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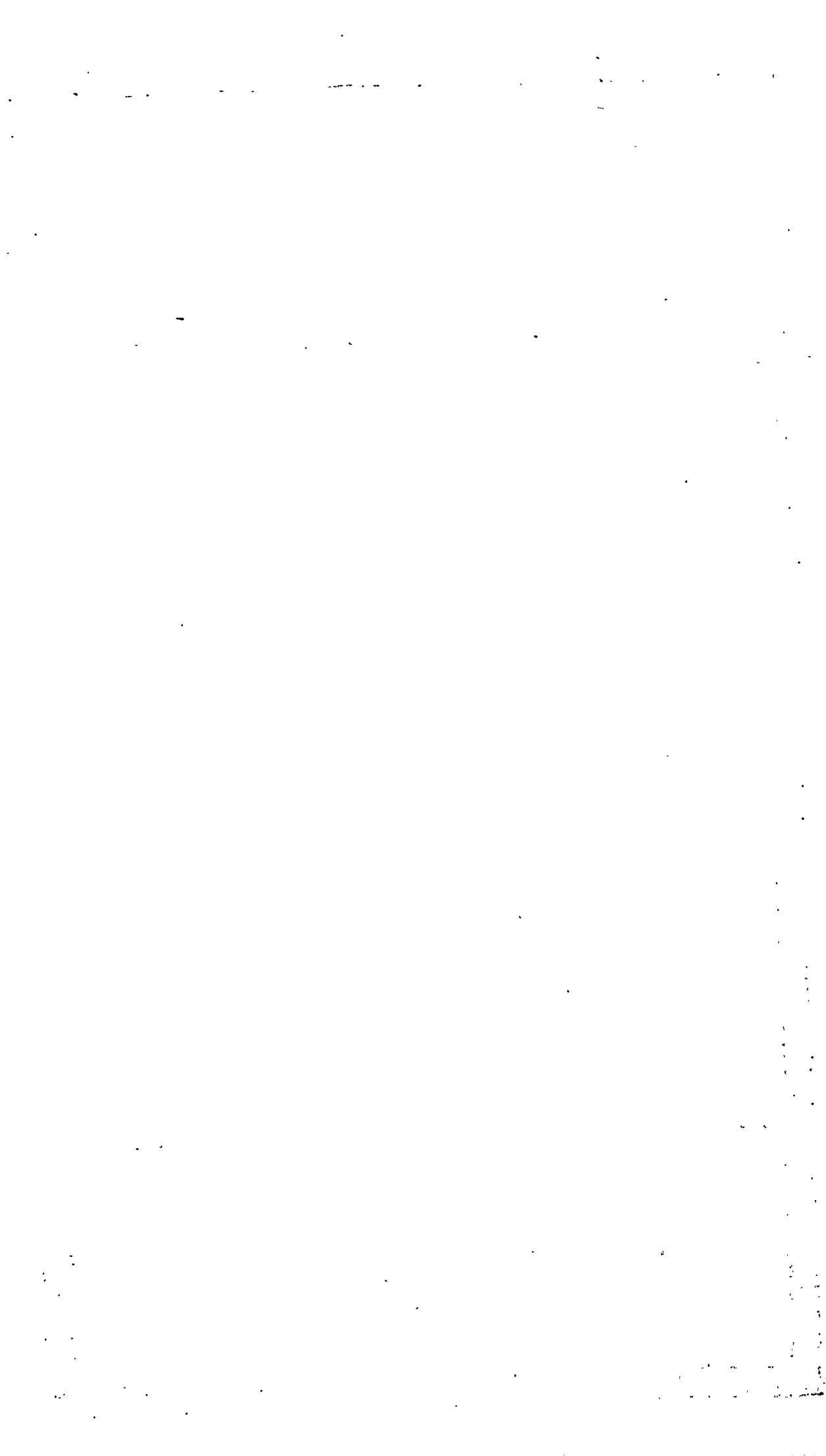
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(L. S.) *By His Excellency Major General Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS,
Bart. Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief
of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.*

HOWARD DOUGLAS.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Monday the Sixth day of June next; I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to the First Monday in September next ensuing.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the twenty-fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and in the Sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.



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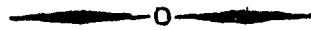
A Proclamation.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Monday the Fifth day of September next; I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to the First Monday in December next ensuing.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the twenty-ninth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and in the Sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.



(L. S.) *By His Excellency Major General Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS,
Bart. Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief
of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.*

HOWARD DOUGLAS.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Monday the Fifth day of December next; I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to Thursday the nineteenth day of January next ensuing---then to meet at Fredericton for the dispatch of business.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and in the Sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.



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Major-General Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, Bart. Lieutenant-Governor.

FREDERICTON,
THURSDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1826.

THE General Assembly having been by several Proclamations prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business.---The House being met---

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.---And accordingly the House attended, when His Honor the Chief Justice, by command of His Excellency directed the House to return to their usual place of sitting, and elect a Speaker, in the room of their late Speaker, the Honorable *Ward Chipman*, who had been appointed to a Seat in His Majesty's Council, and present the person so chosen to His Excellency immediately :---

And the House being returned; Mr. *Slason*, a Member for York County, addressed the Clerk and said.---“That being commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to elect a suitable person to be their Speaker, he thereupon moved that *Harry Peters*, Esq. being a man well acquainted with the orders and usages of the House, and well qualified for so great a trust, might take the Chair as Speaker.”

And the motion being seconded by Mr. *Welmere*, a Member for Kings County,

County, and the House appearing to be unanimous; Mr. *Peters*, was taken from his seat and conducted to the Chair, and when on the steps, he expressed himself as follows :

“ Having been so unexpectedly elected to an office of such high importance, I feel myself greatly embarrassed; for when I look round me and see so many Honorable Members, whose long experience and constitutional knowledge would give them a stronger claim, and when I feel so sensibly my inability to discharge the duties of this high trust:— I cannot but be convinced that it would tend more to promote the Public Interest, if the House would consent to reconsider their choice.

But the House persisting, Mr. *Peters* then said “ That submitting to your commands, I claim your indulgence and support.”

Mr. *Peters* then took the Chair *nem con.*

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber, whereupon Mr. *Speaker* elect, with the House attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor;

And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* informed the House that he had addressed His Excellency in the words following :—

“ *May it please your Excellency,*

“ The House of Assembly in obedience to your Excellency's Command, and in the exercise of their undoubted right, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and now humbly attend your Excellency to present me as the person chosen; deeply sensible of my inability to discharge the duties of so important an office, I pray that your Excellency will be pleased to disapprove of their choice and command them to elect a more fit person.”

The Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Saunders*, spoke as follows :—

“ *Harry Peters, Esq.*”—I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to acquaint you that he hath so good an opinion of your integrity, diligence and sufficiency for executing the important office, into which you are elected, that His Excellency is perfectly satisfied with the choice which the House of Assembly have made, and doth allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.”

And that then His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, and that to prevent mistakes he had procured a copy of the same, which he read to the House, and is as follows :—

“ *Mr. President, and Gentleman of His Majesty's Council,*

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

66 **I** HAVE called you together at this early period, to bring, as soon as possible, under your humane, wise, and liberal consideration, the calamitous effects which the Province has suffered from a late awful visitation.

“ It hath pleased Almighty God to permit extensive and direful ravages to be committed, by fire, in several parts of the Province. Here, in the Seat of Government, the loss, though great, has, mercifully! been confined to that of Property; but in other quarters, the conflagrations raged with more fatal fury. A very flourishing County Town has been consumed; extensive and thriving settlements have been destroyed; and great numbers of our fellow creatures have perished in the flames. Of those who escaped from the fury of this element, many suffered in another. Hundreds of the survivors were driven, destitute, upon the hospitality and charity of their fellow subjects: Numerous Persons have been reduced

“ from

“ from prosperous circumstances, to difficulty or poverty ; and from the
“ great quantity of provision consumed, the most serious apprehensions
“ were entertained, that famine might ensue in the fast approaching rigours
“ of a long winter.

“ Such were the Public feeling, charity and benevolence, manifested by
“ the people of New-Brunswick, of all ranks and conditions, and such the
“ exertions used in our opulent city, to send supplies to the afflicted places,
“ that had the calamity been limited to any ordinary extent, it had not been
“ necessary to look to the exterior for aid. But a visitation so extensive,
“ demanded succour far beyond the means which the private bounty of the
“ Province so promptly and generously contributed, I therefore assembled
“ His Majesty’s Council, to consider what public-measures it would be ex-
“ pedient to adopt ; and by advice which I well knew would be dictated by
“ wisdom, benevolence, and an ardent desire to relieve, as effectually as pos-
“ sible, the distresses of the People, I dispatched an Agent to purchase sup-
“ plies on the Public Account in an adjoining Province, and communicated
“ to the Governor-General, and the Lieutenant-Governors of our Sister Colo-
“ nies, the calamitous situation of New-Brunswick.

“ But there needed not such appeals for relief ;---for Public measures the
“ most prompt and liberal, private benevolence the most bountiful, had
“ spontaneously provided extensive supplies for our destitute sufferers at
“ Miramichi, ere my reports were received ; and those humane and liberal
“ sentiments which so immediately and effectually actuated the Govern-
“ ments, Public Professions, and People of all ranks, in the adjoining Pro-
“ vinces, have been generously manifested by other Colonial Governments
“ and People, in a manner to show the lively sympathy, and union of senti-
“ ment which reign throughout British North America.

“ Nor have the contributions of Christian Charity to this dreadful calami-
“ ty, been confined to the People of our own Possessions. For a deep and
“ charitable sense of these sufferings, and a desire to relieve them, have been
“ evinced, very generally and liberally, by Citizens and British Residents, in
“ the United States ; and considerable sums have been already remitted for
“ this benevolent purpose. I am sure you will participate in the sentiments
“ with which I have greeted these generous Acts, and in the assurance I feel
“ that they cannot fail to produce the good effect of drawing still closer those
“ friendly relations which happily subsist between the Countries.

“ Contemplating, painfully, in the conflagration whose awful traces you
“ perceive, and amidst ruin and desolation elsewhere, how seriously the ad-
“ vancement of the country, in its interior circumstances, would be retarded,
“ unless public measures should be taken, yielding abundant means of restor-
“ ation, I instituted a fund which I hoped might become such as to afford as-
“ sistance to sufferers, in restoring their habitations, re-establishing their in-
“ dustrious occupations, and retrieving their affairs ; at the same time that I
“ met the feelings and necessities of the country, by promoting provision for
“ the more immediate means of relief. A detailed statement of the total
“ losses sustained, is in preparation, to form the basis upon which an equit-
“ able distribution will be made, of those funds which have been, or may yet
“ be contributed to the prospective purposes. I shall cause a copy of this
“ statement to be laid before you, and in recommending it to your humane
“ and liberal consideration, I submit whether it may not be expedient to endea-
“ vour to provide against the recurrence of like dangers, by prohibiting the
“ erecting

“ erecting of habitations in certain situations, and beyond certain dimensions,
 “ in the combustible and perishable material of the country.

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

“ I shall direct the Treasurer’s accounts to be laid before you, and I rely
 “ on your making provision for the ordinary service of the Province. So
 “ soon as I receive the accounts of the expence incurred in the purchase of
 “ supplies for Miramichi, I shall cause them to be laid before you: and I
 “ have no doubt, that, in consideration of the calamitous circumstances, and
 “ urgent necessities, under which the order was given, you will make provi-
 “ sion for the same. I am happy to acquaint you, that the state of the Trea-
 “ sury is such as to enable you to make provision for all these and other ob-
 “ jects of Public interest and utility to which your bounty has already been
 “ extended.

“ *Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty’s Council,*

“ *Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.*

“ I have great pleasure in acquainting you that the general affairs of the
 “ Province, though chequered in their well-being by the late awful vicissi-
 “ tudes, are proceeding in a very prosperous condition; and that if we con-
 “ tinue to pursue, steadily, that solid course which I have already recom-
 “ mended, and which you have so cordially and liberally supported, this Pro-
 “ vince is in sure progress towards a very high degree of prosperity and im-
 “ portance---That it may be so, it will ever afford me the greatest satisfaction
 “ to concur with you in all measures that may tend to maintain an undevia-
 “ ting path in that course.

“ His Majesty’s Government, actuated by the most liberal and enlighten-
 “ ed views for placing the affairs of the Colonies on a beneficial and perman-
 “ ent basis, have lately brought under the consideration of the British Parlia-
 “ ment, the expediency of removing those restrictions to which the Colonial
 “ Trade has heretofore been subjected. The measures contemplated by the
 “ Government, have been enacted by the British Legislature; and the Co-
 “ lonies, adopted fully and freely into the Commercial System of the Mother
 “ Country, may now enjoy, under the protection of His Majesty, the same
 “ freedom of trade with the Parent State and with Foreign Countries, as if
 “ the Colonies constituted, in fact, integral parts of the United Kingdom.
 “ These measures cannot fail ultimately to produce great increase of prospe-
 “ rity to the Colonies generally, and I am well persuaded that for advantages
 “ thus conferred, the Legislature and People of New-Brunswick will ever
 “ manifest the most lively sense of gratitude, and loyal attachment.

“ It affords me great satisfaction to be able to acquaint you that the Re-
 “ venue continues to increase; and that the Trade of the Province has been
 “ very active and productive; and enterprizing in fresh channels which it
 “ may be hoped, will extend, beneficially, its transactions; and I congratu-
 “ late you on the confident expectation which may be entertained that the
 “ emancipation of the Colonial Trade from all restrictions, will ultimately,
 “ prove greatly beneficial to the Revenue and Commerce of the Province.

“ Ship building appears to have been carried on to much greater extent
 “ within the last, than in any preceding year; and as this increase appears
 “ to have been effected without proportionate augmentation of foreign la-
 “ bor, we may reasonably expect that this important branch of our industry
 “ is becoming more advantageous to the Province.

“ The Fisheries appear to have been advantageously excited by your
 “ Bounties;

“ Bounties ; and the beneficial effects of your measures will soon be further
“ experienced, if we continue to cultivate with industry and energy, this
“ rich source of wealth.

“ The internal affairs and circumstances of the Province have lately been
“ under my observation, and I am deeply impressed with the great capacities
“ for improvement which I every where witnessed.

“ I was particularly gratified to observe that very considerable effect upon
“ Agriculture has already been produced by a spirit of emulation, and a de-
“ sire of improvement, excited by those measures which I have already re-
“ commended, and which you have so liberally supported.

“ The sums so liberally voted for the Great Roads, have been managed,
“ with due circumspection, to engage in no great undertaking, until by care-
“ fully exploring in every practicable direction, the preferable route should
“ be ascertained, and distinct conviction of public advantage entertained.
“ Acting with this caution, I suspended proceedings upon the important line
“ which may establish a safe and permanent communication between the Seat
“ of Government and the city of St. John, until further examination of the
“ Country should be reported to me. But assured now of the practicability
“ of this undertaking, though perhaps at a greater cost than may have been
“ imagined, and confirmed in the opinion I have already stated as to the ad-
“ vantage and exigent necessity of such a route, I recommend a spirited and
“ substantial prosecution of this great work. The sums which have been ex-
“ pended upon the other Great Roads have, in general, been applied more
“ substantially than heretofore, and I recommend provision for continuing
“ them gradually in a similar manner.

“ I earnestly recommend to your continued Patronage the several Institu-
“ tions for the education of youth, and particularly the College of New-
“ Brunswick, which I have the satisfaction to acquaint you there is now every
“ reason to expect will soon be established, under very auspicious circum-
“ stances.

“ In the course of my extensive Tour, I had the pleasure to see a large
“ portion of the active male population of the Province, in the several fine
“ Corps of Militia which I inspected. I was highly satisfied with their ap-
“ pearance, military performances, and the zeal, public-feeling and loyalty
“ evinced by officers and men. The duties of Inspection being too exten-
“ sive to be performed by one Person, I recommend continued provision for
“ the two distinguished Officers who hold the important situations of In-
“ specting Field Officers.

“ The Institutions which you have patronized for providing safe custody
“ and increase of the Savings of the Industrious Classes of Society, are in
“ satisfactory operation ; and have already been the means of accumulating
“ considerable sums, the earnings of persons contemplated by your enact-
“ ment.

“ I have had under particular consideration measures for improving the
“ natural facilities which the Country possesses for internal communication,
“ and likewise for promoting intercourse with our Sister Colonies. To these
“ important purposes I have applied part of the grant lately placed at my
“ disposal ; and I shall cause to be laid before you, the opinion and estimates
“ of an experienced Engineer, who reports very favorably as to the practi-
“ cability of connecting the waters of the Bay of Fundy and the Gulph of
“ St. Lawrence by a navigable Canal. I shall further apply those means to

“ procure a competent opinion and report upon the circumstances of this
 “ vast River, in contemplation of a great work, for the convenient transit of
 “ Timber, uninjured, from the upper parts of the Province ; and likewise to
 “ consider the means of improving the navigation throughout its course, by
 “ removing or opening those natural impediments (some of which appear to
 “ be increasing) which obstruct so seriously the navigation of the River, and
 “ impede or prevent the transit of the more bulky productions of our indus-
 “ try, from the interior of the Country.

“ Although the external transactions of the Province are proceeding in a
 “ very flourishing condition, and the interior circumstances improving, yet
 “ the very great demand for, and consequent high price of labour, continues
 “ to lay the operations of our industry under serious difficulty. This is par-
 “ ticularly felt in Agricultural pursuits ; which, under such charges and dis-
 “ advantages, cannot be carried on, profitably, in that degree, which is ne-
 “ cessary to augment sufficiently the production of subsistence, at present so
 “ inadequate to our supply, and procured at so serious a cost from the foreign
 “ grower. The increasing demand for labor, (an indication of an improving
 “ country,) is operating to procure an increased supply of hands, which, if
 “ applied to Agriculture, would lower the cost of production, and cause the
 “ high price of Agricultural produce to act with increasing effect, as a pre-
 “ mium upon Agricultural industry. But these tendencies, operating, at
 “ present, slowly, from obvious causes, in favour of *Agricultural* improve-
 “ ment, require encouragement, facilities, and excitements to quicken its
 “ progress. These should consist in measures to develope more perfectly,
 “ and make more generally known, the vast capacities which this fine coun-
 “ try presents for cultivation ; to improve all its internal communications,
 “ and particularly to provide funds for surveying, laying out and opening
 “ Roads to young settlements ; and thus favoring and attracting, by every
 “ means, investments of labor and capital, in greater abundance, to the cul-
 “ tivation of the soil, endeavour to raise the real circumstances and condition
 “ of the country to that state of improvement and productiveness which is
 “ necessary to place the affairs of the Province on a safe and solid basis.
 “ Much in these respects will depend upon the Societies which have been
 “ organized for encouraging industrious Emigrants and Settlers ; for acquir-
 “ ing and circulating a knowledge of the various capacities of the country ;
 “ for improving the breed of Cattle ; and for exciting and directing a spirit
 “ of improvement in Agriculture. It gave me the greatest satisfaction to see
 “ in all parts of the Province, Institutions formed for these purposes, com-
 “ posed of influential and intelligent persons ; and I earnestly recommend a
 “ continuation of the Grant made in the last Session, to enable those Socie-
 “ ties to proceed in the accomplishment of objects so highly beneficial, and
 “ which I shall support with my utmost favor.

“ In the calamities which the Province has suffered, and under the painful
 “ difficulties in which the Government was placed, it is a great consolation
 “ and relief to me to meet the Legislature of the Country. With entire con-
 “ fidence in your wisdom, liberality and loyalty, I have called you together,
 “ in continuation of your Legislative duties ; and I am well persuaded that
 “ these will be exercised, for the solid advantage of the Province, in a man-
 “ ner which will claim my cordial concurrence, to give effect to such purpo-
 “ ses, and so tend to accomplish the ardent wishes I entertain for the welfare
 “ and permanent prosperity of New-Brunswick.”

Mr.

Mr. *Allen*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to prevent the unlawful driving and riding of Horses in the Town of Fredericton."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Smith*, Ordered, that the Clerk of the Crown or his Deputy, do attend this House with the last writ issued to the Sheriff of the County of Westmorland, for the election of a Member for the said County with the return thereon.

On Motion of Mr. *Smith*, Ordered, that one hundred copies of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On Motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to examine what Laws have expired or are near expiring.

And further ordered that Mr. *C. Simonds*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Wetmore*, be the Committee for that purpose.

On Motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, Resolved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to His Speech.

Ordered that Mr. *C. Simonds*, Mr. *Fraser*, Mr. *Allen*, and Mr. *Wetmore*, be a Committee to prepare the Address.

On Motion of Mr. *Smith*. Ordered that the Journals of this House, be daily or as soon as a copy of the same can be prepared by the Clerk, printed, and that the Printer do furnish ninety copies thereof for the use of the Legislature.

The Clerk of the Crown attended with the Writ of Election issued to the Sheriff of the County of Westmorland, and the return thereto in pursuance to the order of the House, and it appearing thereby, that *Robert Scott*, Esq. was duly elected a Member for the said County, in the room of the late *Benjamin Wilson*, Esquire, deceased.

Ordered that Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, do attend the Commissioner and see Mr. *Scott*, qualified.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *J. Wilmot*, Ordered, that the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in General Assembly for the County of Saint John, in the room of the Honorable *Ward Chipman*, who is appointed to a seat in His Majesty's Council.

The Committee appointed to attend the Commissioner with Mr. *Scott* and see him qualified: Reported that they had attended to that duty and that Mr. *Scott* had taken the Oath prescribed by Law.

Ordered that Mr. *Scott* be allowed to take his Seat.

Mr. *M. Wilmot* moved for leave to bring in a bill to erect the North Eastern part of the Township of Sackville and Dorchester into a distinct Town or Parish.

Leave granted.

The said bill being brought in was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *J. Wilmot*, Ordered that no Petition be received or bill

brought

brought in after the 10th day of February next, except by Special order of the House.

Mr. *Vail*, by leave, presented a Petition from *James Brittain jun. William Belyea*, and *Jacob Belyea*, praying to be reimbursed for sums paid to Teachers of Schools in Westfield, in King's County.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from Philip Nase, praying to be remunerated for building a bridge in the year 1824, over the great Millbrook, on the Nerepis Road.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Reid, praying to be remunerated for building a bridge in the year 1824, over the Little Millbrook on the Nerepis Road.

Which he read in his place.

And upon the Question that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply,

The House divided,---YEAS, 9,---NAYS, 8.

It was therefore carried in the affirmative.

Mr. *Allen*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Parishes of Woodstock, Northampton, Wakefield and Kent, in the County of York, praying that the upper part of the said County may be erected into a separate and distinct County.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *M. Wilmot* moved for leave to bring in a bill to exempt a certain class of the Inhabitants of this Province called Acadian French, from paying any Poor Rates in any Town or Parish where they may reside.

Leave granted.

The said bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, presented a Petition from William Abrams and Company of Miramichi, praying for a return of Duties on certain articles that were consumed in their Stores by the conflagration of the 7th of October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Scott*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to alter and amend an Act intitled "An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly in this Province."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Smith*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, on new Land.

Leave granted.

Mr.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to prevent bringing infectious distempers in the City of Saint John" and to make further provision for the recovery of all fines and forfeitures, and for the disposing of the same.

Leave granted.

Mr. *Vaib*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to impose a duty on certain Articles imported into this Province.

Leave granted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, from the Committee appointed to inquire what Laws have expired or are near expiring, made the following report.

Which he read in his place.

"An Act to impose a duty on certain Articles imported into this Province. Passed the 7th of March, 1812, and also two Acts in amendment thereof, will expire at the end of the present Session.

"An Act to empower and authorize the Justices of the County of Westmorland, at their General Sessions of the Peace, to regulate the grazing and depasturing of the several Marshes, low Lands, or Meadows within the said County, Passed the 7th of March, 1814, will expire at the end of the present Session.

"An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands. Passed the 22d of March, 1817, and an Act to explain, amend and continue an Act, intituled, An Act, to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, on new Land. Passed the 22d March, 1820; will expire at the end of the present Session.

"An Act to continue and amend the Acts for raising a Revenue in this Province. Passed the 17th of March, 1825, will expire on the 1st day of April, 1826.

"An Act to regulate the cutting of Saw Logs on the river Magaguadavic and its various branches. Passed the 21st March 1822 will expire at the end of the present Session.

"An Act authorizing the allowance of a drawback of part of the duties on certain articles imported into this Province when such Articles are exported. Passed 20th March, 1821, will expire at the end of the present Session.

"An Act to revive and extend some of the provisions of an Act intituled, An Act to provide for the necessities of the Province occasioned by the failure of the late Crop, will expire at the end of the present Session.

"An Act to provide for and maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of the Province, and also an Act in amendment thereof. Passed 23d March, 1822, will expire at the end of the present Session.

"An Act to encourage the commerce of this Province, by granting bounties on the exportation of certain articles. Passed 27th of March 1823, will expire at the end of the present Session.

And the Report being again read at the Clerk's table:

Ordered, that it be received and lie on the Table.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next, at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, 23d JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Slason*, moved for leave to bring in a bill further to prevent illicit and clandestine Trade in this Province.

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Leave

Leave granted.

The said bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. C. Simonds, Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech at the opening of the Session, Reported, that they had prepared a draft thereof, which he read, and being handed in at the Clerk's Table, was there again read.

And on Motion of Mr. Smith, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole in consideration of the said Address.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Smith from the Committee reported, that having gone into consideration of the draft of the Address, reported by the select Committee, they had agreed to the same with an amendment.

The Address as amended, being read at the Clerk's Table, was agreed to by the House and is as follows:--

“ To His Excellency Major-General Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, Bart. Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

“ THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

“ May it please your Excellency.

66. **WE**, the Representatives of the Loyal People of New-Brunswick, thank your Excellency for the Speech which you were pleased to make at the opening of this Session of the Legislature; we are assured that in meeting us at this early period, your Excellency has been influenced by the most benevolent feelings towards the sufferers by the late awful calamities with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit several districts of this Province.

“ We cannot sufficiently admire the prompt and effectual measures which were adopted by your Excellency upon the first report of the extent and destructive progress of the late conflagrations, to relieve the immediate necessities of those unfortunate sufferers, who were thrown in a destitute condition upon the charity of their fellow subjects; your Excellency's timely visit to those scenes of desolation and distress, inspired the desponding with confidence, and added energy to the endeavours of all others, in providing shelter from the rigours of an approaching winter, by which many useful settlers were induced to alter the resolutions which they had formed to leave the Country.

“ The humane, liberal and prompt measures which were adopted by the Governments and People of our Sister Colonies, for the relief of the sufferers at Miramichi, call for our warmest expressions of gratitude.

“ We have also gratefully to acknowledge the deep sympathy which has been manifested for our suffering fellow-subjects by the people of the United States of North America, whose overflowing bounty has so largely contributed to their comfort. The noble manner in which they came forward on the first news of our distress, affords a pleasing proof, that Christian benevolence is not confined by political boundaries, or distinctions; the generous feelings thus manifested by these Charitable people, must cement more closely, the good understanding which now happily subsists between the two Countries.

“ The fund which has been instituted by your Excellency, and which has

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for its object, the restoration of the dwellings, and re-establishment of the industrious occupations and affairs of the sufferers by the late fires, must greatly tend to the future prosperity of those districts which were so lately the scene of devastation and distress; we have a perfect conviction, founded upon the sure basis of experience, that whatever sums may be placed at the disposal of your Excellency, will be most promptly, judiciously, and effectually applied; your Excellency's suggestions with regard to the manner of rebuilding our Towns and Villages which have been wholly, or in part destroyed, demand, our most serious attention, as being the best means of preventing future calamities.

" We thank your Excellency for your promise of laying the Treasurer's accounts before us, as well as the account of expence incurred in purchasing and sending supplies for the relief of the sufferers at Miramichi; Your Excellency may rely upon our making provision for the ordinary services of the Province, and for paying the expence incurred in relieving these unfortunate people, which we are gratified to learn, may be done without inconvenience, from the prosperous state of the Treasury, and that we shall also be enabled to provide for other objects of public utility.

" The general affairs of the Province, notwithstanding the recent calamities, are certainly in a prosperous condition; we have already experienced much benefit in pursuing measures which your Excellency recommended; when you first met the Legislature of this Province, and we doubt not, that by steadily pursuing the course then pointed out, this Colony will continue to increase rapidly in prosperity and importance.

