granted by the Province for that part of the said road.

A petition of John Moody, James H. Tidmarsh and others, was presented by Mr. Pryor, and read, setting forth : that the petitioners have at a heavy expense, established in Halifax, a Manufactory for refining Sugar, and praying that a Drawback of the Provincial Duties on such imported Sugar as shall actually be manufactured by them into refined Sugar, may be allowed to them.

A petition of George Grassie & Co. was presented by Mr. Mortimer and read, setting forth : that the petitioners had in their Iron Chest at the time of the Fire, on the 17th December last, a quantity of Province Notes, which were consumed, and by which they sustained a loss of 142l. in said Notes ; and praying relief.

A petition of George Grassie & Co. was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, setting forth : that the petitioners sustained a heavy loss by Fire, on the 17th December last, in Buildings and Merchandise, that a quantity of dutiable articles made a part of the Goods consumed by that unfortunate event, and on which there were paid or secured to the amount of 768l. 19s. 9d. and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the distress in many Districts of the Province from the failure of Crops.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Shaw took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Monies to be granted for the relief of those Persons whose Crops have been destroyed by Frost or otherwise, should be expended in purchasing, within this Province, Seed Grain ; and by importing Barley, Rye, or Coarse Flour, to be distributed by the Legislature to the several Counties and Districts.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the business to them referred ; which report the House agreed to.

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Emigrants; that the committee had waited upon, and delivered to His Excellency, a copy of the Resolution of the House; and that His Excellency had been pleased to furnish to the committee, certain Letters relative to the settlement of Emigrants, which he said contained all the information His Excellency could give to the House on that subject; and he afterwards delivered the said Letters in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow, Viz:—

A Letter from Earl Bathurst to Sir George Prevost, dated the 12th July, 1814; also,

A Letter from Earl Bathurst to Sir Gordon Drummond, dated 25th March, 1815; also,

A Letter from Sir Gordon Drummond to Earl Bathurst, dated 23d Sept. 1815; and also,

A Letter from Earl Bathurst to His Excellency Sir J. C. Sherbrooke: and thereupon,

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

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

Thursday, 20th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to prevent the commencing of Suits in Counties where neither party resides, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the relief of Daniel Frazer, an Insolvent Debtor; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Halliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of New Land; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Orders of the Day being read; thereupon,

On motion, The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of that part of His Excellency's Message of Tuesday last,

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which relates to Emigrants; and also, the Petition of John Lawson, the Rev. Archibald Gray, and William Black.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which the committee had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That, in answering His Excellency's Message to this House, on the subject of the settlement of Emigrants in this Province, it should be stated to His Excellency, that one of the difficulties experienced by Emigrants, arises from the delay and expense attending the procuring Grants of Lands. That the settlement of the Province would be much facilitated if, in future, lands were laid out and granted to Settlers without any expense whatever, and if Provisions were allowed them for a period not less than eighteen months, together with a few Implements of Husbandry. That the Province has no other mode of affording them assistance than by opening and making Roads through the Lands upon which they may settle. That there are large Tracts of Lands now remaining in a wilderness state, which have been formerly granted to persons, many of whom are absent from the Province, and all of whom have neglected to take any measures for their cultivation. That these Tracts comprehend some of the finest Lands in the Province, and that, in the opinion of the House, it would be amongst the best modes of encouraging Emigrants, that proper means should be taken to re-invest the Title of those Lands in His Majesty, for the purpose of giving them to Emigrants in such quantities as may be deemed proper, free of any expense whatever.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the business to them referred; which report the House agreed to.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Archibald, be a committee to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, conformably to the foregoing Resolution of the committee of the whole House.

A Petition of John Lindsay and others, Inhabitants of Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, setting forth that the sum of 150*l.* granted by the Legislature in the last year, for aiding them in building two Bridges and for repairing the Road within their Settlement, had been misapplied.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr.

Mr. Marshall presented to the House the undermentioned Papers, received by him from the late Speaker of this House, Viz :—

A Letter from Andrew Belcher, Esq. to the late Speaker; dated London, the 4th August, 1816; on the subject of the purchase of Plate, for His Excellency Sir J. C. Sherbrooke; and also,

An Invoice and cost of the said Plate, amounting to 996l. 18s. 4d. sterling.
Ordered, That the Papers do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

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

Friday, 21st February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to alter and amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to continue, alter and amend, an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

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

A Bill for the relief of Daniel Frazer, an Insolvent Debtor; and also,

A Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of New Land, were severally read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to congratulate His Royal Highness on the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales to the Prince Leopold of Saxe Coburg; and that of Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council, and that His Majesty's Council be requested to join with this House in the Address to His Royal Highness.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council, for the purpose of preparing a suitable Address to His Royal Highness.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolutions to His Majesty's Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Petition of John Lawson, Archibald Gray, and William Black.

Mr,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Petition of John Lawton, and others, should be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Secretary George delivered to the House, by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, an Estimate of the Expense for the Support of the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government for the year 1817; and thereupon,

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

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, That an Address be presented to His Excellency Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, G. C. B. to congratulate His Excellency upon his appointment as Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Provinces in British North-America.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Marshall, be a committee to prepare the said Address.

Mr. Chipman moved, that the House do come to the Resolution following, to be made part of the Appropriation Act of the present Session, *Viz*.

WHEREAS, the sum of 1,500l. was appropriated the last Sessions of the General Assembly, to enable the Inhabitants of Cornwallis to erect a Bridge over Cornwallis River, but no part thereof was to be drawn from the Treasury until 1,000l. subscribed for that purpose was collected; and Whereas, the said sum of 1,000l. although subscribed, hath not all been collected, because considerable parts of the said subscription are to be paid by the performance of labour, in and about the making the said Bridge; by reason whereof, no part of the said sum of 1,500l. can be drawn until the said Bridge is completed; for remedy whereof:

Be it enacted, That whenever the Commissioner or Commissioners shall certify to the Lieutenant-Governor, that any sum of money, part of the said subscription, has been paid either in money or by the performance of work on the said Bridge, it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by Warrant, to direct the payment from
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the Treasury of such part of the said sum of 1,500l. as shall bear the same proportion to the sum so certified as 1,500l. bears to 1,000l.—which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the Distress in many parts of the Province from the loss of Crops.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a further conference should be held with His Majesty's Council on the subject of the general state of the Province, and that the committee of the House be instructed to propose and lay before the House, what shall be considered the best mode of alleviating the distresses sustained in different parts of the Province by the failure of Crops, and also the best mode of distributing Seed Grain amongst the Settlers who are in want thereof.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the business to them referred, which report the House agreed to.

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

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Council, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution of the Committee of the whole House, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported, that the Council had agreed to the conference, as desired by the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Roach, do manage the said conference, and that they do attend accordingly.

And they went to the conference.

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

Saturday, 22d February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels for carrying on the Bank and Ccd Fisheries; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of Messrs. Starr & Shannon was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioners sustained a heavy loss by Fire on the 17th December last, in Buildings and Merchandise; that a quantity of dutiable articles made a part of the Goods consumed by that unfortunate event, and on which they had paid or secured Provincial Duties to the amount of 5l. 4s. and praying relief.

A Petition of Lewis M. Wilkins, and others, the Committee of the Royal Acadian School in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a further extension of the bounty of the House in aid of that beneficial and valuable Institution.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House on the subject of an humble Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and have appointed a committee to join a committee of the House of Assembly on the occasion.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Ritchie, be a committee to join a committee of his Majesty's Council, agreeably to the Resolution of this House yesterday communicated to the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had held a conference with the Council agreeably to the Resolution of yesterday, and that the committee of the Council had concurred with the committee of the House in opinion, that the best mode of alleviating the distresses sustained in different parts of the Province by the failure of Crops, was as follows, viz:—

By importing into the Province Rye and Barley, if to be procured; if not, Coarse Flour:—That the distribution of the same to be made by the Sessions in the several Counties and Districts, by way of Loan, and the Applicants' Notes to be taken and made payable to the Treasurer of the County or District within a reasonable time, and, when due, to be collected by him and remitted

remitted to the Treasurer of the Province: the respective Counties and Districts to be held responsible for the amount received, and, if a loss happens, not exceeding twenty-five per Cent. to be borne by the Province; any further loss the Counties and Districts respectively to make good by a Tax; and thereupon,

On Motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Dimock, do prepare and bring in a Bill conformably to the foregoing Report.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Purdy took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of New Land, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed; which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Roach, Member for the County of Cumberland, standing in his place, informed the House that he had received a Letter from one Daniel Benjamin, charging him, the said Mr. Roach, with improper motives, when in Debate in the House, and that he had in the said Debate endeavoured to injure the said Benjamin; and the said Letter was read by the Member in his place, and also by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Letter addressed by Daniel Benjamin to Thomas Roach, a Member of this House, imputing to him improper motives in his conduct in this House, is a violation of the privileges thereof.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Serjeant at Arms to take into his custody the said Daniel Benjamin, and bring him to the Bar of this House to answer for his conduct.

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

Monday, 24th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Daniel Benjamin being brought to the Bar of the House by the Serjeant
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at Arms, in obedience to the Speaker's Warrant, and the Resolution of Saturday ; and being charged with writing the said Letter, and having acknowledged the same to have been written by him and directed to Mr. Roach, the Member for the County of Cumberland, and being heard thereon in his defence ; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Daniel Benjamin, for his offence, be forthwith committed by the Serjeant at Arms to the Common Jail of the County of Halifax, there to remain in close confinement, until discharged by further order of this House.

A Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries, was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to prevent the commencing Suits in Counties where neither party resides ; and, also, through the Bill for the relief of Daniel Frazer, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment : and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed : which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

A Petition of William Logan, of Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Kent, and read, praying to be remunerated for a loss he has sustained in consequence of an alteration lately made in a Public Road which passes over his land.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act more effectually to prevent the Embezzlement of His Majesty's Naval Ordnance and Victualling Stores : to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Resolution of this House, respecting a Bridge to be erected over the Cornwallis River.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Chipman, Mr. Crane, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Allifon, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

Mr. Lawfon reported from the committee appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council, to examine the Public Accounts, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

TREASURER OF THE PROVINCE.

His accounts to the 31st December last have been received and are correct; there is a Balance in his hands... L.8,718 13 9

COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE :

HALIFAX—His accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; Balance of Bonds in his hands for collection **L.63,602 15 7**
Ditto, in the hands of the Attorney-General **554 0 4**
64,156 15 11

LUNENBURG—The late Collector, by report of last year, was accountable for the sum of.....**L.453 19 8½**
Ditto for the amount of Duties secured in Jan. and Feby. **75 15 1½**

L.529 14 10

The Administratrix of the late Collector has paid over to the present Collector, in Bonds, the sum of **L.246 1 4**
Do. paid the Treasurer, **145 13 10**

391 15 2

His Estate is accountable, out of which the Commissions are to be deducted, for the sum of..... 137 19 8

The present Collector's accounts have been received to the 31st December last, and are correct; he has received from the Administratrix of the late Collector in Bonds the sum of **L.246 1 4**, this sum included makes him accountable for 916 19 11½

SHELBURNE—His accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he has Bonds in his hands for collection..... 531 11 1

LIVERPOOL—The former Collector still remains accountable for the amount reported last year of..... 2267 17 7½

The present Collector's accounts have been received, and are correct; He has Bonds in his hands for collection amounting to..... 1745 11 9

YARMOUTH—His accounts to the 31st December last have been received, he has charged **L.40 7 3** paid the Treasurer, which have not been received by him; he is therefore accountable for..... 1019 0 3

ANNAPOLIS—His accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he has Bonds in his hands of..... 1104 10 2

WINDSOR—His accounts to the 31st December last have been received; and are correct; he has Bonds in his hands on account of Impost and

	<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	L.80,599 0 2
Excise, to the amount of.....	L586 7 10	
There is remaining in his hands, in Cash and Bonds, a balance on account of the Plaster Paris Duty, the sum of.....	5837 6 9	
	<hr/>	6423 14 7
KING'S COUNTY —His accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he is accountable for.....		278 7 1
The Treasurer reports that since closing his accounts he has received L.120.		
PICTOU —His accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are as usual incorrectly stated; he has Bonds in his hands for collection		514 0 11½
COLCHESTER —His accounts to the 27th Jan. 1816, have been received; they appear correct; the amount of Duties on account of Impost and Excise to that time, has been paid the Treasurer. He remains accountable for the duties on Plaster of Paris, as reported last year... ..		337 10 0
CUMBERLAND —No Account Current has been received. A Return has been received, stating the amount of Duties received between the 12th April and 31st December, 1816, after deducting Commissions, amounts to.....	L.25 8 1	
There is another return dated the 13th February, 1816, in which there appears to be in his hands on account of the Plaster Paris Duty; in Bonds.....	L.250 0 0	
In Cash.....	124 17 6	
Bond for Impost and Excise Duty.....	10 12 6	
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	<hr/>	410 18 1
It appears by the Treasurer's accounts he has paid him.....	111 0 0	
	<hr/>	299 18 1
The Treasurer states that since closing his accounts he has received the above sum of.....	L.25 8 1	
ISLE OF SABLE:		
The Commissioner's accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; there is a balance due him of.....	18 2 9½	
LIGHT HOUSES:		
HALIFAX ...The Collector's accounts are correct; he has paid the Treasurer.....	906 10 8	
Liverpool Ditto Ditto.....	47 15 3	
Shelburne Ditto Ditto.....	37 2 0	
	<hr/>	L.991 7 11
It appears by an account current with the Treasurer, that he has paid to the Commissioners of Light Houses, the sum of L.2150; there is still a balance remaining in his hands of.....		232 14 4
An account current has been received from the Commissioners; there is remaining in their hands unexpended, the sum of.....		50 10 0
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		L.88,735 15 2½

PROVINCE NOTES.

There have been examined and destroyed :

Provincial Notes to the amount of.....	L.3322 0 0
Leaving in circulation the 31st December last.....	13,447 0 0

The committee find, that none of the Collectors have sworn to their accounts, except for Halifax and Lunenburg, and recommend if the Law, as it stands,

stands, does not require such Affidavit, that some provision should be made to that effect, comprehending all Public Accountants.

The committee further report, that they find large balances in the hands of the Collectors of Windsor and Colchester, which should have been collected and remitted, there having been sufficient time for that purpose.

The committee find no attention has been paid to that part of their report last year, relating to the former Collector of Liverpool, as he still remains accountable for the same balance.

Committee-Room, Halifax, 24th February, 1817.

THOS. N. JEFFERY,

JOHN BLACK,

WILLIAM LAWSON,

EDWARD MORTIMER,

THOMAS ROACH,

JOHN WELLS,

JAMES FLEMMING,

} *Committee of Council.*

} *Committee of the House of Assembly.*

Dr. The Province of Nova-Scotia.

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1816, Dec. 31—To the following Sums appropriated, and not yet drawn from the Treasury, viz.

Roads and Bridges, per abstract	L.2914	4	11
Balance of Vote, Transportation of Arms	115	0	0
Emigrant Vote	328	7	14
Post Communication	17	5	0
Stoves for Council & House of Assembly	100	0	0
Iron Railing for Government House	1275	0	0
for procuring and Importing Grain			
for running the Lines of Counties and Townships, and making a Plan	400	0	0
Light House on Cranberry Island	400	0	0
Settlers on the East Branch of St. Mary's River	30	0	0
Joseph Langley	20	0	0
Briar Island, for Cutting Wood	12	0	0
Settlers at Delap's Cove	50	0	0
For securing Ammunition, &c.	500	0	0
Light House at Halifax Harbour	200	0	0
Light House at the Gut of Annapolis	400	0	0
Halifax Gaol	500	0	0
Bounty on Waggons	100	0	0
Arisag Pier	400	0	0
Browning Militia Arms	500	0	0
	L.8,269	11	6

Balance of Notes in circulation the 31st December last 13,447 0 0
 For amount of Arms Issued since 31st December, 1811, 5,535 6 10
 Due the Commissioner of the Isle of Sable 18 2 8½
 To Balance 42,408 2 0

L.69,678 3 0½

1816, Dec. 31—By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer - L.8718 13 9
 Ditto Commissioners of the Province House 585 8 3½
 Ditto Bounty to Seamen 90 16 8
 Ditto Light Houses 232 14 4
 Ditto present Commissioners Ditto 50 10 0
 By securities in the hands of the Collector of Impost & Excise, Halifax, } £64,156 15 11
 Deduct probable Drawbacks 14,156 15 11

By Securities in the hands of the Out-Port Collectors, viz.
 Lunenburg L.1054 19 7½
 Shelburne 531 11 1
 Liverpool former Collector 2267 17 7½
 Ditto present ditto 1745 11 9
 Yarmouth 1019 0 3
 Annapolis 1104 10 2
 Windsor 6423 14 7
 King's County 278 7 1
 Pictou 514 0 11½
 Colchester 337 10 0
 Cumberland 299 18 1

Deduct probable Drawbacks L.15577 1 2½
 5577 1 2½

10,000 0 0

Committee-Room, Halifax, 24th February, 1817.

