
JOURNAL

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

1827.



PROCLAMATION,
 BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL
SIR JAMES KEMPT,

[L. S.]
 JAMES KEMPT.

*Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order
 of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in
 Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-
 Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

WHEREAS I have thought fit to Dissolve the General Assembly of this Province, which now stands prorogued to Thursday, the first day of June next: I do for that purpose publish this Proclamation, and accordingly, by these Presents, do Dissolve the said General Assembly.

AND I DO HEREBY notify the Members of the Legislative Council, as well as the Representatives of this His Majesty's Province, severally, as they are returned from the Counties and Townships, that they are discharged from farther attendance in the said General Assembly.

And by these Presents, I farther declare, that I have this day given orders to issue Writs in due form, for calling a new General Assembly; which writs will bear test on Monday the 17th inst. and be returnable on Thursday, the Sixth day of July next.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 11th day of April,
 1826, in the 7th Year of His Majesty's Reign.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

PROCLAMATION:
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*Knight-Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order
 of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in
 Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-
 Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

WHEREAS the Writs issued for calling the General Assembly, and which bear test the 17th day of April last, are made returnable at Halifax, on Thursday, the 6th day of July next:

And whereas, the attendance of the Members chosen, or to be chosen, for the respective Counties and Townships within the Province, is not required on the said 6th day of July:

I HAVE THOUGHT FIT to prorogue the meeting of the General Assembly, until Thursday, the fifth day of October next; and all Sheriffs, and others whom it may concern, are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 11th day of June,
 1826, in the Seventh year of His Majesty's Reign.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.



P R O C L A M A T I O N,
BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT GENERAL
SIR JAMES KEMPT,

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*Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order
of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander
in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of
Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the 5th day of October next:

I HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of December next, of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 26th day of September,
1826, in the 7th year of His Majesty's Reign.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

P R O C L A M A T I O N,
BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL
SIR JAMES KEMPT,

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*Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order
of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander-in-
Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-
Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the 28th day of December instant:

I HAVE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Thursday, the 1st day of February next, then to meet for the Despatch of Business; of which all Persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 11th Day of December,
1826, in the Seventh year of His Majesty's Reign.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Began and Holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the First Day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-seven, in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on Earth the Supreme Head.

PROCLAMATIONS

HIS Excellency Sir JAMES KEMPT, Lieutenant-Governor, having, by his four Proclamations, dated the 11th April, 11th June, 26th September, and 11th December, 1826, (hereunto annexed) dissolved the last General Assembly, and called a new one; and appointed the same to meet and sit at Halifax this day—being the first day of February, in the year 1827; the following are the names of the Members returned by the Sheriffs of the several Counties, within this Province, to represent the same in the said General Assembly, summoned to meet as before mentioned, viz:

MEMBERS RETURNED BY THE SHERIFFS.

County of <i>Halifax</i> —Samuel George William Archibald, William Lawson, George Smith, Lawrence Hartshorne.	Town of <i>Londonderry</i> —J. Wier.
County of <i>Annapolis</i> —T. Haliburton, W. H. Roach.	Town of <i>Annapolis</i> —J. Lovett.
County of <i>Lunenburg</i> —Lot Church, William Rudolf.	Town of <i>Granville</i> —Timothy Ruggles.
County of <i>Cumberland</i> —A. Stewart, J. Oxley.	Town of <i>Digby</i> —J. Morton.
<i>King's</i> County—Samuel Bishop, John Starr.	Town of <i>Lunenburg</i> —John Heckman.
<i>Queen's</i> County—Joseph Freeman, John Barss.	Town of <i>Amherst</i> —James Shannon Morse.
County of <i>Hants</i> —B. Dewolf.	Town of <i>Horton</i> —J. Harris.
County of <i>Shelburne</i> —John McKinnon, J. B. Moody.	Town of <i>Cornwallis</i> —J. Morton.
County of <i>Sydney</i> —Thomas Dickson, John Young.	Town of <i>Liverpool</i> —James R. Dewolf.
County of <i>Cape Breton</i> —Richard John Uniacke, Lawrence Kavanagh.	Town of <i>Windsor</i> —David Dill.
Town of <i>Halifax</i> —Charles R. Fairbanks, B. Murdoch.	Town of <i>Falmouth</i> —W. H. Shey.
Town of <i>Truro</i> —Charles D. Archibald.	Town of <i>Newport</i> —Shubael Dimock.
Town of <i>Onslow</i> —J. Crow.	Town of <i>Shelburne</i> —N. W. White.
	Town of <i>Barrington</i> —J. Homer.
	Town of <i>Yarmouth</i> —Samuel Sheldon Poole.

In virtue of a Commission from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to the Honorable RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE, His Majesty's Attorney-General, and the Honorable JAMES STEWART and BRENTON HALLIBURTON, a Copy of which is as follows:

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BY

THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1827.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

[L. S.]
JAMES KEMPT.

*Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order
of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in
Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-
Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,

GREETING.

Commissioners
appointed by
His Excellency
the Lieutenant-
Governor, to
Administer
Oaths

KNOW ye, that I, the said Lieutenant-Governor, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, have constituted and appointed, and do by these Presents constitute and appoint, the Honorable RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE, His Majesty's Attorney General, and the Honble. JAMES STEWART and the Honble. BRENTON HALLIBURTON, or either of them, to be a Commissioner or Commissioners, to tender and administer the usual State Oaths, according to Law, to all and every Person and Persons who is, are, or shall be elected, a Member of the House of Assembly in this Province; giving them, or either of them, full power and authority to perform the matters herein before mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever the said Commissioners, or either of them, shall do and perform in this behalf.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused my Seal at Arms to be hereto affixed, at Halifax, this 31st day of January, 1827, in the Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

The said Commissioners came, between one and two of the clock, into the House where the Members of the House of Assembly usually sit; and the following Members, who appeared, took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, in their presence, viz.