" The commercial privileges, which by the liberal and enlightened policy of His Majesty's Government, have been extended to the colonies, open to us a most cheering prospect; these privileges, together with the great relief afforded to our commerce by the abolition of Custom-House fees, constrain us to acknowledge with gratitude the unbounded liberality of our Parent State.

" It affords us unmixed satisfaction to learn from your Excellency, that the Revenue continues to increase, and that new channels of Trade have been explored with advantage, by the enterprize of our Merchants: The restrictions which have been removed from British Commerce, we are fully persuaded will be highly beneficial to every part of the Empire.

" Ship building having increased to a great extent during the past year, there has in consequence been a great addition to the rate of wages in our Ship-yards. Yet, notwithstanding this unfavorable circumstance, we indulge the hope that this important business will be conducted with a corresponding increase of benefit to the Province.

" The Fisheries begin also to be more actively and beneficially prosecuted, and we look to that branch of industry, as a vast source of wealth, and one that ought to be most assiduously cherished and protected.

" We have observed with grateful feelings and with the most agreeable anticipations, your Excellency's persevering endeavors to acquaint yourself with, and to improve the internal affairs of this Province; and it cannot but be gratifying to us, to learn that in the course of the several long and arduous journies which your Excellency has performed, you are convinced that the Province possesses great capacities for improvement.

" The steps taken by your Excellency to promote the Agricultural interests of the Country, have already been attended with the best effects; we feel

the expediency of attending closely to the plans proposed, and recommended by your Excellency to accelerate this highly important object, which if persevered in, will undoubtedly lead to the most beneficial results.

“ We are too well satisfied that the system adopted by your Excellency with regard to the improvement of the Great Roads, has been most beneficial to the true interests of the Province, that we have every confidence for the future, satisfied that under the control of your Excellency, the communications through the Province will rapidly improve.

“ The Institutions for the education of Youth, shall have our early attention, and more particularly the College of New-Brunswick, which your Excellency encourages us to expect will soon be established upon a respectable and liberal footing. Your Excellency’s recommendation with regard to the Militia, shall also have our early attention; the annual Inspection of the several Regiments and Battalions in the Province, by Officers of experience, will doubtless be attended with the best effects.

“ The Savings Banks which have been established under the auspices of your Excellency, have succeeded beyond our utmost expectations, and are producing beneficial changes in the habits of many of the lower ranks of Society.

“ The measures pursued by your Excellency, with regard to the projected Canal, to unite the waters of the Bay of Fundy with those of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, are highly satisfactory: We are gratified to find that your Excellency’s attention has been directed to the improvement of the Navigation of the River St. John, and particularly to the best means of surmounting the obstacles which impede the transit of Timber from the upper parts of this great River.

“ The Societies which have been formed in different parts of the Province for the encouragement of Emigrants, and the improvement of Agriculture, and the breed of cattle, will no doubt, if conducted with energy and discretion, have a most salutary effect, in exciting emulation in Agricultural pursuits, and in improving the general condition of the country. To your Excellency’s exertions in first recommending, and forming these Societies, we are wholly indebted for the flattering prospects which now begin to open upon us. Your Excellency’s recommendation with regard to the continuation of the grant of the last Session in aid of these Societies, shall have our early consideration.

“ We are now assembled for the purpose of continuing our Legislative duties, and we look forward with the most flattering hopes. From our experience of the earnest solicitude of your Excellency to promote our true interests, and conviction of the wisdom of your Excellency’s views, and measures, we feel the most perfect assurance, that in supporting all the various objects to which your Excellency has directed our attention; we shall most beneficially and effectually discharge the high trust reposed in us, and we doubt not, that by a perseverance in the same steady course, New-Brunswick will soon, under the Paternal administration of your Excellency, acquire a high rank and consideration among the extended possessions of the British Crown.”

Thereupon resolved unanimously, that the address be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to His Excellency, by the whole House.

Ordered that Mr. Ingers, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to receive the House with their Address.

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On Motion of Mr. C. Simonds, the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole in consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech.

Mr. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Fraser from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of His Excellency's Speech, and he was directed by the Committee, to report three several Resolutions, which he read, and they being delivered in at the Clerk's Table, were there again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee,

1st. That that part of His Excellency's Speech, which relates to a better mode of rebuilding our Towns, and Villages, be referred to a Select Committee, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

2d. That that part of the Speech which relates to the improvement of the Great Roads of Communication through the Province, be referred to a select Committee, to consist of a Member from each County, to report thereon.

3d. That that part of the Speech which relates to improving all the communications through the Country, and opening Roads to New Settlements, be referred to a select Committee to consist of a Member from each County, to report thereon.

And Mr. Fraser, further reported that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, on new Land.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. R. Simonds, by leave, presented a Petition from Salter, Robson and Salter, and another Petition from Gilbert Henderson, Merchants of Miramichi, praying for a return of Duties on articles that were consumed by fire on the 7th of October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petitions be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. M. Wilmot, by leave, presented a Petition from John Vaughan, praying that a sum may be granted him to assist in erecting a Hulling-Mill.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Allen, moved for leave to bring in a bill to erect the upper part of the County of York, into a distinct and separate County.

Leave granted.

Mr. Crane, moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the exportation of Grindstones from this Province.

Leave granted.

Mr. Clarke, moved for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an Act passed in the 60th Year of the reign of His late Majesty, King George the 3d, intituled An Act to alter and in addition to an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing a Tender in all payments to be made in this Province.

Leave granted.

Mr. *Smith*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to continue "An Act, intituled an Act to empower and authorize the Justices of the County of Westmorland, at their General Sessions of the Peace, to regulate the grazing and depasturing the several Marshes, Low Lands or Meadows, within the said County.

Leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

TUESDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time a bill to erect the North Eastern part of the County of Westmorland, into a distinct Town or Parish.

Ordered, that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, that Mr. *R. Simonds*, Mr. *Slason*, Mr. *Ritchie*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Scott*, be a Committee to carry into effect the first of the Resolutions, reported from the Committee of the whole House, on His Excellency's Speech.

That, Mr. *C. Simonds*, Mr. *Dow*, Mr. *R. Simonds*, Mr. *Wm. Peters*, Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Vail*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Nevers*, be a Committee to carry into effect the second of the said Resolutions.

That, Mr. *Fraser*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *J. Wilmot*, Mr. *Scovil*, Mr. *Wetmore*, Mr. *Munro*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Miles*, be a Committee to carry into effect the third of the said Resolutions.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, praying for further Legislative aid, to assist in building a new Court-House in the said City.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee Supply.

Mr. *Smith*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act to empower and authorize the Justices of the County of Westmorland, at their General Sessions of the Peace, to regulate the grazing and depasturing the several Marshes, Low Lands or Meadows, within the said County."

Which was read a first time.

Read a second time, a bill "to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, on new Land."

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, praying that the sum of £40 : 2 : 3 may be granted to reimburse the Parish of Portland, in that sum expended by them, for the support of Black Refugees in the year 1825.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented another Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, praying that the sum of

£319 : 15 : 5 may be granted to reimburse that sum expended for the support of Transient Poor in the Parish of Portland in the year 1823.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Vail*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to impose a duty on certain Articles imported into this Province.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, praying that the sum of £120, may be granted to re-imburse that sum expended for the support of Transient Poor and Black Refugees in the Parish of Portland in the year 1824.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented another Petition, accompanied by an account, from the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of St. John, praying that the sum of £75 : 19 : 5 may be granted to re-imburse that sum expended for the support of distressed Emigrants and Black Refugees in the Parish of Portland in the year 1825.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition, be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a second time, a bill to exempt a certain class of the Inhabitants of this Province called Acadian French, from paying any Poor Rates in any Town or Parish where they may reside.

Ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Read a second time, a bill further to prevent Illicit and Clandestine Trade in this Province.

Ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. *Scott*, by leave, presented a Petition from Robert Smith, jun. of the Parish of Salisbury, in the County of Westmorland, praying for a grant of £50, to enable him to finish a Grist-Mill.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *McKay*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to regulate the cutting of Saw Logs on the river Magaguadavic and its various branches.

Leave granted.

Mr. *Scott*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the Salmon and Shad Fisheries, on the River Petcudiac, in the County of Westmorland.

Leave granted.

On Motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, "Resolved, that a Committee of Trade be appointed, to consider all matters which may effect the Commercial Interests of the Province, and to report thereon from time to time, to this House."

Ordered that Mr. *C. Simonds*, Mr. *Slason*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Clarke*, and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee, appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when His Excellency would be pleased to receive the House, with their Address in answer to His Speech at the opening of this Session,

Reported that they had waited upon His Excellency, and that he was pleased to say, he would receive the House with their Address to-morrow afternoon, at three o'clock, at his residence.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

The House according to the order of the day, went into a Committee of the whole, on a bill to erect the North Eastern part of the County of Wesmorland, into a distinct Town or Parish.

Mr. *Ritchie*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed to report progress and ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

The House according to the order of the day, went into a Committee of the whole, on a bill to exempt a certain class of the Inhabitants of this Province, called Acadian French, from paying any Poor-Rates, in any Town or Parish in this Province.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Upon the question being put for the postponement, the Committee divided,---YEAS 8,---NAYS 7.

It was therefore carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

According to the order of the day, the House went into a Committee of the whole in consideration of a bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Land.

Mr. *Crane*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

On Motion of Mr. *Allen*, Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report what sum may be necessary to be granted towards providing materials for erecting a New Government-House.

Ordered,

Ordered, that Mr. Allen, Mr. C. Simonds, Mr. Frazer, Mr. M'Kay, and Mr. Slason, be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. M'Kay, pursuant to leave brought in a bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to regulate the cutting of Saw Logs on the river Magaguadavic and its various branches.

Which was read a first time.

The House having waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with their Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the Session :

And being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency was pleased to make the following Reply thereto :---

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

I RECEIVE this Address with the highest degree of satisfaction. It conveys fully to me, the relief and support which I sought, in this early resort to your wisdom and liberality, under the calamities and difficulties which have been lately experienced.

"I shall ever reflect with much satisfaction on the acknowledgments and assurances you present as to the effect, which you ascribe to my personal exertions; and particularly as to those very effectual Public measures which were adopted for the relief of the sufferers; and I thank you for your assurance, that you will make provision for the expence incurred by those measures.

"Convinced that the general affairs of the Province, have experienced much benefit, by the support you have afforded to those measures which I recommended, at the commencement of my administration, and encouraged by your assurances, that you will support the various objects to which I directed your attention, under a firm persuasion that by a steady perseverance in such a course, New-Brunswick, may be raised to a high degree of rank and consideration, among the extended Possessions of His Majesty, I shall continue to do all that may depend upon me to realize expectations which I entertain with so much confidence, by pursuing steadily that path which may most effectually attain the great objects we have in view."

Read a second time, a bill to continue an Act intituled "An Act to empower and authorize the Justices of the County of Westmorland, at their General Sessions of the Peace, to regulate the grazing and depasturing of the several Marshes, low Lands, or Meadows within the said County.

Ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Read a second time, a bill to impose a duty on certain Articles imported into this Province.

Read a second time, a bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to regulate the cutting of Saw Logs on the River Magaguadavic and its various branches.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

According to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill further to prevent Illicit and Glandestine trade in this Province.

Mr. *Smith*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to continue "An Act, intituled an Act to empower and authorize the Justices of the County of Westmorland, at their General Sessions of the Peace, to regulate the grazing and depasturing of the several Marshes, Low Lands or Meadows, within the said County."

Mr. *C. Simonds*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and agreed to the same, without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole on a bill to continue an Act intituled "An Act to regulate the cutting of Saw-Logs on the River Magaguadavic and its various branches."

Mr. *Wetmore*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wetmore* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and agreed to the same with an amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, pursuant to leave brought in a bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to prevent bringing infectious distempers in the City of Saint John," and to make further provision for the recovery of all fines and forfeitures, and for the disposing of the same.

Which was read a first time.

The House, went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Land.

Mr. *Crane*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and the bill as amended engrossed.

The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill to erect the North Eastern parts of the Townships of Dorchester and Sackville into a distinct Town or Parish.

Mr. *Ritchie*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the Bill as amended engrossed.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition, from Patrick Conoly and Patrick M'Gowan, praying that the sum of £19 : 0 : 3 may be granted to them, it being a balance due for work done on the Nerepis Road, in the year 1824.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time, a bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to prevent bringing infectious distempers in the City of Saint John" and to make further provision for the recovery of all fines and forfeitures, and for the disposing of the same.

Ordered, that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. *Clarke*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to repeal an Act, passed in the 60th year of the reign of His late Majesty, King George the third, intituled "An Act to alter and in addition to an Act for the establishing a Tender in all Payments to be made in this Province."

Which was read a first time.

A Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, delivered the Message as follows :

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"I am commanded by His Excellency to lay before the House of Assembly, the Treasurer's accounts for the last year."

Ordered, that Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Ruchie*, and Mr. *Clarke*, be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts and report thereon to the House.

On Motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*.—"Whereas, by the destruction by fire, of the Government-House, near the town of Fredericton, there is now no suitable building at the Seat of Government, for the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor; and Whereas it is expedient, that immediate steps should be taken, to remedy the inconvenience unavoidably arising from the want of such building---

"Therefore, Resolved unanimously, That there be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, an Humble Address, expressive of the deep regret of the House of Assembly, that His Excellency and his Family have suffered, and must still suffer so many inconveniences and privations, as they have been, and are still exposed to, for want of sufficient and proper accommodation, and that so long time must elapse before those inconveniences can be prevented; and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to inform the House, whether he has caused plans and estimates to be made of a building suited to the present state of the Province; and whether His Excellency has taken any steps to determine the place whereon to erect such building, to be called Government-House."

Ordered, that Mr. *C. Simonds*, Mr. *Wetmore*, and Mr. *Nevers*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency.

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Mr. *Crane*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to regulate the exportation of Grindstones, and for ascertaining the quality of the same.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Allen*, by leave, presented a Petition, from a number of Inhabitants of the County of York, and other parts of the River Saint John, praying that the several Acts of the General Assembly granting an exclusive privilege to certain persons named therein, and their assigns, to navigate a Boat by Steam, on the River Saint John, may be repealed.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to prevent bringing infectious distempers in the City of St. John," and to make further provision for the recovery of all fines and forfeitures, and for the disposing of the same.

Mr. *M^cKay*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M^cKay*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Read a second time, the following bills:---

A bill "to repeal an Act passed in the 60th Year of the reign of His late Majesty, King George the 3d, intituled "An Act to alter and in addition to an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing a Tender in all payments to be made in this Province." and

"A bill to regulate the exportation of Grindstones, and for ascertaining the quality of the same."

A Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message as follows:---

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"I am commanded by His Excellency to lay before the House of Assembly, a report of Francis Hall, Engineer, together with the plans of the projected Canal, to connect the Waters of the Bay of Fundy, with those of the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and likewise the copy of an order in Council, passed at the Court at Carleton-House, 23d March, 1825, relative to the value of British Silver and Copper Coins, for the payment of His Majesty's Troops stationed in the several British Colonies and Possessions abroad, together with the copy of a Communication from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to the Commissariat Department upon the same subject."

Ordered, that the several Documents accompanying the Message, lie on the Table for the information of Members.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next, at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY

MONDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, from the Committee appointed to present the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, upon the subject of procuring plans and estimates for a New Government-House,---Reported that they had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would reply to the said Address this day, by Message.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to regulate the cutting of Saw Logs on the River Magaguadavic and its various branches."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered, that Mr. *M^cKay*, and Mr. *Clarke*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act to empower and authorize the Justices of the County of Westmorland, at their General Sessions of the Peace, to regulate the grazing and depasturing the several Marshes, Low Lands or Meadows, within the said County."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, accompanied by an account, praying that the sum of £263 : 16 : 7 may be granted to reimburse the Parish of St. John, for expence incurred in support of Transient Poor, for the year 1825, and likewise that the claim for the support of Transient Poor, for the year 1824, submitted at the last Session, may be reconsidered, and that the sum of £398, then applied for, may be granted for the relief of the said Parish.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition, be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, moved for leave, to bring in a bill, to alter and amend an Act intituled, "An Act for the better Examining and Auditing the Public Accounts of this Province."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Scott*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly."

Which was read a first time.

On Motion of Mr. *Crane*, Ordered, that the House do go into Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to regulate the exportation of Grindstones, and for ascertaining the quality of the same," to-morrow.

Mr. *Slason*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to expedite the extinguishing of Fires that may happen in the Parish of Fredericton.

Leave granted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave presented a Petition from several Merchants of the City of St. John, praying that the Spanish Dollar may be reduced to its original value of five shillings, and that North and South American Dollars may be made Legal Tenders at the like rate.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

A Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.
Mr. Secretary *Odell*, delivered the Message :

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 30TH JANUARY, 1826.

“ HOWARD DOUGLAS.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to the Address of the House of Assembly, on the destruction of the late Government-House by Fire, and their Resolution of the expediency of taking immediate steps to remedy the inconvenience, unavoidably arising from the want of such a building, assures the House that he is deeply sensible of the terms in which the House have expressed their apprehension, that the Lieutenant-Governor and his Family have suffered much inconvenience and privation, from the want of a sufficient residence, and thanks the House for the solicitude which they so liberally manifest to put a period to this, by providing, as soon as possible, proper accommodation.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor regrets, deeply, that it should be necessary to bring so heavy a charge on the Finances of the Country, and assures the House that it is on this account, chiefly, that he and his Family feel the share they have had in the late calamities. The Lieutenant-Governor, however, entirely concurs with the House, as to the expediency of erecting a sufficient Building at the Seat of Government, for the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor, and upon a scale suited to the present state of the Province. But he has not yet caused Plans and Estimates to be prepared, nor directed any steps to be taken for this purpose, because he would not originate any measures, which might seem to have reference to his convenience, or to that of his Family, at a time when the Province is suffering so severely ; and because he was persuaded that the House of Assembly would not fail to take of themselves, a course that would consist with a just regard to the circumstances of the Country, in the proper Establishment of the Governor in a suitable residence, and with a liberal and feeling consideration for the more immediate accommodation of his Family. And the House having expressed their desire that immediate steps be taken towards the erection of a New Government-House---The Lieutenant-Governor will forthwith cause Plans and Estimates for the same to be prepared, and laid before the House, and recommends that the Site of the new Building should be on, or near as practicable to that of the former.

“ H. D.”

On Motion of Mr. *J. Wilmot*, the House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill to amend an Act, intituled “ An Act to prevent bringing infectious distempers in the City of Saint John,” and to make further provision for the recovery of all fines and forfeitures, and for the disposing of the same.

Mr. *M^cKay*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M^cKay*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report that they had agreed to the same, with an amendment, under the title of a Bill “ to amend the Act to prevent the bringing of Infectious Distempers into the City of St. John.”

Ordered

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed, under the title as amended.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Read as engrossed a bill "to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Land."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Scott*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed, a bill "to erect the North Eastern parts of the Townships of Dorchester and Sackville into a distinct Town or Parish."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *M. Wilmot* and Mr. *Wetmore*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a second time, a bill "further to amend the Act for regulating elections of Representatives in General Assembly."

According to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill "to regulate the exportation of Grindstones, and for ascertaining the quality of the same."

Mr. *Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of a bill "to regulate the shipment of Grindstones from the Counties of Westmorland and Northumberland."

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the Bill as amended engrossed, under the title as amended.

Mr. *Johnston* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to amend the Acts for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen within the City of St. John."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Johnston* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to maintain an armed Cutter for the Protection of the Revenue of the Province."

Leave granted.

On Motion of Mr. *Clarke*, Ordered that the House do to-morrow, go into Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill "to repeal an Act passed in the 60th Year of the reign of His late Majesty, King George the 3d, intituled "An Act to alter and in addition to an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing a Tender in all payments to be made in this Province."

Mr. *Scott*, pursuant to leave brought in a bill "to regulate the Salmon and Shad Fisheries, on the River Petcudiac, in the County of Westmorland."

Which was read a first time.

On Motion of Mr. *Scott*, Ordered, that the House do go into Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "further to amend the Act for regulating Election of Representatives in General Assembly," to-morrow.

Mr. *Smith*, Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers's Accounts, made the following Report :---

Which he read in his place :---viz.

No. 1, Is the Province Treasurer's General Account Current with the

Province,

Province, by which it appears that there was remaining in the Treasury, in Bonds and Cash, on the 31st December last, £41,518 : 13 : 9½

No. 2, Is an abstract of the Revenue raised in the undermentioned places, in the year 1825, amounting to £42,639 : 13 : 0½

Saint John,	£30,076 : 17 : 8½	
Saint Andrews,	5,306 : 13 : 0	
Miramichi,	6,054 : 16 : 10½	
Richibucto,	906 : 18 : 11½	
York,	106 : 7 : 5¼	
Saint Peters,	187 : 19 : 1	£42,639 : 13 : 0½

No. 3, Is a particular account of the Duties on West India Produce, Wine, Gin, Brandy and Whiskey, imported into Saint John in 1825, amounting to £17,506 : 3 : 1

No. 4, Is an account of the money paid to the Province Treasurer, by the Collector of the Customs at St. John, on account of the Duties collected at that Port, under the Acts of Parliament, amounting to } 11,169 ; 0 : 9½

No. 5, Is an account of Light-House Duty collected at St. John, in 1825, amounting to } £1001 : 16 : 3

From which is deducted two accounts of Wm. Donald for supplies in 1824 & 1825 amounting to £490 : 13 : 5
 Keeper's Salary for 1 year 150 : 0 : 0 ----- 640 : 13 : 5 ----- 361 : 2 : 10

No. 6, is an account of the Auction duty paid at St. John, in 1825, amounting to 1085 : 11 : 0

No. 7, is an account of duty collected on Cattle at Saint John, in 1825, amounting to 5 : 0 : 0
 £30,076 : 17 : 8½

No. 8, is an account of the 1 per cent duty on Merchandise from the United States, collected at Saint John, in 1825, amounting to, 36 : 13 : 7

No. 9, is an account of Money collected at Saint John, in 1825, on account of Sick and Disabled Seamen, amounting to 317 : 19 : 0

No. 10, is an account of drawbacks paid on Merchandise exported from St. John, in 1825, amounting to 1,622 : 19 : 0

No. 11, is an account of drawbacks, payable on Merchandise exported from St. John, between the years 1817, and 1826, when the requisite Certificates are received, amounting to £975 16 3.

No. 12, is an account of Bounties paid on Merchandise exported from St. John, in 1825, amounting to £111 3 2.

No. 13, is an account of bounties payable on Merchandise, exported from Saint John, in 1824 and 1825, when the requisite Certificates are received, amounting to £15 7 8.

Probably not more than one third of the amount of drawbacks on Merchandise exported from Saint John, between the year 1817 and 1826, will be claimed.

The Province Treasurer's accounts are as usual, very correct and explicit, and highly satisfactory. No.

No. 14, Is the General Account Current, of the Deputy Treasurer of St. Andrews, shewing a balance in his hands in Bonds and Cash on the 31st day of December, 1825, amounting to £555 13 9.

No. 15, Is a particular account of the Duties on West India Produce, Wine Gin, Brandy and Whiskey, imported into Saint Andrews in 1825, amounting to £3791 : 15 : 2

No. 16, Is the account of the duties paid by the Collector of the Custom, at St. Andrews to the Deputy Treasurer, there, collected between the 1st day of January, and the 31st of December, 1825, amounting to 876 : 6 : 5

No. 17, Is the account of duties collected on Cattle at St. Andrews, in 1825, amounting to 629 : 17 : 0

No. 18, Is an account of the 1 per cent duty on Merchandise from the United States, collected at Saint Andrews, in 1825, amounting to 8 : 14 : 5

£5306 : 13 : 0

No. 19, Is an account of drawbacks paid on Merchandise exported from St. Andrews, between 1st January, and 31st of December, 1825, amounting to £1139 9 11.

No. 20, Is an account of drawbacks, payable on Merchandise exported from St. Andrews, from 1824, to 31st of December, 1825, when the requisite Certificates are received, amounting to £200 2 6.

No. 21, Is an account of Bounties paid on Merchandise exported from St. Andrews, in 1824, amounting to £146 10 0.

No. 22, Is an account of bounties payable on Merchandise, exported, from Saint Andrews, in 1824, when the requisite Certificates are received, amounting to £34 8 0.

The Deputy Treasurer at Saint Andrews charges £3 : 17 : 6, in his account for Stationary and Postage, which in the opinion of your Committee cannot be allowed.

No. 23, Is the General Account Current of the Deputy Treasurer of Miramichi, shewing a balance in his hands in bonds on the 31st day of December, 1825, amounting to £5781 7 11.

No. 24, Is a particular account of the duties on West India Produce, Gin, Wine, Brandy and Whiskey, imported into Miramichi in 1825, amounting to £6054 16 10½.

No. 25, Is an account of drawbacks paid on Merchandise exported from Miramichi, in 1825, amounting to £184 15 1.

No. 26, Is a General Account Current, of the Deputy Treasurer of Richibucto, shewing the balance in his hands in Bonds and Cash, £1438 13 9½.

No. 27, Is a particular account of Duties on West India Produce, Wine, Gin, Brandy and Whiskey, imported into Richibucto, in 1825, amounting to £906 18 11½.

No. 28, Is an Account Current, of the Deputy Treasurer at Fredericton, shewing a balance in his hands in Cash and Bonds, £287 6 5½.

No. 29, Is an account of Duties collected at Fredericton and Woodstock, on Horses and Cattle in 1825, amounting to £99 : 0 : 0

No. 30, Is an account of Auction Duty, collected at Fredericton, amounting to } 7 : 7 : 5½

£106 : 7 : 5½

No. 31, Is an account Current of the Deputy Treasurer at St. Peters, shewing a balance in his hands of £314 10 6½.

No. 32, Is a particular account of Duties on West India Produce; Wine, Gin, Brandy and Whiskey, imported into St. Peters, in 1825, amounting to £187 19 1.

No. 33, Is a General account of the contingent expences incurred at the Treasurers Office in 1825, amounting to - - - - - £243 : 1 : 11

Viz: Two accounts of John Chaloner, for Gauging and Weighing, amounting to £127 : 16 : 6

Account of Alexander Miller, Tidewaiter, amounting to - - - - - 91 : 5 : 0

An account for Printing, Stationary and Postages, - - - - - 24 : : 0 : 5—243 : 1 : 11

In John Chaloner's account 20s. is charged for Papers and Quills, which in the opinion of your Committee cannot be allowed.

No. 34, Is the account Current of the Commissioners of the Revenue Cutter with the Province, shewing a balance due them on the 31st day of December, 1825, of £1607 10 5.

No. 35, Is a particular account of the Province Treasurer, of Money collected at St. John, St. Andrews, Miramichi, Richibucto and Shediac, for the relief of Sick and disabled Seamen, also his account current with that fund, shewing a balance in his hands, amounting to £174 15 ¼.

The other Ports have made no returns.

The Treasurer has furnished an account of the following sums of Money, received since closing the General Account:

From the Deputy Treasurer of Miramichi,	£205 : 0 : 0
Do. Charlotte,	646 : 7 : 4
Do. Richibucto,	76 : 13 : 9
Do. St. Peters,	259 : 5 : 0
Do. Ristigouche,	54 : 12 : 1
	£1241 : 18 : 2

All which is respectfully submitted to this Honorable House.

RUFUS SMITH.
ANDREW S. RITCHIE.
JOSEPH N. CLARKE.

And the Report being handed in at the Clerk's Table, was there again read, and ordered to be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from Elizabeth Tilton, Widow, praying for further pecuniary Legislative aid.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. McKay, by leave presented a Petition from Hugh Craig, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid to enable him to keep an establishment for the accommodation

commodation of Traveller's on the Road leading from Saint John to Saint Andrews.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill "to amend the Act to prevent the bringing of Infectious distempers into the City of Saint John"

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. J. Wilmot, and Mr. Johnston, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Crane, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas C. Allan, of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, Merchant, praying for a return of duties on 150 gallons of Wine imported by him, amounting to eleven pounds five shillings; the said Wine having been consumed by the fire of the 7th October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill "to maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of the Province."

Which was read a first time.

Read a second time, a bill "to regulate the Salmon and Shad Fisheries on the River Petticodiac, in the County of Westmorland."

Ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, on a bill "to repeal an Act, passed in the 60th year of the reign of His late Majesty, King George the third, intituled "An Act to alter and in addition to an Act for the establishing a Tender in all Payments to be made in this Province."

Mr. Wetmore, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Wetmore from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was moved that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.

And that upon the question being put thereon, the Committee divided, YEAS 13, NAYS 5. And that it was therefore carried in the affirmative.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, on a bill "further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly."