THO'S. N. JEFFERY, } Committee of Council.
 JOHN BLACK, }
 WILLIAM LAWSON, }
 EDWARD MORTIMER, } Committee of the House
 THO'S. ROACH, } of Assembly.
 JOHN WELLS, }
 JAMES FLEMING, }

L.69,678 3 0½

Abstract of Sums undrawn the 31st December, 1816, on account of Roads and Bridges, viz:—

Vote, 1813—Horne's to Hawkins's Point	L25	0	0
Gut of Annapolis	10	0	0
Balance, King's County to New Canaan	10	0	0
1814—Musquodoboit by way of Chesencook	15	0	0
1815—John Hemlow's, to the Lead of the Tide Margaret's Bay	70	0	0
Round Hill, Annapolis Road	25	0	0
Cape Negro, to Shelburne	60	0	0
1816—From Economy to Parrsborough	40	0	0
Macan River, to River Hebert	20	0	0
Bridge over Annapolis River at Hicks's	100	0	0
Collins's to Cole Harbour	40	0	0
Fox River to Apple River	40	0	0
Repairing Bridge at Lunn's, Annapolis	25	0	0
Rines's Settlement to Cockmagun	30	0	0
Bridge over the South Branch of Avon to the Church	15	0	0
Munro's to the Main Road, through Queen's County	25	0	0
Dickie's to the North line of the Township of Yarmouth	80	0	0
Barronsfield, towards Patridge Island	60	0	0
Lehave Ferry	30	0	0
Cornwallis Bridge	1500	0	0
Balance, Lower Road to Musquodoboit	9	10	0
New Road from Hammonds Plain, towards Annapolis	44	0	0
Amherst, to the Bounds of King's County	120	9	0
Armstrong's to the South side of Gasperreau River	16	13	4
Bridge at Allan's Creek	169	10	0
Kennetcook Bridge to Noel Road	13	6	8
Chester, to Windsor	62	10	0
Douglas, to the Church in Rawdon	13	6	8
Casualty Vote	245	8	3
	L2914	4	11

Committee-Room, Halifax, 24th February, 1817.

Thomas N. Jeffery, } Committee
John Black, } of Council.

William Lawson, } Com. of { John Wells,
Edward Mortimer, } House of { James Flemming.
Thomas Roach, } Assembly {

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

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

Tuesday, 25th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act more effectually to prevent

vent the Embezzlement of His Majesty's Naval Ordnance and Victualling Stores, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill for the relief of Daniel Frazer, an Insolvent Debtor, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the relief of Daniel Frazer, an Insolvent Debtor.

An engrossed Bill to prevent the commencing Suits in Counties where neither party resides, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to prevent the commencing Suits, not in their nature local, in Counties where neither party resides.

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

A Petition of James Nutting, Deputy Clerk of the Crown, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read; praying an allowance for his services in prosecuting Criminals in the Supreme Court, on the Western Spring Circuit, in the last year.

Ordered; That the Petition do lie on the Table.

An engrossed Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of New Land, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of New Land.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee for preparing a Bill on the subject of the Importation of Grain, and accordingly presented a Bill for the Importation of certain kinds of Grain, &c. and for furnishing the same to such Settlers, within the Province, as are in indigent circumstances, owing to the failure of their Crops: and the said Bill was read a first time; and thereupon,

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

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

A Petition of John Bolman, Surgeon, was presented by Mr. Bishop, and read, praying payment of his account for vaccinating, and supplies furnished to, distressed Indians at Lunenburg, in the year 1815, amounting to 36l. 9s. 9d.

A Petition of John Lawson, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Pryor, and read, setting forth, that from the great increase of Transient Paupers maintained in the Poor House during the last Quarter, an expense had been incurred by the Commissioners
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for extra Provisions, Clothing, &c. to the amount of 23ol. 8s. 2d. as per statement annexed to the Petition; and praying such relief in the Premises as the House in their wisdom shall deem fit.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred; and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed; which report the House agreed to.

A Petition of Daniel Benjamin, was presented by Mr. Bishop, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is now confined in the Halifax Jail, under and by virtue of a Warrant granted against him by this Honorable House, for a contempt offered to it by the Petitioner. That the Petitioner was ignorant of the contempt at the time he offered it, otherwise he would not have done so. That the Petitioner is willing to make any concession which this Honorable House may think proper, and therefore prays that the House will be pleased to release him from his said confinement: and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the Serjeant at Arms do bring the Petitioner to the Bar of the House, to-morrow, at 11 of the clock.

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

Wednesday, 26th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Daniel Benjamin having been brought to the Bar of the House, pursuant to the Order of yesterday, and there made his submission to the satisfaction of the House; thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Daniel Benjamin be discharged from his confinement; and he was discharged accordingly.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House a Petition of the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and recommended by His Excellency to the consideration of the House; praying for a continuation of the Annual Grant of Four Hundred Pounds for the support of the Transient Poor at Halifax, in the present year.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that a Message be sent to His Majesty's Council to acquaint them, that this House passed a Resolution on Friday the 21st inst. for presenting a Congratulatory Address to His Excellency Sir J. C. SHERBROOKE, on his appointment as Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Colonies in British North-America; and to request that His Majesty's Council would join with this House in the Address to His Excellency.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House on the subject of a Congratulatory Address to His Excellency Sir J. C. SHERBROOKE, and have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of the House for the purpose of preparing a joint Address of both Houses to His Excellency.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the importation of certain kinds of Grain, &c. and that the Committee had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House: and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills to them referred: which report the House agreed to.

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee appointed to prepare a Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges, and accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, 27th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill, for the importation of certain kinds of Grain, &c. and for furnishing the same to such Settlers within the Province as are in indigent circumstances, owing to the failure of their Crops, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the importation of certain kinds of Grain, Flour and Meal, and for furnishing the same to such Settlers within the Province as are in indigent circumstances owing to the failure of Crops.

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

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to appoint fit and proper persons to Pilot Ships and Vessels; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Supply be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Estimate of the Expense for the Support of His Majesty's Government be referred to the committee of Supply; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred; and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply; which report the House agreed to.

A Petition of Henry Taylor, Distiller, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying for a reduction of the Duties at present payable on Rum, and other Spirituous Liquors, Manufactured within the Province; or such other relief as to the House may seem fit.

A Petition of the Revd. C. W. Weeks, was presented by Mr. Cunningham, and read, praying payment of his Salary as Master of the Grammar School in the County of Sydney, from the 2d March, to the 2d September, 1814, amounting to 25l.

A Petition of Walter Bromley was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, in consequence of some pecuniary aid he had received from a few benevolent friends in England, had been enabled to collect upwards of twenty-four Families of Indians, and form a Settlement of them on the Shubenaccadie, where they were now employed in the cultivation of Lands, and that many more Indians are expected to join them in the Spring : and praying a further aid from the House.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows :

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

I herewith transmit a Petition from several Magistrates of the County of Annapolis, praying for Legislative aid to enable them to erect a House of Correction in that County.

I think the subject worthy of your favorable consideration, and therefore recommend it accordingly.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House the Petition of the Magistrates of the County of Annapolis, addressed to His Excellency, referred to in the foregoing Message; and the same was read by the Clerk: and thereupon,

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of His Excellency's Message of the 18th instant, relative to Emigrants, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly : and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE, Baron DALHOUSIE, of Dalhousie-Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

May it please Your Excellency,

THE House of Assembly have taken into consideration the subject submitted by your Excellency, as respects the difficulties experienced by the recent

recent Settlers in Nova-Scotia, and the means which might be best calculated to afford relief in future ; and they beg leave to state to your Excellency that the principal difficulties experienced by the recent Settlers, who have emigrated to this Country, have arisen from the expenses incurred in procuring grants of Crown Lands, as many of them have not the means to make payment of such expenses, and are thereby precluded from becoming the Owners of the Soil. The House of Assembly further beg leave to represent to your Excellency that the Lands now ungranted in Nova-Scotia lie in the interior of the Country, and derive little advantage from Roads of Communication, and the persons who are settled in the vicinity of those Lands, cannot furnish the means of subsistence to new Settlers, although they might have it in their power to purchase.

We humbly submit to your Excellency the measures which we consider best calculated to encourage Settlers in future, which in our opinion are that the Lands should be surveyed and granted to them free of any expense ; and that Rations of Provisions should be afforded them at stated Seasons, during a period of not less than eighteen months, and in addition, that a few Implements of Husbandry should be furnished to each Settler.

We are sorry to state to your Excellency, that the Province of Nova-Scotia has not the means of affording assistance to new Settlers in any other way than that of opening and making Roads of Communication from the several Towns and Settlements of the Province, through the Lands upon which they may be placed, and that the wants of the Inhabitants of the Province, owing to the destruction of Crops by an uncommon Frost, have induced the Assembly to adopt measures to grant them relief for the present year ; but in the opinion of the House, the resources of the Province are not equal to an annual continuation of such grant.

The House of Assembly further beg leave to represent to your Excellency, that there are large Tracts of Land now remaining in a wilderness state, which have been heretofore granted to persons, many of whom are absent from the Province, and have neglected to take any measures for their Cultivation, and these Tracts comprehend some of the finest Lands in the Province, and in the opinion of the House it would be among the best modes of encouraging Settlers, that proper measures should be taken to reinvest the Title of those Lands in his Majesty, for the purpose of having them granted to Emigrants, in such quantities as may be deemed proper, free of expense.

The House assure your Excellency, that they consider this communication an additional proof of the earnest desire of His Majesty's Government to promote the Settlement and Prosperity of this Province, and we sincerely thank your Excellency for the early information you have afforded us on this important subject.

Resolved,

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

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Manning, be a committee accordingly.

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

Friday, 28th February, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to appoint fit and proper persons to Pilot Ships and Vessels, was read a second time.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to consider further of a supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address, passed yesterday, on the subject of Emigrants: that the Committee had waited upon and delivered to His Excellency the said Address; that His Excellency was pleased to express his acknowledgements for the early answer of the House to his Message, and also

also to say, that the sentiments of the House, contained in the Address, perfectly coincided with those of His Excellency on the subject.

A Petition of Charles Hill, and others, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, with a number of other persons, several years ago, formed an Association at Halifax for insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods and Merchandise, from loss or damage by Fire, the advantage of which has been experienced and admitted by the Inhabitants of the said Town, and other parts of the Province; and praying that an Act of Incorporation may be passed, under such restrictions and regulations as the House in their wisdom may deem proper.

A Petition of Andrew Snodgrafs, and others, Magistrates of the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying an aid towards erecting a Building for a Poor House, and a House of Correction, within the said County, in addition to the sum of 600*l.* voted by the Grand Jury of the County for that purpose.

A Petition of Alexander Philipps, and others, Inhabitants of the north end of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying the aid of the House for establishing a Fish Market for the use of the Inhabitants of that part of the said Town.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, relative to the Bridge to be erected over Cornwallis River.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue, alter and amend, an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a conference by committee on the Bill, entitled, An Act for the relief of Daniel Frazer, an Insolvent Debtor.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall, Mr. Pyke and Mr. Roach, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the last conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill relative to the Summary Trial of Actions ; and the said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the said amendments, and that the Clerk do request the same.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in its Circuit ; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels in this Province for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House : and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed : which report the House agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendment, be engrossed.

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

Saturday, 1st March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent persons from commencing Suits, not in their nature local, in Counties where neither party resides.

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The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of 25,000*l.* for the service of Roads and Bridges, and also on the subject of the Bill for the Importation of Grain, &c.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Crane, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Roach, do manage the conference on the subject of the Resolution for granting 25,000*l.* for Roads and Bridges.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Roach, do manage the conference on the subject of the Bill for the importation of Grain, &c.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of 25,000*l.* for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress in the business to them referred ; and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills to them referred : which report the House agreed to.

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

Monday,

Monday, 3d March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Simon Gardner and others, Inhabitants of the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, was presented by Mr. Pool, and read, setting forth the great inconvenience experienced by the Inhabitants of that District generally, from the Sitting of the Inferior Court, and General Sessions of the Peace, at Tusket River, and praying relief.

A Petition of James Ratchford, a Commissioner for Roads, was presented by Mr. Crane, and read, praying payment of the sum of 23l. 15s. due to John P. Taylor, for repairing a Bridge over the foot of the Lake near James Fullerton's, on the Cumberland Road, under contract, in the year 1815.

A Petition of William Sabatier, and others, the committee of Persons interested in the Trade, Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province, was presented by Mr. Pryor, and read, setting forth, that from experience, Bounty on the Importation of Salt into the Province, has been of essential benefit to the Community at large; and praying that the Bounty on that article, as before granted, may be revived, and continued during a period of three years.

A Petition of Ruffel Hicks, an Insolvent Debtor, confined in the Jail at Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read, praying relief from his confinement.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a further conference on the subject of the Bill for the relief of Daniel Frazer; and also to a conference on the subject of the amendment made by the Council to the Bill relative to the Summary Trial of Actions, immediately, in the Committee-Room of the Council: and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Wells, do manage the conference on the amendment to the Bill above-mentioned.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference on the Bill for the relief of Daniel Frazer, do manage the further conference.

And the Names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

A Bill in amendment of the Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in its Circuits, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved that the said Bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole House, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to encourage the fitting out of Vessels in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills to them referred; which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the importation of certain kinds of Grain, Flour and Meal, and for furnishing the same to such Settlers within the Province as are in indigent circumstances owing to the failure of Crops, without any amendment.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the opening and working of His Majesty's Mines with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Land in this Province; and also,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Half-pence and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half-crowns and Shil-

ings, in this Province: to which Bills they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors: to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion the House proceeded to the consideration of the General Distribution of the sum of 25,000*l.* to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province for the present year: and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Distribution be as follows, viz.

For the main road from the Windsor Road to M'Keen's Mill in Truro	£2,500
Sackville Bridge to the north side of Bishop's Bridge in Horton	2,500
District of Halifax	1,750
Colchester	1,750
Pictou	1,800
County of Cumberland	1,700
Sydney	2,000
King's County	1,800
Annapolis	2,250
Hants	1,850
Queen's County	1,700
Lunenburg	1,700
Shelburne	1,700
Total	£25,000

On motion, *ordered*, That the foregoing Distribution be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts; and that the said Members for each County and District do prepare and bring in a scale of subdivision of the sum appropriated for their respective County or District, for the service of the Roads and Bridges within the same.

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

Friday,

Friday, 4th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors ; also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Half-pence and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half-crowns and Shillings, in this Province ; and also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to facilitate the opening and working of his Majesty's Mines with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Lands in this Province : were severally read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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

Mr. Shaw, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the 28th year of His Majesty's reign, concerning Bail : and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine into the expenditure of monies heretofore granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, and report thereon to the House, and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered, That Mr. Roach, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Allison, Mr. Kent and Mr. Cunningham, be a committee for the above purpose.

On motion, *ordered*, that the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to facilitate the opening and working of His Majesty's Mines, &c. be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Pool, and that they do examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

A Petition of John Osborne and James C. Wilkie was presented by Mr. Lawton,

Lawson, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Sunk Duty on a certain quantity of Coffee by them exported to Great-Britain in the year 1814, amounting to 21l. 15s.

A Petition of John W. Pyke was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying an allowance for his services as Clerk in the Offices of the Adjutant General and Quarter-Master General of the Militia, to 28th February, 1817, amounting to 230l. 15s. as per statement.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating Elections of Representatives, to serve in General Assembly, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act for the Settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Shaw took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the Bills to them referred and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same: which report the House agreed to.

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

Wednesday, 5th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly; also,

A Bill in amendment of the Act for the Settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province; and also,

A Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, concerning Bail—were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of the Reverend Dr. Cochrane, the President and others, the Officers, in behalf of themselves, and the Members, of the Society for promoting Agriculture and Rural Œconomy, in the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners having associated for the purposes abovementioned, are of opinion that they could do material service to their District and to the Province at large, by procuring Grain and Grass Seeds of better kind than now are to be found therein. Also, Cattle of a better breed, and simple Machines or Models thereof, for saving manual labour; but that the Petitioners find themselves without funds adequate to such undertakings, and praying the House would grant them such pecuniary aid as in their wisdom may seem fit.

A Petition of Charles Baker, and others, Inhabitants and Freeholders of the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, setting forth, that the Inhabitants of the said County suffer great and serious inconvenience by the removal of the sitting of the Supreme Court from the Town of Amherst, to the River Philip, and praying that the House would take the premises into consideration, and grant relief therein.

A Petition of George Paw, of Halifax, Trader, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, setting forth, that he has sustained great injury in the prosecution of his business by certain acts of the Commissioners for paving Water Street, in the execution of their duty, as Commissioners, and praying relief.