Members
Sworn.

County of Halifax—Samuel George William Archibald,
William Lawson, George Smith, Lawrence Harts-
horne.
County of Annapolis—Thomas Chandler Haliburton,
William Henry Roach.
County of Lunenburg—Lot Church.
County of Cumberland—Alex. Stewart, Joseph Oxley.
County of King's County—John Starr, Samuel Bishop.
County of Hants—Benjamin Dewolf.
County of Sydney—John Young, Thomas Dickson.
County of Cape Breton—Richard John Uniacke, jun.
Town of Halifax—Charles R. Fairbanks, B. Murdoch.
Town of Truro—Charles Dickson Archibald.

Town of Onslow—John Crow.
Town of Londonderry—John Wier.
Town of Annapolis—James R. Lovett.
Town of Granville—Timothy Ruggles.
Town of Digby—John Elkanah Morton.
Town of Amherst—James Shannon Morse.
Town of Horton—James Harris, jun.
Town of Cornwallis—John Morton.
Town of Windsor—David Dill.
Town of Newport—Shubael Dimceck.
Town of Falmouth—William Henry Shey.
Town of Shelburne—Nathaniel Whitworth White.
Town of Barrington—John Homer.
Town of Yarmouth—Samuel Sheldon Poole.

Message from
his Excellency,
requiring the
attendance of
Members

After which a Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George, as follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands your attendance immediately in the Council Chamber.

Members at-
tend

Accordingly the Members went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber; when the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's Command, said,

GENTLEMEN,

THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1827.

GENTLEMEN,

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

His Excellency desires that a Speaker be chosen

And the House being returned,

Mr. SMITH proposed to the House SAMUEL GEORGE WILLIAM ARCHIBALD, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor-General, and Member for the County of Halifax, to be their Speaker; and the choice of the House having unanimously fallen upon the said S. G. W. Archibald, Esq. he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred upon him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Mr. Poole, and conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly, and thereupon; Mr. Speaker Elect, addressed the Members as follows:

Speaker chosen by the House.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg you to accept my sincere thanks for the confidence you have this day reposed in me, by placing me in the highest Elective Office in this Country. This situation must at all times be highly valued by its possessor; but to have attained it by the unanimous choice of the representatives of the People of this Province, affords me an additional gratification. I assure You, Gentlemen, that it shall be my most earnest study to merit the confidence, thus liberally bestowed upon me, by an upright and impartial performance of the Duties of the important Office, to which you have elected me. To preserve, inviolate the privileges of the House, shall be my continued care as your Speaker; in the performance of which duty it becomes us equally to guard against any act, which may encroach upon the prerogatives of the Crown, or interfere with the constitutional rights of the other branches of the Legislature.—I will only add that a strict adherence to the rules of the House, is absolutely necessary to the correct performance of our duties:—These rules the Speaker should on all occasions preserve and enforce; and I trust that the same friendly disposition, which has placed me in this chair, will not fail to support me in preserving the order of the House, over which you have appointed me.

Mr. Speaker's address to the Members

Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Elect was presented to his Excellency, by Mr. Poole, Member for the Town of Yarmouth, who addressed his Excellency as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

The House of Assembly, agreeably to your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have unanimously Elected Samuel G. W. Archibald, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor-General, and Member for the County of Halifax, to that Office, and by their direction, I beg leave to present him for your Excellency's approbation.

Mr. Speaker Elect presented to his Excellency.

After which his Excellency was pleased to say,—

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

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

His Excellency approves of the Speaker elected

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

May it please your Excellency,

The approbation which your Excellency has been pleased to express of the first act of this House, in the choice they have made of me, to be their Speaker, affords me the confidence that the same favorable regard will be extended by your Excellency to their future proceedings. Having thus obtained the approval of your Excellency, it now becomes

Mr. Speaker's Speech to his Excellency.

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comes my duty as the Speaker, in the name of the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of Nova-Scotia, humbly to demand for them, the enjoyment of all their accustomed rights and privileges, that they may have freedom of speech in their debates—that they and their servants may be free from arrests—and that, whenever His Majesty's service and the interests of the Province may require it, I, as their Speaker, may have free access to your Excellency's person.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that his Excellency in reply, said,

Mr. Speaker,

I most cheerfully grant your request, conformably to ancient usage, the Laws of the Land, and the Royal Instructions.

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

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

IT affords me sincere pleasure to have it in my power, at the opening of this Session of a new Assembly, to use the same language of congratulation, as respects the Peace and Prosperity of the Province, in which I addressed the Legislature at its last meeting.

ALTHOUGH the last harvest has been less productive than usual, and the season proved rather unfavourable to our Fisheries; yet, I have reason to believe, that a steady and progressive improvement has taken place in almost every branch of our domestic Industry.

SEVERAL circumstances have, I think, contributed to effect a prosperous change in the General State of the Province within the last two years. The People, I am led to believe, have become more provident and diligent in the management of their own affairs—They seldom engage in speculations beyond their means, and they already feel, in a sensible degree, the good effects of the liberal policy of the Mother Country in extending to her Colonies the blessings of Commercial Freedom, and affording new facilities to their Trade and Navigation.

I EXPRESSED a confident expectation, at the opening of the last Session of the Legislature, that these enlightened measures of His Majesty's Government would be productive of many advantages to this Province, and I have great satisfaction in being able to inform you that the hope I then entertained, has not been disappointed.

THE Revenue is already considerably increased—Commerce has assumed more Activity and Enterprise—The coasting trade is in a thriving state, and the condition of almost all Classes of People has materially improved.

OUR Prospects probably were never more encouraging than at the present time, and, under the blessing of Divine Providence, Nova-Scotia cannot fail to attain an high state of Commercial and Agricultural Prosperity, if due advantage is taken of her local situation and her manifold Resources.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I SHALL direct the Public Accounts for the last year to be laid before you, for your Inspection, and I trust you will find that the supplies granted to His Majesty in the last Session, have been faithfully applied.