Mr. Johnston took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair.

Mr. Johnston, from the Committee reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Read a second time, a bill "to maintain an Armed Cutter for the Protection of the Revenue of the Province."

Ordered, that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

THURSDAY.

THURSDAY, 2d FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Johnston*, pursuant to leave brought in a bill, "for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen within the City of Saint John," and to repeal all the Acts now in force, relating to the same.

Which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, Resolved that the House do on Saturday next go into Committee of the whole, in consideration of Ways and Means of raising a Revenue in this Province.

Ordered, that Mr. *Nevers*, be added to the Committee on Bye Roads, in the place of Mr. *Miles*, who is absent from indisposition.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole on a bill "to regulate the Salmon and Shad Fisheries on the River Petticodiac in the County of Westmorland."

Mr. *Ritchie*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of a bill "to regulate the Fishing for Salmon and Shad in the River Petticodiac and its branches."

Ordered, that the report be accepted and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

Read a second time a bill, for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen within the City of St. John, and to repeal all the Acts now in force relating to the same.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from M^r Intosh and Stewart, of the Parish of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, Merchants, praying for a return of duties amounting to £15, on Brandy and Gin, imported by them into Miramichi, the same having been consumed by Fire on the 7th of October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition, be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented another Petition of Robert Legertwood, by his agent Sebastian Davidson praying for a return of duties amounting to £15 15 0 on Brandy and Rum imported by him into Miramichi, the same having been consumed by Fire on the 7th of October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Slason*, pursuant to leave brought in a bill, "to expedite the extinguishing of Fires that may happen in the Parish of Fredericton."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Ritchie* moved for leave to bring in a bill, to amend an Act intituled, an Act to provide for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John.

Leave granted.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill "to maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of the Province."

Mr. *Smith*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

Mr. *Ritchie*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John.

Which was read a first time.

Read a second time, a bill, "to expedite the extinguishing of Fires that may happen in the Parish of Fredericton."

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace, for the County of Charlotte, praying that an Act might pass, authorizing the Sale of the present Gaol, and that the proceeds of such Sale might be appropriated towards the erection of a new Gaol.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Campbell*, moved for leave, to bring in a bill to authorize and empower the Magistrates of the County of Charlotte, to sell the County Gaol and Gaol Lot, in the Town of St. Andrews, and to erect a more suitable building in the said Town.

And the said bill being brought in, was read a first time.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, from the Committee appointed, in pursuance of a Resolution of the 23d ult. relating to the further improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province, Reported that they had taken into consideration the best means of carrying this object into effect, and beg leave to submit the following report :---

"That for the improvement of the several Roads of Communication throughout the Province, the sum of £8,500, will be required, which sum, in the opinion of the Committee, should be apportioned as follows:--Viz.

From Fredericton to Saint John, by the Nerepis,	£1700
" " to the Canada Line,	2000
" " to Ristigouche,	1000
" " to Finger Board,	200
" " to Saint Andrews, for exploring,	200
From Saint John to Westmorland,	1000
" " to the Bellisle,	200
" " to Saint Andrews,	1000
From Chediac, to Chatham,	1000
" " to Dorchester,	100
" " to the Bend,	100

£8,500

CHARLES SIMONDS,
JOHN DOW,
R. SIMONDS,
WILLIAM PETERS,
JOHN C. VAIL,
WILLIAM CRANE,
SAMUEL NEVERS, Junr.

The Report being handed in at the Clerk's Table, was there again read, and ordered to be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 3d FEBRUARY 1826.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time, a bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John,

Also, a bill to authorize the Magistrates of the County of Charlotte, to sell the County Gaol and Gaol Lot, in the Town of Saint Andrews, and to erect a more suitable building in lieu thereof.

On Motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill, for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen within the City of St. John, and to repeal all the Acts now in force relating to the same.

Mr. *R. Simond*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

On Motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on the Report of the Committee, relative to the improvement of the Great Roads throughout the Province.

Mr. *Smith*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee, the following Resolution was moved :

"Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Committee, that the report of the Select Committee, appointed to enquire what monies may be necessary for the further improvement of the Great Roads, be sustained and referred to the Committee of Supply."

And upon the question being put for passing the said Resolution, the Committee divided as follows :--

YEAS.

Mr. VAIL,
Mr. C. SIMONDS,
Mr. R. SIMONDS,
Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. JOHNSTON,
Mr. SCOTT,
Mr. M. WILMOT,
Mr. J. WILMOT,
Mr. NEVERS,
Mr. CAMPBELL,
Mr. CRANE.

NAYS.

Mr. FRASER,
Mr. DOW,
Mr. MUNRO,
Mr. M'KAY,
Mr. WM. PETERS,
Mr. SLASON,
Mr. WETMORE,
Mr. SCOVIL,
Mr. ALLEN,
Mr. CLARKE,

And it was therefore carried in the affirmative.

Upon the question being put for accepting the Report of the Committee, the House divided as follow :

YEAS.

Mr. VAIL,
Mr. C. SIMONDS,
Mr. R. SIMONDS,

NAYS.

Mr. FRASER,
Mr. DOW,
Mr. MUNRO,

YEAS.

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Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. JOHNSTON,
Mr. SCOTT,
Mr. M. WILMOT,
Mr. J. WILMOT,
Mr. NEVERS,
Mr. CAMPBELL,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. SMITH,

NAYS.

Mr. M'KAY,
Mr. WM. PETERS,
Mr. SLASON,
Mr. WETMORE,
Mr. SCOVIL,
Mr. ALLEN,
M. CLARKE,

It was carried in the affirmative:

Mr. *Fraser*, by leave, presented a Petition from William Roberts, of Fredericton, Merchant, praying that the sum of £36 : 11 : 8, may be granted to him, it being the amount of duties paid by the Petitioner on certain articles that were consumed by fire, on the 11th day of February last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On Motion of Mr. *Johnston*, The House went into Committee of the whole on a bill, to amend an Act intituled, "An Act to provide for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John."

Mr. *M'Kay*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was Resolved that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition, from Gilmour, Rankin and Company, of Miramichi, Merchants, praying that the sum of £274 : 14 may be granted to them, it being the amount of duties paid on certain articles that were consumed by Fire on the 7th of October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition, be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Dow*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, to repeal an Act, further to alter and extend the Provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the erection of a Passage Boat, to be worked by Steam, for facilitating the communication between the City of St. John and Fredericton," and to give further encouragement to the present Proprietors of the Steam Passage Boat, erected in pursuance of the same Act.

Leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next, at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following documents viz : ...

A Report -

A Report of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the repairs of Government-House, together with an Account of expences incurred by them in repairs to the Buildings and Fences, previous to the destruction of the Principal Building by Fire on the 19th of September last, and an account of expences incurred, in repairs to the remaining wing since the Fire, and in clearing away the Rubbish; and also an account of expence incurred in the hire of a House, as a temporary Residence for His Excellency and Family, and for fitting up the same.

A Report from the Commissioners of the Marine Hospital at St. John, with a return of the Patients admitted between 1st January and 31st December 1825, and the Account Current of the said Commissioners for the past year.

A Report from the Auditor of Provincial Accounts.

Mr. *Johnston*, moved for leave to bring in a bill for further regulating Servants and Apprentices.

Leave granted.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from John Clarke, Esq. of Miramichi, setting forth that in the year 1818, he became bound as surety for one David Gibson, for the payment of duties on Goods imported by the said David Gibson, amounting to £301 : 17 : 0 in which sum was included the sum of £79 : 15 : 6 for transient duty, that the said David Gibson, after transacting business for some years, failed, and was unable to discharge the said Bond, and that the Petitioner was in consequence sued for a balance due thereon, and Writ of extent, issued to levy on his property, for the amount, and therefore prays that the said sum of 79 : 15 : 6, transient duty together with the interest thereon, may be granted to him.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. *Slason*, "Whereas Bonds were taken, from many persons in this Province, for Licence to cut Pine Timber, on Crown Lands, in the year 1818 and the three subsequent years, which bonds were signed under the impression that no greater sum would be required than would be sufficient to pay the necessary fees of Office. And whereas the said Bonds are still in force, and do create much anxiety in the minds of the parties thereto,

"Resolved, that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take such steps, as he may deem expedient and proper, to have all Bonds taken for Licence to cut Pine Timber on Crown Lands, in the years 1818, 1819, 1820 and 1821 cancelled."

Ordered that Mr. *Slason*, Mr. *C. Simonds*, and Mr. *Munro*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency.

Mr. *Fraser*, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred that part of His Excellency's Speech, relative to improving the Communications through the Country and for opening Roads to New Settlements; Reported, that they had attended to that duty, and submitted the following Report---"That in their opinion the sum of £6,000 should be granted for the improvement of the Bye Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, and that the said sum should be divided in the following proportions to the respective Counties:---viz.

To the County of York,	-	-	£975
" " Northumberland,	-	-	975
" " Westmorland,	-	-	825
" " St. John,	-	-	750
" Kings County,	-	-	750
" Queens County,	-	-	600
" County of Charlotte,	-	-	750
" " Sunbury,	-	-	375
			£6,000

P. FRASER,
 J. M. WILMOT,
 JOHN CAMPBELL,
 RUFUS SMITH,
 D. B. WETMORE,
 SAMUEL NEVERS, Junr.
 H. MUNRO.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion of Mr. C. Simonds, the House went into Committee of the whole in consideration of the said Report.

Mr. Ritchie took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Ritchie from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee the following resolution was moved:---

“ Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Report of the select Committee appointed to enquire what monies may be necessary for the improvement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges, be sustained and referred to the Committee of Supply.”

And upon the question being put thereon, the Committee divided.---YEAS, 18.---NAYS, 3.

And it therefore passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “ for further regulating Servants and Apprentices.”

Which was read a first time.

Mr. R. Simonds, by leave, presented a Petition from the Commissioners of Highways for the Parish of Newcastle in the County of Northumberland, praying that the sum of £845 may be granted from the Province Treasury, to be expended in rebuilding Bridges destroyed by fire on the 7th of October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Crane, moved for leave, to bring in a bill, in addition to and in amendment of an Act intituled “ An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province.”

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, Ordered that the order of the day for going into Committee of the whole, on Ways and Means of raising a Revenue in this

this Province, be discharged, and further ordered that the House do go into Committee thereon on Monday next.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 10 o'Clock.

MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Wetmore*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Keirstead, junr. a Commissioner appointed to expend the sum of ten pounds on the road between French Village and Gondola Point in Kings County, stating that he had expended the sum of £15 1 6, and praying that the sum over and above the grant may be allowed him.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Dow*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, to repeal an Act, "further to alter and extend the Provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the erection of a Passage-Boat, to be worked by Steam, for facilitating the communication between the City of St. John and Fredericton," and to give further encouragement to the present Proprietors of the Steam Passage-Boat, erected in pursuance of the same Act.

Which was read a first time.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill "to regulate the Shipment of Grindstones from the Counties of Westmorland and Northumberland."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill "to regulate the Fishing for Salmon and Shad in the River Petticodiac, and its Branches."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Scott* and Mr. *Smith*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen within the City of Saint John," and to repeal all the Acts now in force, relating to the same.

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Ritchie*, and Mr. *Johnston*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a second time, a bill "for further regulating Servants and Apprentices."

And on Motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Ritchie*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, "Whereas the importance of maintaining Light-Houses in proper situations, upon the Coasts of Commercial Countries, is universally admitted, not only on account of the immense amount of property which such establishments are the means of preserving; but also from the more humane motive of preserving our fellow-beings from the horrors

horrors of Shipwreck: And whereas the formation of these most useful and necessary establishments, having been too long neglected by the British North American Colonies (Nova Scotia excepted) numbers of our fellow-creatures have been prematurely consigned to a watery grave, or have perished, after having escaped from the vessels in which they have been wrecked, to the shores of the uninhabited parts of the extensive Coasts, bordering on the Gulf of St. Lawrence; And whereas, the increasing Trade of those Colonies, renders the establishment of Lights in certain situations more and more necessary,

“Therefore Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to communicate with the Governor-General of His Majesty’s North American Colonies, on this most interesting subject, and that he would be pleased to take such other measures, as he may deem most conducive to the attainment of an object so desirable, as that of the establishment of a Light-House either on Saint Paul’s Island, at the entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, or at such other place in the vicinity thereof, as may upon due consideration, appear to be the most eligible Site for such an establishment.”

Ordered that Mr. *R. Simonds*, Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Clarke*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency.

According to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of Ways and Means of raising a Revenue in this Province.

Mr. *M^r Kay*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M^r Kay*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to report that they had made the following Resolution:

“Resolved, that all the Revenue Laws of the Province, be referred to the Committee of Trade to report thereon by bill or otherwise.”

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, “to protect and prevent the decline of the Commerce of the Province.”

Leave granted.

A Message from His Majesty’s Council.

Mr. *Baillie*, delivered the following Message:

“Mr. *Speaker*,

“I am directed to inform this House that the Council have agreed to the bill to continue the Act to regulate the cutting of Saw Logs on the Magaguadavic, and

“The bill to continue the Act to empower the Justices of the County of Westmorland, to regulate the grazing and depasturing the several Marshes, Low Lands or Meadows, within the said County.”

And then Mr. *Baillie*, withdrew.

On Motion of Mr. *Smith*, Ordered that the House do on Thursday next, go into Committee of the whole in consideration of Supplies to be granted for the public service.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, pursuant to leave brought in a bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled “An Act for the better Examining and Auditing the Public Accounts of this Province.”

Which was read a first time.

On Motion of Mr. *Campbell*, the House went into Committee of the whole

On a bill to authorize the Magistrates of the County of Charlotte, to sell the County Gaol and Gaol Lot, in the Town of Saint Andrews, and to erect a more suitable building in lieu thereof.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

On Motion of Mr. *Smith*, Ordered that the House do go into Committee of the whole in consideration of the Report of the Auditor of Provincial Accounts, to-morrow.

Mr. *Clarke*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to authorize the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Saint Stephens, to sell a certain portion of the Glebe Lot in that Parish.

Leave granted.

Mr. *Clarke*, by leave, presented a Petition, from the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Stephens in the County Charlotte, praying for Legislative aid towards the support of a Grammar School in the said Parish.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

On Motion of Mr. *Slason*, the House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill, "to expedite the extinguishing of Fires that may happen in the Parish of Fredericton."

Mr. *R. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of a bill, in addition to an Act intitled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Fire-Wards and the better extinguishing of Fires so far as the same relate to the Town of Fredericton, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

TUESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition of Samuel Buchanan, late Door Keeper to His Majesty's Council, praying that the grant of £25 made to him at the last Session may be continued in consideration of his long services and his advanced age and infirmities.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Slason*, from the Committee appointed to present an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, upon the subject of having the Bonds taken for licence to cut Pine Timber on Crown Lands from the year, 1818, to 1821 inclusive, cancelled, Reported that they had attended to that duty and that His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

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“ The Lieutenant-Governor in answer to the Address of the House of Assembly, acquaints them that he will not fail to recommend to His Majesty’s Government, that the Bonds referred to in the Address of the House of Assembly be cancelled.”

Read a second time the following bills :---

A bill, to repeal an Act, “ further to alter and extend the Provisions of an Act, intituled “ An Act to encourage the erection of a Passage-Boat, to be worked by Steam, for facilitating the communication between the City of St. John and Fredericton,” and to give further encouragement to the present Proprietors of the Steam Passage-Boat, erected in pursuance of the same Act.”

And a bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled “ An Act for the better examining and auditing the Public Accounts of this Province.”

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the Report of the Auditor of Provincial Accounts.

Mr. *Ritchie*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to report that they had made progress therein, and to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “ to protect and prevent the decline of the Commerce of the Province.”

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Ritchie* moved for leave to bring in a bill further to alter an Act “ to provide for Sick and Disabled Seamen, not being Paupers, belonging to the Province, and to provide buildings for the accommodation of the same.”

Leave granted.

The said bill being brought in was read a first time.

Read as engrossed a bill “ to maintain an armed Cutter for the Protection of the Revenue of the Province.”

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered, that Mr. *Ritchie* and Mr. *Johnston*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Nevers*, by leave presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury, praying that the sum of £175 may be granted from the Province Treasury, to enable the Petitioners to pay the balance due upon the contract for building the County Gaol.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Slason*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Parish of Queensbury in the County of York, praying for a repeal of the Act to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work House in the said County, so far as relates to the said Parish of Queensbury.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, “ Whereas it is desirable that the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, should appear in their places, and on all public occasions in a costume appropriate to their respective stations,

“ Be it therefore Resolved, that the Clerk of this House, be directed to

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“ procure without delay suitable costumes, to be worn by the Speaker and Clerk of this House, on all public occasions, similar to those worn by the several Speakers and Clerks of the House of Assembly in our neighbouring Provinces; and that this House do make provision, for the payment of the same.”

Mr. *R. Simond*, Chairman of the Committee, appointed to wait upon His Excellency, with the Address of the House of the 6th inst. relative to the establishment of a Light House, on St. Paul's Island, at the entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, or at some other place in the vicinity thereof; Reported, that the Committee had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say,---

“ That he had already corresponded with the Governor-General, and with the Governors of Nova Scotia and of Prince Edward's Island, on the subject of a Light House, on St. Paul's Island; that he also had communicated with the Governor of Nova-Scotia, respecting the mode of levying the duty exacted from vessels passing the Cranberry Island Light, and that he would take an early opportunity of laying the several communications, on these subjects, before the House.”

Mr. *Slasen* moved for leave to bring in a bill to alter and amend an Act intituled “ An Act to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work House within the County of York, and for making Rules and Regulations, for the management of the same.”

Leave granted.

Read a second time, a bill, “ to protect and prevent the decline of the Commerce of the Province.”

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from Nathan Richey, of the County of Northumberland, praying that the sum of £58 : 19 : 2 may be granted him, being the amount of duties on articles that were consumed by fire on the 7th of October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, that the House do on Friday next, go into Committee of the whole on a bill to repeal an Act further to alter and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, “ An Act to encourage the erection of a Passage-Boat, to be worked by Steam, for facilitating the communication between the City of St. John, and Fredericton, and to give further encouragement to the present Proprietors of the Steam Passage Boat, erected in pursuance of the same Act.”

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the surviving settlers on the Great and Little Barteboque rivers in the County of Northumberland, praying for Legislative aid to assist in opening Roads to their Settlements.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

36 Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Chamber of Commerce, of Miramichi, praying that a Bounty may be granted to the first Steam-Boat, that may ply between Quebec and Halifax, provided the said Boat, touches at Miramichi and Richibucto.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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Mr. *Vail*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Reid, praying to be remunerated for services performed in exploring the Nerepis Road.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Emigrants settled on the road leading from Hammond River to the Shepody Settlement, praying that a sum may be granted to complete the said road.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Scovil*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the New-Canaan Settlement in Queens County, praying that a sum may be granted to improve the road from that place, to the Mill-Stream Settlement.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *J. Wilmot*, Ordered, that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, or his Deputy, do attend this House with the last Writ issued to the Sheriff of the City and County of St. John, for the Election of a Member to serve in General Assembly for the said County, with the return thereon.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from John Wishart, praying that the sum of £13 : 13 : 5, may be granted to him, it being the amount of duties paid at the Custom House at St. John, under the late Act of Parliament, on two Pipes of Brandy imported from Port Glasgow; the Petitioner having given Bonds to the Treasurer for the Provincial duty on the said article.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a second time a bill further to alter an Act "to provide for Sick and Disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to the Province, and to provide buildings for the accommodation of the same."

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from Richard Edward Armstrong, Esq., praying that the sum of £75 : 6 : 10 may be granted him, being a balance due for his services as Deputy Treasurer of West Isles.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Slason*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Bailey, of the Parish of St. Mary's in the County of York, praying to be remunerated for Ferrying the Mails across the river St. John, from the years 1823 to 1825 inclusive.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the House do go into Committee of the whole, on a bill, "to protect and prevent the decline of the Commerce of the Province, to-morrow."

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, the House went into Committee of the whole on a bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act for the better Examining and Auditing the Public Accounts of this Province."

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

There being a General Meeting of the New-Brunswick Agricultural and Emigrant Society this day,

The House adjourned for one hour.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk of the Crown attended with the Writ of Election issued to the Sheriff of the City and County of St. John, and the return thereto, in pursuance to the order of the House, and appearing thereby that *Robert Parker*, Esq. was duly elected Member, for the said County, in the room of the Hon. *Ward Chipman*, who was appointed to a seat in His Majesty's Council.

Ordered, that Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *J. Wilmot*, do attend the Commissioner and see Mr. *Parker*, qualified.

A Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, delivered the Message :

" NEW-BRUNSWICK.

" MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

" 8TH FEBRUARY, 1826."

" HOWARD DOUGLAS.

" The Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to the Address of the House, upon the subject of establishing Light Houses in proper situations, on the coasts of the British Provinces, acquaints the House that, being deeply impressed with the necessity and importance of such a measure, The Lieutenant-Governor has been in correspondence with The Governor-General and The Lieutenant-Governors of the adjoining Provinces, respecting the Establishment of a Light-House at the Southern entrance of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

" Copies of this Correspondence are herewith laid before the House, by which the House will perceive that The Lieutenant-Governor has likewise proposed to the Government of Nova Scotia, an alteration in the mode of collecting duties on vessels passing Cranberry Island in the Gut of Canso; and The Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the House, the making of provision for the establishment of a Light-House, on Point-Escumencac, at the entrance of Miramichi Bay."

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The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

THURSDAY.

THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Campbell* moved for leave to bring in a bill to amend an Act intituled, "An Act to prevent Desertion from His Majesty's Forces; and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers and Deserters."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Campbell* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to provide for the establishment of a Provincial Lunatic Assylum within the City of St. John."

Leave granted.

The Committee appointed to attend the Commissioner with Mr. *Parker*, and see him qualified, Reported that they had attended to that duty, and that Mr. *Parker* had taken the Oaths prescribed by Law.

Ordered that Mr. *Parker* be allowed to take his Seat.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Settlers on the road leading from St. John to St. Andrews, praying that a sum may be granted to open a road to New-River.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented two Petitions from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, praying that so much of the Act of 26, Geo. 3, that establishes the Shire or County Town of Northumberland at the Parish of Newcastle may be repealed, and that the said Shire or County Town may be established at Chatham in the said County.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Fraser*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Honorable John Robinson, Province Treasurer, praying for an augmentation of his Salary.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Magistrates and Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, together with five several Petitions from the Parishes of Northesk, Ludlow, Carleton, Wellington and Alnwick in the said County, praying that the Shire or County Town, may still be continued at Newcastle, as established by the Act of the General Assembly of the 26, Geo. 3.

And having read the Petitions severally in his place,

Ordered that they be received and lie on the Table.

According to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to protect and prevent the decline of the Commerce of the Province.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Petrie, Esq. praying that some remuneration may be granted, for Medicine and attend-

ance afforded by him to the Sufferers by the Fire at Miramichi of the 7th of October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from George Henderson, junr. of Miramichi, Merchant, praying that the sum of £23: 14, may be granted him being the amount of duty paid by him on 316 gallons of Wine, that were consumed by Fire on the 7th of October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Slason*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to alter and amend an Act intitled "An Act to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work House within the County of York, and for making Rules and Regulations, for the management of the same."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, praying that an Act may pass authorizing an assessment to be made upon the Inhabitants of the said County to the amount of £600, to pay off the County debt.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented another Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, setting forth that £1500 will be required to rebuild the Court-House and Gaol in the said County, and praying for pecuniary Legislative aid to assist in building the same, and that an Act may pass authorizing an assessment to be made upon the Inhabitants for the balance that may be required.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Crane*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, in addition to and amendment of "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Which was read a first time.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to report that they had made sundry Resolutions, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved, that there be granted to the Chaplain of the Council in General Assembly, the sum of £25.

To the Chaplain of the House of Assembly, the sum of £25.

To the Clerk of the Council in General Assembly, the sum of £50 and 20s. per diem, during the present Session.

To the Clerk of the Council the sum of £25 for defraying the expences of an Assistant, during the present Session.

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly the sum of £50, and 20s. per diem during the present Session.

To the Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, the sum of 20s. per diem, during the present Session.

To the Sergeant at Arms attending the Council in General Assembly, the sum of 20s. per diem during the present Session.

To the Sergeant at Arms attending the House of Assembly, the sum of 20s. per diem, during the present Session.

To the Doorkeepers and Messengers, attending the Council and Assembly, the sum of 12s : 6d. per diem, each, during the present Session.

To John Chaloner, Tide-Surveyor in the City of St. John, the sum of £100 for his services and expences, from the 1st day of March 1825, to the 1st day of March, 1826.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for defraying the contingent expences of the Province, a sum not exceeding £250, for the year 1826.

To John Robinson, Esq. Treasurer of the Province, for his services from the 1st day of March, 1825, to the 1st day of March, 1826, the sum of £600.

To the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the sum of £150, and to the Members of the said House of Assembly, the sum of £40 each, for defraying their expences of attendance during the present Session, and 20s. per diem travelling charges, reckoning twenty miles for each days travel, to be certified by the Speaker, agreeably to a Law of this Province.

To John Chaloner, for Guaging and Weighing in the year 1825, the sum of £126 : 16 : 6.

To the Treasurer of the Province to defray the expences incurred by him for Stationary, Blanks, Advertising and Postages, the sum of £24 : 0 : 5.

To Richard Winter, the sum of £20 for airing and taking care of the Province-Hall, for the year 1825.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of enabling the Treasurer to pay Alexander Miller a Tide-Surveyor, in the City of St. John, for his services from the 28th day of March, 1825, to the 28th day of March, 1826, the sum of £92.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £175, for the support of the Master of the Grammar School, in the County of Westmorland, for the year 1826, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To the President and Directors of the Public Grammar School in the City of Sant John, the sum of £250 for the Year 1826, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the sum of £175 for the support of the Master of the Grammar School, in Kings County, for the year 1826, agreeably to two Acts of the General Assembly.

To the President and Directors of the St. Andrews Grammar School, the sum of £200 for the year 1826, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £175, for the support of the Master of the Grammar School in Queens County, for the Year 1826, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £175, for the support

support of the Master of the Grammar School, in the County of Sunbury for the Year 1826, agreeably to two Acts of the General Assembly.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the encouragement of Schools, the sum of £3000, agreeably to a Law of this Province.

To the Keeper of the Light-House on Partridge Island, the sum of £150 for his services for the year of 1826.

Resolved, that the amount of the several sums granted for defraying the expences of the present Session of the Legislature shall be included in one Warrant, upon the Treasurer of the Province, and paid by him to the parties respectively, or to their order, agreeably to a scale, to be furnished by the Speaker.

And Mr. *Smith* further reported that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Inhabitants at Loch Lomond in the County of Saint John, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid towards removing obstructions in the Mispeck Stream and Loch Lomond Thoroughfares

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from Geo. Mathews and Peter Duffus, Commissioners appointed for building a bridge over Black River and repairing the Road from Saint John, to the Black River Settlement, praying that the sum of £14 : 15 : 10 may be refunded, it being the amount expended over and above the sum granted for that service.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from Robert Foulis, praying to be compensated for services performed by him, and for expences incurred in surveying and laying out Lots between Loch Lomond and Black River, in the County of St. John, in the year 1824.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Nevers*, by leave, presented a Petition from Robert Hamilton, of the Parish of Lincoln, in the County of Sunbury, praying that the Provincial allowance, may be granted him, for teaching a School in the said Parish, for the year 1821.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, in addition to an Act intituled
“ An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Fire-Wards and
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the better extinguishing of Fires so far as the same relate to the Town of Fredericton, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Slason* and Mr. *Dow*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed a bill "for further regulating Servants and Apprentices."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *J. Wilmot* and Mr. *Parker*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill to authorize and empower the Magistrates of the County of Charlotte, to sell the County Gaol and Gaol Lot, in the Town of Saint Andrews, and to erect a more suitable building in the said Town.

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *McKay*, and Mr. *Campbell*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from Robert W. Crookshank, John Boyd, James Robertson and Alexander Simpson, praying that the St. Andrews Society in the City of Saint John, may be incorporated.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Smith*, Chairman of the standing Committee appointed, to examine, liquidate and report on Public and Private Accounts, submitted the following report.

Which he read in his place, viz :---

No. 1, This is a report, and an account current, and several statements of the Commissioners for managing the Provincial Marine Hospital in the City of St. John.