A Petition of William Carter, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying an allowance for expenses incurred by him in the performance of his Duties as Staff-Adjutant of Militia in the last year.

A Petition of Nathaniel Symonds, and others, the Inhabitants of the Districts of Antigonishe, Cape St. George, and the Gulf Settlement, in the County of Sydney, recommended to the consideration of the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was presented to the House by Mr. Speaker, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, from the failure of the Crops the two last years, together with the great emigration from Scotland and Ireland into those Districts, are reduced to great distress for want of a sufficient quantity of food for their subsistence; and also Seed Grain for sowing their Land the ensuing Spring, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Haliburton moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider the present State of the Province; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and
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amend the several Acts of the Province, relative to the Poor Town and County Rates ; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors ; and also, the engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Half-pence and other Copper Coin, &c. And that the committee had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House. The Chairman also reported that the committee had not agreed to the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act more effectually to prevent the Embezzlement of His Majesty's Naval Ordnance and Victualling Stores. The Chairman further reported, that the committee had gone through the Bill in amendment of the Act for the Settlement of the Poor in the several Townships in this Province ; and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the aforesaid Bills, together with the amendments to the two Bills first above-mentioned, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed ; which report the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bills, as reported by the committee, were severally read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill in amendment of the Act for the Settlement of the Poor, be engrossed.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Seat of Peleg Wiswall, Esq. a Member of this House for the County of Annapolis, be vacated, the said Peleg Wiswall having accepted the Office of Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, which Office he now holds, and is thereby disqualified by Law to have a Seat in the House of Assembly.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do take the usual steps for procuring a new Writ for the election of a Member to represent the County of Lunenburg, in the room of Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq. whose Seat has been declared vacant, and also

also a Writ for the election of a Member to represent the County of Annapolis, in place of the said Peleg Wiswall, Esq.

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

Thursday, 6th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to alter and amend the several Acts of the Province, relative to the Poor Town and County Rates, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the further consideration of the said Bill, be postponed until this day three months; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for Incorporating certain Persons therein mentioned for the Insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, from loss and damage by Fire, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, resolved, that this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the several Private Petitions before the House.

On motion of Mr. Pryor, resolved, that this House will to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors; also, an engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Half-pence and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half-crowns and Shillings, in this Province; and also, the engrossed amendments made to the said Bills respectively, were severally read a third time; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same respectively with amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry to the Council, the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act more effectually to prevent the embezzlement
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of His Majesty's Naval, Ordnance and Victualling Stores ; and acquaint them, that this House have not agreed to the said Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills to them referred ; which report the House agreed to.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House, to the Bill for the effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors ; and also to the amendments made by this House to the Bill in amendment of an Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Half-pence, &c.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Friday, 7th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for incorporating certain persons therein mentioned for the insuring Houses, Goods, Wares and Merchandises, from loss and damage by Fire, was read a second time.

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

The Order of the Day being read ; thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress

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

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

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

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

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

Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the Bill for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly. And also the Bill to alter and amend the several Acts of the Province, relative to the Poor, Town and County Rates, and that the committee had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House. The Chairman further reported that the committee had deferred the further consideration of the Bill to appoint fit and proper persons to Pilot Ships and Vessels, to this day three months. And he afterwards delivered the said Bills, together with the several amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed: which report the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bills, as reported by the Committee, were severally read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills, with their respective amendments, be engrossed.

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

Saturday, 8th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the tenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.

A Bill to alter and amend the several Acts of the Province, relative to the Poor, Town and County Rates, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to alter and amend the several Acts of this Province, relative to Town, County and Poor Rates.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, Viz :

An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Half-pence and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half-crowns and Shillings, in this Province.

An Act for the importation of certain kinds of Grain, Flour and Meal, and for furnishing the same to such Settlers within the Province as are in indigent circumstances owing to the failure of Crops.

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

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same: which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Kent, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Monday, 10th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for Regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion the House proceeded to the consideration of Private Petitions; and thereupon,

The Petition of Henry Taylor, was read, and the Petitioner heard in support thereof, at the Bar of the House; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of the Officers of the 26th Battalion of the Nova-Scotia Militia, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of Ezra Witter, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.
The Petition of Matthew Richardson, was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Pryor, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Dimock, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Alex. Burket, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of John Moody, J. H. Tidmarsh, and others, was read ; and thereupon,

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

The Petitions of George Grassie & Co. and the Petition of Messrs. Starr and Shannon, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Crane and Mr. Kent, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of the Committee of the Royal Acadian School, was read ; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of William Logan, was read and considered ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of Private Petitions.

A Message from the Council, in writing, by Mr. Cogswell, as follows :

" In Council, 8th March, 1817.

"The Attorney General stated, that his accounts with the Province for Public Monies received by him, have not been settled by the committee for Public Accounts, since the year 1803 ; and prayed that a committee of Council may be directed to meet a committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of auditing and reporting on such accounts ; whereupon,

" Ordered, That the Treasurer and Commissioner be a committee accordingly.

" Ordered, to be sent to the House of Assembly for concurrence."

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 11th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read,

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

The Petition of John Bolman was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Baker and Mr. Bishop, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of J. W. Nutting, was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Rudolf, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Walter Bromley, was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That that part of the Prayer of the Petition which relates to the opening of a Road, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of the Revd. C. W. Weeks, was read and considered ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of Andrew Snodgrafs, and others, Magistrates of the County of Annapolis, and also the Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House on the 27th February last, on the subject of the said Petition, were severally read ; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of Allen Mosher, and also the Petition of Terence Cochran, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to the Members of the County of Hants, who are to make the subdivisions of the sum appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges within that County for the present year.

The Petition of Simon Gardner, and others, was read and considered ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That leave be given to Mr. Pool, the Member for Yarmouth, to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the Petition.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of Private Petitions.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the several Acts of this Province, relative to Town, County and Poor Rates; and also,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the 10th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province, severally without any amendment.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act for the relief of Persons imprisoned for Debt under Mesne Process, and for the more equitable Distribution of the Effects of Insolvent Debtors: to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the Sale of the Old Jail at Windsor, in the County of Hants: and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue and amend the Act for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province: and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Wednesday, 12th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorise the sale of the Old Jail at Windsor, in the County of Hants; also,

A Bill to continue and amend the Act for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province, were severally read a second time.

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

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The Order of the Day being read,

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

The Petition of James Ratchford, was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to the Members of King's County, who are to make a subdivision of the sum appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges within that County, for the present year.

The Petition of John Osborne and James C. W. Wilkie, was read ; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of John Lindsay, jun. and others, was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to the committee appointed to examine into the expenditure of monies heretofore granted for the service of Roads and Bridges.

The Petition of John W. Pyke, was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Wells, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Archibald, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of William Carter, and also the Petition of George Paw, were severally read and considered ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be dismissed.

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Cogswell acquainted the House, that he had two Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Messages to the House.

The said Messages were severally read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follow :

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

HAVING received several applications requesting relief for Poor Prisoners confined in Jail for Debt, and being of opinion that some assistance might be afforded from the Provincial Funds, towards the support of such Paupers, especially during the severity of Winter ; I am induced to recommend to the Assembly the making some provision for Poor Debtors in Jails, in such way as the Assembly may deem proper.

DALHOUSIE.

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

I SUBMIT to your favorable consideration, the enclosed Letters I have received from Colonel Darling, late Commanding the Nova-Scotia Fencible Regiment.

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Mr. Cogswell also delivered to the House a Petition of John Thomson, Robert M'Donald and Allen M'Donald, Poor Prisoners, confined in the Jail at Pictou for Debt, dated 7th March, 1817, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor; and also,

Two Letters from Colonel Darling, to His Excellency, one dated the 10th February, and the other the 28th February, 1817.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

Mr. Roach presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads in the County of Cumberland, as follow, viz.

A Petition of George Oxley and others, Inhabitants of Remfreg.

A Petition of Martin Hoeg and others, Inhabitants on the River Macan.

Mr. Lawson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads in the County of Halifax, as follow, viz.

A Petition of Robert Fletcher and others, Inhabitants on the western side of Shubenaccadie.

A Petition of Alexander Shaw and others, Inhabitants on Little River and the adjacent Settlements, on the Musquodoboit River.

A Petition of Alexander Henry and others, of Musquodoboit.

Mr. Archibald presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads in the District of Colchester, as follow, viz.

The Petition of John Norris and others, Inhabitants near Fort Ellis.

A Petition of James M'Cullum and others, of Truro.

A Petition of Miles M'Innes and others, Inhabitants on the River Musquodoboit.

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Mr. Marsters presented to the House a Petition of Daniel Totten and others, Inhabitants in the Upper Settlement of Londonderry, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Kent presented to the House a Petition of John Dickson and others, Inhabitants of Onflow, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Haliburton presented to the House a Petition of John Walker and others, Inhabitants of Falmouth, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Dimock presented to the House a Petition of William Putnam and others, Inhabitants at the mouth of the River Shubenaccadie, praying aid for Roads.

Mr. Dewolf presented to the House a Petition of Hugh Jenkins and others, Inhabitants of Windsor, praying an aid for the Old Ardoise Hill Road.

Mr. Bishop presented to the House a Petition of James Hamilton and others, Inhabitants of Horton, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Warwick presented to the House a Petition of John Roop and others, Inhabitants of Digby, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Shaw presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads as follow, viz.

A Petition of Joseph Fellows and others, Inhabitants of the Middle District of Granville.

A Petition of Timothy Ruggles, and others, Inhabitants of Granville.

Mr. Ritchie presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads as follow, viz :

A Petition of Zebulon Phinney, and others, Inhabitants of Wilmot.

A Petition of Lot Phinney, and others, Inhabitants of ditto.

A Petition of John Ruggles, and others, Inhabitants of ditto.

A Petition of Samuel Dodge, and others, Inhabitants of ditto.

A Petition of Samuel Gales, and others, Inhabitants of ditto.

A Petition of Lawrence Sneden, and others, Inhabitants of Granville.

A Petition of John Milbury, and others, Inhabitants of ditto.

A Petition of William Jones, and others, Inhabitants of Cléments.

The said Petitions were severally read ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts, who are to prepare and bring in a Scale of Subdivision of the sums to be appropriated for the service of the Roads and Bridges within the same respectively.

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

Thursday, 13th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, for the relief of Persons imprisoned for

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Debt under Mesne Procefs, and for the more equitable Distribution of the Effects of Insolvent Debtors, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Pool, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle : and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes, out of this Province ; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Pursuant to leave given, Mr. Chipman presented a Petition of the Reverend Robert Norris and others, Inhabitants of King's County, praying that a Law may be passed for the establishment of a County Poor-House in the said County, under such Rules and Regulations as other Communities, after long experience, have found most suitable.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the relief of Persons imprisoned for Debt under Mesne Procefs, and for the more equal Distribution of the Effects of Insolvent Debtors, until the next Sessions. — That the committee had gone through the Bill to alter and amend the Act concerning Bail, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House : and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills to them referred ; which report the House agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bill concerning Bail, with the amendment, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare and bring in Bills for continuing severally—The Act for imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States; the Acts for raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise; the several Acts to repair the Roads throughout the Province; the several Acts for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c.; and also, the Acts of the General Assembly relating to a Militia.

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

Friday, 14th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Freeman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of James M'Leod of Liverpool, and the same was read, praying a compensation for his services for taking care of the Light-House, and other Public Buildings, erected on Coffin's Island, and for cutting a road through the said Island.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

The Clerk, pursuant to order, presented to the House:

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

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province; also,

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia ; and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Saturday, 15th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, concerning Bail, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend, render more effectual, and reduce into one Act, the several Acts made by the General Assembly of the Province, concerning Bail.

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

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for founding and maintaining an Academy at Pictou : and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill to prohibit the Exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes, out of this Province, was read a second time.

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

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

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province ; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, were severally read a second time.

Resolved, That the Bills be now committed to a committee of the whole House ; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bills accordingly.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the several Bills to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment, with the exception of the Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same, to which Bill they had made two amendments: and he afterwards delivered the aforesaid Bills, and the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The amendments to the Bill, as reported by the Committee, were severally read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, &c. with the amendments, be engrossed.

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly relating to a Militia; was read a second time.

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

Mr. Pryor reported from the committee to whom the Petition of Matthew Richardson was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee are satisfied, from the proof they have received, that the whole quantity of Coffee as specified in the documents accompanying the Petition, was regularly and actually shipped and exported from this Province; and the deficiency in the quantity landed is accounted for to the satisfaction of the Committee, partly by the large allowance of tare and other deductions at the Port of London, and partly by damage and loss sustained in the course of the voyage. The Committee therefore recommend that the House should grant the prayer of the Petition, by directing the Collector of Impost and Excise to credit the Petitioner for the balance of the Drawback on the quantity exported.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of John Bolman was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

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That the Committee have examined documents and evidence relative to the services performed by the Petitioner, and the articles furnished by him for fundry distressed Indians, and are of opinion that the Petitioner ought to be paid the sum of thirty pounds, in full of his account, and all demands.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Messrs. Starr & Shannon was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That it appears by the evidence submitted to the Committee, that the Stores of the Petitioners containing their Goods were destroyed by Fire on the evening of the 17th Dec. last; that, between the 14th Feb. 1816, and the month of December last, the Petitioners had on hand, and imported, Goods to the amount of 8,975l. 7s. 6d. sterling, on which they had paid or secured the Provincial Duty; that they had sold of the above to the amount of 5,663l. 19s. 1d. sterling, and had saved from the Fire to the amount of 1,467l. 9s. 1d. sterling; that the loss of dutiable Goods, appears to be 2048l. 17s. currency, the duty thereon amounts to 51l. 0s. 4d. and that the Committee are of opinion, that the Petitioners should receive credit on their Bonds for Duties, or a grant from the Assembly should pass to them for that sum.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of J. W. Pyke was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have examined the Accounts, Vouchers and Warrants, for different payments made to the Petitioner; and find, that the Petitioner has been employed under the sanction of the late Lieutenant-Governor, Sir J. C. Sherbrooke, as a Clerk in the Offices of the Adjutant-General, and the Quarter-Master-General, of the Militia, and recommend that the sum of 103l. 5s. should be paid to the Petitioner, being the balance of his account up to the last Session of the General Assembly, when a Vote passed to each of the above Officers for Clerks, Stationary, Postage, and all contingent expenses of the said Offices; and further the committee recommend, that the aforesaid sum of 103l. 5s. should be paid out of the balance of the grant for 500l. made in the year 1815 to defray the payment of any expenses which had arisen under the Militia Laws of the Province, since the ratification of the Treaty of Peace with the United States of America.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee to whom the Petitions of Messrs. George Grassie & Co. were referred; and he read the Report in his place, and

and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That it appears, by the evidence submitted to the consideration of the committee, that the Stores and Office occupied by Petitioners were destroyed by fire on the evening of the 17th December last; that, between the 5th and 16th of the same month, they had received of Messrs. Bowie and Deblois, and several other Persons, Provincial Notes to the amount of 168l. and that 26l. thereof had by them been paid out between the 5th and 14th of the same month; and it further appears to the committee that the said Provincial Notes, to the amount of 142l. were in their Iron Chest, lodged in their Office when the fire commenced, and that, during the fire, the Iron Chest burst: from all the evidence submitted, the committee feel satisfied that Messrs. Graffie and Co. had Provincial Notes destroyed by the fire to the amount of 142l.

The committee further report, that, on the evidence submitted to them, it appears that the said Petitioners had in their Stores, when the fire commenced, a large quantity of Port and Madeira Wines, on which they had paid or secured the Provincial Duties, a part of which was saved, but that 7804 gallons thereof were destroyed by that fire: the duties paid or secured thereon amount to 682l. 17s. That the Petitioners also had, in the same Stores, various Dry Goods, on which they had paid or secured the Provincial Duty: that the duty on the amount thereof destroyed by that fire is 40l. 4s. 6d. And it further appears to the committee that the Petitioners also had destroyed by the same fire 990 gallons of Rum, and 500 gallons of Molasses, on which they had paid or secured the Provincial Duties, which amount to 51l. 11s. 8d. making in the whole 774l. 13s. 6d.: and the committee are of opinion that the said Petitioners should receive credit on their Bonds for Duties, or a Grant of the Assembly should pass to them for the last mentioned sum.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the committee to whom the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to facilitate the opening and working of His Majesty's Mines with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Lands in this Province was referred: and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the committee have carefully read and examined the said Bill, and fully considered its principles, and are of opinion, that so much of the Bill as contemplates giving power to the Crown to grant Licenses to persons to enter upon the Lands of others to search for Mines and Minerals, and to open and work the same, with all the regulating Clauses connected with that principle, ought not to pass into a Law: as the committee are of opinion that the refer-
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vation of Mines and Minerals, in Grants of the Crown, does not give the Crown a right of entry to search for and open Mines, much less the power of conveying that right to others, although when Mines are opened by the Owner of the Soil the Crown may restrain the working of them by a Subject, or claim the right in them where so opened; and that this Bill, were it to pass into a Law, would put the Subject in a worse condition, as respects Mines and Minerals, and also as respects his Freehold Estate, than he stands at present.