THE Revenue has been collected with great regularity, and it is highly creditable to the Mercantile Community, and gratifying to me, to state, that it has not been found necessary to put a single Bond for Duties in Suit during the Year.

I SHALL also direct the usual Estimates to be submitted to You, and I confidently rely on your making the necessary provision for the Services of the current Year.

Mr.

His Excellency's Reply

His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

THURSDAY, 1st Day FEBRUARY, 1827.

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

As every important Political Event, which affects the Parent State, must be deeply interesting to her Colonies, I think it proper to inform You, that His Majesty has found it necessary to send a British Force to Portugal (in conformity to the Terms of a Solemn Treaty) to aid His Majesty's ancient Ally, the Sovereign of that Country, against an hostile aggression.

THE prompt and vigorous Measures, which His Majesty's Government have taken on this occasion, to uphold the National Faith, and in support of Constitutional Liberty, have been most cordially approved of by Parliament, and by all Classes of His Majesty's Subjects in Great Britain, and sanguine hopes are entertained that Peace may be still preserved.

BUT, far removed from the Scenes that are now passing in Europe—Living under the Paternal Protection of a powerful Empire, and in a Country where party or faction of any kind is happily unknown; Our own Domestic Concerns, the various interests of the Province upon which its Prosperity depends; and the measures most conducive to the General welfare and happiness of its inhabitants, are the objects which call for your deliberations, and to them I feel persuaded that you will give all the consideration which their importance requires.

It will be my Duty to make an early communication to you by Message, of some matters of Public Interest, which have occurred since the last Meeting of the Legislature, and to lay before you a detailed Report of the Proceedings which have taken place, under the law, passed in the last Session, for establishing Schools in the different Districts of the Province, in order that you may see how far it has been carried into operation, and be enabled to form a judgement of such farther facilities as may be requisite, to render the very important objects of that Act more generally beneficial.

OTHER subjects may present themselves in the course of the Session, which I may feel it my duty to submit to your consideration, and I confidently rely on a continuance of that harmony between the different branches of the Legislature, which has so long distinguished the Legislative Proceedings of this Province.

My ardent desire to promote the Public Good is unabated; and you will ever find me disposed to concur with you in every measure tending to that end.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Murdoch, be a Committee to prepare an Address, in Answer to His Excellency's Speech.

On motion, of Mr. Roach, *ordered,* That Joseph Oxley, Esq. returned duly Elected as a Representative for the County of Cumberland, deliver to the Clerk of the House, a Paper or Schedule, containing the name of the place in which the Lands lie, whereby he is qualified to sit in this House; and thereupon,

Mr. Oxley delivered in a Schedule accordingly; which was read by the Clerk, and afterwards filed with the Papers of the House.

The House proceeded to the choice of officers; and thereupon,

Resolved, That James B. Francklin, Esq. Clerk of the House of Representatives in General Assembly, be re-sworn to the said Office; and he took the usual Oaths accordingly.

Resolved, That the Reverend Fitzgerald Uniacke, be the Chaplain to the House.

Resolved, That John Whidden, Esq. be the Assistant Clerk.

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Resolved,

Member for
Cumberland,
and
delivers his
qualification

Choice of Of-
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Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Boyd, be the Sergeant at Arms.

Resolved, That Mr. Matthew Forrester, be the Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

Resolved, That Mr. John Gibbs, be the Messenger to the House.

Committee of Justice

Ordered, That Mr. Poole, Mr. Smith, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Wier, Mr. Morse, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Church, Mr. Lawson, Mr. J. B. Dewolf and Mr. Hartshorne, be a Grand Committee of Justice.

Committee of Privileges

Ordered, That Mr. White, Mr. Shey, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roach, Mr. Starr, Mr. Young and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee of Privileges.

Committee of Public accounts

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Young, Mr. Smith, Mr. B. Dewolf and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, with a Committee of His Majesty's Council; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Committee on expiring Laws

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Morse, be a Committee to examine into, and report on the expiring Laws.

Time limited for receiving Private Petitions

Resolved, That no Petition of a private nature, be received after Thursday, the 22d day of February, instant.

Resolution for a new writ for the Election of a Representative for the County of Hants

On reading the Return of the Sheriff of the County of Hants, to the Writ, to him directed, for the Election of two Members to represent that County, in this General Assembly, and under which he hath returned Benjamin Dewolf, Esq. and John Mackay, Esq. as duly elected Members to represent that County, and the said Benjamin Dewolf, one of the said Members, attending in his place, having stated, that since the Election the said John Mackay hath departed this life, and that no notice has been given of any opposition to the said Election and Return.

Therefore, *resolved*, That the Seat of the said John Mackay, returned elected one of the said Representatives, is vacant; and Mr. Speaker do forthwith apply for a new Writ, to be issued for the Election of one Representative for the said County, in the stead of the said John Mackay, deceased.

House adjourn

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

FRIDAY, 2d FEBRUARY, 1827.

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

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

Knight, Grand Cross, of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander-in-Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

May it please your Excellency,

Address in Answer to His Excellency's speech

WHIS Majesty's dutiful subjects, the Representatives of his loyal people of Nova Scotia, most respectfully thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of

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of the present Session of a new Assembly; and hear with feelings of pleasure, that the tranquillity of the province is undisturbed, and that her prosperity is advancing.

WE regret with your Excellency the unproductive state of the harvest and fisheries of the past year:— but it is with gratification we can say, that the former has not as yet been accompanied with actual distress, and that the latter will soon be overcome by the increasing industry and zeal for improvement among all classes.

WE feel grateful to His Majesty's Government for the removal of those commercial restrictions, which have so long retarded the steady and progressive advancement of these Colonies in their trade; and we confidently hope, that the general depression of the past, will be succeeded by an increase of trade and wealth, under those liberal measures which will enable the inhabitants of this Province to avail themselves of her many natural advantages.