The Commissioners have expended in 1825, - - - £672 10 8

They credit received from the Province Treasurer, - - - 250 0 0

Leaving a balance due to the Commissioners of, - - - £422 10 8

The Medical Officers Salary is charged at £100. The report is satisfactory and all the accounts are correctly stated.

A. This is an account of repairs made by order of the Commissioners to the late Government House, and the Fences adjoining the same, and for repairs to the Wing, which was preserved from destruction from the fire which consumed the principal part of said House.

It appears by this account that the Commissioners have expended the sum of - - - - - £98 12 10

And that they have received by Warrant on the Treasury, 100 0 0

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Commissioners of - - - £1 7 2

A Contract has been made by the Commissioners, for rails to be delivered in the Spring, amounting to the sum of £14, which sum is included in the General Account above stated.

Receipts for labour performed by Louis Lowdeu, John Moore, Pat Cody and Dennis Knowlan, amounting to £15: 18: 0 are produced, as those persons are stated to be unable to sign receipts.

B. This is an Invoice of sundry articles of Furniture shipped by Messrs. Bainbridges and Brown, for Government House, amounting to the sum of £393: 11: 3 Sterling.

C. Is Thomas Nisbet's charge for fitting, and furnishing sundry articles for Government House, amounting to the sum of £94: 3: 4.

D. This is an account of expence of Carpet for the Drawing Room at the late Government-House, which Carpet is now laid down in the Council Chamber, amounting to £59: 0: 7.

It does not appear by this account who supplied this Carpet, nor are their any vouchers to support it.

E. Is an account of Furniture supplied by Thomas Nisbet, for Government-House, amounting to

£860 12 4½
Mr. Nisbet, gives credit for sundry articles returned, } 58 16 0
and for remnants &c. &c. amount to

Net amount of Account - - £801 16 4½

There is attached to the account a certificate of Thomas Nisbet, that the same is just and true.

F. Is a memorandum of articles made for the temporary fitting up of several rooms in Government-House, which having been replaced by others, are not now wanted, and are therefore to be disposed of, the cost of these articles, appear to be £158: 7: 5.

G. Is a General account of the Commissioners for expence of providing Furniture for Government House, which includes the accounts, B. before reported.---The amount is thus stated by the Auditor:---

Amount of Nisbet's bill,	£801 16 4½
„ Bainbridges & Browne,	437 5 10
	£1239 2 2½

From which is deducted for articles on private account of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,	} 263 0 1¼
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Nett amount,	£976 2 1¼
The Commissioners credit this sum received by them,	925 0 0
	£51 2 1¼

There is consequently a balance of £51: 2: 1¼ due the Commissioners, exclusive of the sum of £59: 0: 7 for a Carpet for the Council Chamber, which is not provided for by the House: The Auditor observes that it remains for the House to direct how the articles mentioned in report F, should be disposed of.

This account having been passed by the Auditor, no further observations are necessary.

H. Is an Account of Sundry repairs at Government-House, previous to its destruction by fire, amounting to £43: 9: 0½.

I. This is an Abstract of an Account furnished by Henry Smith, Esq. for expence of fitting up his House, as a temporary residence for the Lieutenant-Governor, amounting to the sum of £898: 6: 9.

By this Abstract it appears that the sum of £601: 15: 10 was paid for work done, in fitting up this House, and that the Materials cost the sum of £226: 10: 11½ to which is added a charge of £70, made by Mr. Smith for superintending the work of fitting up his House, that is to say, 60 days at 23s: 4d per day.

Deductions are made to account for work to the amount of £50: 5: 11½ and £7 making £57: 5: 11½ which will reduce the General Account to £841: 0: 9¼.

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The Accounts of H. Smith, Esq. are not accompanied by Affidavit, and the other Vouchers are incomplete.

The Commissioners in their Report, state that they found it necessary to hire a House near the temporary residence of the Lieutenant-Governor, for Offices &c. &c. at £60 per Annum. Mr. Smith's House is hired by them for two years, at £200 per Annum.

K. Two accounts from Geo. K. Lugin, for Printing Journals, Acts, &c. &c. &c. amounting to the sum of £259 : 0 : 8½. He credits £150 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance due to him of £109 : 0 : 8½.

L. Two Accounts for Stationary for the use of His Majesty's Council, amounting to the sum of £21 : 9 : 4.

M. This is an account of the Secretary of the Province for issuing 611 Warrants on the Treasurer at 5s. each, amounting to £152 : 15.

It appears to the Committee the little labour required in issuing Warrants; bears no kind of proportion to the amount of the above account, and your Committee, have reasonable cause to doubt the propriety of any charge being made by the Secretary for issuing Warrants, as this duty appears to be one appertaining to the office of Secretary, for which no charge ought to be made.

The Report being handed in at the Clerk's Table, and there again read, was ordered to be accepted.

Mr. Smith moved for leave to bring in a bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue, to provide for the ordinary services of the Province.

Leave granted.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Secretary Odell, delivered the Message:

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

“ 8TH FEBRUARY, 1826.

“ HOWARD DOUGLAS.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor, submits to the House of Assembly, the duties performed by the Judges of the Supreme Court, in holding the Circuit Courts as now by Law required to be held, at fixed periods, in the several Counties; and recommends to the House the making of permanent provision for defraying the travelling charges of the Judges who may have performed these duties, by enabling The Lieutenant-Governor, to make payment for the same, from time to time, by Warrant on the Province Treasury.”

“ H. D.”

Mr. Clarke, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, to authorize the Rector, Church-Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church in the Parish of St. Stephens, to dispose of a part of a Tract of Glebe Land, in that Parish and to vest the proceeds in other Lands, more productive to the Rector.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. R. Simonds moved for leave to bring in a bill to alter and amend the Act for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several Counties within this Province, and for subdividing them into Towns or Parishes.

Leave granted.

Mr. R. Simonds, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Bois, of

the Parish of Ludlow, in the County of Northumberland, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid to enable him to erect a Carding Mill.

Which he read in his place.

And upon the question that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply, the House divided and it was carried in the negative.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to make regulations prohibiting Horses and Cattle of every description, as well as Swine from running at large in certain districts in the said County.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, moved for leave to bring in a bill authorizing the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to make regulations to prohibit Horses, Cattle of every description, and Swine, from running at large, in certain districts in that County.

Leave granted.

Mr. *Allen*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to erect the upper part of the County of York, into a distinct and separate County.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Slason*, by leave, presented a Petition, from Proprietors of Land in the New-Hannwell Settlement, in the County of York, praying for Legislative aid to assist in opening a Road thereto.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Allen*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Morris, praying for Legislative aid, to enable him to erect a Hulling Mill, in the Parish of Prince William, in the County of York.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, to alter and amend and reduce into one, the several Acts for the regulation of Seamen.

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first time.

On Motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House went into Committee of the whole in consideration of a bill further to alter an Act "to provide for Sick and Disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to the Province, and to provide buildings for the accommodation of the same."

Mr. *Crane*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill to them referred, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

According to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to repeal an Act, further to alter and extend the Provisions of an Act intituled "An Act to encourage the erection of a Passage Boat, to be worked by Steam, for facilitating the communication

tion between the City of St. John, and Fredericton, and to give further encouragement to the present Proprietors of the Steam Passage-Boat, erected in pursuance of the same Act."

Mr. *M^cKay*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M^cKay*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was Resolved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to alter and amend an Act for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several Counties within this Province, and for subdividing them into Towns or Parishes.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the Parish of Carleton and Wellington, in the County of Northumberland, praying that an Act may pass erecting the said Parishes into a separate County, and for sub-dividing the said County so erected into Towns or Parishes.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Munro*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Parish of Saumarez and Beresford in the County of Northumberland, praying that the said Parishes may be erected into a separate County, and that the said County, so erected, may be sub-divided into Towns or Parishes.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Crane*, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Easterbrooks, praying that the sum of £14: 4: 6 may be granted him, being a balance due the Petitioner, for Timber furnished for, and for work done at the great bridge in Sackville in the County of Northumberland.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a second time, a bill to alter and amend an Act, for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several Counties in the Province, and for sub-dividing them into Towns or Parishes.

Ordered that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, delivered the Message:

" NEW-BRUNSWICK.

" MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

" 10TH FEBRUARY, 1826.

" HOWARD DOUGLAS.

" The Lieutenant-Governor, having in the course of his late Tour, had under his actual observation, the circumstances and condition of the County of Northumberland, and being persuaded on his own personal knowledge, of the expediency of making some alteration in the political organization of

that extensive County, recommends to the House, to consider what measures it may be expedient to adopt, to give to that extensive portion of New-Brunswick, an increased share in the Representation of the Province, and to carry the administration of Justice into the remote parts of that Tract, without those inconveniences to which the People must be exposed, so long as the Circuit Court holds but one Seat, in so large a portion of the Province.

“ H. D.”

Mr. *R. Simonds*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland to assess the Inhabitants for the purpose of building a Court-House and Gaol, in that County.

Leave granted.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, moved for leave, to bring in a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to assess the Inhabitants of that County, for the purpose of paying off the County debt.

Leave granted.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, moved for leave to bring in a bill for the division of the County of Northumberland, into three Counties, and to provide for the Government and Representation of the two new Counties.

Leave granted.

Mr. *Scott*, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Blacklock, praying that the Provincial allowance, may be granted him for teaching a School in the Parish of Botsford, in the County of Westmorland, in the year 1820.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill for the division of the County of Northumberland, into three Counties, and to provide for the Government and Representation of the two new Counties.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from John and Elizabeth Stewart, praying that the sum of £15 may be granted them, for teaching a School in the Parish of Newcastle in the County of Northumberland, in the year 1814.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *M. Wilmot*, by leave, presented a Petition from William Roberts of Fredericton, Merchant, praying that the sum of £64: 18 may be granted him, being for articles furnished for the repairs at Government House.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants, of Miramichi, praying for Legislative aid towards building Bridges and opening a Road from Neguac to Bartibogue in the County of Northumberland.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Parker*, by leave, presented a Petition, from Emigrant Settlers on land near the road leading from Loch Lomond, to Quaco, praying for aid to enable

able them to open and improve a road from their Settlement to the Main Road.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. C. Simonds, moved for leave to bring in a bill to continue and revise the Revenue Laws of the Province.

Leave granted.

Mr. R. Simonds, moved for leave to bring in a bill to provide for the support of a Light-House, to be built upon Point Euscuminac, at the entrance of Miramichi.

Leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Parker, Ordered that the order of the day, for going into Committee of the whole, on a bill to alter and amend, "An Act, for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several Counties within this Province, and for sub-dividing them into Towns and Parishes" be discharged; and that it stand the order of the day, for Monday next.

On Motion of Mr. C. Simonds, the House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill in addition to and amendment of an Act intituled "An Act for the better Examining and Auditing the Public Accounts of this Province.

Mr. J. Wilmot, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Wilmot from the Committee reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was Resolved, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three Months.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 10 o'Clock.

MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time, the following bills :---

A bill to erect the upper part of the County of York, into a distinct and separate County.

A bill, to alter and amend and reduce into one, the several Acts for the regulation of Seamen.

A bill for the division of the County of Northumberland, into three Counties, and to provide for the Government and Representation of the two new Counties.

A bill in addition to, and amendment of "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

A bill to authorize the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church in the Parish of Saint Stephens, to dispose of a part of a Tract of Glebe Land, in that Parish, and to vest the proceeds in other Lands, more productive to the Incumbent.

And a bill to alter and amend "An Act for erecting an Alms-House and Work-House in the County of York, and for making Rules and Regulations for the management of the same."

On motion of Mr. *Ritchie*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill further to alter an Act "to provide for Sick and Disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to the Province, and to provide buildings for the accommodation of the same."

Mr. *Crane*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to continue and revise the Revenue Laws of the Province.

Which was read a first and second time.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to levy an assessment to pay off the County debt.

Which was read a first and second time.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland to levy an assessment for building a Court-House and Gaol, in the said County.

Which was read a first and second time.

Mr. *R. Simonds* pursuant to leave brought in a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to make regulations to prohibit Horses, Cattle of every description, and Swine, from running at large, in certain districts in that County.

Which was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. *Slason*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to alter and amend an Act for erecting a Work-House and Alms-House in the County of York, and for making Rules and Regulations for the management of the same.

Mr. *Wetmore* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wetmore* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was Resolved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three Months.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*, Ordered that the order of the day, for going into Committee of the whole, on a bill to alter and amend, "An Act for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several Counties within this Province, and for sub-dividing them into Towns or Parishes" be again discharged,

And on Motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*,

Ordered, that the House do go into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *J. Wilmot*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill, to alter and amend and reduce into one, the several Acts for the regulation of Seamen.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill to them referred, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Shore* delivered the following Message :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am directed to inform this House that the Council have agreed to the bill to amend the Act, to prevent the bringing Infectious Distempers in the City of St. John.”

And then Mr. *Shore* withdrew.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Newcastle, praying to be reimbursed a sum advanced by them, for the support of the Poor in the said Parish; the assessment not having been apportioned upon the Inhabitants thereof, in consequence of the total destruction of property, within the said Parish, by the Fire of the 7th October last.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. *Vail*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the business referred to them, and that they had made a number of Resolutions, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty's Attorney-General, for his services for the year 1825, the sum of £100.

To His Majesty's Solicitor-General, for his services for the year 1825, the sum of £50.

To John Bainbridge, and Henry Bliss; Esquires, such sum as will procure Bills of Exchange on England for £200 sterling, for their services as Agents for the Province for the year 1825.

To the Auditor of Provincial Accounts, for the duties of his office, the sum of £100 for the year 1826, agreeably to a Law of the Province.

To the Adjutant General of the Militia Forces the sum of £100 for the duties of his office for the year 1826.

To the Governor and Trustees of the College of New-Brunswick, the sum of £250, for the year 1826, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To the Governor and Trustees of the College of New-Brunswick for the present year the sum of £75 in further aid and support of the Grammar School in Fredericton.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the sum of £175, for the support of a Master of the Grammar School in the County of Northumberland, for the year 1826 agreeably to two Acts of the General Assembly.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £500, as a provision for two Officers to inspect and instruct the several Regiments and Battalions of Militia in this Province, for the year 1826.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the sum of £100 to be applied toward the support of the Light-House on Brier Island, in the Province of Nova Scotia, for the year 1826.

To the Adjutants of the Militia of the different Counties of this Province, a sum not exceeding £225 for the year 1826.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, a sum not exceeding £125, to pay the Sergeant Majors of Militia of this Province, for the time being, who are actually employed. Provided that each Sergeant Major, who shall appear by a certificate from his Commanding Officer, to have faithfully performed his duty, shall receive the sum not exceeding £7:10 in each year.

To the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief the sum of £4000, to be paid for the encouragement of the Fisheries of this Province, for the year 1826.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief a sum not exceeding £3000, to be paid for the encouragement of raising Bread-Corn on new Lands, agreeably to a Law of this Province.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor such sum, as he may consider an adequate provision for this Province to make, towards the support of the Light-House on Cranbery Island in the Province of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1826.

To three such Commissioners as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief may appoint, the sum of £150 for the support of a Packet to ply between Digby and Saint John for one year, to commence the 5th day of April next, provided no Packet is established at the exclusive expence of the General Post Office.

To Doctor John Boyd, Inoculating Surgeon for the Vaccine Institution, the sum of £40 for services performed in the year 1825.

To the Sheriff of the County of Westmorland, for returning Robert Scott, Esq. a Member for that County to serve in General Assembly, the sum of £20.

To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, for returning Robert Parker, Esq. a Member for that County to serve in General Assembly, the sum of £15.

And Mr. *Smith*, reported, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Justice *Chipman*, delivered the following Message :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have passed the following Resolution :

“ Resolved, that it is expedient that a joint Address be prepared by the Council and the House of Assembly, to His Majesty on the subject of the
“ boundary

“ boundary line, between this Province and the United States of America and
“ the encroachments lately attempted by Land Agents of the States of Mas-
“ sachusetts and Maine, on the hitherto undisturbed possessions and jurisdic-
“ tion of this Province.”

“ And I am likewise directed to request that the House of Assembly, will
“ join in the Council, in preparing the Address.”

On Motion of Mr. *Crane*, Resolved that a Committee be appointed to search the Journals of the Honourable the Legislative Council, to ascertain what proceedings have been had on a bill, for regulating the Shipment of Grindstones, and ascertaining the quality of the same.

Ordered, that Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee for that purpose.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *Parker*, Resolved that this House doth concur with the Council as to the expediency of the joint Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Boundary Line between this Province, and the United States of America, and the encroachments attempted by Land Agents of the States of Massachusetts and Maine, on the hitherto undisturbed possessions and jurisdictions of this Province, and that this House will join the Council in preparing an Address for that important purpose.

Ordered that Mr. *Parker*, and Mr. *Fraser*, inform the Council thereof.

Mr. *Wetmore*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants from the Parishes of Hampton and Saint Martin's in Kings County, praying for Legislative aid towards building a bridge over Hammond river near Tabors' Farm.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, the House according to the order of the day went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to alter and amend An Act, “ for the better ascertaining and confirming the boundaries of the several Counties within this Province, and for sub-dividing them into Towns or Parishes”.

Mr. *Fraser*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was moved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.

And upon the question being put thereon, the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. DOW,
Mr. MUNRO,
Mr. NEVERS,
Mr. PETERS,
Mr. J. WILMOT,
Mr. SLASON,

NAYS.

Mr. SPEAKER,
Mr. CAMPBELL,
Mr. SCOVIL,
Mr. WETMORE,
Mr. SCOTT,
Mr. ALLEN,

YEAS.

YEAS.

Mr. M'KAY,
Mr. M. WILMOT,
Mr. JOHNSTON,
Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. SMITH.

NAYS.

Mr. PARKER,
Mr. C. SIMONDS,
Mr. VAIL,

And it was therefore carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Street*, delivered the following Message :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the following bills with amendments :---

A Bill for the better extinguishing of Fires that may happen in the City of St. John, and to repeal all the Acts now in force relating to the same.

And a Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on New Land.

To which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.
And then Mr. *Street* withdrew.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. *Smith*, the House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council, to the bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on New Land.

The amendments being read at the Clerk's Table, and the question put for passing the same, they were not concurred in by the House.

Mr. *Smith* moved for leave, to bring in a bill for granting bounties on Bread Corn raised on New Land.

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to continue and revise the Revenue Laws of the Province.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration, the amendments made by the Council, to the bill for the better extinguishing of Fires that may happen within the City of St. John, and to repeal all the Acts now in force relating to the same.

And the amendments being read at the Clerk's Table, are as follow :---

Sec. I.---At A insert “ And this Act shall come and be in force, from and after the 1st day of May next.”

Sec. IV.---At B. delc, “ the publication of this Act,” and insert “ this Act shall come in operation.”

At C. add Section VII. “ And be it further enacted, that this Act shall continue and be in force until the 1st day of May, which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and no longer.”

Resolved,

Resolved, that the House do agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, that Mr. *Ritchie* and Mr. *Johnston*, do return the said bill with the amendments to the Council, and inform them, that the House have concurred therein.

The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill, to alter and amend and reduce into one, the several Acts for the regulation of Seamen.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of "a bill to repeal all the Laws now in force, for the regulation of Seamen, and to make more effectual provision for that purpose."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed, under the title as amended.

A Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, delivered the following Message:

" NEW-BRUNSWICK.

" MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

" 15TH FEBRUARY, 1826.

" HOWARD DOUGLAS.

" The Lieutenant-Governor, directs to be herewith laid before the House of Assembly, a copy of a dispatch from the Right Honorable Earl BATHURST, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, by which the House will perceive the lively interest taken by His Lordship, in the College of New-Brunswick; and the Lieutenant-Governor has the fullest confidence, that the House will, by an adequate permanent provision for this Institution, in the success of which the Province at large is so deeply concerned, enable His Lordship to fulfil the pledge so liberally and graciously given on the Part of His Majesty's Government."

" H. D."

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt.

Mr. *Johnston*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, The House went into Committee of the whole on a bill authorizing the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to make regulations to prohibit Horses, Cattle of every description, and Swine, from running at large, in certain districts in that County.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same under the title of a bill to authorize the Justices of the County of Northumberland, to

regulate the grazing and depasturing of certain tracts of Land within that County.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed, under the title as amended.

On motion of Mr. *Allen*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to erect the upper part of the County of York, into a distinct and separate County.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill to them referred, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Justice *Botsford*, delivered the following Message :

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House, that Mr. Justice *Botsford*, and Mr. Justice *Chipman*, are appointed a Committee, to meet such Committee, as the House of Assembly may appoint, to prepare the joint Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Boundary."

" I am likewise directed to inform this House that the Council have agreed to the bill for further regulating Servants and Apprentices; and a bill " to maintain an armed Cutter for the Protection of the Revenue."

And then Mr. Justice *Botsford* withdrew.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Baillie* delivered the following Message:

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill to empower the Magistrates of Charlotte, to sell the County Gaol and Gaol Lot in St. Andrews."

And then Mr. *Baillie* withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to join the Committee of the Council in preparing the joint Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Boundary.

Ordered, that Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Fraser* and Mr. *McKay*, be a Committee to meet the Committee of Council, and that Mr. *Parker*, and Mr. *Fraser*, inform the Council therewith.

Mr. *Smith*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill for granting bounties on Bread Corn raised on New Land.

Which was read a first and second time.

Ordered that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Black* delivered the following Message :

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill in addition to an Act, intituled, An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards, and the better extinguishing of Fires so far as the same relate to the Town of Fredericton, and to make regula-

"tions more suitable to the said Town" with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House."

And then Mr. *Black* withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*,---Whereas it appears to this House, that the Accounts rendered by Commissioners of Monies expended on Bye-Roads and Bridges, are frequently not sufficiently particular and explicit; but that this in general proceeds from ignorance of what is required, and not from wilful neglect or default; Thereupon Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that "The Commissioners of Bye-Roads and Bridges, in making up their accounts of Monies expended, should state in such Accounts.

1st.---"Whether any, and what parts have been done by Contract; and if so, the names of the Contractors, the nature of the Contract, whether so much per Rod, or other distance; or so much for the whole; or in what other way; how the Contract has been performed, and what sums have actually been paid. *o*

2d.---"If done by days work, to state the names of the workmen; the rate of wages per day, of each man; whether found in provisions or not; the number of days which each man has worked; the amount paid each man; the quality of work done; and the mode in which the same has been performed.

3d.---"The proper receipts should accompany the Account of all Monies paid by the Commissioner; and if the same are signed with a mark, they must be witnessed by at least one respectable witness.

4th.---"The Commissioners Accounts should be attested to, before a Justice of the Peace; and the Oath be in the following form, or to that effect:--

"We, A. B. & C. D. the Commissioners within named, do make Oath that the foregoing Account is correct and true, and that the several sums therein mentioned as paid, have actually been paid by us, as therein stated.

(Signed:)

A. B.
C. D.

Sworn the
day of 182
before

Justice of the Peace.

5th.---"That the said accounts and vouchers be transmitted to the Office of the Auditor of Provincial Accounts at Fredericton, as early as possible,

"And further Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the Clerk should procure a sufficient number of Copies of the foregoing Resolutions, to be printed, in order that the same may be transmitted to the several Commissioners throughout the Province."

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, Ordered that Mr. *Parker*, be added to the Committee of Trade, appointed to consider all matters which may effect the Commercial Interests of the Province.

Read as engrossed the Resolutions of Appropriation made and passed the 9th inst.

And on motion of Mr. *Johnston*, The House went into Committee of the whole, upon the reconsideration of the said Resolutions.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee it was Resolved that the word Fifty in the Resolution granting the allowance to the Clerk of this House, be struck out, and one hundred inserted instead thereof, making the allowance £100, and twenty shilling, per deim, to that officer.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the Resolutions as amended be sent up to the Council for concurrence.

Ordered that Mr. *Slason* and Mr. *J. Wilmot*, carry the said Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Crane*, Ordered, that the House do to-morrow go into Committee of the whole on a bill in addition to, and amendment of "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

THURSDAY, 16th FEBRUARY 1826.

PRAYERS.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, on a bill for granting bounties on bread Corn raised on new Land.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

Read a third time, as engrossed, the following bills:---

A bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to levy an assessment to pay off the County debt.

And a bill to authorize the Justices of the County of Northumberland, to regulate the grazing and depasturing of certain tracts of Land within that County.

Resolved, that the bills do pass, and Ordered, that Mr. *R. Simonds*, and Mr. *Munro*, carry the said bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Slason*, the House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council, to the bill in addition to an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and for the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Town of Fredericton, and to make Regulations more suitable to the said Town."

And the said amendments being read at the Clerk's Table, and the question put for passing the same, they were not concurred in by this House.

According to the order of the day, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill in addition to, and amendment of "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Mr.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly.

Mr. *Johnston*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Justice *Chipman*, delivered the following Message :

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have passed a bill, " in further amendment of the Laws for the support and relief of Confined " Debtor."

And a bill for appointing Commissioners to enquire into the losses occasioned by the destructive Fires in this Province.

To which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House."

And then Mr. Justice *Chipman*, withdrew.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from Patrick Henderson, of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid, to assist him in building a Saw and Grist Mill in the Parish of Newcastle.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill to alter an Act " to provide for Sick and Disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to the Province, and to provide buildings for the accommodation of the same."

Mr. *Crane* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Crane* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of a bill in addition to and in amendment of the several Acts now in force to provide for Sick and Disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to the Province.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed, under the title as amended.

Mr. *Slason*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to extend the powers of the Firewards in the Parish of Fredericton, and to make further regulations for the better extinguishing of Fires. that may happen in the said Parish.

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. *Scott*, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to ascertain what proceedings have been had on a bill to regulate the Salmon and Shad Fisheries, on the River Petticodiac, and its Branches."

Ordered that Mr. *Scott* and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. *M. Wilmot*, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to ascertain what proceedings have been had on a bill for erecting the North Eastern parts of the Townships of Dorchester and Sackville in the County of Westmorland, into a distinct Town or Parish.

Ordered, that Mr. *M. Wilmot*, and Mr. *Scott*, be a Committee for that purpose.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 17th FEBRUARY 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Parker* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to provide for the expenses of the Judges holding the Circuit Courts and Courts of Oyer and Terminer in this Province."

Leave granted.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill in addition to and amendment of an Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered, that Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Dow*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed the Resolutions of Appropriation made and passed the 13th inst.

Ordered that Mr. *Wetmore* and Mr. *Slason*, carry the said Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill "to repeal all the Laws now in force, for the regulation of Seamen, and to make more effectual provision for that purpose.

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *C. Simonds*, and Mr. *J. Wilmot*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Smith*, Chairman of the Committee appointed, to examine, the Treasurer's Accounts, made a further report,

Which he read in his place, and is as follows:---

No. 36, Is the account of the Deputy Treasurer at Shediac for the Ordinary duties collected in 1825, amounting to £80 : 15.

No. 37, Is his general account, shewing a balance in his hands in Bonds and Cash of £95 : 16 : 6.

In this account he credits Sick and Disabled Seamen's duty on 5498 Tons at 1d. per Ton, £22 : 18 : 2.

All which is respectfully submitted to this Honorable House.

RUFUS SMITH.

ANDREW S. RITCHIE.

Ordered

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion Mr. *Slason*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill, "to extend the powers of the Firewards in the Parish of Fredericton, and to make further regulations for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen in the said Parish.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

Read a first and second time, the following Bills sent down from the Council.

A bill in further amendment of the Laws for the support and relief of Confined Debtors.

And a Bill for appointing Commissioners to enquire into losses occasioned by the late destructive Fires in this Province.

Mr. *Parker*, pursuant to leave brought in a bill to provide for the expenses of the Judges holding the Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer in this Province.

Which was read a first and second time.

Ordered that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Ritchie*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee a number of Resolutions, were made, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :--

Resolved, that there be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, for the time being, the following sums, for the improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province.

The sum of £1700 for the Great Road from Fredericton to Saint John, by the way of the Nerepis.

The sum of £200 for the Great Road from Fredericton to the Finger Board.

The sum of £200 for exploring and marking out the most suitable route for the Great Road between Fredericton and St. Andrews.

The sum of £1000 for the Great Road from St. John to River Missequash.

The sum of £200 for the Great Road from St. John to Bellisle.

The sum of £1000 for the Great Road from St. John to St. Andrews, £150, part of the said sum to be expended between the Wellington Bridge and Magaguadavick and the remainder from thence to Musquash.

The sum of £1000 for the Great Road from Chediac to Chatham.