The committee are of opinion that several clauses of the Bill may be so amended as to give power to the Justices in Session, by the intervention of a Jury, to lay out Roads from those Mines of Coal which are now open and worked, or which may hereafter be opened and worked, by the Owners of the Soil, or with their consent, under any Licence from the Crown, either to the most convenient place of shipment for such Coal, or to the King's Highway, as may be most convenient for transporting the same to market, and that such damages as may be assessed by a Jury to any person over whose Land such Road may lead, shall be first paid by the person or persons interested in, and making application to the Sessions for, such Road.

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

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

Monday, 17th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for founding and maintaining an Academy at Pictou, was read a second time.

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

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

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

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same, was read a third time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to alter and continue an Act imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United-States of America, and for appropriating the same.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of John Moody and others, was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have considered the subject to them referred, and beg leave to state as their opinion, that the Petitioners should be encouraged to carry on their manufactory, for refining Sugar, and for that purpose recommend to the House, to grant the Prayer of the Petition, by allowing to the Petitioners the same Drawback of the Provincial Duties on the Raw Sugars, which shall be manufactured into refined Sugar as are allowed upon the exportation of such raw Sugars: and the House having considered the said report; thereupon,

Ordered, That leave be given to Mr. Haliburton to prepare and bring in a Bill conformably to the Report of the Committee.

On motion, the Message from His Majesty's Council of the 10th instant, relative to the accounts of the Attorney-General, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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Resolved,

Resolved, That the Committee of this House do meet the Committee of His Majesty's Council, for the examining the Public Accounts, and that the said Committee of the House be instructed to audit and report upon the Accounts of the Attorney-General since the year 1808.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council.

Ordered, That the Petitions of George Grassie & Co.; the Petition of Matthew Richardson; the Petition of John W. Pyke; the Petition of John Bolman; and the Petition of Starr and Shannon, together with the several Reports relating to the said Petitions respectively, be referred to the committee of Supply.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors; also,

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

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

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the 12th instant, on the subject of Poor Prisoners confined in the Jails, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Message and the Petition which accompanied the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the 12th instant, and also the Letters from Lieut. Col. Darling, which accompanied the same, were read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House do not consider itself authorized to apply any part of the Provincial Funds for the relief of the reduced Officers of the late Nova-Scotia Regiment.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred; and that the committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of Halifax, should be authorized and directed to give credit to Matthew Richardson, on his Bond for Duties, to the amount of Forty-Three Pounds Four Shillings and Five Pence, being the balance of the sum paid or secured by him, for Excise Duties on a quantity of Coffee by him shipped for London, in the Ship Friends, Howell, Master, in Nov. 1815, and damaged or lost by unavoidable accident.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Six Hundred Pounds should be granted to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, for the Support of the Transient Poor the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds should be granted to John Lawson, the Reverend Archibald Gray and William Black, the committee of the Association for the relief of the labouring Poor, and other distressed persons in the Town of Halifax, in aid of the liberal donations and subscriptions of the said Association.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted to the Committee of the Acadian School in Halifax, towards the support of that Establishment.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty-one Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eight Pence, be granted to John Osborne and James C. Wilkie, for a Drawback of the Sunk Duty on a certain quantity of Coffee, by them exported to Great-Britain in the year 1814, and there landed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty-Five Pounds should be granted for opening a Road from the Shubenaccadie to the Indian Settlement.

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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Pounds Eight Shillings and Two Pence should be granted to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, to defray certain expences incurred by them for extra Provisions, Clothing, &c. for the use of the Poor-House, in consequence of the great increase of Transient Paupers maintained therein during the last quarter.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted to John Bolman, in full of his account for Vaccinating, and Supplies furnished to, distressed Indians at Lunenburg in the year 1815.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Three Pounds Five Shillings should be granted to John W. Pyke, in full for his services as Clerk to the Adjutant-General and to the Quarter-Master General of the Militia. The said sum to be paid out of the balance of the Grant of 500l. in the year 1815, for paying any expences which may have arisen under the Militia Laws since the ratification of the Treaty of Peace with America.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Seventy Five Pounds should be granted to Ezra Witter, for his having provided and run a Stage Coach and a Stage Sleigh between Halifax and Pictou, weekly, for the period of Nine Months.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Forty-two Pounds should be granted to George Grassie and Co. being the amount of sundry Province Notes, their property, consumed by fire, on the 17th December last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, should be authorized and directed to give credit to George Grassie & Co. on their Bonds for Duties, to the amount of Seven Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence, being the sum paid or secured by them for Duties on certain quantities of Merchandise, Wine, Rum and Molasses, and which articles were consumed by fire in their Warehouses on the 17th December last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, should be authorized and directed to give credit to Messrs. Starr & Shannon, on their Bonds for Duties, to the amount of Fifty-one Pounds Four Shillings, being the Sum paid or secured by them for the Duty on a certain quantity of British Merchandise, and which article was consumed by Fire in their Warehouses on the 17th December last.

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, 18th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pryor, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Importation of Salt, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to order, presented a Bill for granting a Draw-back of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugars within the Province; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Messrs. Hartshorne & Boggs, and others, Resident Merchants and Traders at Halifax; and the same was read, setting forth, that the Petitioners sustain great injury from the importation and sales of Wares and Merchandise, by a number of transient Persons resorting to this Market, who do not contribute to the support of the Poor, nor pay any of the Taxes imposed upon the Community, and praying that the House would take the premises into consideration, and pass such protecting Laws for the benefit of the Resident Merchant, as to the House may seem fit.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of John Lawson, and others, the Committee of the Association for the relief of the labouring Poor in the Town of Halifax; and the same was read, setting forth, that, during the course of the labours of the Petitioners, they have found from experience, that the necessities of the labouring Poor exist to a far greater extent

tent than was at first apprehended, and that their Funds are totally inadequate to answer those demands upon humanity which must continue until the Season returns that will supply the Poor with useful employment. That the Petitioners, on behalf of the unfortunate sufferers, return their sincere thanks for the very generous aid granted them by the Provincial Legislature, and praying the House would take the premises into consideration, and grant such further relief therein, as to them may seem meet; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Pyke, *ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, Viz :

An Act to alter and amend the several Acts of this Province, relative to Town, County and Poor Rates.

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the tenth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.

An Act for Regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.

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

An Act to alter and continue an Act imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

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

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

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend, render more effectual, and reduce into one Act, the several Acts made by the General Assembly of the Province concerning Bail, without any amendment.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the present Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act for the Punishment of Criminal Offenders ; to which Bills they desire the concurrence of this House.

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

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

And the Names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Ritchie reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and he afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table a report of the said conference to the House, which was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration the Report of the Committee of Conference, on the subject of the General State of the Province.

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

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred; and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply: which report the House agreed to.

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

Wednesday, 19th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the present Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors; also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act for the Punishment of Criminal Offenders; also,

A Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Importation of Salt; and also,

A Bill for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugars within the Province, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Lawson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes: and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to impose a Duty on certain Goods hereafter to be sold at Auction, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Counties of Annapolis and King's County to raise Money to erect and establish Poor Houses; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water; and the same was read a first time.

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Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to suspend for a limited time the operation of the Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court, so far as the same respects the holding the said Court at the River Philip: and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Harbour Meeting House, at Pictou, to sell vacant Pews, and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of J. W. Nutting was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the committee have had under their consideration the subject to them referred, and are of opinion, that, for the various services performed by the Petitioner, in prosecuting Criminal Offences on the Western Circuit last year, as set forth in a Schedule annexed to his Petition, he should be allowed and paid the sum of Thirty Pounds. The committee also further report, that, on examining the claim of the Petitioner, now acting as Deputy-Clerk of the Crown and Deputy-Prothonotary, they find the Office of Clerk of the Crown and Prothonotary, held by William Thomson, Esq. is under a Commission from the late Lieutenant-Governor PARR, dated the twenty-ninth day of March, 1787, in pursuance of His Majesty's Warrant, dated the sixth day of October, 1786; that he holds the Office during pleasure, and his residence in this Province, as will appear by a copy of his Commission hereunto annexed. It appears to the committee that the said William Thomson has not been resident in this Province, nor been within the same, for several years past, and is now resident in Canada. It further appears to the committee, that it is of importance, and at present highly expedient, not only to have the Prothonotary resident within the Province, but to have one in each County in the Province, especially as His Majesty's Supreme Court is now held in each County, and, by the regulations for holding the same, may be considered as a distinct Court for each County. That all the Records of the Court are kept, and process issued under their respective Seals, in each County. The committee therefore submit to the House, whether, under existing circumstances, the Office of Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown ought not to be considered as vacant, and the expediency of passing a Bill for regulating the appointment of Prothonotary to His Majesty's Supreme Court, and Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in this Province.

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

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the Report of the Committee of Conference on the subject of the General State of the Province.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the better regulation of Attornies, and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity, to the next Session ; and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed : which report the House agreed to.

Pursuant to order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House a Scale for the Subdivisions of the several Sums appropriated for Roads and Bridges in the respective Counties and Districts, viz.

Mr. Lawson, for the District of Halifax,

Mr. Archibald, for the District of Colchester.

Mr. Mortimer, for the District of Pictou.

Mr. Roach, for the County of Cumberland.

Mr. Cunningham, for the County of Sydney.

Mr. Crane, for the County of King's County.

Mr. Ritchie, for the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Haliburton, for the County of Hants.

Mr. Freeman, for the County of Queen's County.

Mr. Pool, for the County of Shelburne.

Mr. Creighton, for the County of Lunenburg.

And the House having had the same under their consideration : thereupon,

Resolved, That the sum of 5000l. appropriated for the service of the Great Roads of the Province be applied as follows, viz.

200l. for the main road between the Sackville Bridge and Blair's Farm.

500l. from Blair's to Lacey's, at the half-way house.

175l. from Lacey's to Mount Uniacke.

467l. from Mount Uniacke to the River St. Croix : 27l. of which sum to be expended on the old

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- 200l. from the river St. Croix to the road leading to Windsor, near Loran Dewolf's
- 450l. from the road leading to Windsor to the north end of Avon Bridge
- 450l. from the north end of Avon Bridge to the end of Bishop's bridge and causeway : 250l of which to be expended between Pineo's and the north end of Bishop's bridge aforesaid ; and also including the payment for the repairs of the said bridge, under Richard Curry and others, in the last year
- 68l. for paying a balance due to Terence Cochran, late Supervisor, for money expended by him on the main road leading from Windsor to Halifax, in the year 1815.
- 500l. from the Windsor road to the Three Mile Lake, so called, on the road leading to Truro, including the alteration of the road round Beach Hill, as now opened
- 500l. from the Three Mile Lake to Kanty's House
- 500l. from Kanty's to Keys's
- 500l. from Keys's to Sewack bridge
- 500l. from Sewack Bridge to M'Keen's bridge, including the repair of the said bridge

Resolved, That the sum of 1750l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Halifax, be applied as follows, viz.

- 200l. for the road from Allan's Tan Yard, in Dartmouth, to the Cobiquid road, east of Fletcher's bridge
- 150l. for the road from Dartmouth to Sackville
- 50l. for the road from Little Salmon River to Great Salmon River Bridge, in Preston
- 150l. for the road from the Great Salmon River Bridge over Lake Porter, to the Mill in Musquodoboit
- 60l. for building a Bridge, and repairing the Road from Gibraltar, on the Musquodoboit, to the Main Road leading to Halifax, by the way of Chizencook
- 60l. for the road leading from the Truro Road three miles beyond Hall's, and terminating at the farm late Geddes's
- 60l. for aiding the Settlers on the west side of the Shubenaccadie Lake, to open a road near Fletcher's, towards the Rawdon Road
- 150l. for aiding the Inhabitants to repair the Road and build two Bridges, from Hugh Archibald's, leading to Joan Lindsay's, and from thence to M'Haffy's upper line
- 60l. for the road from Fultz's to Beaver Bank
- 60l. for the road from Beaver Bank Bridge towards Rawdon
- 150l. for the road from the Mill on Nine Mile River to Marshall's Farm, at Hammon's Plain
- 100l. for the road from Horne's, in the Eastern Passage, to Munday's, in Cole Harbour
- 50l. for the road from George Bisset's, at Cole Harbour, to Munday's
- 30l. for the road from the forks of the road to Oak Hill, near Margaret's Bay, in addition to 70l. granted last year, and not yet drawn from the Treasury
- 40l. for the road from the forks leading to Prospect
- 8l. to compensate Robert Hall for cutting out Wind-Falls on the Truro Road, in the year 1813
- 50l. for the road from the Fish Brook on the Harriet Field Road, to Thomson's first Hill on the Sambro Road
- 40l. for the road from M'Intosh's to Herring Cove
- 50l. for the road from Drysdale's to the forks of the road leading to Margaret's Bay and Prospect
- 50l. for the road from the head of the North-West-Arm to M'Intosh's
- 50l. for the road from the ferry at Dartmouth, to Horne's in the Eastern Passage
- 22l. for the road through the Dutch Village
- 50l. for the road from the Black Rock Road to the Shubenaccadie River.

Resolved, That the sum of 1780l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Colchester, be applied as follows, Vizt :—

- 50l. for the road from William Logan's through the Settlement of Musquodoboit
- 245l. for the new road to Chiganois, through Onslow.
- 50l. for the road from Vance's in Londonderry, to the bounds of the County of Cumberland
- 40l. for the road from Great Village in Londonderry, to the bridge over Portipique River, leading to Economy 40l.

- 40l. for the road from Economy River, on the new road leading to Parrsborough line
 40l. for the road from the bridge at Portipique to Economy
 25l. for the road from the Meeting House in Onslow, by Crow's Mill, to Thomas Crow's at De-
 burt river
 25l. to open a road from Thomas Crow's to the Remsheg road
 25l. to open the road from the Remsheg road to Asa Clark's, at the foot of Cumberland Mountain
 50l. for the road from Londonderry to Folly Lake, on the Remsheg road
 50l. for reducing the Hills at Folly River and Deburt River, including the bridges
 15l. for the road from Economy to the River Philip
 40l. for the road from Onslow to Tatamagushe
 10l. for the road from the Settlement on Onslow Mountain, to the Pictou road, near Christie's in Truro
 25l. for the road from Tatamagushe road to Rood's, by James Linton's
 290l. for the road from Christie's, in Truro, to the line of the District of Pictou, including the al-
 teration near Salmon River
 70l. for the road from Moore's, at Gay's River, to William Logan's, in the Musquodoboit Settlement
 100l. for the road from Dickie's, on the Halifax road, to Upper Sewack
 25l. for the road from Upper Sewack to Musquodoboit.
 90l. for the cross road from Coxe's, in Truro, to Sewack
 40l. for the road from Sewack to Truro, by Brookfield
 20l. for the road from Norris's, at Fort Ellis, to Robert Pollock's
 30l. for the road from the District line of Pictou to the Cumberland line, by Currie's
 10l. for the road from Christie's Mill, in Truro, to Greenfield
 30l. for the road from the Halifax road, to Musquodoboit, by Sibley's
 40l. for the road from Robt. Logan's, in Upper Sewack, towards the middle river of Pictou, by Ellis's
 50l. for opening a road from the south branch of the river Sewack, to the Halifax road near the
 Boar's Back, so called
 20l. for the road from Dickie's to the Meeting House on Shubenaccadie
 30l. from Moore's, at Gay's River, to the Shubenaccadie Meeting House
 30l. for the road from the Halifax road to Musquodoboit, by Dewolf's
 15l. for road from the Settlement on Onslow Mountain to the cross road leading to Truro, by Blair's
 35l. for the road from the Settlement at the head of the North River to David M'Callum's, jun.
 50l. for the road from the Black Rock, in Truro, to Polly's, on the Halifax road
 10l. for the main road in Onslow, at the entrance of Baird's Lane, to James Crowe's Mill
 15l. for the road from Brookfield to the Halifax road near Polly's
 15l. to open a road from Bass River, in Londonderry, to the River Philip Bridge on the Cumber-
 land road.
 20l. from the Old Barns in Truro to Shubenaccadie
 20l. for the road from Sandison's in Truro, to Philipps's on Shubenaccadie
 10l. for the road from Crulman's Mill to Dean's in Musquodoboit.
 10l. for repairing the bridge on the River Sewack, near Joseph Fulton's.