It is particularly pleasing to the Representatives of Nova-Scotia to learn, that our Revenues have so much increased; and that the extended views, now taken of commerce, have already produced among her inhabitants an improvement in their condition, and an enterprize hitherto unknown in their trade.

THE increase of our coasting trade bespeaks most clearly our advancement in wealth, agriculture and population; which, when united with the flattering prospects of the present, and the improved and provident habits of the population; will, we hope, under the blessings of Heaven, eventually produce permanent benefits to the Province.

WE cannot but express to your Excellency our thanks, on finding that the system you established for the collection of our revenue has tended to that punctuality in the payment of duties, so highly creditable to the mercantile community.

THE public accounts which you have directed to be laid before us, shall receive our earliest attention; and your Excellency may rely upon our making due provision for the support of His Majesty's Government.

THOUGH His Majesty's subjects in this Province are far removed from the scenes now passing in Europe, we assure your Excellency, that it ever has, and we trust ever will be with no ordinary feelings, that they hear of an appeal to the national honour of Great Britain.—The unanimity that pervaded the councils of that Great Empire in coming forward to maintain the faith of ancient treaties, to vindicate the rights of her oldest ally, and to support constitutional liberty, have called forth our well known feelings of loyalty and attachment; and we trust that the same vigorous measures of our government, which have so often heretofore given peace and happiness to the world, will now be the honourable means of preserving them inviolate.

WE agree with your Excellency, that the prosperity of this Province depends much upon the unanimity, which has always prevailed among us; and we assure your Excellency that our exertions will be directed towards every measure, which can promote peace and happiness, or contribute to the prosperity of this favored Colony.

IN the exercise of our public duties we shall endeavour to preserve harmony, as tending most effectually to the accomplishment of those objects, for which we are now assembled;—and we renew our sincere thanks, for the assurance of your Excellency's co-operation to render them effectual.

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

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

Resolution to present address
Committee to wait on Lieut. Govr.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Deputy Secretary Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 2d & 3d Days FEBRUARY, 1827.

Message from
the Council

The Council have appointed a Committee to meet the Committee of this House, for the examination of the Public Accounts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Petition of
Alex. Robert
son, and others;
also

A Petition of Alexander Robertson, and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. Starr, and read, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Nathaniel W. White, Esq. as a Representative for the Town of Shelburne.

Petition of
John A Barry
against the Elec-
tion for Shel-
burne

A Petition of John A. Barry, was presented by Mr. Starr, and read, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Nathaniel W. White, Esq. for the Town of Shelburne, and for the representation of which place, the Petitioner was a Candidate.

Petition of W.
Fleming agst.
the Election
for Truro

A Petition of William Fleming, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Charles D. Archibald, Esq. as a Representative for the Town of Truro, and for the representation of which place, the Petitioner was a Candidate.

Order thereon

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

House adjourn

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

SATURDAY, 3d FEBRUARY, 1827.

Committee re-
port his Excel-
lency's pleasure
for receiving
the Address of
the House

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he would receive the Address of this House, that the Committee had, pursuant to Order, waited on his Excellency, and that His Excellency was pleased to appoint this day, at three of the Clock, at the Government House.

Members
sworn in

John Barss, returned duly elected Member for the County of Queen's County; James Ratchford Dewolf, Esq. returned duly elected Member for the Town of Liverpool; William Rudolf, Esq. returned duly elected Member for the County of Lunenburg; and John Heckman, Esq. returned duly elected Member for the Town of Lunenburg, severally took the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution for
taking the con-
tested Election
into consider-
ation

On motion of Mr Starr, *resolved,* That this House will, on Tuesday next, the 6th instant, at two of the Clock, take into consideration the two Petitions before the House, complaining of an undue Election for the Town of Shelburne.

Bill for pre-
venting arrests
read 1st time

Mr. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for preventing frivolous and vexatious arrests; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

House attend
His Excellency
with address

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with their Address, pursuant to the Order of yesterday.

And being returned,

His Excellen-
cy's Answer
therein

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I THANK You very sincerely for this Address. The feelings of loyalty and attachment to His Majesty, in which you indulge, in allusion to the late vigorous proceedings His Majesty's Government, in maintenance of the National Faith, do honor to the Representatives

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representatives of the People of Nova-Scotia—and to me it is very gratifying, to learn that you entirely concur in the view which I had taken of the affairs of the Province.

Then the House adjourned till Monday, at Twelve of the Clock.

House adjourn

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Mr. Uniacke pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to authorize and regulate the assessing, collecting and levying County and District Rates; and the same was read a first time

Bill concerning County rates, read 1st time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Lawson moved, that Mr. Murdoch, the Member for the Town of Halifax, lay on the Table of the House, a Schedule of the property on which he claims a right to a Seat in this Assembly: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Twenty-seven; against it, One; so it passed in the Affirmative; and thereupon,

Member for Halifax, deliver in his qualification

Mr. Murdoch delivered in a Schedule accordingly, which was read by the Clerk; and afterwards filed with the Papers of the House.

John McKinnon, Esq. returned duly elected Member for the County of Shelburne, took his Seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Member for Co. Shelburne sworn in.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the proceedings on a Scrutiny held in the late Election of a Representative for the Town of Truro, received by him this morning, from the Sheriff of the County of Halifax; and thereupon,

Scrutiny on Truro Election laid before the House

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

Order thereon

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

House adjourn

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A Bill to authorize and regulate the Assessing, Collecting and Levying County and District Rates, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Bill concerning County rates, read 2d time

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Stewart, Mr. J. E. Morton, Mr. Rudolf and Mr. Wier, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

And referred to select Committee.