The sum of £1000 for the Great Road from Fredericton to Restigouche, to be laid out between the Rivers Miramichi and Restigouche.

The sum of £1000 for the Great Road from Chediac to Dorchester.

The sum of £100 for the Great Road from Chediac to the Bend of the Pet-ticodiac.

And

And further Resolved, that there be granted the following sums for the improvement of Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties throughout the Province :---

COUNTY OF ST. JOHN.

The sum of £75 to improve the Road from the entrance of the Harbour of Musquash, to the Saint Andrews Road.

The sum of £20 to improve the Road from Dipper Harbour to the Saint Andrews Road.

The sum of £65 for the Road from Little River Bridge to Black River Settlement.

The sum of £50 for the Road from Anthony's Farm below Red-Head, to the Settlement at Mispeck.

The sum of £25 for the Road from Little River Bridge to Anthony's Farm.

The sum of £50 for the Road leading from the bridge at the foot of the large Loch Lomond, to the black Settlement, thence to Garden's Creek.

The sum of £25 for the Road from the Settlement at Tynemouth on the Bay of Fundy, to the Quaco Road.

The sum of £100 for the Road from Daily's (late Thomas') Tavern, to the Lower Loch Lomond.

The sum of £30 for the Road from the foot of Loch Lomond, to Smith's Tavern, at the head of the first Lake.

The sum of £50 for opening and improving the road from Smith's Tavern, to the head of the third Lake.

The sum of £75 for improving the road from Black's Farm, on the Westmorland road, to Little River bridge and forming a road across the Marsh adjoining the same.

The sum of £25 for the road from Little River to Lake Lomond.

The sum of £160 for the road from Smith's Tavern to the Quaco Settlement.

COUNTY OF WESTMORLAND.

The sum of £80 for the road from Stephen Ward's to the bay Verte.

The sum of £15 for the road from the Bay Verte to Tignish river.

The sum of £25 for the road from Gaspereau Bridge to Chemogue.

The sum of £35 for the road from where it turns from the Chemogue road to William Peacock's.

The sum of £15 for the road from Chemogue to Teedish river.

The sum of £25 for the road from the Bay Verte to Gaspereau bridge.

The sum of £10 to assist in building a bridge over Timber river.

The sum of £35 for the road from Westcock to Cape Meranguin.

The sum of £25 for the road from Sackville to the Settlement, back of the Mill Pound.

The sum of £15 for the road from Agreen Tinley's to Beech Hill.

The sum of £20 for the road from the main road to Westcock.

The sum of £20 for the road from Point-Midgick to the Great Road on the Sackville Great Marsh.

The sum of £15 for the road leading from the Great road in Dorchester to Bonum Goold's.

The sum of £30 for the road from Frederick Le'Blanc's to the Great road leading from Dorchester to Chediac.

The sum of £10 for the road from Israel Stiles' in Dorchester to the Fish-Were.

The sum of £150 to assist in building a bridge over the Kouchibouguac river in Sackville.

The sum of £25 for the road from Young Sherman's to the Taylor Settlement.

The sum of £10 for the road from John Bowser's to Bell's Farm.

The sum of 10*l.* for the road from Job Steeve's to the black Settlement.

The sum of 30*l.* to assist in exploring a road from the lower Mountain Settlement to Monkton to the Great road.

The sum of 30*l.* for the road from Lewis Steeve's on Turtle Creek, to the main road in Hillsborough, on the road established by a Jury in 1825.

The sum of 15*l.* for the road from George Colpitt's to Lewis Steeve's.

The sum of 20*l.* for the road from Robert Scott's to North River.

The sum of 25*l.* for Stoney Creek bridge.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from Sinten's to John Gildart's the elder.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from John Gildart's jun. to Thomas Colpitt's.

The sum of 20*l.* for the road from George Colpitt's Mill, to Robt. Milton's

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from New Horton to Cape Enragè.

The sum of £25 for the road from New Horton to Cheapody Lake.

The sum of £10 for the road from Daniel Wheaton's on the North River to Andrew Wheldon's jun. and from thence to Isaac Lewis' Tavern.

QUEENS COUNTY.

The sum of £100 for the road from Richard Currie's jun. to the Thoroughfare between the Grand and Maquapit Lakes.

The sum of £40 for the road from the Washademoac Lake near Salmon Creek, to the English Settlement.

The sum of £40 for the road from Breakneck Mountain to the Nerepis road.

The sum of £50 for the road from New Canaan to Studholm's Mill stream.

The sum of £30 for improving the road from Watson's Ferry to Carter's point.

The sum of £60 for the road from William Wiggin's to the head of Cumberland bay.

The sum of £60 to open a road from the Main Road on the Western side of the river, to New-Ireland and Jerusalem Settlements.

The sum of £100 to improve the Road from the North side of the Maquapit Lake to Newcastle, at the Head of the Grand Lake.

The sum of £30 for the road from Shaw's to Kings County line.

The sum of £90 for the road from Tyng's brook, round the Ocnabog.

YORK COUNTY.

The sum of £75 towards improving the road in the Parish of Douglas, (to commence where the sum granted last year will end,) to the mouth of the Kiswick Creek.

The sum of £50 towards making bridges and improving the Road from the mouth of the Nashwalk, in the Parish of St. Mary's to the Nashwalks in the Parish of Douglas.

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The sum of £40 towards improving the Road from Easty's Mill, through the Cardigan Settlement, in the Parish of Douglas.

The sum of £40 towards improving the new Road leading from Easty's Mill to Pickard's Mill, on the Nashwalksis, in the Parish of Douglas.

The sum of £50 towards improve the Road from the Mactequack, through the Scotch Settlement, in the Parish of Douglas.

The sum of £20 towards improving the Road from Jesse Christy's to Darius Burt's Mill in the Parish of Douglas.

The sum of £50 to cut down Hills on both sides of Enoch Currie's Creek in the Parish of Kingsclear.

The sum of £40 towards improving the Road from Kelly's Creek, to Long's Creek, in the Parish of Kingsclear.

The sum of £50 towards improving the road from the Scotch Settlement on Lake George, to the River Saint John in the Parish of Prince William.

The sum of £25 towards removing Rocks from off the Road from Geo. Jones' to James Hayt's in the Parish of Prince William.

The sum of £50 towards improving the road from Palmer's to the Poquiack in the Parish of Prince William.

The sum of £50 to improve the Road from Eel River, to Captain Bull's Farm, and to commence where the improvements left off last year, in the Parish of Woodstock.

The sum of £30 to improve the Road from Isaac Smith's to Hillman's in the Parish of Woodstock.

The sum of £40 to improve the road to the Scotch Settlement, between the Main Road and Andrew Blair's in the Parish of Woodstock.

The sum of £30 towards improving the Road from Isaac Smith's to Wm. Graham's in the Parish of Woodstock.

The sum of £25 towards improving the Road from Robert Hannah's lower line to Samuel Easterbook's in the Parish of Wakefield.

The sum of £40 to improve the Road from Joseph Woolverton's to Robert Phillip's in the Parish of Northampton.

The sum of £40 to improve the Road from Robert Phillips' to Charles M'Mullen's in the Parish of Wakefield.

The sum of £25 towards improving a Road from William Orser's to a new Settlement in the rear, in the Parish of Wakefield.

The sum of £50 to improve the Road from Samuel Carney's to Jonas Fitzherbert's in the Parish of Kent.

The sum of £45 towards opening and making a Road from the mouth of the Restook River, to the Settlements above the Falls on said River.

The sum of £50 towards improving the Road from the Caverhill Settlement in the Parish of Queensbury to the River St. John.

The sum of £60 towards repairing the Bridges over Long's Creek in the Parish of Kingsclear.

KINGS COUNTY.

The sum of £60 for the Road from Pickett's Mill to the Kenebeckasis.

The sum of £40 for the Road from near Mabee's to the Kenebeckasis.

The sum of 30% for opening a new Road from Nicholas Roache's to the North Branch of Hammond river.

The sum of 20% for the road from Benjamin Parlee's to the head of the Settlement on the Trout Creek. The

The sum of 25%. for the new Road from near Daniel M'Lean's to Giduey's

The sum of 45%. for the Road from Hammond River to John Hennigar's.

The sum of 30%. for the Road from Henry Reubert's to the late William Spence's Farm.

The sum of 15%. for the road from Moses Innes' to Drummond.

The sum of 15%. for the road from Drummond's to Wm. Rodger's.

The sum of 15%. for the road from Sealey's Point on the Long Reach to the Kennebeckasis near Whelpiey's.

The sum of 15%. for the road from the Salmon River near Hallett's, to Joseph Darling's.

The sum of 10%. for the road from William Sharp's to Kierstead's.

The sum of 40%. for the road from Snider's to Keirstead's Mill stream on the Kenebeckasis.

The sum of 20%. for the road from Nelson Nelson's to Isaac Perry's.

The sum of 15%. for the road from Barne's to the road near Smith's Saw Mill.

The sum of 15%. for the road from Holder's to Watters' in Westfield.

The sum of 20%. for the road from the old Church in Springfield to Wm. Wetmore's and thence to the Scotch Settlement.

The sum of 20%. for the road from near James Campbell's on the North Stream to the Kenebeckasis.

The sum of 20%. for the road from Henry Stockton's to Beaches'.

The sum of 20%. to assist in building a bridge over the Mill-Stream near Henry Sharp's on the New Cannan road.

The sum of 15%. to assist in building a bridge over the Kenabeck brook, near Belding's.

The sum of 10%. for the road from Gondola Point to the French Village.

The sum of 10%. for the road from Joseph Folkin's to Richard Folkin's.

The sum of 10%. for the road from Darling's to Jonathan Phenwick's.

The sum of 30%. for the bridge and road near Britain's Mill near the Ne-repis.

The sum of 10%. for the road from the Asacake road to the Settlement of James M'Cann and others.

The sum of 15%. for the road from Gabriel Fowler's to William Byron's.

The sum of 20%. for the road from the head of the Belisille to Guthries.

The sum of 20%. for the road from the Lake on the North branch of Hammond river to the main road near Barns'.

The sum of 20%. for the road from the Widow Smith's to Upham's

The sum of 15%. for the road from Alexander Burnett's to the road near Crawford's Mill Brook.

The sum of 10%. for the road from John Duff's to Northrop's

The sum of 20%. for the new road from Rulof Rulofson's, to Samuel Ketchum's.

The sum of 15%. for the road from the lower line of Kingston through the New Settlement of Patrick Riley and others.

The sum of 15%. for the road from John Brown's to the main road near Jeffrey's Mill.

The sum of 10%. for the road from Crawford's brook to John Perkins'.

The sum of 15%. for the road from the Widow Shaw's, to the Main Road near Worden's Ferry.

“ And

“ And whereas the General Sessions of the Peace for Kings County, at which the Commissioners of roads in the several Parishes in that County are obliged to make their return of Statute Labour, are not holden until the first Tuesday in March next ; and in consequence thereof a Certificate of such return has not been furnished pursuant to the standing regulation of the House of Assembly; Resolved that no Warrant shall be issued for payment of any of the monies granted for Bye Roads and Bridges in the several Parishes in that County, until the Commissioners of such Parish shall have made a return of the Statute Labour performed during the last year, and a Certificate of the same sent by the Clerk of the Peace of the said County and filed in the Secretary's office.”

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

The sum of 50*l.* for the Road from the New-Settlements in the Parish St. James' through the burnt land to the main Communication in the Parish of St. Stephen.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from the new Settlement at Marshall's to the Main river in the Parish of Saint James' a distance of four Miles.

The sum of 30*l.* for the road from Saint Stephen's to the Ledge in aid of Statute Labour, to replace bridges destroyed by fire.

The sum of 20*l.* for the road from Meadow brook, to Crooker's in the Parish of Saint Stephen's, to rebuild a bridge destroyed by fire.

The sum of 40*l.* for the road leading from Linnekin's to Captain Sullivan's in the Parish of Saint David's to remove rocks and make other improvements.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from the New-Settlement at Turner's in the Parish of Saint David's to communicate with the Fredericton road.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from the New Settlement to Chamcook lake to the Great Road leading from Fredericton to Saint Andrews.

The sum of 65*l.* for the road from the New Settlements upon the Fredericton road at Samuel M'Farlan's to Captain Duncan M'Farlan's in the Parish of Saint Patrick, through the wilderness a distance of ten Miles.

The sum of 50*l.* for the road from Alexander Cameron's on the Western side of Digdeguish river, in the Parish of St. Patrick, to Wellington bridge, through the wilderness a distance of five mile.

The sum of 153*l.* for removing rocks and making further improvements on the road from the new Settlements upon the Fredericton road on the western side of the river Maguaguadavick, through the wilderness to Isaac Young's Farm lot, a distance of eighteen Miles.

The sum of 30*l.* for the road from the new Settlements on the eastern side of Lake Utopia to the Main Communication leading from Saint John to St. Andrews.

The sum of 30*l.* for opening a road from the New-Settlements on the North west side of the Letang river, to the main communication leading from Magaguadavick to the Mascareen Settlements, a distance of five miles through the wilderness.

The sum of 50*l.* for the road from the New Settlements at James Mann's in the Parish of St. George through the wilderness to the Farm Lot lately occupied by John Fitzpatrick, a distance of eight Miles.

The sum of £50 for erecting a bridge over M'Kenzie's Mill stream, in the Parish of St. George, near John Henderson's Farm Lot, the former bridge being destroyed by fire.

“Whereas by a standing order of this House, no money shall be granted to any Parish within this Province for Bye-Roads, which shall neglect to perform the statute labour within the same according to Law: And Whereas by a Resolution of this House of the last Session, the money apportioned to each and every County for Bye-Roads must be reduced in such proportion as the number of Parishes which may neglect to perform their statute Labour, bear to the whole number of Parishes within each and every County respectively: And Whereas the Parishes of West Isles and Campo Bello are inhabited chiefly by Fishermen, who gain a precarious livelihood upon the High Seas, and are so situated as not to require Roads, or the Performance of Statute Labour, and have never been taken into consideration in apportioning money for Bye-Roads in the County of Charlotte.

“Therefore Resolved, That hereafter the said Parishes of Campo Bello and West Isles, shall not be considered as falling under the operation of the said standing order, and the said Resolution of the last Session.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

The sum of £30 for opening and improving the road from New Gallo-way to the South side of Richibucto Harbour, and for building a bridge over Murray's Creek.

The sum of £67 : 10s. for opening and improving the road from Samuel M'Kean's on the south side of Richibucto river to the head of the Tide on said river.

The sum of £37 : 10s. to explore, lay out and open a road from the settlement on the South side of the little river at Bucktouche to the lot-number 10, above Wood's Mills on said river.

The sum of £60 to build a bridge over the little River at Bucktouche Harbour opposite to Peter Robichaux' point.

The sum of £9 : 10s. towards building a bridge over Black Brook.

The sum of £48 : 15s. for the road from Red Bank Cove to Beaubear's Point.

The sum of £48 : 15s. for the road from Caul's Cove to Oxford Cove.

The sum of £97 : 10s. for exploring and opening a road from the Upper Settlement on the South West Branch of Miramichi to the Cardigan Settlement.

The sum of £97 : 10s. for opening and improving a road from Bartabogue to Neguac.

The sum of £25 for exploring and opening a road from the New-Settlement in the rear of New Bandon, to the bridge on the North West arm of Caraqueet river, leading to the Settlement of Caraqueet in the County of Northumberland.

The sum of £30 to be laid out in opening a passage down the bank in three of the most convenient and suitable public places on that range of Capes along the Sea Shore, in the front of the Settlement of New-Bandon; from Porkshaw to Cranberry Cape.

The sum of £40 to be laid out in repairing that part of the road from

Grant's Bridge (Little Nepisiguit) to the Parish line leading towards Saint Peters'.

The sum of £17 : 10s. to open and improve a line of New Road leading from the Shore to the New Settlement forming by John Connell and other Emigrants, in the 2d concession near the Mill tract Little Nepisiguit.

The sum of £20 to open a road to the new Settlement forming in the 2d concession on the north side of the Mill Tract (Little Nepisiguit) leading to the river Negadeau.

The sum of £20 to open a road on the New Settlement forming in the 2d concession on the north side of the Elm tree river in the Parish of Beresford.

The sum of £25 to be laid out on the road from William Ellis's to the Bass river on that line leading from the New Bandon Settlement to St. Peters.

The sum of £17 : 10s. to be laid out in improving the line from Bathurst to the river Pabineau, leading through the Settlement on the big river Nepisiguit.

And Mr. *Smith*, reported, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Black* delivered the following Message:

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"I am directed to inform the House of Assembly, that the Council have agreed to the bill to authorize the Justices of Northumberland, to regulate the grazing and depasturing of certain tracts of Land within that County," and

The bill to authorize the Justices of Northumberland, to levy an assessment to pay off the County debt."

And then Mr. *Black* withdrew.

Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, delivered the following Message:

"NEW-BRUNSWICK.

"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

"17TH FEBRUARY, 1826.

HOWARD DOUGLAS.

"The Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, that although several Plans have been presented to him for a Government-House, yet it has not been practicable to obtain such Estimates of the expence as can be safely relied on, and the Lieutenant-Governor therefore recommends the passing of a Law authorizing Commissioners to be appointed for the purpose, to make Contracts and arrangements for building a House within such limit of expence as the Legislature may think fit; according to such plan as may be hereafter adopted, and the Lieutenant-Governor will endeavour to procure a proper Plan to be adapted, to the amount of Cost so to be limited.

"The Lieutenant-Governor also recommends, that provision should be made for a proper Person to superintend the Work in its progress."

"H. D."

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, by Command of His Excellency, laid before the House a report from the Supervisor of the Great Road from Fredericton to Saint John, by way of the Nerepis, together with plans of the said Road.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to ascertain what proceedings were had on a bill to regulate the Shipment of Grindstones from the Counties of Westmorland

Westmorland, and Northumberland, Reported that they had attended to that duty, and that they found the following entry :---

“ *Council Chamber, 13th February, 1826.*”

“ Read a second time, the bill to regulate the Shipment of Grindstones from the Counties of Westmorland and Northumberland.”

“ On motion, Resolved, that the further consideration of this bill, be put off for three months.”

Mr. *Crane*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the manufactory and Shipment of Grindstones from Westmorland and Northumberland.

Leave granted.

The said bill being brought in, was read a first and second time.

Ordered that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. *Vail*, moved for leave to bring in a bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads, and erecting Bridges, throughout the Province.

Leave granted.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, moved for leave, to bring in a bill further in addition to an Act in amendment of the Laws now in force, for regulating hired Servants.

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. *Slason*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill further to prevent Illicit and Clandestine Trade in this Province

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 1826.

PRAYERS.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, on a bill “ to regulate the Manufactory and Shipment of Grindstones from the Counties of Westmorland and Northumberland.

Mr. *Johnston*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same, under the title of a bill, “ to regulate the Manufactory and Shipment of Grindstones from the County of Westmorland.”

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed, under the title as amended.

A Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the following Message :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am commanded by His Excellency to lay before the House of Assembly the report of the Supervisor of the Great Road leading from Fredericton to the Canada Line, together with Plans of the said Road.”

Read

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill to continue and revise the Revenue Laws of the Province.

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered, that Mr. *McKay*, and Mr. *Johnston*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion Mr. *Johnston* The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill sent down from the Council, for appointing Commissioners to enquire into the losses occasioned by the late destructive Fires in this Province.

Mr. *Crane* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Crane* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered that the report be accepted,

And that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Ritchie*, return the Bill to Council and inform them that the House have concurred in the same.

Ordered, that the bill sent down from the Council, "in further amendment of the Laws for the support and relief of confined Debtors" be referred to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 10 o'Clock.

MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "further to prevent Illicit and Clandestine trade in this Province."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Slason* and Mr. *Dow*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill in addition to and in amendment of the several Acts now in force to provide for Sick and Disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to the Province.

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Ritchie*, and Mr. *J. Wilmot*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, for granting Bounties on Bread Corn raised on New-Land."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Wetmore*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill "to extend the powers of the Firewards in the Parish of Fredericton, and to make further regulations for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen in the said Parish."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Slason*, and Mr. *Dow*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to authorize the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church in the Parish of Saint Stephens, to dispose of a part of a Tract of Glebe Land, in that Parish, and to vest the proceeds in other Lands, more productive to the Incumbent.

Mr. *Wetmore*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wetmore*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill to them referred, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

According to the order of the day, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill in further amendment of the Laws for the support and relief of confined Debtors, sent down from the Council.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments, which he read, and they being again read at the Clerk's Table, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered that the report be accepted,

And further Ordered, that Mr. *Parker*, and Mr. *Johnston*, return the Bill to the Council and inform them that the House have concurred in the same with amendments, and to request the concurrence of the Council thereto.

There being a Meeting of the Central Agricultural and Emigrant Society,

The House adjourned for half an hour.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill "further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered, that Mr. *M. Wilmot*, and Mr. *Wetmore*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, Chairman of the Committee of Trade appointed to take into consideration all matters which may effect the Commercial Interests of this Province, and to report thereon from time to time to the House, submitted the following Report, which he read:---

"That they have received information, that the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs have regulated the Salaries of all the Officers of His Majesty's Customs throughout the Province, and that they have directed an appropriation of so much of the duties to be collected under the Acts of the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, as may be necessary to pay these Salaries; deem it a duty incumbent on them to report this information to the House, with a view that steps may be taken to obtain correct information on a subject of so much importance."

The Report being again read, at the Clerk's Table, was ordered to be accepted.

On motion Mr. *Smith*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill further in addition to and amendment of the Laws now in force for regulating hired Servants.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was Re-

solved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months,

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Mr. *M. Kay*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland in the Town of Saint Andrews, praying to be Incorporated.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered, that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Fraser*, by leave presented a Petition from the Governor and Trustees of the College of New-Brunswick, praying that the sum of £6000 may be granted them in addition to all former grants, for the purpose of enabling the Petitioners to proceed to the making of Contracts for the erection of the building. Accompanying the Petition, are plans and Estimates of the said building, together with a specification of the same: And having read the Petition in his place,

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *M. Kay*, moved for leave, to bring in a bill to incorporate the Minister and Elders of the Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, lately erected in the Town of St. Andrews in the County of Charlotte.

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the Report of the standing Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to make the following Report :

Which he read in his place :---

No. 1. The report and account current of the Commissioners for managing the Provincial Marine Hospital at St. John.

These are satisfactory.

Resolved, that the account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A. The account of the Commissioners for the late Government-House ; which is satisfactory.

B. The Invoice of Messrs. Bainbridge and Brown ; which is satisfactory.

C. Thomas Nisbet's account ; which is satisfactory.

Resolved that this account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

D. This account is satisfactory.

E. Thomas Nisbet's account which appears to be correct.

F. A memorandum of sundry articles supplied for the temporary fitting-up of Government-House, which articles being replaced by others, are now wanted : Resolved that these articles be sold at public Auction by the Commissioners for Government-House.

G. The general account of the Commissioners for Government-House, which is satisfactory : Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee of supply.

H. This account which is satisfactory, is referred to the Committee of Supply.

I. Resolved that this account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

K. Are the accounts of G. K. Lugin : Resolved that these accounts be referred to the Committee of Supply.

L. Resolved that this account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

M. Resolved that this account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

And Mr. *Simonds*, further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

The Report being again read at the Clerk's Table, was ordered to be accepted and leave to sit again granted.

Read as engrossed the Resolutions of Appropriation made and passed the 17th inst.

Ordered that Mr. *Wetmore* and Mr. *Miles*, carry the said Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill, "to regulate the Manufactory and Shipment of Grindstones from the County of Westmorland."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Miles*, moved for leave, to bring in a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury, to levy an assessment to enable them to pay off the County Debt.

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first and second time.

Mr. *McKay*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill for incorporating the Minister and Elders of the Church, in connection, with the Church of Scotland, lately erected in the Town of Saint Andrews in the County of Charlotte.

Which was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill for the division of the County of Northumberland, into three Counties, and to provide for the Government and Representation of the two new Counties.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Shore*, delivered the following Message:

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"I am directed to inform the House of Assembly, that the Council have agreed to the bill "to extend the powers of the Firewards in the Parish of Fredericton, and to make further regulations for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen in the said Parish."

"And likewise to the "bill to repeal all the Laws now in force, for the regulation of Seamen, and to make more effectual provision for that purpose, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House."

And then Mr. *Shore*, withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*, "It having been reported to the House that large Salaries have been granted by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, to the several Officers of the Customs in this Province, which are to be received by them out of the duties collected under the Act of Parliament, passed in the sixth year of His Majesty's Reign intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad.

And

“And it appearing that such appropriation of the duties is not authorized by the said Act, which expressly directs that the produce of the duties shall be paid to the Treasurer, and applied as directed by the local Legislature of the Colony.

“Thereupon Resolved, that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to inform the House whether he has received any official communication from His Majesty’s Ministers on the subject of such Salaries and the mode of payment of the same, with which His Excellency might deem it expedient or proper to acquaint the House.”

Ordered, that Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *C. Simonds*, and Mr. *Fraser*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*, Ordered, that the order of the day for going into Committee of the whole House on a bill to provide for the expences of the Judges holding the Circuit Courts and Courts of Oyer and Terminer in this Province.” be discharged.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o’clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 22d FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *M’Kay*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Members of the Chamber of Commerce at Saint Andrews, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the erection of a Light House on the Westernmost Seal Island, and to provide for the maintenance thereof.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. *Allen*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill to erect the upper part of the County of York, into a distinct and separate County.

Mr. *J. Wilmot* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was moved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three Months.

And upon the question being put thereon, the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS

Mr. SPEAKER,  
Mr. VAIL,  
Mr. C. SIMONDS,  
Mr. R. SIMONDS,  
Mr. SMITH,  
Mr. PARKER,  
Mr. RITCHIE,  
Mr. JOHNSTON,  
Mr. SCOVIL,  
Mr. M’KAY,  
Mr. CAMPBELL,  
Mr. CRANE,

NAYS.

Mr. FRASER,  
Mr. DOW,  
Mr. MUNRO,  
Mr. MILES,  
Mr. PETERS,  
Mr. SLASON,  
Mr. WETMORE,  
Mr. M. WILMOT,  
Mr. SCOTT,  
Mr. ALLEN.

And it was therefore carried in the affirmative.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

A Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the following Message :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am commanded by His Excellency to lay before the House of Assembly returns from the Collectors and Comptrollers of the Ports of St. John and St. Andrews for the last year.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill for incorporating the Minister and Elders of the Church, in connection with the Church of Scotland, lately erected in the Town of Saint Andrews in the County of Charlotte.

Mr. *Allen*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same under the title of a bill “ to incorporate the Minister and Elders of the Church in connection with the Kirk of Scotland, in the Town of St. Andrews.”

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed, under the title as amended.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, Chairman of the Committee, to whom was referred that part of His Excellency's Speech, relative to the better mode of rebuilding the Towns and Villages throughout the Province, reported that they had attended to that duty, and had prepared a bill for that purpose, under the title of “ a bill more effectually to guard against destruction by Fires in the places therein contained,” which he was directed to report.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

The bill as reported by the Committee being handed in at the Clerk's Table, was read a first and second time.

Mr. *Smith*, Chairman of the Committee appointed, to examine, liquidate and report on Public and Private Accounts submitted a further report,

Which he read in his place, :---

N. This is an account of the Commissioners appointed for repairing the Committee Rooms, amounting to £289 : 19 : 3½.

All the different accounts forming the same are correctly stated.

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All the different accounts forming the same are correctly stated.

The Report being again read, at the Clerk's Table, was ordered to be accepted.

On motion of Mr. *Miles*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury, to levy an assessment to enable them to pay off the County Debt.

Mr. *Smith*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

On motion Mr. *Johnston*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to provide for the expences of the Judges holding the Circuit Courts and Courts of Oyer and Terminer in this Province.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was moved as an amendment; That that part of the first section of the said bill which provided for the payment of the Chief Justice and Assistant Judges who shall travel and serve on any of the Circuit Courts or Courts of Oyer and Terminer, at the rate of            per day, for the time in which they shall be employed on such Circuits, be struck out, and the following inserted :---

“ That there be granted to the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this Province, a sum not exceeding            hundred pounds in each year for the purpose of enabling him to defray the necessary expences of the Chief Justice and Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court in holding the Circuit Courts and Courts of Oyer and Terminer now appointed or hereafter to be appointed to be holden in the several Counties of this Province, to be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not specifically appropriated to particular purposes.