Resolved, That the sum of 1800l. appropriated for the service of Roads and
 Bridges, in the District of Pictou, be applied as follows, viz :—

- 250l. for the road from Pictou District line to the Solid Bridge
 150l. for the road from Logan's, on the Pictou Road, to the River John
 30l. for the road from the River John towards Tatamagushe
 150l. for the road from Robert Bryden's, near the middle river, to the Reverend James M'Gregor's
 100l. for the road from M'Lenan's Bridge to the Pine Tree Gut
 200l. from the Pine Tree Gut to the line of the County of Sydney
 50l. for the road from Charles Brown's to the road leading to Fisher's Grant
 60l. for the road from James Carmichael's, in Fisher's Grant, towards New Glasgow
 40l. for the road from Abercrombie's Point to Marshall's on the middle river
 20l. from the Middle River Mills, to the Little Island on the West side of the said River
 50l. for the road from Donald M'Kay's, Sen. to James Cameron's on the West branch of the
 East River of Pictou

- 60l. for the road from James Turnbull's on the Lower Settlement to Duncan Cameron's on the Upper Settlement of the East River of Pictou
- 50l. for the road from the west branch to the east branch of the east river of Pictou, by Grant's Mill
- 30l. from Blackie's to the Lime Stone Quarry, near the Widow M'Gill's
- 80l. for the road from the Reverend James M'Grigor's to the Meeting House on the Lower Settlement East River, including the repairs of the bridge over the said river
- 50l. for the road from the lower East River Meeting House towards St. Mary's
- 20l. for rebuilding the bridge over M'Lenan's Brook, near John M'Lenan's
- 30l. for the road from the Meeting House, on the middle river of Pictou, towards Sewack
- 20l. for the road from David Marshall's to John Marshall's, on the Middle River of Pictou
- 60l. for the road and bridges from the West branch of the River John, to the saw-mill, by Andrew M'Cara's
- 100l. for the road from George Ive's to Little Harbour, including the repair of the Bridge over Boat Harbour
- 20l. for the road from Little Harbour, leading to the East River of Pictou, by William Fraser's
- 50l. for the road from Mr. Denoon's towards Carribou, by Lowden's Farm
- 25l. from Andrew Marshall's on the Green Hill, towards the West branch of the East River, by Alexander Fraser's, near the Middle River of Pictou
- 30l. for the road from George Reed's Green Hill towards New Larwick, by David M'Coll's
- 30l. for the road from Donald M'Donald's, on the Green Hill, to Donald Fraser's, on the west river of Pictou
- 20l. for the road from the cross roads leading to John Small's
- 25l. for the road from the bridge over the east river of Mergomishe to Judge Halliburton's Farm

Resolved, That the sum of 2000l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney be applied as follows, viz :—

- 50l. for the road from the District line of Pictou to Malignant Cove
- 350l. for the road from Malignant Cove to the Village in Dorchester
- 400l. for the road from the Village in Dorchester to Daniel M'Pherson's, and for rebuilding the bridge over the south river of Antigonishe
- 100l. for the road from Daniel M'Pherson's to James Keys's
- 150l. for the road from James Keys's to the Church in Guysborough
- 50l. for the road from Guysborsugh to Winthrop Cook's, on the road to St. Mary's
- 90l. for the Road from Winthrop Cook's to the East branch of St. Mary's
- 50l. for the road from the Five Mile Tree, on the main road to Guysborough, to the Upper Settlement on the South River
- 100l. for a new road from the Upper Settlement on the South River of Antigonishe to Country Harbour, in addition to the subscription of the Inhabitants, amounting to 25l.
- 20l. for the road from Guysborough to Crow Harbour
- 50l. for the road from Crow Harbour to Canso
- 30l. for the road from the head of the tide at St. Mary's to the bridge on the East branch of St. Mary's
- 90l. for the road from Manchester to the Gut of Canso
- 60l. for the road from the head of Milford Haven to Traccadie
- 50l. for the road from Antigonishe to Traccadie
- 25l. for the road from Traccadie to Harbour Bushee
- 90l. for the road from Dorchester Village to the Ohio Settlement
- 50l. for the road from the Ohio Settlement, to St. Mary's
- 100l. for the road from Dorchester Village to the East River of Mergomishe
- 70l. for the road from the Harbour of Antigonishe to Dorchester Village
- 25l. for the road from Morris's Mill, in Country Harbour, to the main road leading from Guysborough to St. Mary's

Resolved, That the sum of 1700l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows, viz.

- 420l. for the road and bridges from the bounds of Lunenburg to the boundary line of N. Brunswick

- 100l. for the road and bridges from Robert Read's, in Amherst, to the bounds of King's County, on the Patridge Island Road, in addition to the balance of the Vote of last Session unexpended
- 40l. for the road from Macan to the river Hebert, at Franklin Manor
- 70l. for the road and bridges from Minudee, by Barronsfield, towards Patridge Island
- 80l. for the road from Macan Settlement to the River Philip
- 20l. for the road from Macan towards the Five Islands
- 100l. for the road from the head of Amherst to the mouth of the River Philip by Shinimicas and Goose River
- 60l. for the road from Amherst to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, at or about Tidnish River
- 75l. for the road from Gabriel Purdy's to Bebee's, on the Remsheg river
- 75l. for the road from Bebee's to the harbour of Remsheg, near Hustad's, being a continuation of the said road
- 60l. for the road from John Rindress's, at the mouth of Remsheg river, to Tatamagushe
- 50l. for the road from Daniel Tidd's, on Remsheg river, towards Miller's, at Folly Lake
- 60l. for the road from Daniel Tidd's to the Harbour of Pugwash
- 35l. from the Town Plot in Remsheg, to John Tuttle's, on the road to Amherst
- 35l. for the road from Fox Harbour to the main road leading to Amherst
- 35l. from the Scotch Settlement on the Gulf Shore, between Pugwash and Fox Harbours, to the road to Amherst, near John Tuttle's
- 30l. for the road from the main road through the Settlement of Black River, to John Morse's on the River Philip
- 120l. for the road from John Ripley's, on the River Philip, to the head of Remsheg Harbour, near Andrew Fushner's
- 40l. for the road from the Harbour of Pugwash, to Ripley's, on the River Philip
- 10l. for the road from Johnson's, on the River Philip, to Economy
- 20l. for the new road from Remsheg River, near Bebee's, to Tatamagushe, in addition to the balance of the vote of the last Sessions unexpended
- 15l. from Pipe's, on the Napan, to the main Post Road near William Black's, in addition to the balance of a former vote unexpended
- 30l. for the road from the forks of Macan River, to the main road leading from the River Philip to Amherst
- 40l. for opening a new road from William Black's on the Main Post Road leading to Cumberland, towards the river Shinimicas and the river Philip, in addition to the sum of 47l. subscribed by the Inhabitants of Amherst : the two third parts of this vote not to be drawn from the Treasury, until a certificate is obtained from the General or Special Sessions, that the said sum so subscribed has been actually expended on the said road under the Commissioner
- 80l. to aid the Inhabitants of Remsheg to build a bridge over the main river of Remsheg, at or near Peter Angevine's.

Resolved, That the sum of 1800l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of King's County, be applied as follows, viz.

- 100l. for the road from the Falmouth line, near Mount Denson, to the north side of the Lower Gaspereau Bridge
- 20l. for the road from the Lower Gaspereau Bridge to Henry Cove's, on the road leading to Stone Bridge
- 75l. for the road from Henry Cove's on the road leading from the Lower Gaspereau Bridge, on the road leading to Stone Bridge.
- 20l. for the road in Horton, near Joel English's, towards the Upper Gaspereau Bridge at New Canaan
- 20l. for the road from the Upper Gaspereau Bridge at New Canaan, towards Nictaur and Joel English's
- 25l. for the road from Jediah Jordan's towards Pittsburg
- 25l. for the road from Kennie's Mill towards Jordan's, by Martin's Mill
- 30l. for the road from Jeremiah Kennie's to the New Canaan Road, by Nathan Davison's
- 25l. for the road from Scovel's Bridge to New Canaan Road

- 15l. for the road from John Ward's, to near where Messrs. Graham's are settled, to the southward of the Court-House in Horton
- 35l. for aiding the Inhabitants in Horton to erect a Bridge on Fuller's Mill Brook, and to repair the road to the Eastward of the said Bridge
- 15l. for the road from Windsor River, near John Armstrong's, towards Fuller's Mill
- 20l. for the road and bridges from Fitch's Bridge to the half-way River
- 20l. for the road from Samuel Waistcoat's, near Daniel Caldwell's to the New Canaan Road
- 30l. for the road from New Canaan to Jacob Benjamin's in Horton
- 85l. for the road from the Upper Gaspereau Bridge, near New Canaan, to the main road leading towards Avon Bridge
- 15l. for the road from the Windsor River to Telegraph Hill to Oliver Lyman's
- 25l. for the road from Foster's Farm towards New Canaan
- 15l. from Bishop's Bridge towards Telegraph Hill
- 75l. for the road from Fitch's and Fuller Mill, to the road leading to Avon Bridge
- 100l. for the road from Partridge Island to Cumberland line including the sum of 33l. 15s. to repay that sum advanced to repair the Bridge over the River Hebert, near Fullerton's, in Parrsborough, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen
- 50l. for the road near William Henry's, towards the Coal Mines
- 20l. for the road leading from Partridge Island, towards Fox River
- 35l. for the road from Fox River towards Apple River
- 15l. for the road from Daniel Knowlton's in Parrsborough, towards Lieutenant Fraser's
- 15l. for the road from Lieutenant Fraser's towards Luther Morris's at Advocate Harbour
- 20l. for the road from the Five Islands, towards the River Macan
- 15l. for the road near Jesse Lewis's, towards the River Macan
- 60l. for the road from the road leading from Partridge Island towards Economy
- 75l. for the main road leading to Annapolis, from the West bounds of Horton to the West bounds of Cornwallis
- 30l. for the road from Silas Rand's by Condon's Mill, to the Annapolis road
- 35l. for the road from the Little Lake on the road leading to the Aylesford Church, to the West bounds of Cornwallis
- 30l. for the road from the Black Rock, to James Condon's
- 20l. for the road from the Annapolis Road, to William Ward's, and past Joel English's, to the New Canaan Road
- 30l. for the New Canaan Road Westwardly from the road by English's
- 20l. for the road leading from the main road near Strong's, to the Annapolis road, near Sharp's
- 25l. for the road near Condon's Mill past Abner Woodworth's leading to Aylesford Church
- 20l. for the road through Cornwallis, past H. Chipman's, to Little Lake
- 30l. for the road from Randle Insley's to the Bay of Fundy, and for the Cross Road to Hall's Harbour Road
- 35l. for the road from Edy Newcomb's to Fuller's Mill and Hall Harbour
- 30l. for opening and improving the road leading from Hall's Harbour near Stephen Porter's, and Abraham Masters's, past John Woodworth's and Noah and Samuel Rockwell's farms, to the main road leading to Aylesford Church, by Little Lake
- 30l. for the road leading from Benjamin Fox's by Wilmot Osborne's from R. Foot's, by L. Porter's, from C. Finche's, by William North's, and from near the Burgess Farm to the Black Rock Road
- 20l. for the road leading from the Aylesford Church Road, by B. Burgess's Farm, past Earl Newcomb's or Bear Brook, to the Black Rock Road
- 10l. for repairing the bridge and the road near Peter Woodworth's, being on the main road leading to Aylesford Church, by Little Lake
- 25l. for improving the road by securing the sea bank, near James Allison's in Cornwallis
- 20l. for the road from Silas Wickwire's, by Huntley's, to the Bason near White Water
- 25l. for the road leading from the Pero Dyke, by Benjamin Weaver's and the settlement at Bass Creek, and extending westwardly to the road leading to Pero

- 30l. for the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis
- 20l. for the road from Baxter's Harbour to Sheffield's; one half of which sum to be laid out on the Mill near Sheffield's
- 20l. for the road near P. Lyon's Farm, under the Mountain, Eastwardly, by C. Webster's to D. Sandford's
- 15l. for the main road through Aylesford to Annapolis, from the West bounds of Cornwallis
- 20l. for the Morden road from F. Tupper's, to the Bay of Fundy
- 20l. for the Ormsby road leading Northerly and near the line between William Parker's and John West's
- 20l. for the road near Samuel Parker's, Southerly, to the New Canaan Road
- 25l. for the road from the West bounds of Cornwallis, to Aylesford Church
- 20l. for the road leading from the main road, northerly, past the School House, near the Farm late William Randle's, to the Bay of Fundy
- 20l. for the road from Ryarson's Mill to the New Canaan road
- 20l. for the road leading southerly from the Annapolis road, near John Patterson's, over the Annapolis river, and for building a bridge over the said river
- 20l. for the road from Clermont, northerly, to the Bay of Fundy
- 20l. for the road leading from the Morden road, westwardly, under the mountain, to or near the Farm late William Randle's

Resolved, That the sum of 2250l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows, viz:—

- 50l. for the Post-road from the house of John Ruggles to Lawrence Town
- 100l. for the Liverpool road from the Half-Way Tree towards Nictaur
- 35l. for the road from Shaftner's Farm to lands lately granted to Jesse Hoyt
- 40l. for repairing the bridge over the Annapolis river, at Lunn's, in addition to the Vote of last year
- 35l. for the road from the main road at or near the Farm of John Ruggles to the Bay of Fundy
- 35l. for the road from the main road at or near Woodberry's, to the Bay of Fundy
- 35l. for the road from the foot of the Mountain to the Henley Settlement
- 25l. for the road from the main road near Wilmot Church to the Bay of Fundy
- 40l. for opening the road at the foot of the North Mountain, from the road called General Ruggles's road, to the Stronach road, so called
- 40l. for aiding the Inhabitants of Granville to repair the road from the Main Road in Granville, by the Farm of Daniel Sander's, Easterly, to the Granville line
- 45l. for the road from the Main Road in Granville, to the Settlement at Chute's Cove, commencing at that Settlement
- 40l. for the road from Chute's Cove, Eastward, to the Cross Road, from the Main Road in Granville to Young's Cove
- 35l. for the road from the Main Road in Granville, to the Bay of Fundy, by Phiuney's
- 35l. for the road from the Main Road in Granville, to Young's Cove, at the Bay of Fundy
- 40l. for the road from the Cross Road to Young's Cove at the Bay of Fundy, to the Cross Road to Parker's Cove
- 20l. for the road from the main road in Granville to Parker's Cove at the Bay of Fundy
- 120l. for repairing the bridge over the Annapolis river, at Hicks' Ferry, in addition to the Vote of last year
- 30l. for the road from the General's Bridge, along Allen's river, to the lower road leading to Digby
- 75l. for improving the alteration made in the main road leading westward from Annapolis by the way of the Hessian Line from the General's Bridge
- 70l. for the road from the commencement of the Hessian Line to Bear River Bridge
- 50l. for the repair of Moose River Bridge, and reducing the Hills on the road leading to the Waldeck line
- 20l. for the cross road beginning at Isaac Diltmar's on the lower Road to Digby, through the Waldeck and Hessian lines
- 15l. for the road from the Ferry to the Bridge on the East side of Bear River

- 30l. for the road from Barbet's Farm on the Road to Digby, by the way of the Hessian line through Waldeck Line settlement
- 50l. for the road on the West Bank of Bear River, from the Bridge to the Ferry
- 70l. for the road from the West end of Bear River Bridge Causeway adjoining, and from thence to the top of Break Neck Hill on the road to Digby
- 50l. for the road from Break Neck Hill to Lee's Mills
- 50l. for the road from the Ferry at Bear River, towards Lee's Mills
- 40l. for the road from Lee's Mills, Westward, on the Shelburne Road, so called
- 40l. for the road from Charles Tucker's, along the North range of the Hatfield Grant, to No. 23, at the point where the parallel roads leading through the said Grant are connected with the main road leading from Digby to Scissabou
- 40l. for the road from Lee's Mills to Marr's Brook, on the Scissabou Road, by the way of Van Velzar's Farm, including the forking towards Digby
- 40l. for the road from Marr's Brook, including the bridge, to the bridge over Scissabou River
- 175l. for repairing the bridge over Scissabou River, lately injured by the ice
- 75l. for the road from the new bridge over Salmon River, eastward
- 60l. for the road leading from Digby towards Annapolis Gut, commencing at Dennis M'Gra's Farm and ending at the Farm of John Wright, on the main road to the Prince Regent's Battery
- 40l. for the road from M'Gra's Farm to Broad Cove
- 30l. for the road from Broad Cove, across the mountain, towards Digby
- 30l. for the road from Gulliver's Hole, by the way of the Scotch Settlement, across the mountain, to where it joins the main road leading from Digby, to the Grand Passage, near the farm of Gilbert Post
- 35l. for the road from Post's Farm to the Sea Wall on the main road aforesaid
- 50l. for the road from the Sea Wall (and reducing the Hill thereon) to the house of Jacob Smith
- 50l. for the road from Jacob Smith's to Little River
- 50l. for the road from Little River to Petit Passage
- 100l. for the road from the Hessian Line on the new road to the Upper Falls on Scissabou River
- 50l. in aid for opening the new road from the Upper Falls of Scissabou River towards Tusket River
- 25l. for opening and improving the road from the Lower Falls on Scissabou River, to where it joins the new road towards Tusket River
- 30l. to aid the inhabitants of the town of Digby to rebuild the bridge over a branch of Privatcer Cove, so called, near the house of the Widow Thomas