A Petition of Wendle Naas of Chester was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying that he may be allowed the Monies he has paid; and is now liable to pay for the support and maintenance of his Son Matthew Naas a lunatic, confined at the present time in the Jail at Halifax, as set forth in the Petition.

Petition of W. Naas.

A Petition of the Reverend James C. Cochran and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Heckman and read, praying aid towards the Building of a School House in the said Town.

Petition of Revd. J. C. Cochran, and others.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Lawson presented to the House an Account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all

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Treasurer's accounts presented

all monies received by him into, and payments by him made from the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1826.

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

House proceed to Ballot for Committee to try the Shelburne Election

On motion the Order of the Day was read and thereupon,
On motion the House proceeded pursuant to the law of the Province made and passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to regulate the Trials of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province" to the counting of the Members, and thirty-four being present (exclusive of Mr. Speaker and Nathaniel W. White, Esq. the Sitting Member,) Fifteen Members were ballotted for, and the following Names were drawn, viz. Mr. Homer, Mr. Young, Mr. Barss, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Shey, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Harris, Mr. Lovett, and Mr. Church; and Mr. B. Dewolf being added thereto by John A. Barry, on the part of himself and the Petitioners Alexander Robertson and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of Shelburne; and Mr. Smith being chosen on the part of the said sitting Member, N. W. White, Esq. and the Members so ballotted for, being reduced to Seven as follows, viz. Mr. Homer, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Shey, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Harris and Mr. Lovett; and the said seven Members, together with the two nominees as aforesaid, were sworn by the Clerk of the House pursuant to the provisions of the said Law; and thereupon,

Names drawn

Committee appointed

And sworn

Order for meeting of Election Committee

Ordered, That the said Select Committee do meet to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock, in the Committee Room of this House, where the Grand Jury usually sit; for the purpose of trying the merits of the Election, for the Town of Shelburne, under the Law of the Province, as above recited.

Resolution for the Day to consider Truro Election

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *Resolved*, That this House will to-morrow, at one of the clock, take into consideration the Petition of William Flemming, complaining of an undue Election, for the Town of Truro.

House adjourn

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

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Report from Committee on Shelburne Election Who have leave to adjourn

Mr. Hartshorne, Chairman of the Committee to try the merits of the late Election, for the Town of Shelburne, reported from the said Committee, and thereupon,

On motion, *Ordered*, that the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Wednesday, the 14th day of February, instant.

Petition of W. Hurd

A Petition of William Hurd, of the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Stuart, and read, praying for a Bounty on an Oat Mill, erected by him, in the Township of Wallace, in said County which is found to be beneficial to the Public at large.

Petition of Seth Burgess and others.

A Petition of Seth Burgess, and others, Inhabitants of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. J. Morton, and read, praying for aid towards Building a Wharf, at or near Black Rock, on the Bay of Fundy, in said Township, for the convenience and security of vessels.

Petition of Ebenezer Crowell, and others

A Petition of Ebenezer Crowell, and others, Inhabitants of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Homer, and read, praying aid for securing the Beach in front of the Harbour of Barrington from the sea.

Petition of James Shipley

A Petition of James Shipley was presented by Mr. Stewart and read, praying to be allowed the Sum of £200, expended and due by him, as Commissioner for building

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building a Bridge over the River Hebert, in the County of Cumberland, in addition to the Sums granted by the Legislature for that service.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Stewart pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the manufacturing and Shipment of Grinding Stone, and the same was read a first time.

Bill concern-
ing Grinding
Stone, read 1st
time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Hartshorne, *Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Shelburne be directed to send to this House forthwith, the Poll Books, the Scrutiny, and other proceedings relative to the late Election of a Representative in the General Assembly, for the Township of Shelburne, for the purpose of the same being laid before the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the said Election.

Resolution
relative to the
Proceedings
on Shelburne
Election

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

On motion, the House proceeded pursuant to the Law of the Province, made and passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act to regulate the Trial of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province, to the counting of the Members; and thirty-five being present (exclusive of Mr. Speaker and Charles D. Archibald, Esq. the sitting Member) fifteen Members were ballotted for, and the following names were drawn, viz. Mr. M'Kinnon, Mr. Roach, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. J. Morton, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Wier, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Church, Mr. Harris and Mr. Haliburton; and Mr. Hartshorne being added thereto by Mr. William Flemming; the Petitioner, on his part, and Mr. Smith being chosen on the part of the said sitting Member Charles D. Archibald; and the Members so ballotted for, being reduced to Seven, as follows, viz. Mr. M'Kinnon, Mr. Lovett, Mr. J. Morton, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Wier, Mr. Rudolf and Mr. Harris; and the said Seven Members together with the two nominees as aforesaid, were sworn by the Clerk of the House pursuant to the provisions of the said Law, and thereupon,

House proceed
to ballot for
Committee to
try the Truro
Election.

Names drawn

Committee
appointed

And sworn

Ordered, That the said Select Committee do meet to-morrow morning at Eleven of the Clock in the Committee Room of this House, where the Grand Jury usually sit, for the purpose of trying the merits of the Election for the Town of Truro under the Law of the Province as above recited.

Order for meet-
ing of the Select
Committee

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks the House came to the following Resolution, viz.

Whereas Information has been received that the Legislature of the Island of Jamaica has lately passed an Act imposing a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels trading to the said Island.

Resolution re-
lative to the Act
of the Legisla-
ture of Jamaica
imposing Ton-
nage Duty

And Whereas the Commerce between that Island and this Province may be injuriously affected by the operation of that Duty.

Therefore *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into and report, whether any Act of the Legislature of Jamaica has passed, for the levy and collection of any Duties upon any Vessels trading therewith from this Province; and what is the nature of the Duties thereby imposed; and how far the Commerce of the Province may be affected thereby, and what measures are necessary to be adopted by this Assembly, in relation to such Duties, or the Act imposing the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Young, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Starr, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Committee
thereon

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

House adjourn

THURSDAY

THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Bill concerning
Grinding Stone
read a 2d time
And committed

A Bill to regulate the manufacturing and shipment of Grinding Stone, was read a second time.