And upon the question being put thereon, the Committee divided as follows:

## YEAS

Mr. SPEAKER,  
Mr. C. SIMONDS,  
Mr. R. SIMONDS,  
Mr. PARKER,  
Mr. ALLEN.  
Mr. JOHNSTON,  
Mr. WETMORE,  
Mr. SLASON,  
Mr. M'KAY,  
Mr. MILES,  
Mr. CAMPBELL,  
Mr. CRANE,  
Mr. MUNRO,

## NAYS.

Mr. VAIL,  
Mr. SMITH,  
Mr. SCOTT,  
Mr. M. WILMOT,  
Mr. SCOVIL,  
Mr. J. WILMOT,  
Mr. PETERS,  
Mr. DOW,  
Mr. FRASER,

It was therefore carried in the affirmative.

And upon the question being put for filling up the blank in the said amendment with the sum of £250, the Committee again divided. YEAS, 12. NAYS, 10.

And it was likewise carried in the affirmative :---

And that he was directed further to report, that they had agreed to the bill with amendments, under the title of a bill “ to provide for the expences of the Judges holding the Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer in this Province, and of the Clerk in those Courts.”

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed, under the title as amended.

Mr. *Parker*, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with an Address of the House, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to inform the House whether he had received any Official communication from His Majesty's Ministers, on the subject of the Salaries to the Custom-House Officers in this Province, and the mode of payment of the same.

Reported that they had attended to that duty, and that in answer thereto His Excellency was pleased to say, He had received no official communication from His Majesty's Ministers on the subject.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Smith from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee a number of Resolutions, were made, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved, that there be granted the sum of £30 for opening a new road through the wilderness from Hand's Farm to the salt water landing at the residence of Mr. Cripps, called Woodlands, in the Parish of Pennfield.

The sum of £17 in aid of Statute Labour, for removing rocks, and cutting down a steep hill, on the northern side of James Ash's farm lot on the western side of the river Magaguadavick.

The sum of £60 for the road from the South line of Philo Suiye's farm lot, on the Eastern side of the river Magaguadavick, to the south line of John Rourk's farm lot, through the wilderness, a distance of five miles.

The sum of £90 to explore, open and improve a road from the mouth of Renew's river to the upper settlements on the said river.

And Mr. Smith, further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

On motion of Mr. Slason, the House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment made by the Council, to the bill "to repeal all the Laws now in force, for the regulation of Seamen, and to make more effectual provision for that purpose.

And the amendment being read at the Clerk's Table, is as follows :---

Sec. VIII. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall continue and be in force, until the Thirty-first day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-nine, and no longer.

Resolved that the House do agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, that Mr. J. Welmot, and Mr. Slason, do return the said bill with the amendment to the Council and inform them that the House have concurred therein.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, 23d FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill more effectually to guard against destruction by Fires in the places therein contained.

Mr. Crane took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was Resolved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three Months.

Ordered that the report be accepted,

Read



Read a third time as engrossed, a bill "to Incorporate the Ministers and Elders of the Kirk of Scotland in the Town of Saint Andrews."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *M. Kay*, and Mr. *Campbell*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *J. Wilmot* The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill for the division of the County of Northumberland into three Counties, and to provide for the Government and Representation of the two new Counties.

Mr *J. Wilmot*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Ritchie*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill to authorize the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church in the Parish of Saint Stephens, to dispose of a part of a Tract of Glebe Land, in that Parish, and to vest the proceeds in other Lands, more productive to the Rector.

Mr. *Wetmore* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr *Wetmore*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee a number of Resolutions were made, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again severally read, and agreed to by the House, and are as follow:---

Resolved, that there be granted to James Bennett, Tide Surveyor at the Port of St. John, for his services from the 1st day of February 1825, to the 1st day of February 1826, the sum of £182 : 10.

To Wm. Abrams and Wm. Ball, the sum of £91 : 5s. each for their services as Tide Waiters at the Port of Saint John, from the 1st day of February 1825, to the 1st day of February 1826.

To David W. Jack, Tide Surveyor at the Port of Saint Andrews, for his services from the 1st day of April 1825, to the 1st day of April 1826, the sum of £182 : 10s.

To Wm. Joplin, Esq. Tide Surveyor for the Harbour of Miramichi, for his services, for the year 1825, the sum of £75.

To William Kennedy of St. Stephen in the County of Charlotte, the sum of £25 to assist him in support of himself and family; the said William Kennedy having served his Country faithfully during the Revolutionary War with the United States; and upward of twenty-five years as a Lieutenant and Captain in the Charlotte County Militia, and not being able to earn his livelihood,

livelihood, by reason of his having lost the use of his right hand, and being without any means of support, and otherwise very aged and infirm.

BYE-ROADS.---SUNBURY.

The sum of £50 for improving the road through the new Settlement in the rear of Burton, beginning at the lower line of Kimball's Farm and ending at Edward Burpe's Mill.

The sum of £17 : 10 to be laid out on the road leading from the St. Andrews road, in the New Gary Settlement, to the landing at French Lake.

The sum of £23 : 15 on the road between Calvin Camp's and Partelow's landing at the Rushagoannis.

The sum of £50 for the road between Hart's Mills and Salmon Tracey's, on the North Branch of the Oromocto.

The sum of £33 : 15 for the road between Ezekiel Seeley's and Laurence Mercereau's, on the south branch of the Oromocto.

The sum of £20 for the road from Samuel Upton's to the Queens County Line, £10, part of said sum, to be expended in opening and improving that part of the road joining said County Line.

The sum of £110 for making a causeway and improving the road from Swan Creek leading past Stynex's.

The sum of £70 to be laid out in erecting a bridge across the blind-roughfare in the rear of Sheffield.

The sum of £25 to Robert Reid, Esq. formerly Sheriff of Northumberland, who is now in the 86th year of his age; blind and in very indigent circumstances.

To the Clerk of this House a sum not exceeding £10 to enable him to defray the expence of printing three hundred copies of the Resolution respecting the accounts for Bye-Roads and Bridges; and distributing the same.

The sum of £2000 for the Great Road from Fredericton to the Canada Line. That £800 part of the said sum be expended in improving the Great Road from Fredericton to the Presque Isle; the sum of £400 be expended in erecting a bridge over the Presque Isle Creek, and the remaining £800, part of said sum, be expended in improving the road (opened last year) between the upper side of the Restook River to the Great Falls.

And Mr. Smith, further reported that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

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FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, delivered a Message from His

Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

The House attended accordingly.

And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* Reported, that His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to

A bill for appointing Commissioners to enquire into the losses occasioned by the late destructive Fires in this Province.

Mr. *Smith* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee a number of Resolutions were made, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again severally read, and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved that there be granted to James Brittain, jun. Wm. Belyea, and Jacob Belyea, the sum of £60 to reimburse them for monies advanced to Teachers of Schools in Westfield, who were duly licenced, and who taught Schools agreeably to Law, but who never obtained any part of the money granted for the encouragement of Schools.

To Philip Nase, the sum of £25, for building a bridge over the Great Mill Brook, in the year 1824, the said sum to be paid out of the money granted for the Nerepis Road this present year.

To James Reid, the sum of £23 for building a bridge over Little Mill Brook, in the year 1824, the said sum to be paid out of the money granted for the Nerepis Road this present year.

To the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, the sum of £40 to reimburse the Parish of Portland, for expences actually incurred in supporting Black Refugees, settled in that Parish, in the year 1825.

To the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, the sum of £320 to reimburse the Parish of Portland for expences actually incurred in the year 1823, in supporting distressed Emigrants and Black Refugees.

To the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, the sum of £70 to reimburse the Parish of Portland for expences actually incurred in the year 1824, in support of Black Refugees, located, near Loch Lomond.

To the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, the sum of £50 to reimburse the Parish of Portland, for expences actually incurred in support of distressed Emigrants in the year 1824.

Upon the question for sustaining this Resolution, the Committee divided YEAS, 14. NAYS, 9.

It was therefore carried in the affirmative.

Resolved, that there be granted to the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, the sum of £75 to reimburse the Parish of Portland, for expences actually incurred in the year 1825, in support of distressed Emigrants or Transient Poor.

To Patrick Conolly and Patrick M'Gowan, the sum of £12 : 9 : 3, being a balance due to them for labor performed on the Nerepis Road, in the year 1824, to be paid out of the money granted this Session for the said road.

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To the Overseers of the Poor for the City of Saint John, the sum of £398 to reimburse them, for expences incurred in the support of Transient Poor and distressed Emigrants, within the said City, for the year 1824, and the further sum of £263 : 16 : 7 to reimburse them, for similar expences incurred in 1825.

To Elizabeth Tilton, the sum of £20 to relieve her from her present distressed situation, having been reduced to extreme want, in consequence of the death of her husband, who was killed while apprehending Deserters from his Majesty's service.

To Hugh Craig, a settler on the Great Road leading from Saint John to Saint Andrews, in the wilderness part of the same, the sum of £25 to enable him to continue his present establishment, for the accommodation of persons travelling that road, agreeably to the prayer of his Petition.

Upon the question for sustaining this Resolution, the Committee divided.  
YEAS 11, NAYS 10.

It was therefore carried in the affirmative.

Resolved, that the sum of £5 : 1 : 6 be granted to James Keirstead, jun. to remunerate him, for that sum expended on the Road between Gundola Point, and the French Village, in the year 1825, agreeably to his Petition, to be paid out of the money granted this present Session, for the said road.

To Samuel Buchannan, late Door Keeper of His Majesty's Council, the sum of £25 for the year 1826, in consideration of his advanced age and infirmities.

The sum of £175 to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury, to enable them to pay off the balance due for building a Gaol in said County.

The sum of £200 for improving the new Shepody road, so called, laid out for settling Emigrants, from the head of Hammond river, to Hopewell.

The sum of £100 for improving the road from the New Canaan Settlement to Studhom's Mill stream.

To Richard Armstrong, Esq. the sum of £75 : 6 : 10 for his services as Deputy Treasurer at West Isles, agreeably to the Revenue Law of this Province.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £24 to open a road from the Great Road leading from St. John to Saint Andrews, to the mouth of new River, in the County of Charlotte.

The sum of £50 to the Hon. John Robinson, Province Treasurer, to repay him for the expence of hiring a Clerk during the last year.

And Mr. *Smith*, further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time as engrossed a bill "to provide for the expences of the Judges holding the Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer in this Province, and of the Clerk in those Courts."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Parker*, and Mr. *C. Simonds*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury, to levy an assessment to enable them to pay off the County Debt.

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered, that Mr. *Miles*, and Mr. *Nevers*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed the Resolutions of Appropriation made and passed the 22d and 23d inst.

Ordered that Mr. *Ritchie*, and Mr. *Crane*, carry the said Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill, for the division of the County of Northumberland into three Counties, and to provide for the Government and Representation of the two new Counties.

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Munro* and Mr. *R. Simonds*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed, a bill "to authorize the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church in the Parish of Saint Stephens, to dispose of a part of a Tract of Glebe Land, in that Parish, and to vest the proceeds in other Lands, more productive to the Rector.

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *M'Kay*, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Ritchie*, moved for leave, to bring in a bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue, for the services therein mentioned.

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*, "Resolved, that this House is, deeply sensible of the favour of His Majesty's Government in establishing a College in this Province; the honors and advantages of which so far as can consistently be done, may be attainable without subscription to the Articles of the Church or any other religious tests, this House being satisfied that any such restrictions would not have tended to advance the cause of Religion or the Church; but would have hindered the institution from ever attaining to any eminence or general usefulness; if they did not entirely prevent its first establishment upon any permanent basis; And this House is also duly grateful for the liberality shewn by His Majesty's Government, in the donation of large sums for the erection of a building, and in the promise of further donations for the endowment of the College.

"Resolved, that this House also, entertains a deep and grateful sense of the paternal care and unremitting exertions of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, so strongly evinced in the measures taken by him for obtaining the consent and approval of His Majesty's Government, to the founding a University on such liberal principles and endowments as cannot fail to be of great, general and lasting benefit to this Province.

"Resolved that this House is of opinion, that it is highly expedient and proper that a sufficient sum should be granted out of the public Funds of this Province, to the Governor and Trustees of the College of New-Brunswick to enable them, with the monies already in their hands, or secured for that purpose, to erect a more suitable building for the accommodation of the President, Professors and Students, and the public apartments and offices of the University; And that a further yearly sum should be granted towards the support of the Institution.

"Resolved,

“ Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that in the present state of the Province, the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds will be amply sufficient to enable the Governor and Trustees to erect such suitable building; and that as they have now in hand, Six Thousand Pounds, the remainder should be supplied by the public, payable at such times as may hereafter be directed; and it is the wish of this House, that no time should be lost in erecting the building; and that a plan may be adopted, which can hereafter be conveniently added to in case further accommodation should be found necessary.

“ And further Resolved, that as soon as the College is erected and established, there be included in the annual expences of the Province, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds to be paid to the said Governor and Trustees, (in addition to the sum of £850 already granted.) to go towards the endowment of the said College.”

The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee a number of Resolutions were made, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again severally read, and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

To the Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £100 for the purpose of removing obstructions in the river Leven, in the County of Saint John, leading from the Lower Loch Lomond, to the Bay of Fundy.

To George, Mathew and Peter Duffis, the sum of £14 : 15 : 10 to reimburse them for that amount expended over and above the grant of last year, in building a bridge over Black River, and in improving the Road between Saint John and the Black River Settlement, to be paid from the money granted for that Road this Session.

To Robert Foulis, for his services and expences in Surveying and laying out lots, between Loch Lomond and Black River, for the location of Emigrants, the sum of £56.

Resolved, that there be granted, for the New Road from Phillis' Creek Bridge to the Hanwell Settlement, the sum of £100 towards opening and improving the said Road.

To James Morris, the sum of £25 to assist him in erecting a Hulling-Mill in the Parish of Prince William,

To Thomas Blacklock, the sum of £20 for teaching a School in the Parish of Botsford, in the County of Westmorland, in the year 1820.

To Robert Hamilton, the sum of £20, being the Provincial allowance for teaching a School in the Parish of Lincoln, in the year 1821.

To John and Elizabeth Stewart, the sum of £15 for teaching School in Northumberland, in the year 1814.

To Wm. Roberts the sum of £13 : 15 : 0 being the amount due him, on his account, for Copper furnished to Government-House.

To be granted to Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £50 towards laying out and improving a road to the Emigrant Settlement of Millikan and others from the new Loch Lomond Road.

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of \$500 towards defraying the expences of rebuilding Bridges destroyed by fire, on the 7th October last, in the Parish of Newcastle.

The sum of £100 for opening a Road from the Newcastle Road to the Settlement on Great and Little Bartabogue Rivers.

To Doctor James Petrie, the sum of £100 for Medicine and attendance afforded by him, to the sufferers by the Fire of the 7th October last.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £200 to be expended in draining and repairing the Post Road, leading over the Great Marsh in Sackville in the County of Westmorland, provided that the Proprietors of the said Marsh, do contribute, in labour or otherwise, one third of the expence attending the draining and repairing the said road.

To the Agricultural and Emigrant Society, the sum of \$700 for the promotion of Agriculture throughout the Province.

To Flora M'Rea, widow of the late Captain Alexander M'Rea, of His Majesty's late Royal North Carolina Highlanders, who served in that Regiment during the whole War between the Mother Country, and the present United States of North America, in which service he was severely wounded, and from which wound he never recovered, the sum of £25 to relieve her in her present indigent circumstances.

To Jacob Kollock, the sum of £11 : 17 : 9 being a balance due to him as Supervisor for the Great Road leading from Shediac to Chatham.

And Mr. *Smith*, further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 10 o'Clock.

### MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1826.

#### PRAYERS.

Read as engrossed the Resolutions of Appropriation made and passed the 24th inst.

Ordered that Mr. *Slason*, and Mr. *Wetmore*, carry the said Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *R. Simond* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to make the following Report, which he read in his place :--

N. The account of the Commissioners for fitting up the Committee Rooms, amounting to £289 : 19 : 3½.

Resolved that this Account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

O. The account of the Commissioners for fitting up the Council Chamber, amounting to £142 : 8 : 6.

Resolved that this Account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

And Mr. *Simonds*, further reported that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

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The Report being again read at the Clerk's Table, was ordered to be accepted and leave to sit again granted.

Mr. *Parker*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, to provide for the erection of a House for the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this Province.

Leave granted.

Mr. *Scott*, from the Committee appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council to ascertain what proceedings were had on a bill to regulate the Salmon and Shad Fisheries on the River Petticodiac. Reported that they had attended to that duty, and found the following entry :--

" Council Chamber, 13th February, 1826.

Read a second time, the bill to regulate the Salmon and Shad Fisheries on the River Petticodiac.

On motion, Resolved, that the further consideration of the said bill be put off for three months.

Mr. *Scott*, moved for leave, to bring in a bill for regulating the Salmon and Shad Fisheries, so far as the same may relate to the River Petticodiac in the County of Westmorland.

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in, was read a first and second time.

Ordered that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee a number of Resolutions, were made, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :--

Resolved that there be granted to the Commissioners of the Marine Hospital at the City of St. John, the sum of £422 : 10 : 8 to liquidate the balance due by that Institution.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, a sum not exceeding £50 to enable him to assist a Settler in making an establishment for the accommodation of Travellers on the Great Road between Chatham and Shediak, upon such conditions as His Excellency may think fit.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £5000 for the relief of the Sufferers by the late dreadful Fires throughout the Province.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £1017 : 1 : 2 to enable His Excellency to defray the several accounts of the Commissioners for the repairs and fitting up of the late Government-House, and for the fitting up of the House of Henry Smith, Esq. as a temporary residence for His Excellency, agreeably to the accounts of the Commissioners.

To George K. Lugin, the sum of £109 : 0 : 8 being a balance due to him for printing the Journals of the House of Assembly and the Laws of the Province, for the year 1825.

That the sum of £225 granted for a bridge across the North river in the year



year 1825, be re appropriated and granted to be laid out on the road leading from Butternut Ridge to the said North River.

Resolved that the Resolution of the last Session for £200 a year for five years, for the purpose of procuring a residence for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in the City of Saint John be rescinded; and that a sum not exceeding £250 per annum for four years, be granted to the Commissioners for procuring a suitable residence for His Excellency in the said City of St. John or its vicinity.

To the Secretary of the Province, the sum of £152 : 15 for issuing 614 Warrants on the Treasury, between 15th February 1825 and February 1826.

To the Secretary of the Province, the sum of £75 to defray the expence of making and issuing all Warrants which may be required for the payment of Monies granted at this or any previous Session of the Legislature,---and that the Secretary shall issue such Warrants without any further charge whatever.

To the Secretary of the Province, the sum of £21 : 9 : 4 the amount of two accounts for Stationary for the use of His Majesty's Council.

To the Commissioners of the Revenue Cutter Elizabeth the sum of £1607 : 10 : 5 being a balance due them on the 31st Dec. 1825, as per their account.

To George K. Lugin, the sum of £80 for printing the daily Journals of the Assembly.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the sum of £ for the purpose of paying a Missionary to the Indians, provided that the said Missionary be recommended by the Catholic Bishop of Quebec, and approved of by the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province.

On the question for sustaining the Resolution, the Committee divided as follow :

YEAS  
 Mr. SPEAKER,  
 Mr. FRASER,  
 Mr. MUNRO,  
 Mr. NEVERS.  
 Mr. CAMPBELL,  
 Mr. M'KAY,  
 Mr. J. WILMOT,  
 Mr. SCOVIL,  
 Mr. JOHNSTON,  
 Mr. ALLEN.

NAYS.  
 Mr. DOW,  
 Mr. CRANE,  
 Mr. MILES,  
 Mr. W. PETERS,  
 Mr. SLASON,  
 Mr. WETMORE,  
 Mr. M. WILMOT,  
 Mr. SCOTT,  
 Mr. RITCHIE,  
 Mr. R. SIMONDS,  
 Mr. C. SIMONDS,  
 Mr. VAIL,

And it was therefore carried in the negative.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a sum not exceeding £200 for the purpose of assisting aged and distressed Indians in the different Counties in this Province.

That there be paid out of the sum appropriated this Session, for the Great Road between Fredericton and Saint John, the sum of £14 : 19 : 0 to John Sterritt. The sum of £2 : 2 : 8 to Timothy Sullivan, and the sum of £1 : 6 : 0 to Thomas Brimar, being the balance due to them for labour performed in the year 1824, on the Nerepis Road.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a sum not exceeding £50 to be applied and expended by him for the encouragement and promotion of Sunday Schools in this Province.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a sum not exceeding £50 for exploring and opening a Road from Hopewell in the County of Westmorland to the Kennebecasis river in Kings County.

That the sum of £100 be granted to Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency, to be laid out in clearing obstructions in the stream leading from Hart's Mills, to the Great Lake, being a distance of 30 miles on the Oromocto, if His Excellency shall deem it expedient to expend this sum for the said purpose.

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, the sum of £50 in aid of individual subscription, to defray the expence of a Courier, to be employed between the Town of Bathurst and the River Restigouch.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the purpose of employing a suitable person to remove windfalls out of the Great Road leading from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, the sum of £20; no money being granted for the improvement of that Road, this Session.

To the Governor and Trustees of the Madras Schools in New-Brunswick, the sum of £700 towards the support of that Institution throughout the Province, such part of the said sum as may be necessary for that purpose, to be appropriated to the support of a School for children of colour in the City of Saint John, and a sum not exceeding £100, part of the said sum, to be appropriated for a similar School in Fredericton.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £50 toward defraying the expence of Printing the Laws of the present Session, and a further sum not exceeding £100 toward defraying the expence of Printing the Journals of the present Session.

And Mr. *Smith*, further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, delivered the following Message:

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1826.

HOWARD DOUGLAS.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor submits to the consideration of the House, an application of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and recommends to the House to make Provision for the service therein mentioned.” “ H. D.”

Mr. *Parker*, pursuant to leave brought in a bill, to provide for the erection of a House for the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this Province.

Which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Baillie* delivered the following Message:

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to a bill

bill " further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly :

And a bill in addition to and amendment of " An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province," with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

I am likewise directed to inform this House that the Council have agreed to the bill, " in addition to and in amendment of the Acts to provide for Sick and Disabled Seamen,"

A bill " to regulate the Manufacturing and Shipment of Grindstones from the County of Westmorland."---And

A bill " to prevent Illicit and Clandestine Trade,"---

And likewise to the amendments to the bill " in further amendment of the Laws for the support and relief of confined Debtor."

And then Mr. *Baillie* withdrew.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

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TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. *Vaill*, the House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council, to the bill in addition to, and amendment of an Act " for regulating laying out and repairing Highways and Roads and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

The amendments being read at the Clerk's Table, and the question put thereon, they were not concurred in by the House.

Mr. *Vaill*, moved for leave, to bring in a bill " in amendment of an Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Scott*, The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the bill " further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly."

The amendments being read at the Clerk's Table, and the question put for passing the same, they were not concurred in by the House.

According to the order of the day, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill for regulating the Salmon and Shad Fisheries, so far as the same may relate to the River Petticodiac in the County of Westmorland.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill as amended engrossed.

According to the order of the day, The House went into Committee of the whole on a bill " to provide for the erection of a House for the residence of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this Province,"

Mr.

Mr. *Crane* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Message from His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the following Messages :---

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1826.

“ HOWARD DOUGLAS,

“ The Lieutenant-Governor directs to be laid before the House, a Copy of a Dispatch from His Excellency Sir JAMES KEMPT, by which the House will perceive that although private contributions had fully defrayed the expences incurred in Nova Scotia, for the relief of the sufferers here ; yet the Legislature of that Province have generously appropriated the sum of One Thousand Pounds, which had been pledged by His Excellency for that purpose, and the same has been accordingly placed at the Lieutenant-Governor's disposal.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor also informs the House, that a similar sum has in like manner been appropriated by the Legislature of Upper Canada, which sum has been remitted here, although the official information has not yet been received.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor also communicates, for the information of the House, an Account of expences incurred in Quebec, for the relief of the sufferers at Miramichi : And he relies on the House redeeming the pledge given on the part of this Government, and appropriating the sum of Six Thousand Pounds ; to be applied either in aid of the General Fund, or to repay any part of the expences incurred at Quebec, that may hereafter be required.”

“ H. D.”

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

“ 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1826.

“ HOWARD DOUGLAS.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor communicates to the House of Assembly the Copy of a Dispatch from the Right Honorable Earl BATHURST, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, on the subject of Establishing the British Metallic Currency as a circulating medium in this Province ; and also a Report of the Officers of His Majesty's Customs at Saint John, with an opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General thereon : And as it appears to be necessary, in order to carry into effect the objects desired by His Majesty's Government, to repeal certain Acts of the Colonial Legislature, or to make some other Legislative Provision, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends this subject to the consideration of the House.”

“ H. D.”

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, by Command of His Excellency, laid before the House, a Report of the Chamber of Commerce of Saint John.

Read as engrossed the Resolutions of Appropriation made and passed the 25<sup>th</sup> inst.

Ordered

Ordered that Mr. *Wetmore*, and Mr. *Slason*, carry the said Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Vanl.* pursuant to leave, brought in a bill in amendment of An Act, "for regulating laying out and repairing Highways and Roads and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes within this Province."

Which was read a first and second time.

Ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the several Messages received from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr *J. Wilmot*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee, to report the following Resolutions,

Which he read in his place :--

"Resolved that the two Messages of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the 27th instant, relative to alterations to be made in the Supreme Court Room, and for the providing payment of the expences incurred at Quebec, for the relief of the sufferers at Miramichi, be referred to the Committee of Supply."

"Resolved that the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of this day, on the subject of establishing the British Metallic Currency as a circulating medium in this Province, be referred to the Committee of Trade to Report thereon to this House by bill or otherwise."

The Resolutions being again read, at the Clerk's Table, were agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, Resolved unanimously, that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would be pleased to convey to their Excellencies the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova Scotia and of Upper Canada, the grateful sence which this House entertain of the benevolence of the respective Legislatures of those Provinces so nobly evinced in the munificent Grants made by them, for the relief of the Sufferers by the late destructive Fires in this Province.

Ordered that Mr. *R. Simonds* Mr. *M. Kay*, and Mr. *Fraser*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency.

On motion of Mr. *Parker*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill "to provide for the erection of a House for the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this Province."

Mr. *Crane*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into further consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of a bill "to provide for the rebuilding of Government-House."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

According to the order of the day, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill "in amendment of an Act for regulating laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes within this Province."

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill, "to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County Northumberland, to levy an assessment for the building a Court-House and Gaol in the said County."

Mr. *Crane*, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker*, resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was Resolved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered that the report be accepted,

On motion Mr. *C. Simonds*. The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill "to protect and prevent the decline of the Commerce of the Province."

Mr. *R. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was Resolved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, Resolved, that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to inform the House whether he has received any communications from the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at the Port of Saint John, on the subject of the appropriation of any part of the duties collected under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, to pay the Salaries of the several Officers of the Customs in this Province, and also to pray that His Excellency will be pleased to send a Copy of such Communication, if any has been received, for the information of this House.

Ordered that Mr. *R. Simonds*, Mr. *Slason* and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency.

Mr. *Parker*, from the Committee appointed to join the Committee of Council, to prepare an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Boundary Line, between this Province and the United States of America; Reported a draft of the joint Address, which being read at the Clerk's Table, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :---

*To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,*  
The joint Address of Your Majesty's Council and House of Assembly of the  
Province of New-Brunswick in General Assembly,  
*Most Humbly sheweth,*

66 **T**HAT the Council and House of Assembly view with great surprise and concern the recent attempts made by the Governments of Massachusetts and Maine to disturb the possession of your Majesty, and the jurisdiction of this Province in a Tract of Country on the Saint John and Madawaska Rivers.

“ They beg leave humbly to represent to your Majesty that the Inhabitants of this Tract of Country, so far as it is settled, are, with the exception of a few Persons, who have lately become Settlers, French Acadians, and their descendants, the first of whom removed thither from the lower parts of the Country, soon after the Treaty of 1783, and the immediately subsequent erection of this Province, under the full faith that they were planting themselves upon British Territory. That grants of their lands were at the beginning of the settlement made to the Settlers under the Great Seal of this Province. That Militia Companies were organized in this Settlement by General CARLETON, the first Governor of this Province, at so early a period as the year 1786. That Magistrates and Parish Officers have been from time to time appointed there under the laws and institutions of this Province, and the Process of your Majesty's Courts in this Province has uniformly run thither. That the Inhabitants vote at Elections for the County of York in this Province, and that all the powers of Sovereignty and jurisdiction have in fact been exercised by the constituted authorities of this Province, throughout the whole of this Tract of Country bordering on the Saint John and Madawaska Rivers, in the same manner as in any other part of the Province without question or disturbance quite up to the period of the Treaty of Ghent in the year 1814, and from thence until the recent attempts at interference which it is the present object of the Council and House of Assembly to represent to your Majesty.