Resolved, That the sum of 1850l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants, be applied as follows, Vizt :—

- 50l. for the road from the Five Mile River in Douglass, up the Shubenaccadie, to Paul Woodworth's
- 40l. for the road from Paul Woodworth's to the bridge over the Shubenaccadie near Wardrobe's, in Douglas
- 40l. for the road from the bridge over the Shubenaccadie, near Hall's, towards the Nine Mile River Settlement in Douglass
- 25l. for the road from the Shubenaccadie, near Ellis's Mills, on towards the Nine Mile River
- 150l. for altering and repairing the road from the head of the Five Mile River, on towards Hene-gar's on the main road through Douglass
- 40l. for the road from Noel to the Kenetcook Road
- 50l. for the Noel Road to Beaver Bank
- 50l. for the Nine Mile River Road from James M'Phee's towards the Gore Settlement in Douglass
- 40l. for the road from the new Settlement of Blois's, to the Gore Settlement in Douglass
- 50l. for the road from Haine's to M'Lean's Farm, on the main road through Douglass
- 50l. for altering and improving the main road from M'Lean's Farm in Douglass to the mouth of the Noel Road, in addition to the sum of twenty pounds granted in the last Session, for avoiding the hills and not yet drawn from the Treasury

- 20l. for opening the road from Petit to Salter's Head in Douglass
- 20l. for opening the new road from the Kenetcook Road, near James Mosher's, to the Rawdon Road near Walker's
- 40l. for the road from Douglass Church to Chisholm's Farm, at the Nine Mile River in Douglass
- 10l. to Allen Mosher, for money expended by him in repairing the road from Sheverie to Cambridge
- 150l. for the main road through Rawdon, from Lawrence's to Fenton's
- 30l. for the road from Bond's to Wood's Farm
- 25l. for the road from Landerkia's to Higgins's
- 50l. for the new road from Fenton's to James Stevens's in Rawdon
- 25l. for the road from Rawdon Church, to M' Laren's on the Kenetcook Road
- 25l. for the road from Harvey's to Haily's
- 50l. for the road from the Nine Mile River Road at Tagert's, to John Wolhaver, in Douglas
- 10l. for the road from George Thomson's Farm, to the Line of the County on the Beaver Bank Road
- 50l. for repairing the bridge over the Half-Way River at Mount Denson, and raising the causeway to the same
- 35l. for the road from the Church to Peter Shaw's, including the finishing and gravelling the causeway over Falmouth Marsh
- 15l. for the road from Martin's to the Half-way River in Falmouth
- 10l. for the road from Payzant's to Knowles's, commonly called the Back Road
- 110l. for reducing and gravelling the Tanner's Hill in Windsor
- 80l. for the Chester road from Long's to the line of the County
- 75l. for the new main road from the north side of the River Hebert to the Halifax road
- 75l. for the new road at Lockhart's Mill, and to repair the causeway near Barron's
- 50l. for the road in the lower District of St Croix, from A. Harvey's Tau-Yard to Isaac Fisher's farm
- 30l. for the road from Kenetcook bridge to Daniel Wier's
- 30l. for the road from Petit to Salter's, in Newport
- 30l. for the road from Salter's to Kenetcook Bridge
- 25l. for the road from Alexander Smith's to Parker's Mill
- 40l. for the road from Parker's Mill to the the Main Road near Lawrence's
- 20l. for the road from Rawdon line near Stevenson's to James Harvie's
- 20l. for the road from Wilcox's Ferry to the Cross Road near Barron's
- 25l. for the road from John Smith's Blacksmith's Shop, to Ritchie's clearing
- 30l. for the road from Cockmagun Bridge to Cambridge Shore District
- 20l. for the road from Cambridge to Petit

Resolved, That the sum of 1700l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg be applied as follows, viz.

- 150l. for the road from Chester to Hammon's Plains
- 250l. for the road from Chester to Lunenburg, and to repair the bridges on the said Road
- 100l. for the road from Chester to Windsor, in addition to 62l. 10s. granted last year, and unexpended
- 100l. for the road from Lunenburg to Lahave River, on the Road to Liverpool
- 60l. for the road from Mr. Pernette's to Pettit River, in addition to 2l. part of the Grant of last year unexpended
- 150l. for the road from Petit River to the bounds of Liverpool
- 50l. for the road from Bolman's Farm to John Wensal's
- 100l. for the road from John Wensal's to Hertle's Mill, on Lahave river.
- 50l. for the road from William Rudolf's to the Falls, on Lahave River
- 50l. for the road from Henry Koch's Mill to the German Settlement
- 150l. for the road from Lahave River to Brookfield
- 50l. for the road from Old Longuil's, to the head of Lahave River
- 50l. for the road from John Lhone's at the South, to Rose Bay

- 50l. for the road from Mush-a-Mush, to Burgoine's Mill
- 50l. for the road from Blandford to Hammon Plain Road
- 50l. for the road from Fiener's Clear, to Leonard Silver's
- 100l. for the road from Melcher Zwicker's, in the north-west range, towards Annapolis
- 50l. for the road from Zwicker's towards Lunenburg Town Plot, including the repairs of the bridges and causeways
- 100l. for opening a road from Gold River Bridge to Lt. Rees's, at the new Settlement of Sherbrooke

Resolved, That the sum of 1700l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Queen's County, be applied as follows, viz.

- 200l. for the road from Payzant's Mill, on Portmatoon Road, to the further Beech Hill on the said Road
- 100l. for the road from the Eastern bounds of Shelburne County towards Portmatoon
- 250l. for the road from Herring-Cove Bridge, on the Main Road to Lunenburg, to Mill Village
- 50l. for the road from Mill Village to the Western bounds of Lunenburg County
- 100l. for the road from Herring-Cove towards Portmetway
- 350l. for the road from the Falls at Liverpool, on the Main Road leading to Nictaur, to Brookfield
- 55l. for building a Bridge over the Portmetway River at Brookfield Village
- 100l. for the road from Ballast Cove to Payzant's
- 195l. for the road from Liverpool to Moose Harbour, and the Western Head Settlement, beginning where the work left off last year
- 25l. for the road from Munroe's, on the road aforesaid, in addition to the sum granted last year and not expended by the Commissioner
- 50l. for the road from Hunt's Point Village to the main road
- 30l. for the road from the main road over Beech Hill to White Point Settlement
- 100l. for the road from Mill Village to Portmetway
- 70l. for the road from Edmund Darrow's, at Blue-berry Cove, to Wm. Cahoon's at Ragged Harbour
- 25l. for the road leading over Eagle Head

Resolved, That the sum of 1700l. appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows, viz:—

- 260l. for the road from the bounds of Queen's County to the Town of Shelburne
- 140l. for the road from Shelburne to Clyde river
- 100l. for the road from Clyde river to the bridge over the Mill Brook in Barrington
- 90l. for the road from the bridge over the river Jordan to Ragged Islands, and from thence to Little River
- 350l. for the road from the bridge over the Mill Brook in Barrington, to Owen's at Pubnico
- 60l. for the road from Owen's, at Pubnico, to John Nickerson's
- 120l. for the road from John Nickerson's, in Argyle, to John Kenny's in Yarmouth
- 100l. for the road from Cyrus Parry's to the bounds of Annapolis
- 40l. for opening a road from Jonathan Corning's, at Beaver River, to the Road leading from Yarmouth, to the Upper Falls on Scissabou River
- 40l. for the road from John Vickary's to Jacob Killum's
- 40l. for the road from Jacob Hetfield's to Rayuard's Mill
- 50l. for the road from Jacob Tedford's to Salmon River Bridge
- 100l. for the road from Elias Trask's to the North Line of Yarmouth
- 150l. for the road from the North line of Yarmouth to Still Water, on the road leading to the Upper Falls of Scissabou River
- 30l. for the road from John Kenny's to Seth Johnson's on Tuskat River
- 30l. for the road from Theaas Brown's to High Head

Oraered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, 20th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Harbour Meeting House, in Pictou, to sell vacant Pews ; also,

A Bill to suspend for a limited time the operation of the Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court, so far as the same respects the holding the said Court at the River Philip : also,

A Bill for better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water ; also,

A Bill to impose a Duty on certain Goods hereafter to be sold at Auction ; also,

A Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Counties of Annapolis and King's County to raise Money to erect and establish Poor Houses ; and also,

A Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes : were severally read a second time.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had come to a Resolution upon the business to them referred, which they had directed him to report to the House : and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the manner of taking the various Bonds from the Collectors of Impost and Excise, and directing the Registry thereof ; and also to regulate the manner of taking the Bonds from Sheriffs of the Counties, and the places of deposit, and manner of securing the same ; also to require the Treasurer of the Province to give bond with four Sureties, Freeholders in the Province, and the manner of taking the same.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the subject of the General State of the Province.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Marshall, do prepare and bring in a Bill conformably to the foregoing Resolution of the committee of the whole House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Twelve Resolutions of this House, for specifically applying the sum of 25,000l. for the service of Roads and Bridges within the several Counties and Districts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred ; and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed : which report the House agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, *resolved*, that this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole House to consider of Ways and Means.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton have leave to return home, on account of the death of his Father.

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

Friday, 21st March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House.

The said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows :

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

THE present state of the Indians of this Province has been represented to me as most wretched and deplorable : I have reason to believe that some of the well-disposed among them are now inclined to fix their abode, and cultivate Lands.

I recommend the subject to the consideration of the House, with the view of adopting such measures as may be calculated to give encouragement where such disposition may be found. DALHOUSIE.

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

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Twelve Resolutions of this House for granting the following Sums, viz.

43l 4s. 5d. to Matthew Richardson.

600l. for the Transient Poor.

300l. to the Committee of the Association for the relief of the Poor.

200l. for the Acadian School.

25l. for a Road from Shubenaccadie to the Indian Settlement.

230l. 8s. 2d. to the Commissioners of the Poor for Extra Expences.

30l. to John Bolman.

103l. 5s. to John W. Pyke.

75l. to Ezra Witter.

142l. to George Grassie & Co.

774l. 13s. 6d. to ditto.

51l. 4s. to Starr and Shannon.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Partridges and Blue-winged Ducks, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House. The

The Council request a conference by committee on the Fish Bounty Bill, and also the Grain Bounty Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Allison, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to enable the Trustees of the Harbour Meeting House in Pictou to sell vacant Pews. And also the Bill for regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court, and General Sessions, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, and that he was directed to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment. That the committee had gone through the Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes; also, the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Counties of Annapolis and King's County to raise Money to erect and establish Poor Houses; also, the Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions; and also an engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the present Session of General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors: and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House: and he afterwards delivered the several Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed: which report the House agreed to.

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The amendments to the Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes ; also the amendments to the Bill to erect and establish Poor Houses in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County ; and also the amendments to the Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions, were severally read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the Question, put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bills, with their respective amendments, be engrossed.

The amendments to the engrossed Bill from the Council, in amendment of the Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors, were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the two Bills, as passed by the Committee of the whole House, without amendment, be engrossed.

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

Saturday, 22d March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, was read a third time : and thereupon,

Mr. Mortimer moved, that the Bill do not pass, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Ten ; against it, Eighteen : so it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, in the County of Shelburne.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Trustees of the Harbour Meeting House in Pictou, to sell vacant Pews, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to enable the Trustees of the Harbour Meeting House, in the District of Pictou, to sell vacant Pews.

An engrossed Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, was read a third time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes.

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

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Partridges and Blue-winged Ducks, was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes, out of this Province: and that they had made an amendment thereunto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House: and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred: which report the House agreed to.

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

Mr. Chipman then moved, that the Bill do not pass to be engrossed: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Three; against it, Twenty-three:

For the motion,

Mr. Chipman,

Mr. Wells,

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Warwick,

Mr. Marsters

Mr. Demock,

Mr. Pryor,

Mr. Roach,

Mr. Shaw,

Mr. Haliburton,

Mr. Allison,

Against the motion,

Mr. Pool,

Mr. Purdy,

Mr. Manning,

Mr. Kent,

Mr. Dewolf,

Mr. Ritchie,

Mr. Creighton,

Mr. Pyke,

Mr. Marshall,

Mr. Harris,

Mr. Bars,

Mr. Freeman,

Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Flemming,

Mr. Cunningham,

So it passed in the negative.

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Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendment, be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had considered the subject to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House : and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient that a further conference should be held with the Council, by Committee, on the subject of the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of the House be instructed to state to the Committee of the Council, on such conference, that the House is willing and desirous to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Tonnage of large Vessels employed on Shares in carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries ; and also that the House is desirous of encouraging the Agriculture of the Province, by giving a Bounty on Grain raised on Lands hereafter to be cleared.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the subject of the General State of the Province : which report the House agreed to.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the last conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

An engrossed Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Bishop have leave to return home, on his private affairs.

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

Monday, 24th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes, out of this Province, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Crane moved that the Bill do not pass, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to prohibit the exportation of Corn and Potatoes out of this Province.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Counties of Annapolis and King's County to raise Money to erect and establish Poor Houses, was read a third time: and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the Bill do not pass, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion six, against it, eighteen.

For the motion :

Mr. Marsters,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Allison,
Mr. Marshall.

Against the motion :

<i>Mr. Creighton,</i>	<i>Mr. Roach,</i>	<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>
<i>Mr. Mortimer,</i>	<i>Mr. Wells,</i>	<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>
<i>Mr. Kent,</i>	<i>Mr. Pryor,</i>	<i>Mr. Barss,</i>
<i>Mr. Rudolf,</i>	<i>Mr. Crane,</i>	<i>Mr. Harris,</i>
<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>	<i>Mr. Manning,</i>	<i>Mr. Purdy,</i>
<i>Mr. Chipman,</i>	<i>Mr. Pool,</i>	<i>Mr. Ritchie.</i>

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis to raise Money to erect and establish a Poor House within the said County, and for regulating the same.

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

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An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the present Session of General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors, ; and also the engrossed amendment to the said Bill, were severally read a third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with an amendment.

The Clerk reported, that the Council have agreed to the conference agreeably to the Resolution of yesterday ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference, and that they do state on the conference, the substance of the Resolution which passed yesterday, relative to the same.

And the names of the managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Pryor reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and that they had obeyed the Order of the House ; and he also stated to the House the substance of the conference.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, in the County of Shelburne—without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill entitled, An Act to prohibit the exportation of Corn and Potatoes out of this Province ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated to the service of Roads and Bridges, severally, with amendments : to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a further conference by committee on the subject matter of the last conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And the names of the managers were called over.

And

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to authorise the sale of the Old Jail at Windsor, in the County of Hants. Also, the Bill for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugars. Also a Bill for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou: and that they had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through a Bill in amendment of the Act for altering the times of holding the Supreme Court in its Circuits. Also, a Bill for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water. Also, a Bill to suspend, for a limited time, the operation of the Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court, so far as the same respects the holding of the said Court at the River Philip. And also, a Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly relating to a Militia: and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which the committee had directed him to report to the House. That the committee had deferred the consideration of the Bill to impose a Duty on certain Goods hereafter to be sold at Auction, to this day three months. And the Chairman afterwards delivered the aforesaid Bills, together with the several amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed: which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Mortimer then moved, that the report of the committee, so far as relates to the Bill, respecting the holding of the Supreme Court at the River Philip, be not agreed to by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereupon, there appeared, for the motion, Seventeen; against it, Thirteen: so it passed in the affirmative.

The amendments to the Bill in amendment of the Act for altering the times of holding the Supreme Court in its Circuits: the amendments to the Bill

for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water ; and also, the amendments to the Militia Bill—were severally read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon,

Mr. Roach moved, that the amendments to the last mentioned Bill, be not received by the House ; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The said amendments, as reported by the Committee, were then put and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the beforementioned Bills, with their respective amendments, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the several Bills, as reported by the Committee without any amendment, be engrossed.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Warwick have leave to return home, in consequence of his infirm state of health.

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

Tuesday, 25th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou in this Province.

An engrossed Bill for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on brown or raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An engrossed Bill, in amendment of the Act for altering the times of holding the Supreme Court in its Circuits, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the 56th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of this Province. A

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, relating to a Militia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to revive, alter and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly relating to a Militia.

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

On motion of Mr. Roach, the House proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message of the 21st inst. on the subject of Indians, and the same was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that he will be pleased to communicate to the House such information as he may possess on the subject, as referred to in His Excellency's Message to this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Roach, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Manning, be a committee accordingly.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn and Potatoes, out of the Province; and the same were read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Council by committee on the subject matter of the said amendments, and that the Clerk do request the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Pryor, do manage the said conference.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated to the service of Roads and Bridges; and the said amendments were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the several amendments marked 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18, and disagree to the remainder of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution relative to the amendments made by them to the same.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of the Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Partridges and Blue-winged Ducks, and that they had made several amendments thereunto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House: and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred: which report the House agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the amendments, be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred; and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply; which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Indians; that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency accordingly; and he communicated to the House the substance of the information received by the committee from His Excellency; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Roach, *ordered*, that His Excellency's Message on the subject of Indians, be referred to the committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of 21l. 15s. 8d. to John Osborne and James Wilkie.