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

Petition of H.
Vogler & others

A Petition of Henry Vogler and others, Inhabitants of Petite River in the County of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Rudolf, and read, praying that a sum of £50 may be granted for repairing the Bridge over the said River, which has been nearly carried away by a flood on the 1st January last.

Petition of Rev
Robert Norris
and others.

A Petition of the Reverend Robert Norris and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. J. Morton, and read, praying for aid to enable them to secure the bank of the river in front of said Town from the encroachments of the tide.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Scrutiny on
Shelburne
Election deli-
vered in

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House a Return of the Scrutiny on the late Election for a Member to represent the Town of Shelburne in the General Assembly; with sundry papers accompanying the same; received this day by Mr. Speaker from the Sheriff of the County of Shelburne.

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

Committee of
whole House
on Bill concern-
ing Grinding
Stone

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to regulate the manufacturing and shipment of Grinding Stone.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report thereon

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

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

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

Message from
His Excellency
the Lt. Govr.
on the subject of
Sable Island

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, has much satisfaction in laying before the House of Assembly, a Copy of a Despatch from the Earl Bathurst, inclosing a Copy of a Letter from one of the Secretaries of the Treasury, stating that His Majesty's Government have agreed to contribute four hundred pounds annually, towards the support of the Establishment on Sable Island, so long as Nova-Scotia shall make a provision of an equal sum, for the same purpose.

His Excellency has always held in high admiration, the humane feelings which have induced the Legislature of this Province to maintain for the last twenty-four years, at its exclusive cost, that most excellent, but expensive Establishment, and when from various causes it was found to be inadequate to affect the important Objects of its formation, His Excellency considered that as it had proved of such general utility, Nova-Scotia ought not to be called upon for an extraordinary Grant to supply its numerous deficiencies.

His Excellency, therefore took an opportunity when he was in England, of submitting a memorandum on this subject to the Lords of the Treasury. A Copy of which he now lays before the House; and in December last, in a letter to Lord Bathurst, he again urged

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urged the necessity of placing the Establishment on a more efficient footing, and the propriety of relieving Nova-Scotia from a part, at least, of the expense of its future maintenance.

With the result of these applications the House is already acquainted; and His Excellency cannot doubt, but that the Legislature will gladly accede to the condition on which the liberal offer of His Majesty's Government is made.

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, that he lost no time in bringing under the consideration of His Majesty's Government, a Representation which was made to His Excellency by the late House of Assembly, at the close of the last Session, upon the subject of the appropriation of Duties collected under the Acts 6 Geo. 4, Cap. 73 and 114, to pay the Salaries of the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, in lieu of fees which they formerly received: and His Excellency now lays before the House, Copies of two Despatches which he has received from Earl Bathurst in reference thereto; together with the Copy of a Treasury Minute, in which the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to modify their original instructions, and to explain all the circumstances connected with the Measure, and which led to its adoption.

Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Gov. relative to Custom-house establishments

Government House,
5th February, 1827.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by Order of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, the following Papers, referred to in the said two Messages, viz.

Copy of a Despatch from Earl Bathurst to His Excellency Sir James Kempt, dated Downing-street, 6 May, 1826; also,

Papers referred to, in His Excellency's message

Copy of a Letter from W. Hill, Esq. to R. W. Horton, Esq. Under Secretary of State; dated Treasury Chambers, 28th April, 1826; and also,

Copy of a Memorandum from his Excellency Sir James Kempt, relative to Sable Island; also

A Plan of the said Island; also,

Copies of two Despatches from Earl Bathurst to his Excellency Sir James Kempt, dated Downing Street, the 28th of April, and 31st May, 1826, relative to the appropriation of Duties collected under the Acts of George 4th. to pay the Salaries of the Officers of his Majesty's Customs; and also Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 25th April, 1826, on the before mentioned subject.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by Command of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Report of the proceedings under the Act passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, concerning Schools.

Report of the proceedings under the school act

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

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

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

House adjourns

FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the Report of the proceedings under the School Act, laid before the House, by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, was read; and thereupon,

Report of proceedings under school act read

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On

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On Motion of Mr. Haliburton, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take the said Report, together with the Act referred to therein, and also the subject of the Establishment of Schools generally, into consideration, and report their opinion thereon to the House; and thereupon,

Committee appointed thereon *Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Barss, Mr. Homer, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Morse, Mr. Crow, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Petition of Robert Stone and others A Petition of Robert Stone, and others, Inhabitants of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying for the repeal of the Law passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, concerning Schools.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of Schools.

Petition of James Clarke and others A Petition of James Clarke, and others, Inhabitants of Bridge Town, so called, in the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying that the Boundaries of the said Town may be ascertained; and also that certain immunities and privileges, as enjoyed by other Towns in the Province, may be extended to them.

Petition of Samuel Morris and others A Petition of Samuel Morris, and others, Inhabitants of Advocate Harbour, was presented by Mr. Starr, and read, praying for aid to enable them to repair their Dykes, and Abateaus, which had been erected at a great expense; and were unfortunately much injured by the sea, in August last.

Petition of James Johnson and others A Petition of James Johnson, and others, of Petite River, County of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Heckman, and read, praying for aid towards removing obstructions from, and clearing out the said River.

Petition of William Taylor and others A Petition of William Taylor, and others, Inhabitants of Digby, was presented by Mr. J. E. Morton, and read, praying aid towards removing Rocks from the bed of Little River, in said Township, for the purpose of affording shelter to vessels from heavy Winds.