“ It is well known that this Tract of Country is included in a claim to a much larger extent made by the Government of the United States, before the Commission that was established under the fifth article of the Treaty of Ghent, for settling the Boundary in this quarter, and was also claimed on the part of your Majesty, before the same Commission as belonging to your Majesty. It would be out of place on the present occasion to enter upon the grounds upon which the claim on the part of your Majesty may be supported, but as in some official documents which have emanated from the Governments of Maine and Massachusetts, it seems to be held out that your Majesty is claiming a part of the Territory of those States, to the cession of which their consent must be obtained, it is proper to remark that the question of right between the two Governments must be determined by the Provisions of the Treaty of 1783, which prescribes the line of demarcation, and that if what your Majesty claims as your just and undoubted right according to the true construction of that Treaty be finally confirmed, the Tract of Country now in question does not and never did *de jure* form a part of Massachusetts or of Maine, as *de facto* it is not and never has been in the possession or under the jurisdiction of either of those States.

“ The Council and House of Assembly conceive that upon every principle of Justice, and from a due regard to the friendly understanding happily subsisting

sisting between the two new Countries, the possession and actual exercise of jurisdiction, which existed at the time of making the Treaty of Ghent, the instrument which provided for a decision of any conflicting claims between the two nations in this quarter, should have remained sacred and inviolate until that decision may take place. The Government of this Province has done no more than to exercise the ordinary powers of Sovereignty and jurisdiction, to which it succeeded on the first erection of the Province in the year 1784, and to which it has ever since been accustomed, and it was in this ordinary exercise of those powers that the Licences to cut Pine Timber, which have been so much complained of by the Governments of Maine and Massachusetts were issued---upon these complaints being conveyed to your Majesty by the General Government of the United States, your Majesty's Government with that spirit of conciliation towards the United States which it has uniformly exhibited, directed the Government of this Province to abstain from granting Licences to cut Timber on the Territory claimed by that power. This disposition to remove grounds of complaint, and prevent causes of collision, having been thus evinced by your Majesty, the Council and House of Assembly feel themselves imperatively called upon to represent to your Majesty the doings of Public Agents of the Governments of the United States, and of the States of Maine and Massachusetts of late years within this Territory, thus being in the actual possession and under the jurisdiction and Laws of this Province.

“ In the year 1820 the Marshal of the District of Maine professing to Act under a Law of the United States commissioned an assistant to go into the above mentioned French Settlement commonly known by the name of the Madawaska Settlement, and there take an enumeration of the Inhabitants, as being within the said Distrit. This enumeration was accordingly made, and the Inhabitants of this Settlement included in the public returns, as Citizens of the United States, and part of the Inhabitants of Maine.

“ In the year 1821 a Senator of the State of Maine, professing to act as an Agent of the Government of that State, came into this Province, and seized and marked a quantity of Pine Timber, lying in the River St. John, within our acknowledged Boundaries, far below the Line claimed by the United States, as having been cut on the River Restook, in the Territory of the United States; (the place where this Timber was alledged to have been cut, being part of the Territory in dispute between the two Governments,) and induced the persons who had this Timber in possession to give obligations for paying certain sums of money therefor to the Government of Maine.

“ In the last year, 1825, the Governments of the States of Massachusetts and Maine, appear deliberately to have adopted measures to subvert your Majesty's actual possession and jurisdiction, in all that part of the Territory claimed by the United States, which lies on the Saint John and Madawaska Rivers. By resolves of the Ligislatures of those States, which have been published to the world, Land Agents were authorized to convey to the Settlers in this Territory, by Good and sufficient Deeds, one hundred Acres each, of the Land by them possessed, to include their improvements on their respective Lots, for a certain sum to be paid for the use of the said States. These Settlers, let it be remembered, are your Majesty's subjects, the Lands thus by them possessed, are held by Grants from the Crown, and these Lands and the Inhabitants upon them, whose number now exceeds fifteen hundred souls, have been under your Majesty's protection



protection and Sovereignty, and been governed in quiet by the Laws of this Province for the last forty years. The Land Agents of the States above mentioned, appear by their own shewing, in a Report which has also been published to the world, to have zealously executed their Commission.--- Early in the month of October last, they proceeded to the Settlement in question, commenced surveying the Settlers Lots, to several of whom they made deeds in conformity to the above mentioned Resolves of the Legislatures of the two States, and finding there was not then time to complete their Surveys, deemed it sufficient to make a few deeds, and then post up Notices of the disposition of the State towards the Settlers, at the Catholic Church, and at the Grist Mills in the before mentioned Settlement, of your Majesty's subjects at Madawaska, now under the jurisdiction and Laws of this Province. They acknowledged having been informed, that the Permits from the Government of this Province to cut Pine Timber, for the approaching winter had been withdrawn, and reciprocate this Act of moderation and forbearance on the part of your Majesty's Government, by appointing an Agent at Madawaska, and another at the Restook, with power to grant permits to cut Pine Timber, on the same disputed Territory, which they affect to consider their own soil, and upon which your Majesty has desisted from exercising this accustomed right of Sovereignty while the question of Boundary remains undecided, at the express instance of the Government of the United States. They make what they call domiciliary visits to many of the Settlers, to whom they explain the objects of their visit to the Country, whom they state to have expressed great delight at the prospect of being received into the family of Maine, to have little confidence in the value of their Grants, and to have made application to the Legislatures of those States for obtaining deeds of all the Lands they have in possession, these Agents being authorized to convey only one hundred acres to each Settler,---not contented with these measures in the disputed Territory, they proceed down the River Saint John, into the acknowledged and unquestioned Territory of your Majesty, and there sound the dispositions of your Majesty's subjects, to become Citizens of the United States, upon a Scheme of exchange of Territory which they profess to set forth, and they report to the Governments under which they Act, that the greater part of these Inhabitants would be well pleased with the exchange.--- On their return to their own Country, they recommended to the Governor of the State of Maine, and state it to have been approved of by him, that two Justices of the Peace be commissioned, that a Deputy Sheriff or Constable be appointed, that one or more Military districts be formed at Madawaska, and at a suitable time be so organized that they may have a Representative in the Legislature of Maine, that authority be granted to sell to the Madawaska Settlers, the Land they have in possession more than one hundred Acres, for a reasonable consideration, and that a bushed winter road be cut from the head waters of the Penobscot, in a direction near the head of the Restook, and continued to Madawaska or Fish River, the Tract of Country through which this proposed road is to pass, being also a part of the disputed Territory before referred to.

"All this appears by a document published in the American Newspapers, purporting to be the official "Report, of the Agent of the Land Office" of Massachusetts, and dated "Land Office, Boston, November 10th 1825."

"It might have been added, because it is a well known fact, which has been verified on oath, that these Agents also endeavoured to persuade the Inhabitants

habitants of Madawaska not to attend a Militia training then about to be held under the Laws of the Province, and offered to some of them if they would not attend, to pay any fines that might be recovered against them for their delinquency. This attempt however was unavailing, for the General Training, was held on the 4th of October last, in the Settlement of Madawaska, and upwards of three hundred men under forty-five years of age, were present at it: And the Council and Assembly are well persuaded, that all the other attempts of these Land Agents to seduce your Majesty's subjects in this quarter, from their allegiance, and to shake their faith in their titles to their Lands, and in your Majesty's support and protection, were equally ineffectual.

“ Nevertheless the Council and House of Assembly cannot view these proceedings of the Governments of the States of Massachusetts and Maine and of their authorized Agents without great regret and alarm. They cannot reconcile them to those principles of moderation and equity, which have induced the two Nations of late years so often to refer their differences, as well with regard to disputed points of Boundary, as to other matters of high import, to tribunals of their own selection for amicable adjustment, nor to that spirit of courtesy and conciliation which ought always to subsist between friendly powers.

“ Had any Peace Officers of this Province detected these Land Agents in the course of the proceedings above detailed, it would have been their unquestionable duty to have secured their persons, and to have brought them before the proper municipal Tribunal in this Province, for an infraction of your Majesty's Sovereignty in places under its actual exercise. For although your Majesty has thought proper to abstain from granting Licences to your Subjects to cut Timber on the wilderness Lands claimed by the United States, the Council and House of Assembly have not understood that your Majesty has abandoned or means to abandon, under present circumstances, any rights of practical Sovereignty which your Majesty has been accustomed to exercise in any parts of the disputed Territory, which have been, and now are in fact occupied and held as British Settlements, and under your Majesty's jurisdiction. In consequence of a remonstrance made by the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province to your Majesty's Minister at Washington, and by him conveyed to the Government of the United States, the Legislature of Massachusetts appears to have suspended the execution of the Resolves above mentioned, until their Session in the month of June next.--- But should these Resolves, or the additional measures recommended by the Land Agents of the two States, be attempted to be put in force while the question of Boundary remains unsettled; it may be confidently asserted that the Government of this Province, will not tamely surrender the Sovereignty which has been uniformly exercised in the Territory in question, and the most unpleasant collisions may be expected to ensue.

“ While the Council and House of Assembly deeply feel the importance of a speedy settlement of this disputed Boundary, they can by no means accede to the propositions for an adjustment made by the Land Agents of the States of Massachusetts and Maine, in the report above alluded to in what they term an exchange of Territory, by leaving to your Majesty all the Lands lying North Eastern of the Rivers Saint John and Madawaska, and taking for the United States a portion of Territory, on the west side of the River Saint John as far down as Eel River, far below the line now claimed

ed by the United States. This would be to vary both the Line and the principle of Boundary in this quarter as designated in the Treaty of 1783. There is moreover engrafted on this proposition a right to the free Navigation and use of the River Saint John to its mouth, and such a compromise it is stated would be for the mutual advantage of the two Nations.

“ The Council and House of Assembly humbly conceive that the inconveniences and disadvantages to your Majesty’s Interests of a River Boundary have been already so much experienced in other parts of your Majesty’s North American Dominions, as to render it altogether inexpedient to adopt such a Boundary in this quarter especially if the consequence is to be that a Foreign nation is to have a free right of navigation of a Great River lying altogether within your Majesty’s Territories for a distance of near two hundred miles down to its mouth in the Bay of Fundy, and to a coast navigation from thence along your Majesty’s Territories for a distance of sixty miles further until it meets its own sea board. The facilities for illicit traffic, the exposure of frontier in a Military view, and the control of the communications between your Majesty’s Provinces, which such an arrangement would afford to a Foreign power are in addition to the relinquishment of a large portion of very valuable Territory, most cogent reasons against adopting it. The Council and House of Assembly on the contrary entertain the most sanguine hope, that your Majesty’s Government will maintain the true principle on which the description of Boundary in this quarter in the Treaty of 1783 was founded, namely, to leave within the Territories of the respective powers, the whole course of those Great Rivers, quite up to their sources, which have their mouths within the same Territories. This is a principle in full accordance with that spirit of reciprocal advantage and mutual convenience, which was the declared object of the provincial articles of Peace afterwards framed into the Treaty of 1783, which will make the line of Boundary to be a substantial separation between the two distinct nations, will prevent that constant contact between their respective subjects that inevitably leads to dissension and difficulty, and will tend more than any one circumstance that can be named to preserve the integrity of your Majesty’s remaining North American Dominions.

“ The Council and House of Assembly beg leave with great humility to lay this representation at the foot of the Throne. They cherish with undiminished confidence the persuasion that your Majesty will continue to bestow that gracious attention and regard to the rights and interests of your North American Dominions for which they have hitherto had so much reason to be grateful.”

Ordered that Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Fraser*, be a Committee to inform the Council of the House having agreed thereto.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, Chairman of the Committee of Trade, to whom was referred to report on the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, respecting the Metallic Currency of this Province; submitted the following Report:—

“ It appears to this Committee, that it would be a very desirable object, to exchange the Foreign Coin now in circulation, for British Gold and Silver money, provided the same can be done without materially effecting existing Debts and Contracts.

“ That the Committee are of opinion, that such measures should be

adopted

adopted as would effect this change gradually; and that it might well be done by giving a small additional value to the British Silver.

"That the Spanish Dollar being the principal Coin in circulation, has been fixed upon as a standard, by His Majesty's Government; and the order in Council has declared the value of British Silver as compared with the Dollar; but unfortunately this order gives an over-value to the British Silver to the Amount of nearly six and one half per cent.

"That the real comparative value between the Spanish Dollar and British Crown, as found by calculating the quantity of pure Silver in each will be nearly as follows;---

"Taking the Dollars at 5s. the Crown should be 5s : 5½; or if the Dollar is valued at 4s. : 4d. the Crown should not be called more than 4s : 8½; but the order in Council, fixing the value of the Dollar at 4s : 4d declares the Crown shall pass current at 5s.

"If this Order were to be in force, it would have a very injurious tendency either by immediately driving all Foreign Coin out of the Country, or by raising it to a higher rate, in fact, than the order has given it; were the former to take place, we might be left almost without a circulation medium; and if the latter, certainly no good would be produced.

"The Acts of Assembly which were passed in the years 1786 and 1818 and confirmed by His Majesty in Council, seem to this Committee to affix the proper comparative values between these Coins. By these Acts the Dollar is rated at 5s. and the Crown at 5s : 6d, this as will be observed actually over-rates the Crown about three farthings, and the Committee are of opinion, that this will be a sufficient preference to effect the object desired by His Majesty's Government, as soon as sufficient British Silver is introduced into circulation; particularly as Spanish Dollars almost always command a Premium in the United States; and few or none are now coined.

"That a great part of the British Silver, as soon as it is issued from the Commissariat instead of getting into circulation, is bought up and sent back to Great Britain; and this practice will certainly continue so long as the Premium on Government Bills, is kept up to 3 per cent; for the Coin can be remitted at an expence not exceeding 2 per cent.

"That the Committee are farther of opinion that as the Act raising the Dollar to 5s : 4d has given it a much greater value, than it ought to bear as compared with British Silver, it will now be expedient to repeal this Act, but as many Debts have been incurred and Contracts entered into, on the supposition that the Dollar might be paid at the increased value; it will be proper and expedient, that for all Debts and Contracts made previous to the passing of this Act, payments may be made within one year in the Coins specified in the Act of 1820, at the value there set upon them."

And the Committee further report they have prepared a bill for those purposes under the title of a bill to repeal an Act intituled "An Act to alter and in addition to an Act intituled "An Act for establishing a Tender on all payments to be made in this Province," and declaring in what manner certain past debts may be paid.

The Report being handed in at the Clerk's Table, and there read, was ordered to be accepted, and the bill reported by the Committee being brought in, was read a first and second time,---and

On motion of Mr. Parker, Ordered, that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address of this House of yesterday, reported that they had performed that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would take the earliest opportunity of conveying to their Excellencies the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova Scotia and of Upper Canada, the sentiments of the House as contained in that Address.

Read a third time as engrossed a bill, for regulating the Salmon and Shad Fisheries, so far as the same may relate to the River Pettitcodiac in the County of Westmorland.

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Scott* and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time as engrossed a bill "to provide for the rebuilding of Government-House."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Parker*, and Mr. *M'Kay*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, from the Committee appointed to present the Address of this day to His Excellency, on the subject of the appropriation of duties collected under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, to pay the Salaries of the several Custom Officers in the Province, reported that they had attended to that duty, and His Excellency was pleased to hand several papers received from the Collector and Comptroller at Saint John on this subject, for the information of this House.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, Resolved unanimously, that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Excellency for the active measures he had taken to promote the establishment of a Light-House, on Saint Paul's Island.

And further Resolved, that it is the unanimous opinion of this House, that such an establishment is absolutely necessary for the safety of Vessels sailing into or out of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence: That the said Island is the proper site on which to erect it, and that this House will provide that proportion which it is equitable that this Province should bear towards the support thereof; provided similar provision be made by the respective Governments of Canada and of Prince Edward Island.

Ordered, that Mr. *R. Simonds*, Mr. *Allen*, and Mr. *Wetmore*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

THURSDAY, 2d MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill "in amendment of an Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Townsand Parishes within this Province."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Vail* and Mr. *Crane*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed the Resolutions of Appropriation made and passed the 27th ult.

Ordered.

Ordered that Mr. *Welmore*, and Mr. *Slason*, carry the said Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to repeal an Act intituled, An Act to alter and in addition to an Act, intituled "An Act for establishing a Tender in all payments to be made in this Province, and declaring in what manner certain past debts may be paid."

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill to repeal an Act intituled "An Act to alter and in addition to an Act, intituled an Act for establishing a Tender in all payments to be made in this Province, and declaring in what manner, certain past debts may be paid."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Parker*, and Mr. *Johnston*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Shore*, delivered the following Message:

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill for granting Bounties on Bread Corn raised on new Land; with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House."

And then Mr. *Shore* withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the said amendments, and upon the question being put for passing the same, they were not concurred in by the House:

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

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FRIDAY, 3d MARCH, 1825.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, Chairman of the Committee of Trade, to whom was referred the communication respecting a projected Canal to unite the waters of the Bay of Fundy with those of the Gulf of St. Lawrence; submitted the following Report, which he read:

"The Committee, as far as they are informed, cannot doubt but important commercial advantages would be gained by opening a Canal from the Bay of Fundy to the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and if the Finances of the Province were equal to the accomplishment of such a work, the commencement ought not to be delayed; but calculating upon the estimates made by Mr. Hall, which in the opinion of the Committee, are much too low, the Revenues of the Province are at present by no means adequate to such expensive works, which, if undertaken, would for many years embarrass the financial concerns of the Province; by heavy debts, which would necessarily be incurred, and would put it out of the power of the Legislature to provide for objects of more immediate necessity. For these reasons, the Committee can-

not, however desirable it may be to open such Canal, recommend at this time, any application of the Public money for such expensive undertaking, but they indulge the hope, that the time is not far distant, when it can be done without inconvenience.

The Report being again read at the Clerk's Table was ordered to be accepted."

Mr. *Crane* moved for leave to bring a bill "for granting Bounties on Grain raised on New Land."

And upon the question being put, for granting leave, the House divided as follows :

| YEAS.          | NAYS.           |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. VAIL,      | Mr. R. SIMONDS, |
| Mr. PETERS,    | Mr. RITCHIE,    |
| Mr. SMITH,     | Mr. JOHNSTON,   |
| Mr. NEVERS,    | Mr. PARKER,     |
| Mr. SCOTT,     | Mr. C. SIMONDS, |
| Mr. M. WILMOT, | Mr. MILES,      |
| Mr. SCOVIL,    | Mr. CAMPBELL,   |
| Mr. WETMORE,   | Mr. FRASER,     |
| Mr. SLASON,    | Mr. CLARKE,     |
| Mr. J. WILMOT, | Mr. M'KAY,      |
| Mr. CRANE,     |                 |
| Mr. DOW,       |                 |

It was therefore carried in the affirmative.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first and second time.

And on motion of Mr. *Crane*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Black* delivered the following Message :

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the several Resolutions of Appropriation sent up by the Assembly dated the 9, 13, 17, 22, 23, and 24 of February, excepting the following dated 24th February, namely,

That granting fifty pounds to reimburse the Parish of Portland for expences incurred in support of distressed Emigrants in the year 1824.

That granting seventy-five pounds to reimburse the same Parish for expences incurred in the year 1825 in support of distressed Emigrants and Transient Poor.

That granting to the Overseers of the Poor of the City of St. John, three hundred and ninety-eight pounds, to reimburse them for expences incurred in the support of Transient Poor and distressed Emigrants for the year 1824; and the further sum of two hundred and sixty three pounds sixteen shillings and seven-pence, to reimburse them for similar expences incurred in the year 1825.

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And that granting to the Justices for the County of Sunbury one hundred and seventy-five pounds, to enable them to pay off the balance due for building a Goal, which are not agreed to.

And I am likewise directed to inform this House that the Council have passed the following Resolution:

“Resolved that the Council cannot concur in the appropriation of one hundred and seventy-five pounds to the Justices of the Peace of the County of Sunbury to enable them to pay off the balance due for building a Gaol in said County, until it shall be made to appear by satisfactory documents, that the Contracts for building the said Gaol have been faithfully performed.”

And then Mr. *Black* withdrew.

Mr. *Smith*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill “to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue to provide for the Ordinary Services of the Province.”

Which was read a first and second time.

And on motion of Mr. *Smith*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Johnston* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

Mr. *Smith* Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine, liquidate and report on public and private Accounts, submitted a further report, which he read in his place, viz:---

P. This is an account of Thomas Nisbet, for repairs on Government-House, amounting to £80: 5: 3.

In this Account there is a charge for interest of £4: 6: 9.

Accompanying the above is a Report of the Commissioners, stating that Mr. Nisbet has not received payment.

Q. This is the Account of C. P. Wetmore, Esq. Clerk of the House, for contingent expences of the present Session, amounting to £329: 5: 2.....

This Account is satisfactory, being accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

The Report being again read at the Clerk's Table, was ordered to be accepted.

And on motion of Mr. *Vaill*,

The House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said Report.

Mr. *R. Simond* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to make the following Report, which he read in his place:---

P. An Account of Thomas Nisbet. Resolved, that the charge of £4: 6: 9 interest, is not admissible, and that the balance of the Account, after deducting said charge, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Q. The account of C. P. Wetmore, Esq. Clerk of the House, for contingent expences.

Resolved, that this Account be referred to the Committee, of Supply.

The report being again read at the Clerk's Table, was ordered to be accepted.



On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee a number of Resolutions, were made, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved that there be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £260 per annum, for two years, to enable His Excellency to pay the rent of the two Houses he now occupies in Fredericton.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief the sum of £100, to enable the Commissioners to keep the out buildings and Fenees attached to the late Government-House in repair.

To Richard Simonds, Esq. the sum of £100 for His services in adjusting claims of Persons to whom balances were due for labour performed on the Nerepis Road in 1824, and for his services in exploring and marking out the line of the said Road last year ; to be paid out of the money granted for that Road.

That the sum of £50 granted last year for opening and improving a road from Captain Bull's Creek to a new Settlement in the rear, in the Parish of Woodstock, be re-appropriated and applied to the purpose of opening and improving a road from the Church in the said Parish, to a new Settlement in the rear.

That there be granted for repairing the road from Robert Scott's to Benjamin Lownsbury's, the sum of £10.

That the sum of £100 be granted to the Trustees of the Grammar School in the County of Sunbury, to assist and enable them to repair and finish the School-House:

That the sum of £113 : 10 being the one third part of certain appropriations made in 1816 for Bye-Roads and Bridges in Northumberland, and which sum was re-appropriated in 1822 for the road from Bartabogue to Tabusintack, shall be expended on the said last mentioned road, under the direction of the Commissioners to be appointed for the Road from Bartabogue to Neguac.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a sum not exceeding £200 for the purpose of making necessary alterations in the Court-House at the Seat of Government.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £75 : 18 : 6, to enable the Commissioners to pay Thomas Nisbet's account for work done at the late Government-House.

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for defraying the expences of a Courier, employed between Newcastle and the Town of Bathurst in the Port of St. Peters in the County of Northumberland for the year 1826, the sum of £70:

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £432 : 7 : 9, to enable His Excellency to defray the accounts of the Commissioners for fitting up the Committee Rooms of the House of Assembly and the Council Chamber.

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the sum of £329 : 5 : 2, for Stationary, Fuel and other expences of the present Session.

And

And Mr. *Smith*, further reported, that having finished the business referred to them, it was Resolved that the Committee do now rise.

Ordered that the report be accepted,

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill for granting Bounties on Grain raised on new Land.

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Vail*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Vail*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province.

Which was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. *Vail*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Robinson*, delivered the following Message :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation sent up by the House of Assembly, dated the 25th and 27th February, excepting the following :---

That dated 25th February, granting twenty-five pounds to James Morris, to assist him in erecting a Hulling-Mill in the Parish of Prince William :---

And

That dated 27th February, granting to the Secretary of the Province the sum of £75 to defray the expence of making and issuing all warrants which may be required for the payment of monies granted at this or any previous Session of the Legislature, and that the Secretary shall issue such warrants without any further charge whatever.

And then Mr. *Robinson* withdrew.

Mr. *Parker* moved for leave to bring in a bill “ to impose a duty on Horses imported into this Province, and for other purposes.

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in, was read a first and second time.

And on motion of Mr. *Smith*, Ordered that the House do go into Committee of the whole in consideration of the said bill to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

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SATURDAY, 4th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Read as engrossed the Resolutions of Appropriation made and passed the 3d inst.

Ordered that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Vail*, carry the said Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

The House according to the order of the day, went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to impose a duty on Horses imported into this Province, and for other purposes.

Mr. *J. Wilmot* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Justice *Chipman*, delivered the following Message :

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill " to incorporate the Minister and Elders of the Kirk of Scotland, in Saint Andrews."

And then Mr. Justice *Chipman*, withdrew.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill to impose a duty on Horses imported into this Province, and for other purposes.

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *J. Wilmot*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill " to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue to provide for the Ordinary Services of the Province."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Miles*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Justice *Chipman*, delivered the following Message :---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House, that Mr. Justice *Chipman*, is appointed a Committee to meet such Committee as the House of Assembly may appoint, to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that he will be pleased to transmit to His Majesty the joint Address on the subject of the Boundary."

And then Mr. Justice *Chipman* withdrew.

Ordered that Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Fraser*, be a Committee to join the Committee of Council, and further ordered that they inform the Council of their appointment.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Justice *Botsford* delivered the following Message :

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House that the Council have agreed to the following bills :---Viz.

A bill " for granting Bounties on Grain raised on new Land."

A bill " to provide for the expences of the Judges holding the Circuit Courts."

A bill " to authorize the Justices of Sunbury to levy an assessment."

A bill " for the division of the County of Northumberland."

A bill " to regulate the Fisheries in the River Pettitcodiac."

A bill " to provide for the rebuilding of Government-House."

A bill " to repeal an Act, to alter and in addition to An Act for establishing a Tender in all payments to be made in this Province."

A bill " in amendment of An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads."

A bill " to continue and revise the Revenue Laws of the Province."

A bill

A bill "to impose a duty on Horses imported into this Province."

A bill "to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue to provide for the Ordinary Services."

And they have likewise agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation sent up by the Assembly, dated 3d instant, excepting the Resolution granting £20 for payment of the Couriers employed to pass from Fredericton to Saint John through Gage-Town, and Kingston, which is not agreed to.

And then Mr. Justice *Botsford* withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Vail*, The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill, for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, with the Address of the House, on the subject of the proposed establishment of a Light House on St. Paul's Island, reported that they had performed that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would communicate with the Governments of the neighbouring Provinces, on this most interesting subject without delay.

Mr. *Ritchie*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.

Which was read a first and second time.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next, at 10 o'clock.

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MONDAY, 6th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion Mr. *Smith*, The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill, to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue, for the services therein mentioned.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

Read a third time as engrossed a bill, to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province.

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Vail* and Mr. *Smith*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Justice *Botsford* delivered the following Message :

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill to authorize the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church in Saint Stephens to dispose of a part of the Glebe."

And then Mr. Justice *Botsford* withdrew.

Read

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the Services therein mentioned.

Resolved that the bill do pass. And ordered that Mr. *R. Simonds* and Mr. *Crane*, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Message from His Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Black* delivered the following Message:

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed to inform this House that the Council have agreed to the bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the Services therein mentioned, and

The bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province.

And then Mr. *Black* withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, " Whereas the erection of a Light-House on Point Escuminac, as recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, would afford great security to vessels navigating those waters, from whence such Light could be discerned.

" Therefore Resolved, that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he would be pleased to cause plans and estimates of the proposed establishment to be prepared, and that he would take such other measures, as he may deem most conducive, to the furtherance of this very desirable object: And further Resolved that this House will provide for the expences of erecting the same, whenever a Law is passed levying such duties on shipping arriving at Miramichi, as may be sufficient for maintaining the said establishment."

Ordered, that Mr. *R. Simonds*, Mr. *Munro*, and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

TUESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address of this House, respecting the proposed Establishment of a Light-House on Point Escuminac, reported that they had performed that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would cause the requisite plans and estimates to be prepared, together with a statement of the probable cost that would be required to maintain the said establishment, and that the documents relating thereto, should be laid before the House at the next Session.