The Council have agreed to a Bill entitled, An Act for the Summary
Trial

Trial of Actions, with several amendments : to which amendments they desire the concurrence of the House.

The Council adhere to the amendments made by them to the Bill, entitled An Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated, for the service of Roads and Bridges.

The Council agree to the amendment made by this House to the Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the present Session of General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of new Land ; and also,

The Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the fitting out of Vessels in this Province for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries.

The Council agree to the conference, as requested by the House, on the subject of the Corn Exportation Bill.

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the conference on the subject of the Corn Exportation Bill.

And the names of the managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council, on the subject of the general State of the Province, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, on the subject of the general State of the Province, do manage this conference.

And the names of the managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, that this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole House to consider of Ways and Means.

On motion, *ordered* That Mr. Cunningham have leave to return home on his private affairs.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at half past ten of the Clock.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to authorise the sale of the Old Jail at Windfor, in the County of Hants, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to authorise the sale of the Old Jail, and the Lot of Land on which the same stands, at Windfor, in the County of Hants.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee on the subject of the Bonds to be taken from Collectors of Impost and Excise, &c. and accordingly presented a Bill for regulating the manner of taking the Bonds of Sheriffs, Collectors of Impost and Excise, and of the Treasurer of the Province: and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Partridges and Blue-winged Ducks; and also the engrossed amendment to the said Bill, were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions; and the same were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Council by committee on the subject matter of the said amendments; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Chipman, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Creighton, do manage the said conference.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee, appointed to confer with the Council on the subject of the General State of the Province, that they had held the conference accordingly, and he stated the substance of the conference to the House; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council on the said subject, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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Mr. Roach reported from the committee appointed to examine into the expenditure of Monies granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province: and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Vote of 150l. for the Musquodoboit road; only 140l. 1cs. have been expended and certified; Miles M'Innes, Commissioner.

40l. road from Economy to Parrsborough; Joseph Mahon, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

200l. road from Amherst to the bounds of King's County; Luke Harrison, Commissioner. The sum of 108l. 13s. remains unexpended and undrawn from the Treasury.

20l. road from Huntley's Creek to Fuller's Mill; David Lockhart, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

25l. road from Remsheg to Tatamagushe; A. Des Barres, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

100l. for the bridge over the Annapolis River, at Hicks's Ferry; Samuel Fitz Randolph, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

200l. to repair the bridge over Allen's Creek at Annapolis; Francis Ryarson, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

25l. to repair the bridge at Lunn's Mills, on the Annapolis River; Edward Whitman, Commissioner; no account of expenditure.

30l. for the road from Douglafs to the Church in Rawdon; Benjamin Smith, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

30l. for the road from Cockmagun to the road near Salter's; William Salter, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

15l. for the road from Avon River to the Church near Songster's; John Songster, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

350l. for the road from Queen's County to Nictaur; Joseph Smith, Commissioner; 344l. 13s. 4d. have been expended and certified.

25l. for the road from Munroe's to the main road leading through Queen's County; Millard, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

400l. for the road from Chester to Windsor; James Walker, Commissioner; 337l. 10s. only expended, and certified.

80l. for the road from Robert Durkie's to Yarmouth; Ebenezer Butler, Commissioner; no return of expenditure.

350l. for the road from Hammon Plain to Annapolis; John Harris, Commissioner; 306l. only expended, and certified.

40l. { for road from Collins's to Cole Harbour, and

40l. { for road from Fox River to Apple River in Parrsborough: the Commissioners appointed, declined acting. The

The committee also examined the Accounts and Vouchers of the Reverend Benjamin G. Gray, Commissioner for expending the sum of 3000l. on the main road between Sackville Bridge, and Bishop's Bridge in Horton. Mr. Gray's account exceeds the vote 2l. 12s. 5½d. The committee observe, that many of the charges for the labour done by Trucks and Teams are, in some instances, enormously extravagant, and nearly double what some other Commissioners in the different parts of the Province charge for the like kind of labour. That large sums are charged for the purchase of Tools, and Blacksmith's Work in repairing the said Tools, when in other parts of the Province the Labourers have to find their own implements to labour with, at the same price of five shillings per day.

The committee have also examined the accounts of Captain Maynard, and have to make the same remark, as to the purchase and repairs of Tools, with several other extravagant, and in some respects improper, charges: such as for books, paper, quills, garden lines, &c. The committee observe, that Captain Maynard has charged in his account 184 days, including Sundays, and 18 days for travelling and inspecting bridges, at ten shillings per day, to Valentine Gill, who, by his Instructions and Commission from the Lieutenant-Governor, he was directed to employ at that rate per day. He has also charged 147 days, including Sundays, at ten shillings per day, as salary for himself. But however objectionable these charges may be, and are considered by the committee, they only exceed the legal commission to which Captain Maynard is entitled, on the sum expended, the sum of 6l. 10s. which the committee think he is not entitled to. The committee further remark, that Captain Maynard, as Commissioner, has not attested to his account of expenditure of the Money entrusted to him as the Law directs. The committee beg leave to suggest the propriety of Mr. Gray and Capt. Maynard being directed to deliver a schedule of all the Tools now in their possession to the Treasurer of the Province, and that they be held responsible for them, until delivered over to the proper persons authorized to receive the same. All the other appropriations of money for Roads and Bridges for the past year, appear to have been expended and certified according to Law.

For the account of expenditure of monies on Roads and Bridges, previous to the last year, the committee beg leave to refer the House to the Auditor's Report, and to that of the joint Committee of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly on the Public Accounts.

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

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Mr. Ritchie moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of the several Bills which stood committed; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to prohibit the exportation of Corn, and Potatoes, out of this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the sale of the Old Jail, and the Lot of Land on which the same stands, at Windsor, in the County of Hants—severally, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, alter and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia: with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the 56th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of this Province.

The Council agree to the conference on the subject of the Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions, as desired by the House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the said conference accordingly.

And the names of the managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions, back to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the amendments made by the Council to the same, marked Nos. 2, 3 and 4, but disagree to the remainder of the said amendments.

The Clerk reported, that the Council agree to a further conference as desired by the House, on the subject of the General State of the Province.

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Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the conference accordingly.

And the names of the managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the amendments made by this House, to the Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Partridges and Blue-winged Ducks.

The Council do not adhere to their amendments to the Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions, further than they have been agreed to by this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Pursuant to leave given, a Petition of Lawrence Hartshorne and others, Merchants, and Persons concerned in Trade, resident within the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth : That the Inhabitants of the said Town, who are concerned in the Navigation of the Province, have long experienced the effects produced from the establishment of that branch of the Admiralty jurisdiction, usually called the Instance Court ; but with that deference which it is their duty to pay to every regulation enacted in the Parent Country, they have hitherto submitted without complaint to a mode of Trial that appears from history to have originated in a state of society in the old Colonies, very different from that which exists in this Province : where they feel a pride in believing the Trial by Jury is as pure as in any other part of his Majesty's Dominions. The Petitioners apprehend, that under the most favorable practice, the Court in question is perfectly inconsistent with those rights and privileges which his Majesty and his ancestors have graciously been pleased to bestow upon this Province, and of which the Trial by Jury forms a principal branch. That the decision of Causes by the authority of a single person, acting both as Judge and Jury, is inconsistent with those rights and privileges, and most perfectly inapplicable to the known loyalty of the people subject to such jurisdiction, and peculiarly injurious, as, in the event of appealing from a decision considered unjust such claim can only be prosecuted but at great expense and inconvenience to the party aggrieved, and, in some instances,

stances, ruin has been caused from the want of means to conduct the necessary prosecution in the Mother Country. And the Petitioners also beg leave to suggest the necessity of, in some degree, regulating the present Charges and Fees exacted at the Custom-House of this Port, which they conceive are extremely burthensome to the Coasting Trade, and General Commercial Interests of the Province, and praying that the House would take the premises into consideration, and that they will so represent their case to His Majesty's Government, that the Inhabitants of this Colony may receive that purity of judicial trial which is most consistent with the freedom of British Subjects, settled in this portion of His Majesty's Dominions; and such further relief as in their wisdom may be thought fit.

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

On motion a Bill for regulating the manner of taking the Bonds of Sheriffs, and Collectors of Impost and Excise, and of the Treasurer of the Province: was read a second time.

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

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

Thursday, 27th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter, amend and continue, an Act, passed in the 52d year of his Majesty's reign, to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the same was read a first time; and thereupon,

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

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to alter, amend and continue, An Act, passed in the 52d year of His Majesty's reign, to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges. And also a Bill to regulate the manner of taking the Bonds of Sheriffs and Collectors of Impost and Excise: and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without any amendment. That the committee had deferred to the next Sessions the consideration of the Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Importation of Salt. And also an engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act for the punishment of Criminal Offenders. That the committee had gone through the Bill for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water; and had made several amendments thereunto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House: and he afterwards delivered the said several Bills, together with the amendments last mentioned, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed: which report the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bill for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water, were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the two Bills, as reported by the Committee without amendment, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the General State of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And the Names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

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The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Militia Bill, and the same were read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Council on the subject matter of the said amendments ; and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the conference as desired by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Roach and Mr. Pryor, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Pyke reported that the managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House : and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the two first amendments, and disagree to the last amendment, made by the Council to the Militia Bill : and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for appointing Prothonotaries and Clerks to the Supreme Court and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas : and the same was read a first time ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now read a second time : and the same was read a second time accordingly.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now committed to a committee of the whole House : and thereupon, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereunto, which the committee had directed him to report to the House : and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis to raise Money to erect and establish a Poor House within the said County, and for regulating the same.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the report of the committee to whom the engrossed Bill from the Council, on the subject of Opening and Working His Majesty's Mines, was referred, was read by the Clerk : and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said committee do prepare, and bring in, amendments to the said Bill, agreeable to their report.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in addition to an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris or Gypsum : and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Friday, 28th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill, in addition to an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's reign, for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris or Gypsum, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill for regulating the manner of taking the Bonds of Sheriffs, and Collectors of Impost and Excise, and of the Treasurer of the Province : was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for regulating the

the manner of taking the Bonds of Sheriffs and Collectors of Impost and Excise, and of the Treasurer of the Province.

An engrossed Bill to alter, amend and continue, an Act, passed in the 52d year of his Majesty's reign, to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges : was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to alter, amend and continue, An Act, passed in the 52d year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

An engrossed Bill for appointing Prothonotaries and Clerks to the Supreme Court and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for appointing Prothonotaries and Clerks to the Supreme Court and Court of Common Pleas in the several Counties and Districts of this Province.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill in addition to the Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris or Gypsum.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and that the committee had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

The Clerk reported, that the Council agree to the conference as desired by the House.

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

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And the Names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

An engrossed Bill, in addition to an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's reign, for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris or Gypsum, was read a third time : and thereupon,

Mr. Pryor moved, that the following enacting Clause be added to the said Bill, viz.

“ *And be it further enacted, That, in order to prevent, as much as possible, the Smuggling which may be facilitated by this addition to the said Act, if any Master, or Person having command, of any Vessel, employed in carrying Plaster of Paris or Gypsum to St. Andrews, be convicted of Smuggling whilst so employed, he shall for ever be incapacitated from acting as Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel belonging to this Province :*” which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Eight ; against it, Seventeen :

For the motion,

Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Pryor,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Burss,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Lawson.

Against the motion;

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Kent,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Allison,
Mr. Wells,

Mr. Marsters,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Manning,

Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Pool,
Mr. Purdy,

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Roach then moved, that the Bill do not pass, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eleven ; against it, fourteen.

For the motion :

Mr. Pyke, Mr. Pool,
Mr. Lawson, Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Burss,
Mr. Pryor, Mr. Harris.
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Marshall,

Against the motion :

Mr. Baker, Mr. Purdy,
Mr. Kent, Mr. Flemming
Mr. Chipman, Mr. Crane,
Mr. Dimock, Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Allison, Mr. Manning,
Mr. Wells, Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Marsters, Mr. Dewolf.

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum.

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

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred; and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply; which report the House agreed to.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Prothonotaries and Clerks to the Supreme Court and Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the several Townships and Districts within this Province.

The Council do not adhere to their amendments to the Militia Bill, further than as agreed to by this House.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions in the Supreme Court and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Trade in Plaster of Paris, or Gypsum, between this Province and New-Brunswick: to which Bills they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bills were read a first time.

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Resolved,

Resolved, That the engrossed Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions in the Supreme Court and Inferior Court of Common Pleas, be read a second time.

Mr. Lawson reported from the joint committee of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have examined the Accounts of the Attorney-General, and find that in the year 1799 a Message was sent to the House, by the Governor, on the subject of the Fees he ought to be allowed; a Copy of which was also submitted for their consideration, in which was included two and a half per cent. commission on all sums received by him; that the House came to a determination to allow him 22l. 4s. 5d. in lieu of all fees for one year; which sum has been continued and paid him from year to year since that time.— That previous to, and up to the year 1807, the Attorney-General retained a Commission of two and a half per cent. as appears by the account of the Collector of Impost and Excise; the Committee of Public Accounts for that year, finding the charge made by him, from time to time, informed the Attorney General, that in future they would not allow it, and that the persons whose Bonds were prosecuted ought to pay it: in consequence the Attorney-General since that time, and up to the year 1816, charged an interest on the Bonds, put in his hands for collection, more than equal to the commission charged, to the Amount of 150l. 17s. 10d. which sum the Province has credit for; that from the representation of the Attorney-General, stating the difficulties and trouble he had in collecting, receiving and paying, the money, are of opinion, and recommend, that he retain the amount charged by him.

The Attorney-General also states, that it is his wish not to have any more to do with receiving the money, and would much rather some other Gentleman of the Profession should be appointed for the purpose.

WILLIAM LAWSON,
EDWARD MORTIMER,
THOMAS ROACH,
JOHN WELLS,
JAMES FLEMMING,

} Committee of the
House of Assembly.

THOMAS N. JEFFERY, } Committee of
JOHN BLACK. } the Council.

And thereupon Mr. Lawson moved, that the Attorney-General be allowed to retain the sum of money in his hands, agreeable to the foregoing Report: which,

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

For the motion,

Mr. Lawson, *Mr. Pyke,*
Mr. Wells, *Mr. Rudolf,*
Mr. Kent, *Mr. Pool,*
Mr. Flemming, *Mr. Barss.*
Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Freeman,

Against the motion,

Mr. Dimock, *Mr. Dewolf,*
Mr. Marsters, *Mr. Manning,*
Mr. Baker, *Mr. Purdy,*
Mr. Allison, *Mr. Chipman,*
Mr. Pryor, *Mr. Haliburton,*
Mr. Ritchie, *Mr. Harris.*
Mr. Marshall,

So it passed in the negative.

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

Saturday, 29th March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions in the Supreme Court and Inferior Court of Common Pleas, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Pryor moved, that the second reading of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to regulate the Trade in Plaster of Paris or Gypsum between this Province and New-Brunswick, be postponed to this day three months : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Fourteen ; against it, Thirteen. So it passed in the affirmative.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, alter and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, now in force, relating to a Militia ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter, amend and continue, An Act, passed in the 52d year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure

expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges—severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, Viz :

An Act to alter, amend and continue, an Act, passed in the 52d year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

An Act in amendment of the Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Partridges and and Blue-winged Ducks.

An Act to prohibit the exportation of Corn and Potatoes out of this Province.

An Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on brown or raw Sugar used in the Manufacture of refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An Act to authorise the sale of the Old Jail, and the Lot of Land on which the same stands, at Windsor, in the County of Hants.

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the present Session of General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, in the County of Shelburne.

An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the 28th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend, render more effectual, and reduce into one Act, the several Acts of the Province concerning Bail. On

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred; and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House: and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 200l. should be granted to the Committee of the Association for the relief of the Labouring Poor and other distressed Persons in the Town of Halifax, in addition to the sum of 300l. before granted in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 340l. (in addition to the sum of 160l. undrawn of the last year's vote) should be granted to rebuild the Bridge over Allen's river, on the main road from Annapolis, westward, lately carried away by the Ice.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding 250l. should be drawn by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to be applied under his direction in relieving and otherwise providing for distressed Indians throughout the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted for the relief of Distressed Debtors confined in any of His Majesty's Jails in this Province, to be applied to their relief under the directions of such Persons as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor shall appoint for that purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 250l. should be granted for making such repairs to the Government-House as may be necessary in the present year; and also for defraying any balance that may be now due for repairs made to the said House. The above sum to be accounted for in the next Session of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 400l. should be granted to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis to erect a Building for a House of Correction: but not to be drawn from the Treasury until the Justices in their Sessions shall certify that the sum of 600l. has been raised, and paid to the County Treasurer for that purpose.