Petition of Peleg Wiswall and others A Petition of Peleg Wiswall, and others, Inhabitants of Digby, was presented by Mr. J. E. Morton, and read, praying aid for repairing the Bridge at the head of the Racket, so called, in the said Township, the same having been much injured by a heavy flood in the last Month.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Order for printing message & papers relative to Custom-house establishments On Motion, *Ordered* That 50 Copies of the Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the papers accompanying the same, on the subject of the appropriation of Duties collected under the Acts of the Imperial Parliament, of his present Majesty; to pay the Salaries of the Officers of his Majesty's Customs, be forthwith printed for the use of the Members of the House.

Bill in addition to the act to prevent boys from coasting down hills, read the 1st time Mr. B. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in addition to the Act, to prevent Boys and others Coasting and Sliding down the Hills in the Town of Halifax; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Resolution that Justices of the Common Pleas and others be furnished with copies of Province Laws in future Mr. Stewart, moved, that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz: *Resolved*, That the Printer shall furnish to each of the Justices of the Common Pleas and of the Peace, and to each of the Town Clerks and Excise Officers in the Province, yearly, as they are published, a copy of the Laws passed in this and future Sessions of the General Assembly: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the motion, Twenty-three; against it, Eight:

For

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For the Motion :

Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Oaten,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Archibald,

Mr. Homer,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. J. Morton,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Shey,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. White,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Smith.

Division taken
on

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

House adjourns

SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Starr, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and to state to His Excellency as follows :

Resolution
to express to
His Excellency
the L. Gov the
thanks of the
House for his
communica-
tions on several
Subjects

May it please your Excellency,

WE are directed by the House of Assembly, to present to your Excellency their particular thanks, for having communicated thus early in the Session, your Excellency's Messages, relative to Sable Island, to the proceedings under the Act concerning Schools ; and to the Address presented the last year, upon the late Acts of Parliament, affecting the Colonies.

The House respectfully request your Excellency to accept their sincere acknowledgements, for your Excellency's voluntary and effective Representations to His Majesty's Government, on behalf of the Establishment on Sable Island, so long maintained at the sole expense of this Province ; and that your Excellency will be pleased to convey to His Majesty's Ministers, the grateful sentiments which this House entertain of the humane and liberal considerations that have induced the Parent Country, by the yearly allowance of Four Hundred Pounds, to alleviate the burthen of this Province, in supporting an Institution hitherto so eminently and generally useful.

We are further directed to express to your Excellency, the satisfaction with which the House have learned the measures, you were pleased so promptly to adopt, for carrying into operation, and ascertaining the effect of the Enactments for the Establishment of Schools, and to assure Your Excellency that this interesting subject will receive their earliest attention.

We are also commanded to state that the House are duly sensible of their obligations to your Excellency for the immediate transmission of the humble Address and Remonstrance of the last Assembly, in regard to the Duties levied upon them by the Authority of the Imperial Parliament.

They thank your Excellency for making them so early acquainted with the proceedings consequent on that Address ; and that the House will proceed to consider these with that attention which they so urgently require from the Representatives of the Province

Ordered, That Mr. Starr, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Young, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Appointment of
a Committee
thereon

A Petition of Samuel Freeman, sen. and others, of the Township of Liverpool, was presented by Mr. J. R. Dewolf and read, praying for aid in clearing out and removing obstructions from a certain Brook leading from the Ten Mile Lake, so called, to Liver-

Petition of
Samuel Free-
man and others

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Petition of
Simeon Freeman
and others

A Petition of Simeon Freeman and others, of the Township of Liverpool, was presented by Mr. J. R. Dewolf and read, praying aid for clearing out and removing obstructions from a Stream of Water leading from the Beaver Lakes to Liverpool River

Petition of
Simeon Freeman

A Petition of Simeon Freeman was presented by Mr. J. R. Dewolf and read, praying to be reimbursed the sum of eight pounds and two shillings, expended by him in the repair of Salmon Island Bridge in Queen's County.

Petition of
Oliver Fuller
and others

A Petition of Oliver Fuller and Richard Moore, was presented by Mr. Bishop and read, praying for a Bounty on an Oat Mill, erected by them at Horton in King's County.

Petition of
John Margesson
and others

A Petition of John Margesson and others, inhabitants and Settlers on the North Mountain, and Bay Shore in Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. J. Morton and read, praying aid towards the Erection of a Grist Mill for the benefit of the Settlement.

Petition of
Matthew
Mc Nair

A Petition of Matthew Mc Nair was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying aid for completing an Oat Mill erected by him at Ballentine's Cove, near Cape George, in the County of Sydney, for the benefit of the Inhabitants.

Petition of
Matthew
McNair and
others

A Petition of Matthew Mc Nair and others, of the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying aid to assist them in opening a Road from J. Ballantines to A. Livingstons, across Cape George in the said County.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Resolution
to consider
appropriation
of duties collected
under the Acts
of the Imperial
Parliament

On Motion of Mr Fairbanks, *resolved,* That this House will, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, take into consideration the subject of the appropriation of Duties collected under the late Act of the Imperial Parliament, together with all matters connected therewith.

Report from
Committee on
Bill concerning
County rates

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom the Bill to authorize and regulate the assessing, collecting and levying, County and District Rates was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon,

Consideration
of the Bill
postponed
House adjourn

On motion, *resolved,* That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed to this day three months.

Then the House adjourned till Monday, at twelve of the Clock.

MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Bill to prevent
coasting read a
2d time

A Bill in addition to the Act to prevent Boys and others coasting and sliding down the Hills in the Streets of Halifax, was read a second time.

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

Bill Committed

Petition of
Valentine
Zwicker

A Petition of Valentine Zwicker and others, of the Township and County of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Heckman and read, praying for aid to open a Road from the said Township through the Dalhousie Settlement.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Bill to en-
courage rais-
ing Bread corn
on new lands.

Mr. Oxley, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a first time.