Mr. *Parker*, from the Committee appointed by the House, to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, for the purpose of waiting on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that he would be pleased to transmit the joint Address of the two Houses, on the subject of the Boundary Line, to be laid before His Majesty:---Reported that they had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to receive the said Address, and to make the following Reply to both Houses:---

" I request you will acquaint the branches of the Legislature to which you respectively belong, that I shall have great pleasure in transmitting this Address

**PORT OF ST. JOHN,  
NEW-BRUNSWICK.**

AN Account of the total number of Ships and Vessels that have ENTERED INWARDS at this Port and the Out-Bays within the district thereof, in the Year 1825, with their Tonnage, number of Men, and the Quantity of Goods Imported in the same Vessels, together with the value of said Goods in Sterling Money.  
(Exclusive of Coasters.)

| Port.                       | No. of Ships and Vessels. | Tons.         | Men.         | Wheat and Rye Flour, Bbls. | Bread, Bbls. | Corn and Meal, Bushs. | Wheat, Rye, Oats and Barley, Bushs. | Rice, Cwts. | Beef and Pork, Bbls. | Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, No. | Hides, No.  | Tallow, Cwts. | Wine, Gallons. | Brandy and Gin, Gallons. | Rum, Gallons. | Molasses, Gall. | Coffee, Lbs. | Pimento, Lbs. | Sugar, Cwts. | Salt, Tons. | Naval Stores, Bbls. | Tobacco, Cwts. | Tea, Chests. | Cordage, Cwts. | Coals, Chalds. | Oak Timber, Boards, Plank, &c. M. Feet. | Sail Cloth, Yds. | Staves, No.   | Shingles, No. | Iron, Cwts.  | Copper, Cwts. | Lead, Cwts. | Packages of British Merchandise. | Value in Sterling Money. |     |     |     |     |
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| St. John,                   | 1287                      | 117499        | 6418         | 34297                      | 1202         | 45117                 | 10040                               | 1084        | 4287                 | 4682                        | 6919        | 450           | 14291          | 42642                    | 377224        | 43540           | 4077         | 9242          | 5071         | 3210        | 3021                | 1057           | 798          | 12761          | 5772           | 2474                                    | 175599           | 11686300      | 32000         | 30371        | 2396          | 167         | altogether 17610                 | £694,815                 |     |     |     |     |
| Miramichi,                  | 354                       | 103072        | 4608         | 1533                       | 524          | 31822                 | 4540                                | 340         | 2426                 | 717                         | 597         | 294           | 27717          | 80695                    | 18830         | 612             | 433          | 2137          | 324          | 347         | 804                 | 1231           | 1095         | 80302          | 616000         | 12789                                   | 617              | 15            | 167           |              |               |             |                                  |                          |     |     |     |     |
| St. Peters and Restigouche, | 30                        | 6210          | 310          | 143                        | 95           | 261                   | 956                                 | 261         | 1111                 | 4245                        | 6291        | 1250          | 321            | 131                      | 136           | 175             | 27           | 145           | 71           | 24111       | 302900              | 32000          | 44268        | 2431           | 167            |                                         |                  |               |               |              |               |             |                                  |                          |     |     |     |     |
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| Shediac,                    | 21                        | 4499          | 240          | 240                        | 240          | 240                   | 240                                 | 240         | 240                  | 240                         | 240         | 240           | 240            | 240                      | 240           | 240             | 240          | 240           | 240          | 240         | 240                 | 240            | 240          | 240            | 240            | 240                                     | 240              | 240           | 240           | 240          | 240           | 240         |                                  |                          | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 |
| Dorchester,                 | 2                         | 480           | 21           | 240                        | 240          | 240                   | 240                                 | 240         | 240                  | 240                         | 240         | 240           | 240            | 240                      | 240           | 240             | 240          | 240           | 240          | 240         | 240                 | 240            | 240          | 240            | 240            | 240                                     | 240              | 240           | 240           | 240          | 240           | 240         | 240                              | 240                      | 240 | 240 |     |     |
| <b>Total,</b>               | <b>1810</b>               | <b>256376</b> | <b>12758</b> | <b>36278</b>               | <b>1726</b>  | <b>76989</b>          | <b>15536</b>                        | <b>1424</b> | <b>7049</b>          | <b>5399</b>                 | <b>7516</b> | <b>450</b>    | <b>18474</b>   | <b>75293</b>             | <b>469608</b> | <b>65216</b>    | <b>5010</b>  | <b>9242</b>   | <b>5670</b>  | <b>5778</b> | <b>3345</b>         | <b>1404</b>    | <b>1126</b>  | <b>14137</b>   | <b>6944</b>    | <b>2474</b>                             | <b>282658</b>    | <b>302900</b> | <b>32000</b>  | <b>44268</b> | <b>2431</b>   | <b>167</b>  | <b>£180000</b>                   | <b>£694,815</b>          |     |     |     |     |

**Cleared Outwards.**

| Port.                       | No. of Ships and Vessels. | Tons.         | Men.         | Timber, Tons. | Boards & Plank, M. Feet. | Staves and Hhds. Shooks, No. | Shingles, No. | Masts and Spars, No. | Oar and Oar Raf-ters, No. | Handspikes, No. | Lathwood, Cords. | Dry Fish Quin-tals. | Pickled Fish, Barrels. | Smoked Her-rings, Boxes. | Fish Oil, Barrels. | Gypsum, Tons. | Grindstones, No. | Hides, No.  | Potatoes, Bushs. | Flour, Barrels. | Bread, Barrels. | Rice, Cwts.  | Rum, Gallons. | Molasses, Gall. | Pimento, Lbs. | Sugar, Cwts. | Naval Stores, Barrels. | Tobacco, Cwts. | Coals, Tons. | Salt, Bushels.  | Value in Sterling Money. |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| St. John,                   | 1360                      | 134465        | 7073         | 175360        | 13238                    | 812000                       | 580000        | 4620                 | 2902                      | 2756            | 1037             | 26948               | 8559                   | 5436                     | 380                | 13677         | 3801             | 1000        | 1415             | 3395            | 32563           | 22108        | 3100          | 6607            | 119           | 1000         | 811                    | 1551           | 8000         | £501,944        |                          |     |     |     |     |
| Miramichi,                  | 352                       | 104422        | 4687         | 158298        | 992                      | 523000                       | 39000         | 1311                 | 1332                      | 1220            | 3279             | 1052                | 745                    | 26                       | 26                 | 26            | 26               | 26          | 26               | 26              | 26              | 26           | 26            | 26              | 26            | 26           | 26                     | 26             | 26           |                 | 26                       | 26  | 26  | 26  |     |
| St. Peters and Restigouche, | 29                        | 5705          | 301          | 10759         | 34                       | 10000                        | 346           | 346                  | 346                       | 346             | 346              | 346                 | 346                    | 346                      | 346                | 346           | 346              | 346         | 346              | 346             | 346             | 346          | 346           | 346             | 346           | 346          | 346                    | 346            | 346          |                 | 346                      | 346 | 346 | 346 | 346 |
| Richibucto,                 | 136                       | 29078         | 1252         | 34360         | 268                      | 134000                       | 582           | 141                  | 532                       | 966             | 232              | 112                 | 112                    | 112                      | 112                | 112           | 112              | 112         | 112              | 112             | 112             | 112          | 112           | 112             | 112           | 112          | 112                    | 112            | 112          |                 | 112                      | 112 | 112 | 112 | 112 |
| Shediac,                    | 23                        | 5506          | 267          | 8168          | 82                       | 2000                         | 238           | 115                  | 310                       | 232             | 112              | 112                 | 112                    | 112                      | 112                | 112           | 112              | 112         | 112              | 112             | 112             | 112          | 112           | 112             | 112           | 112          | 112                    | 112            | 112          |                 | 112                      | 112 | 112 | 112 | 112 |
| Dorchester,                 | 2                         | 480           | 21           | 950           | 9                        | 34                           | 60            | 60                   | 60                        | 60              | 60               | 60                  | 60                     | 60                       | 60                 | 60            | 60               | 60          | 60               | 60              | 60              | 60           | 60            | 60              | 60            | 60           | 60                     | 60             | 60           | 60              | 60                       | 60  | 60  | 60  |     |
| <b>Total,</b>               | <b>1902</b>               | <b>279656</b> | <b>13601</b> | <b>388395</b> | <b>14623</b>             | <b>1486000</b>               | <b>619000</b> | <b>7151</b>          | <b>4550</b>               | <b>4818</b>     | <b>5840</b>      | <b>29500</b>        | <b>9514</b>            | <b>5436</b>              | <b>406</b>         | <b>13677</b>  | <b>3801</b>      | <b>1000</b> | <b>1415</b>      | <b>4295</b>     | <b>32563</b>    | <b>30812</b> | <b>4385</b>   | <b>6607</b>     | <b>203</b>    | <b>1030</b>  | <b>841</b>             | <b>1551</b>    | <b>8000</b>  | <b>£501,944</b> |                          |     |     |     |     |

N. B. There were built at this Port and Outbays, in the year 1825, for Owners resident here, or in the United Kingdom. 94 Ships and Vessels, admeasuring 21,160 Tons, and

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HENRY WRIGHT, Collector.  
H. BOWYER SMITH, Comptroller.

14 do. 3,250 do. built in Nova Scotia and Registered here for Owners as abovementioned.



IMPORTS in the year 1825, ending 5th January, 1826.

| Description and quantity of Articles Imported. | Where from.                  | No. of Vessels. | Tons. | Men. | Value. |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------|------|--------|
| 172 Packages Merchandize.                      | GREAT BRITAIN.               |                 |       |      |        |
| 22 " Machinery.                                |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 827 Bags and Kegs Nails.                       |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 146 New Sails.                                 |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 48 Casks Hardware.                             |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 1596 Coils Cordage.                            |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 55 Anchors.                                    |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 224 Cwt. Cast Iron.                            |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 413 " Copper.                                  |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 166 Casks Glass.                               |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 4691 Gallons Gin and Brandy.                   |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 280 Cwt. Oakum.                                |                              | 64              | 17318 |      |        |
| 57 Chain Cables.                               |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 24 Packages Ship Chandlery.                    |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 17 Lead Pumps.                                 |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 88 Cwt. Fitted Rigging.                        |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 1243 Tons Salt.                                |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 24 Bolts Canvass.                              |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 440 Chaldrons Coal.                            |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 92 Crates Earthenware.                         |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 69 Barrels Beef and Pork.                      |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 6 Pieces Timber.                               |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 404 Kegs Paint.                                |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 120 Boxes Soap and Candles.                    |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 25 Pipes Linseed Oil.                          |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 82 Barrels Beer and Porter.                    |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 6 Puns. Whisky.                                |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 873 Gallons Wine.                              |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 137 Tons Iron.                                 |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 68,813 Gallons Rum.                            | BRITISH<br>West Indies.      |                 |       |      |        |
| 13,675 " Molasses.                             |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 935 Cwt. Sugar.                                |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 870 Gallons Shrub.                             |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 50 Barrels Fruit.                              |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| — Cwt. Coffee.                                 |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 290 Barrels Flour.                             |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 245 " Pork.                                    |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 197 Quintals Fish.                             |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 400 " Biscuit.                                 |                              | 44              | 8133  |      |        |
| 1764 Barrels Flour.                            | British<br>North<br>America. |                 |       |      |        |
| 287 Cwt. Biscuit.                              |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 10,812 lbs. Rice, &c.                          |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 12½ M. Oak Staves.                             |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 81,764 Feet of Wood.                           |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 526 Barrels Rye Grain.                         |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 10,916 " Indian Corn.                          |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 178 " Naval Stores.                            |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 2710 Green Hides.                              |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 1634 Barrels Fruit and Onions.                 |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 5 Hhds. Tobacco.                               |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 1254 Sheep.                                    |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| 504 Horned Cattle.                             |                              |                 |       |      |        |
| .....                                          | Total,                       | 134             | 28205 | 1310 |        |

H. M. Custom House, Saint Andrews, 6th February, 1826.

(Signed.)

COLIN CAMPBELL, Collector.  
JOHN DUNN, Comptroller.

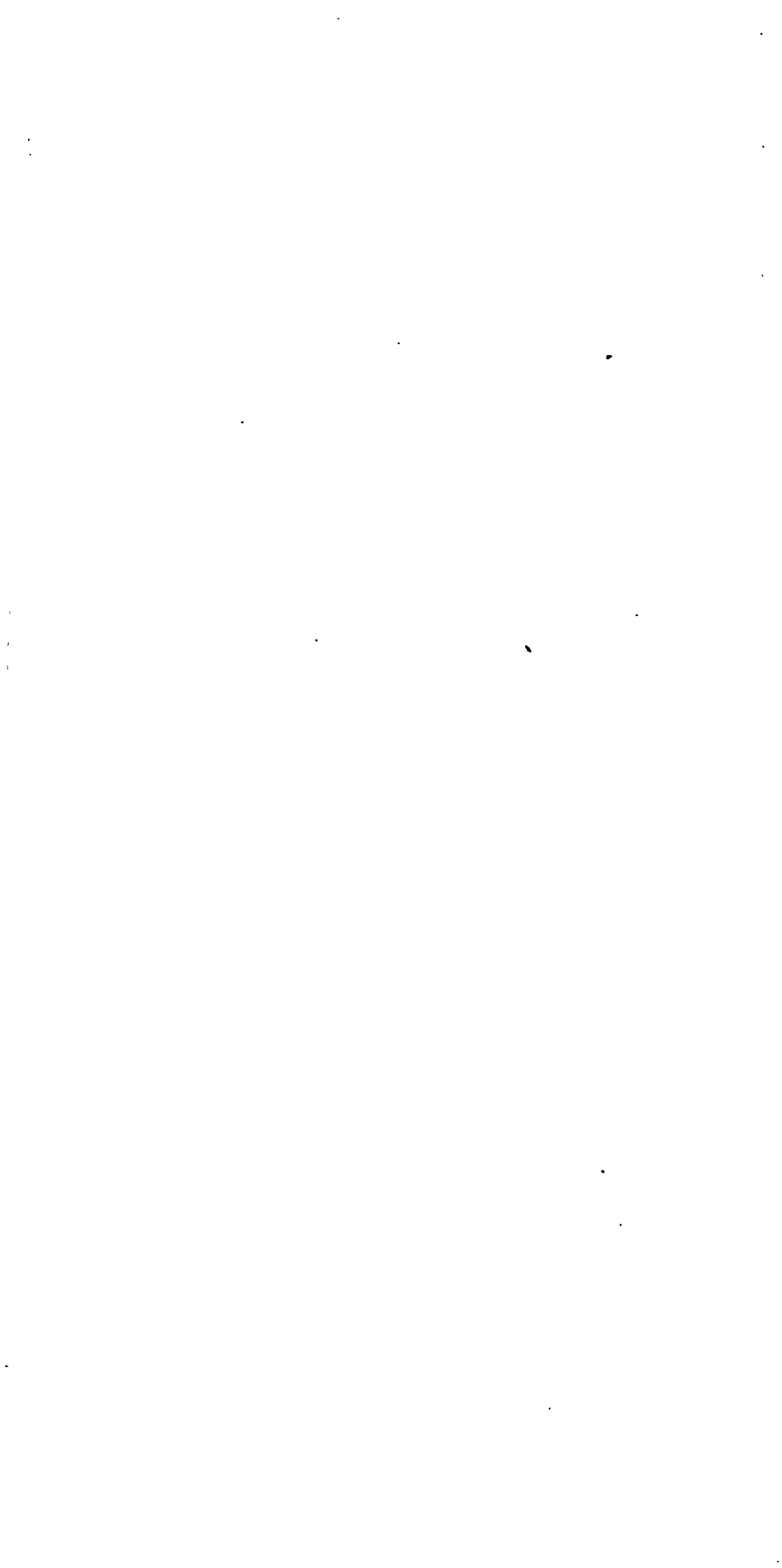
EXPORTS in the Year 1825, ending 5th January, 1826.

| Description and quantity of Articles Exported. | Where from.             | No. of Vessels. | Tons. | Men.       | Value. |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------|--------|
| 27,710 Tons Timber.                            | Great Britain.          | 87              | 24096 |            | 48,118 |
| 3118 M. Feet Deals.                            |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 878 Cords Lathwood.                            |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 1495 Masts and Spars.                          |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 63 M. Staves.                                  |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 530 Small Poles.                               |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 298 Oar Rafter.                                |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 50 Ship Knees.                                 |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 3627 M. Feet Lumber.                           |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 2258 M. Shingles.                              |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 114 Masts and Spars.                           | British<br>West Indies. | 26              | 6421  |            | 22,519 |
| 14½ M. Staves.                                 |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 6233 Quintals Cod Fish.                        |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 897 Barrels Pickled Fish.                      |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 87 " Oil.                                      |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 1207 Boxes Smoked Herrings.                    |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 17 Hhds. Vinegar.                              |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 77 Hhds. Shook'd.                              |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 62½ Barrels Flour.                             |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 50 " Biscuit.                                  |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 31 " Pork.                                     |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 122 Boxes Soap and Candles.                    |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 53 Sides Leather.                              |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 5 Hhds. Tobacco.                               |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 126 Bbbs. Fruit and Onions.                    |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 684 M. Feet Lumber.                            | Newfoundland.           | 12              | 1644  |            | 5,333  |
| 973 M. Shingles.                               |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 170 Masts and Spars.                           |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 110 Tons Timber.                               |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 9 Cords Lathwood.                              |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 30 Barrels Naval Stores.                       |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 205 " Pork.                                    |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 190 " Flour.                                   |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 400 Quintals Biscuit.                          |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 241 Puncheons Rum.                             |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 112 Tons Salt.                                 | United<br>States.       | 231             | 11161 |            | 17,066 |
| 50 Crates Earthenware.                         |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 6 Tons Logwood.                                |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| 20,000 Tons Plaster, or Gypsum.                |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| .....                                          |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| .....                                          |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| .....                                          |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| .....                                          |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| .....                                          |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| .....                                          |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| .....                                          |                         |                 |       |            |        |
| .....                                          | Total,                  | 365             | 43922 | 210093086. |        |

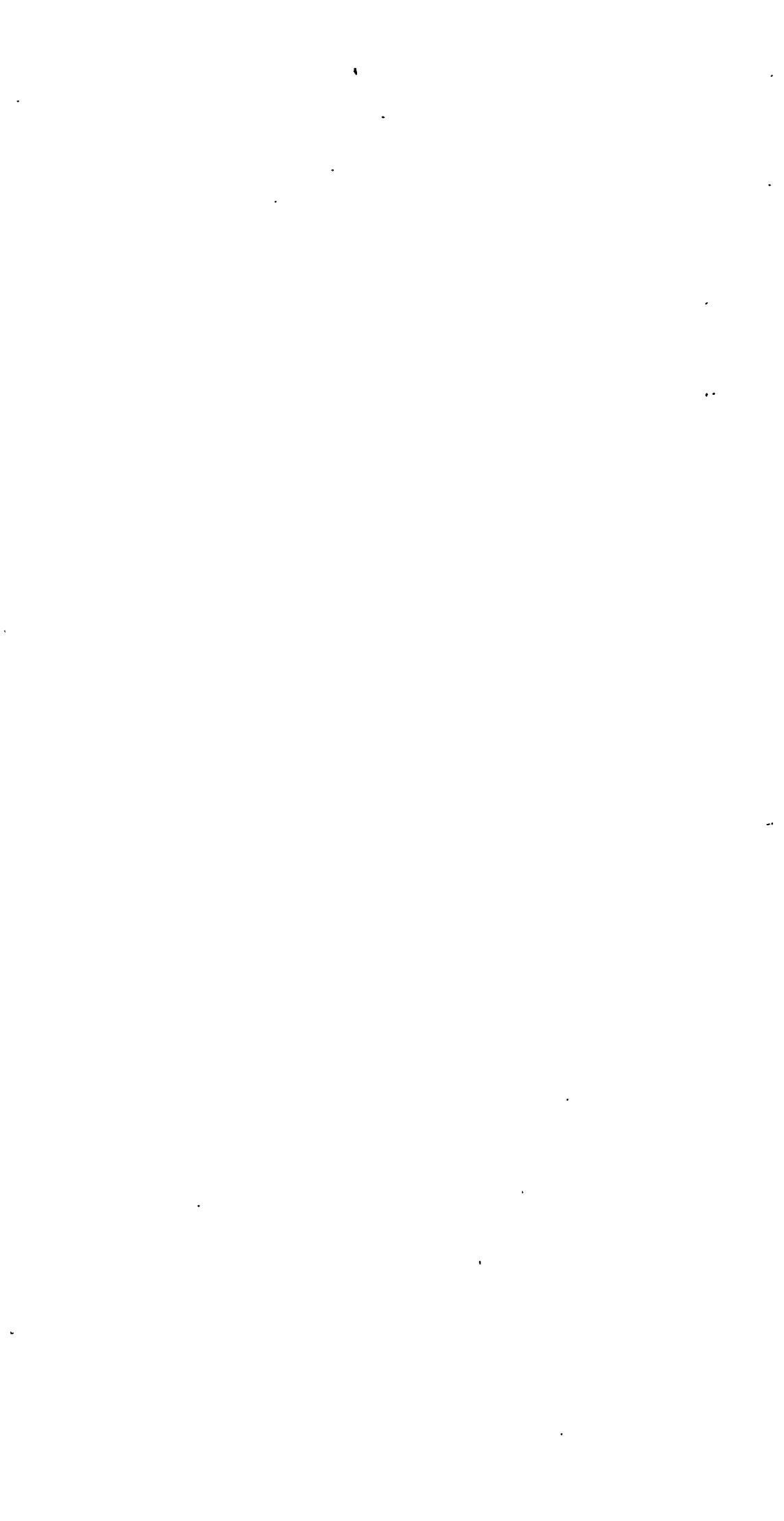
Value of Exports as above stated, £93086 : 0 : 0  
18 New Vessels built for Owners residing in the United Kingdom, or sent home to be Sold as remittances as Valued at } 57000 : 0 : 0

Total Value of Exports, £150,086 : 0 : 0









dress to His Lordship the Secretary of State for the Colonies, by the earliest opportunity, to be presented to His Most Gracious Majesty our beloved Sovereign.

"In the mean time I will venture to assure you, that as this Address is, in substance and composition; calculated to reflect great credit on the wisdom, ability, patriotism and loyalty of the Legislature of New-Brunswick, so will the document in the hands of His Majesty's Government become a powerful instrument so support what has already been written and represented on this important Question."

On motion of Mr. R. Simonds, "Resolved, that Robert Parker, Esq. be a Member of the Committee of Correspondence, in the room of the Honorable Ward Chipman, who has been appointed to a seat in His Majesty's Council."

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

The House attended in obedience to the commands of His Excellency, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had addressed His Excellency as follows:--

"May it please Your Excellency,

66 THE House of Assembly beg leave to tender to Your Excellency the Bills of Revenue and Supply, passed during the present Session, and humbly pray Your Excellency's assent thereto.

"In addition to the ordinary services, we have provided, as liberally as the state of the Treasury would admit, for the important objects which Your Excellency was pleased to recommend to our attention: And we beg to assure Your Excellency of our perfect confidence that the grants will, under your Excellency's direction and superintendance, be so expended as to realize the high expectations which we, in common with all our Constituents, have formed, from the wisdom and sound discretion which have so eminently distinguished Your Excellency's Administration.

"We have attentively considered the several plans and estimates for the erection of a suitable Building for the College; and although the ordinary grant only has been made by Law; we have pledged the House by vote for a sum which we hope will, in conjunction with the liberal Donations from His Majesty's Casual Revenue, be found sufficient for that highly important object.

"The obvious necessity of relieving Your Excellency as speedily as possible from the great inconvenience to which Your Excellency and Family have been, and are exposed, owing to the destruction of the late Government-House by fire, induced the House, without a moments hesitation, to place at Your Excellency's disposal a sum sufficient, we hope, for the restoration of the Building, which we ardently wish Your Excellency may long continue to occupy."

And that His Excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the following bills:--

A bill "to continue and revise the Revenue Laws of the Province."

A bill "to impose a duty on Horses imported into this Province, and for other purposes."

A bill "to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue to provide for the Ordinary Services of the Province."

A bill "to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erectng Bridges throughout the Province."

A bill "to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned."

A bill "to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to regulate the cutting of Saw Logs, on the River Magagaudavick, and its various branches."

A bill "to continue an Act intituled "An Act to empower and authorize the Justices of the County of Westmorland, at their General Sessions of the Peace, to regulate the grazing and depasturing the several Marshes, low lands and Meadows, within the said County."

A bill "to amend the Act, to prevent the bringing of Infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John."

A bill "for further regulating Servants and Apprentices."

A bill "to maintain an armed Cutter for the Protection of the Revenue of the Province."

A bill "to authorize and empower the Magistrates of the County of Charlotte, to sell the County Gaol and Gaol Lot in the Town of Saint Andrews, and to erect a more suitable Building in the said Town, in lieu thereof."

A bill "for the better extinguishing of Fires that may happen within the City of Saint John, and to repeal all the Acts now in force relating to the same."

A bill "to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt."

A bill "to authorize the Justices of the Peace of the County of Northumberland, to regulate the grazing and depasturing of certain tracts of Land within that County."

A bill "to extend the power of the Firewards in the Parish of Fredericton, and to make further regulations for the better extinguishing of Fires that may happen in the said Parish."

A bill "to repeal all the Laws now in force for the regulation of Seamen, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

A bill "in further amendment of the Law for the support and relief of confined Debtor."

A bill, "in addition to and in amendment of the several Acts now in force, to provide for Sick and Disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to this Province."

A bill "further to prevent Illicit and Clandestine Trade in this Province."

A bill "to regulate the Manufacturing and Shipment of Grindstones from the County of Westmorland."

A bill "to incorporate the Minister and Elders of the Kirk of Scotland, in the Town of Saint Andrews."

A bill "to provide for the expences of the Judges holding the Circuit Courts and Courts of Oyer and Terminer in this Province, and of the Clerk in those Courts."

A bill "for granting Bounties on Grain raised on new Land."

A bill "to authorize the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church in the Parish of Saint Stephen to dispose of a part of a Tract of Glebe Land in that Parish, and to vest the proceeds in other Lands more productive to the Rector."

A bill "to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury to levy an assessment to enable them to pay off the County Debt."

A bill

A bill "for the division of the County of Northumberland into three Counties, and to provide for the Government and Representation of the two new Counties."

A bill "for regulating the Salmon and Shad Fisheries, so far as the same may relate to the River Petticodiac in the County of Westmorland."

A bill "in amendment of An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes within this Province."

A bill "to repeal an Act intituled, An Act to alter and in addition to an Act, intituled an Act for establishing a Tender in all payments to be made in this Province, and declaring in what manner, certain past debts may be paid."

A bill "to provide for the rebuilding of Government-House."

And that His Excellency was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:---

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

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

66 **I**N releasing you from the labors of an important Session, I have great pleasure in assuring you that I receive with the highest satisfaction " these results of deliberations which you have conducted with so much " harmony, liberality, wisdom and ability.

" When, in the refined spirit of our glorious Constitution, the business of " the Country is thus conducted, the exercise of the Superintending Power " becomes a pleasing duty; the public weal well secured, and all its best " interests advanced; and thus I have the happiness to see here an example " again recorded, to which it will ever be pleasing to yourselves to revert, " and which cannot fail to produce abundant good, now, hereafter, and else- " where.

" I thank you for the liberal Appropriations you have made for the ser- " vices of the present year. I acknowledge particularly the bountiful Grant " you have made to a fund which, in the spirit of your own purpose, charity " and benevolence had already formed for the relief of our sufferers in a late " calamity: Under the safeguards which your wisdom has provided in the " late enactment, I shall now proceed to make an equitable distribution of " those funds.

" I thank you, also, for the liberal Grant you have made towards the erec- " tion of a suitable Building for the University of New-Brunswick, in the " success of which, I take deep and Paternal interest: And whilst I lament " the circumstances which have occasioned so heavy a charge, I thank you " for the liberal sum voted for the erection of a new Government House.

" With so many claims upon the Public Purse, your Appropriations have " been regulated by a liberality fully equal to my wishes; and I shall endea- " vour to apply the means which you have thus put at my disposal, to the " several purposes for which they are intended, in a manner which will, I " hope, effectually promote those important objects."

That His Honor the Chief Justice then said,

*" Gentlemen of the Council,*

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

" It is His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure, that " this General Assembly be prorogued to the second Tuesday in June next; " and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the second Tues- " day in June next."