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Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 250l. should be granted for repairing the Sackville Bridge, and the road leading from Mr. Shaw's House to the said Bridge.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 111l. 2s. 2½d. should be granted to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. for his services for the present year, in soliciting and obtaining many important commercial privileges.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 8,000l. should be granted towards erecting the Province House, to be drawn for by Warrant from the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, on the Treasury, and expended under the direction of the Commissioners appointed for the said Building.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding 630l. should be granted to keep up the communication by Post, as heretofore established, and also to enable the Post-Master at Halifax to extend the same communication to Liverpool, by the way of Lunenburg, and also to Antigonish by the way of Pictou: the said sum to be accounted for in the next Session of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 30l. should be paid to James W. Nutting, for his services in prosecuting Criminals for Capital Offences at the Supreme Court, on the Western Spring Circuit, in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 1,400l. should be granted for the relief of the distressed Inhabitants of the several Counties and Districts in this Province, in the following proportions, viz :

District of Pictou	£200
Halifax	150
Colchester	100
County of Sydney	150
Hants	150
King's County	100
Cumberland	100
Queen's County	100
Shelburne	100
Annapolis	150
Lunenburg	100
	—£1400.

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To be distributed by the Justices of the Court of General or Special Sessions in each County or District, and the sum for each County and District to be drawn, by warrant, of the Lieutenant-Governor, in favor of the Treasurer of each County or District, for the above purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 20l. should be granted to John Gibbs, for his services as Messenger to the House of Assembly during the present Session; and a further sum of 5l. for his services during the last Session of Assembly—the same having been omitted to be inserted in the Appropriation Act of the last year, by mistake.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 25l. should be granted to Robert Angus, Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Assembly, for his services for the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 10l. should be granted to the Clerk of the Council, to defray the expense of Fuel for the Council during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 10l. should be granted to the Clerk of the Assembly, for defraying the expense of Fuel for the use of the House of Assembly, during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding 17l. 10s. should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationary, for the use of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 100l. should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of extra Clerks, Servants, and other incidental expenses, during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted for opening a passage from the Sea into Porter's Lake.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 72l. 16s. should be granted to the Honorable Charles Morris, for monies to that amount paid by him, in settling disbanded Soldiers on the new road leading to Annapolis.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 100l. should be granted to Henry H. Cogswell, in full, for preparing the Statutes at Large, from 1804 to 1816, for the Press, superintending the publication, correcting the Press, and making an Index of the same. Also, for preparing an

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Index, and superintending the publication of the Militia Laws and the Articles of War, in the year 1813.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 225l. should be granted to John Howe, Son & Co. for Printing 300 Sets of the Statutes at Large of the Province from the year 1804 to the year 1816, inclusive, per account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 95l. should be granted and paid to David Howe, upon his completing the binding in calf of 80 Sets, and also half-binding, 220 Sets of the Statutes of the Province from the year 1804 to the year 1816, inclusive.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 600l. should be granted for cutting, opening and repairing the new road leading from Hammond's Plains to Annapolis, in such manner as His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, may direct.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 100l. should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Halifax in erecting a Fish Market, in the North Suburbs of the said Town, to be applied under the direction of such person as shall be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for that purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 250l. should be granted, in addition to the sum now remaining of the last year's vote, for the repair of Bridges, on the Great Roads, to be drawn for and expended in the usual manner.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted, and expended under the direction of the President of His Majesty's Council and the Speaker of the House of Assembly, in purchasing such Books as they may deem necessary for the Province Law Library.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 54l. 0s. 4d. should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for defraying the demands of Andrew Belcher, Esq. and others, per schedule of the same.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that this House will on Monday next

next take into consideration the Petition of Lawrence Hartshorne and others, on the subject of the Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty.

Mr. Archibald moved, that the Proceedings of Yesterday, relative to the Attorney-General, be re-considered: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Eleven; against it, Fifteen: So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Pyke reported from the committee on the Expiring Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue the several Acts therein mentioned: and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Monday, 31st March, 1817.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water.

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

A Bill for continuing the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Bill for continuing the several Acts therein mentioned : and that he was directed by the Committee to report the Bill to the House without any amendment. That the committee had also gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions in the Supreme Court and Inferior Court of Common Pleas : and that they had made several amendments thereunto, which the committee had directed him to report to the House : and he afterwards delivered the said two Bills, with the amendments to the last-mentioned Bill, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed : which report the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bill, as reported by the committee, were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill for continuing the several Acts therein mentioned, be engrossed.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read ; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Petition of Lawrence Hartshorne and others, on the subject of the Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee, that the opinions and feelings of the late House of Assembly, as expressed in the unanimous Resolutions of that House on the 3d day of April, 1811, on the subject of the jurisdiction exercised by the Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty, in prosecutions for alleged violations of Law, are the same opinions and feelings that are now entertained on that subject by the Inhabitants of this Province.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the important affairs in which His Majesty's Government has been engaged for many years past, together with the War with the United States of America, which followed soon after the passing of those Resolutions, prevented the House from submitting the subject at an earlier period to His Majesty's Ministers.

Resolved, That the subject matter of the said prosecutions is not within the Admiralty Jurisdiction, but ought to be tried in the ordinary Courts of the Country according to the rules of Common Law.

Resolved, That His Majesty's Ministers being now relieved from their attention to the Wars and more important concerns of the Empire, it is the duty of this Assembly, while peace and tranquility remain, to call their attention to the aforesaid grievances experienced by His Majesty's Loyal Subjects in this Province.

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

It was then moved that the House do come to the Resolutions following, viz.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join Mr. Speaker, to forward the Resolutions of the last House of Assembly, and also the present Resolutions, to Scroop Barnard Morland, Esq. the Agent of the Province; and also to Nathaniel Atchefon, Esq. for the purpose of laying them before His Majesty's Ministers.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that his Excellency would be pleased to transmit the foregoing Report and Resolutions to England, to be laid before His Majesty's Ministers, and also that his Excellency will be pleased to recommend the same to their favorable consideration.

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

Mr. Marshall moved, that so much of the said Resolutions as requires the the representations to be transmitted to Nathaniel Atchefon, Esq. be not agreed to, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion eight, against the motion sixteen.

For the motion,

Mr. Creighton,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Purdy,
Mr. Harris.

Against the motion,

Mr. Pool,	Mr. Roach,
Mr. Marsters,	Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Kent,
Mr. Pyke,	Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Mortimer,	Mr. Crane,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Barss,
Mr. Archibald,	Mr. Lawson.

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolutions were then, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Ritchie then moved, that His Majesty's Council be requested to join this House, in the foregoing Resolutions, respecting the Instance Court of Vice Admiralty ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative ; and thereupon

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Pryor and Mr. Roach, be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Pryor, be a committee to join Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of corresponding with the Provincial Agent, and also with Mr. Atcheson, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to twenty-eight Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, Viz :—

200l. to the Committee for the Relief of the Poor ; 340l. for a Bridge over Allen's River ; 250l. for distressed Indians ; 50l. for distressed Debtors confined in Jail ; 250l. for the Government House ; 400l. for a House of Correction at Annapolis ; 250l. for Sackville Bridge ; 111l. 2s. 2½d. to Nathaniel Atcheson ; 8000l. for the Province Building ; 650l. for a Communication by Post ; 30l. to J. W. Nutting ; 1400l. for distressed Inhabitants ; 25l. to the Messenger of the Assembly ; 25l. to the Sergeant at Arms ; 10l. to the Clerk of the Council for Fuel ; 10l. to the Clerk of the Assembly for ditto ; 17l. 10s. to the Clerk of the Assembly for Stationary ; 100l. to the Clerk of the Assembly ;

bly; 50l. for Porter's Lake; 72l. 16s. to Mr. Morris; 100l. to H. H. Cogswell; 225l. to John Howe and Son, for Printing Laws; 95l. to David Howe, for Binding Laws; 600l. for Road from Hammon Plains to Annapolis; 100l. for a Fish Market in Halifax; 250l. for repairs of Bridges on the Great Roads; 50l. for the Law Library; 54l. 4s. to the Clerk of the Assembly, for payment of Demands.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions in the Supreme Court and Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and also the engrossed amendments to the said Bill, were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare and bring in a Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

Tuesday, 1st April, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the manner of taking the Bonds of Sheriffs, Collectors of Impost and Excise, and of the Treasurer of the Province; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water, severally, without any amendment.

The Council do not agree to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions in the Supreme Court and Inferior Court of Common Pleas: but adhere to their Bill as sent down for concurrence.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, *resolved*, that the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish to the Attorney-General the Papers in his custody relative to the charges and proceedings against the Supervisor, William Smith, in the last Session, with the names of the Witnesses who were examined upon those charges.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that a committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to communicate to him that the House had taken into consideration His Excellency's Message relative to the Reduced Officers of the late Nova-Scotia Regiment, and that it would have given the House great satisfaction to have afforded them relief, had the House considered itself authorized to have applied any part of the Provincial Funds to that purpose. That the House had also taken into consideration His Excellency's Message relative to Poor Debtors confined in Jails, and had granted the sum of Fifty Pounds for their relief. That the House had also taken into consideration His Excellency's Message concerning Indians, and granted the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to be applied in such manner as His Excellency may think proper, for relieving and otherwise providing for them.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Roach and Mr. Manning, be a committee agreeable to the foregoing resolution.

The Clerk, pursuant to order, presented to the House an engrossed Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province—and the said Bill was read: and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, that this House do not adhere to the amendments made by them to the Bill to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions in the Supreme Court and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas; and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

An engrossed Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen ; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province ; and also,

A Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned—severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Council, by committee, on the subject of the Bill to facilitate the opening and working of His Majesty's Mines, and that the committee be instructed to state, that, owing to the great importance of the subject, the House had not been able to give it all the consideration it required, and, on that account only, had agreed to defer it until the next Session, when the House would proceed to take it into consideration.

Ordered, That the Clerk do request the said Conference with the Council.

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

Wednesday, 2d April, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference, as desired by the House yesterday, on the subject of the Bill to facilitate the opening and working of His Majesty's Mines ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the committee to whom the said Bill was referred do manage the said Conference, and that they do attend accordingly. And

And the names of the committee were called over.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Mortimer reported that the Managers had been at the Conference; and that they had communicated to the Committee of the Council the Instructions received by them from the House on the subject matter thereof.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council, to prepare an humble Address to His Royal Highness the Prince REGENT, on the subject of the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess CHARLOTTE of WALES with His Serene Highness the Prince LEOPOLD of SAXE COBURG; and that of Her Royal Highness the Princess MARY to His Royal Highness the Duke of GLOUCESTER: that the joint committee had drawn up an Address accordingly; and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE REGENT.

The Humble and Loyal Address of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, of the Province of Nova-Scotia:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

WE, His Majesty's most affectionate Subjects, the Members of His Majesty's Council, and the Representatives of his dutiful and loyal Subjects the People of Nova-Scotia, in our Legislative capacity assembled, beg leave to approach the Throne with sentiments of the most sincere and lively affection, and, from this distant part of the British Dominions, humbly to offer our most cordial congratulations to Your Royal Highness on the Marriage of your Illustrious Daughter the Princess CHARLOTTE of WALES, with His Serene Highness the Prince LEOPOLD of SAXE COBURG, which joyful event has taken place since our last Meeting in General Assembly.

We beg leave to assure Your Royal Highness, that no part of His Majesty's extensive Dominions more warmly participates in the patriotic feeling and personal joy which Your Royal Highness must experience on this Illustrious Union, than this faithful and loyal Province.

In the Illustrious Alliance of the Presumptive Heirs of the British Throne
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with a Prince of a Family long distinguished for its adherence to the Protestant Cause, we recognize the strongest proof of Your Royal Care for the permanent welfare of His Majesty's Dominions, and we the more highly value this joyful event as it affords an additional security to the Protestant Succession, and the hope of continuing to a free and happy People, the paternal and mild sway of Your Royal House.

His Majesty's faithful Subjects, in this part of His Dominions, humbly assure Your Royal Highness, that they also, with equal joy, participate with the general felicity occasioned by the recent Nuptials of Her Royal Highness the Princess MARY, to His Royal Highness WILLIAM FREDERICK, Duke of GLOUCESTER, and that every event which may tend to the happiness of their Illustrious Parents, and every branch of the Royal Family, will be received by the People of Nova-Scotia with the most sincere and ardent joy.

We request Your Royal Highness to be assured, that nothing is deemed by us of more vital importance to the Nation at large, than the extending and strengthening the Royal and August Family from which we proudly hail your descent; and that Your Royal Highness may long enjoy the felicity of beholding every happiness and prosperity succeeding these Illustrious Events, will be our most earnest and fervent Prayer.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said Address, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency Sir J. C. SHERBROOKE, G. C. B. to congratulate His Excellency upon his Appointment as Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Provinces in British North-America; that the joint committee had drawn up an Address accordingly; and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

TO His Excellency Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General, and Governor in Chief, in and over the Provinces of Nova-Scotia, Lower Canada, Upper Canada, New-Brunswick, and the Islands of Prince Edward and Cape-Breton, and their several Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, and Commander

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in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Nova-Scotia, Lower Canada, Upper Canada, and New-Brunswick, and their several Dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape-Breton, and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

HIS Majesty's Council, and the House of Representatives of Nova-Scotia, now convened in General Assembly, for the first time since your Excellency's departure from us, most cordially unite in offering to you their sincere congratulations upon your promotion to the Chief Command in His Majesty's North-American Dominions.

Although your advancement to this exalted station, deprived us of that personal communication with your Excellency, as the Head of the Legislature, from which we derived so much pleasure, and the Province so much advantage, yet we cannot refrain from rejoicing at an event which displays so conspicuously how highly your Sovereign appreciates your merits.

We can assure your Excellency that the sentiments of respect, gratitude and affection, which were so generally felt and expressed for you, while you resided among us, are not in the smallest degree diminished, and that your Name is never mentioned in Nova-Scotia, without exciting emotions with which Your Excellency would not be displeas'd.

The many benefits which you bestowed upon this favored Colony, while you presided over it, and the kind regard which you expressed for its Inhabitants when you were about to leave them, convince us that you will always feel an interest in our welfare, and we therefore think it will afford you satisfaction to know, that we have still reason to be grateful to His Majesty's Government for its paternal care of us. That the harmony which subsisted among the different Branches of the Legislature under Your Excellency's mild and equitable Administration, yet prevails, and that Nova-Scotia has a prospect of enjoying much happiness under its present distinguished Ruler.

That the zeal, the integrity, and the talents, which Your Excellency has ever displayed for the public good, may always be duly valued by the People, now under your more immediate Government, and rewarded by your Country, and your King, is the ardent wish of the People of Nova-Scotia. To these wishes we know you will permit us to add our own individual hopes, that in another state, you may enjoy those lasting rewards which are the fruits of a virtuous life in this. On

On motion, *resolved*, that this House doth agree to the said Address, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do communicate with the President of His Majesty's Council on the subject of forwarding and presenting, in the most suitable manner, the Address to His Royal Highness the Prince REGENT; and also the foregoing Address to His Excellency Sir J. C. SHERBROOKE.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, *Viz* :

An Act for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water.

An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes.

An Act to revive, alter and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, now in force, relating to a Militia.

An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions in the Supreme Court and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas.

An Act to regulate the manner of taking the Bonds of Sheriffs, Collectors of Impost and Excise, and of the Treasurer of the Province.

An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

May it please Your Excellency,

IT is my duty, on the behalf of His Majesty's Faithful Subjects the Commons of Nova-Scotia, to present to your Excellency a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted to His Majesty during the present Session of the General Assembly, and to request your Excellency's Assent thereto.

These Appropriations, though large, were only limited by the Finances of the Province: they would have been larger had they been equal to the wishes of the Assembly, or to their confidence in your Excellency. Economy and prudence, in the disposition of the Public Money, are, in the estimation of the Members of this Assembly, amongst the first duties of the Representatives of the

the People: and we shall be happy, if, while it is known we have not lost sight of these duties, we have deserved the character of being just and liberal.

His Excellency was pleased to give His Assent to the said Bill following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech :

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

THE Business of this Session being brought to a conclusion, I have to acknowledge the close attention with which you have applied to the dispatch of Public Affairs; and it is also with great pleasure I have noticed the continuance of that harmony and unanimity which have now long prevailed in your deliberations.

I trust the measures you have adopted for the relief of the distress existing in certain Districts of the Province, will prove effectual, by affording a helping hand to industry, while a check is provided against improper demands on your Bounty.

I thank you for the liberal Supplies you have granted for the service of this Year: it shall be my duty to see that they are faithfully applied. And now, Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I dispense with your further attendance in General Assembly.

Afterwards the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's Command, said,

Gentlemen,

It is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the Fifth Day of June next, to be then here held: and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Fifth Day of June next.