Mr. Starr, reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution of this House, on Saturday last, in relation to the several Communications, transmitted by his Excellency to this House, on Thursday, the 8th instant, that the Committee had, pursuant to order, accordingly waited upon, and stated to his Excellency, the contents of the said Resolution, and that his Excellency was pleased to express his satisfaction thereon; and also assured the

Committee

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Committee, that he would take the earliest opportunity of communicating to his Majesty's Ministers, the grateful sentiments expressed by the House, for the liberal Grant of his Majesty's Government, towards the support of the Establishment on the Island of Sable.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That an application be made to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by a Committee, to request that he will be pleased to direct the Officers of his Majesty's Customs, at Halifax, to lay before this House, a Return of the number of Vessels which have entered the Ports of this Province from the Island of Jamaica, for the two years ending 5th January last, specifying the names and Tonnage of the Vessels, respectively; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Hartsborne, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Young, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Resolution to request His Excellency to order certain returns relative to the Jamaica trade to be laid before the house

Committee for that purpose

On motion of Mr. Uniacke, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate into one Act, all the Laws, now in force, relating to the Assessing, Collecting and Levying County and District Rates; and Thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Stewart, Mr. E. Morton, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Wier, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Resolution that Committee bring in a Bill concerning County Rates

Committee for that purpose

On motion of Mr. Uniacke, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Resolution for day to take His Excellency's Speech into consideration

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

House adjourn

TUESDAY, 13th Day FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Lawson, presented to the House, a Report from the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Expenditure of the several sums of Money granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province, in the year 1826.

Auditors Report on Expenditures for Roads presented.

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

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution passed yesterday on the subject of the Trade with the Island of Jamaica, That the Committee had accordingly waited upon, and delivered to his Excellency, a Copy of the said Resolution; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he would give directions that the Return required by the House should be laid before them.

Committee report relative to Trade with Jamaica.

Mr. Lawson moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That, during the changes now making by the Imperial Parliament in the Colonial System, it is indispensable to the Interests and Commerce of this Province, that one or more efficient Agent or Agents to solicit and promote the same, be forthwith nominated to be resident in London; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Motion, Fifteen; against it, Nineteen.

Motion relative to the Agency of the Province in England

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Nor

For the Motion :

Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. White,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Starr,

Mr. Flartshorne,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Heckman,

Against the Motion

Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Wier,

Mr. Shey
Mr. Outley,
Mr. Roush
Mr. Young
Mr. J. R. Dewolf
Mr. Dill
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Bishop,

Division
thereon

So it passed in the negative.

Petition of J.
Cunningham
and others

A Petition of John Cunningham, and others, School Trustees, in the Upper District of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Dickson, and read, praying to be allowed the sum of £50, to enable them to fulfil an Engagement, entered into by them as Trustees aforesaid, and set forth in the Petition.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of Schools.

Petition of S.
Mills & others

A Petition of Stephen Mills, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. J. Morton, and read, praying aid to enable one Abel Benjamin, to convey a sufficient supply of Water to a Grist Mill erected by him in the said Township, and which has been found highly beneficial to the Inhabitants.

Petition of Roman Catholics

A Petition of the Reverend John Carrol, and others, professing the Roman Catholic Religion, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying to be relieved from the exactions of the oaths now used, as tests of eligibility to the various preferments and offices in the Province.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the following Paper, transmitted to him, this day, by Mr. Secretary George, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, viz.

Return relative
to Trade with
Jamaica laid
before the
House

A Return from the principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs at Halifax, of the number of Vessels and their tonnage which have entered the Ports of this Province from the Island of Jamaica during the two last years ending the 5th January last, in pursuance of the Resolution of this House for that purpose.

The said return was read by the Clerk and thereupon;

Ordered, That the Return be referred to the Committee appointed on the subject of the Duty on Tonnage of Vessels, levied by the Legislature of Jamaica.

Papers laid be-
fore the House
by order of his
Excellency the
Lieutenant Go-
vernor respect-
ing Horses and
Sheep imported
into the Pro-
vince.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House, the several papers following; transmitted to him by Mr. Secretary George, by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, viz:

No. 1, A description of the Horses and Mares lately imported from England on account of the Province.

No. 2, A Memorandum of the Sums voted by the Legislature for the purchase of Horses and Sheep, with a statement of the expenditure of the same; accompanied by Vouchers, up to their arrival in the Province.

No. 3, Account of expenses incurred on Account of the Horses and Sheep so imported, up to this date.

Order thereon

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

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

On

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, 13th & 14th Days FEBRUARY, 1827.

On Motion, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, at the opening of the Session.

Order of the Day, relative to His Excellency's speech.

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

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PRAYERS.

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

TREASURER OF THE PROVINCE.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct. Balance in his hands.	£14,182 18 7	
He has received from the Commissioners of Loan Offices, since closing his Accounts.	1809 0 0	
		15,991 18 7

COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE.

HALIFAX.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands.		30,537 6 1
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SHELBURNE.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands	£144 5 11½	
He is still accountable for the Amount reported last year, on account of a Seizure made by him	12 18 8	
		157 4 7½

YARMOUTH.

His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands	£921 10 3	
He has charged, paid the Treasurer, £1125 5 8; it appears by his Account he has received but £1118 14 6, difference	6 11 2	
		928 1 5

LIVERPOOL.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands		3,575 1 8
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LUNENBURG.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands		2675 10 9
There has been secured, of the Debt due by the late Collector, £1093 3 10. An account of expenses for securing this amount, has been exhibited of £233 16 2 part of which has been paid; if the remainder is allowed; the Balance with interest accruing thereon is	359 7 8	

KING'S COUNTY.

The late Collector's Accounts have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in the hands of the present Collector	£112 10 0	
The present Collector's Accounts have been received to the 31st December last, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands	470 5 6	
		582 15 6

CUMBERLAND.

No Account Current has been received for the last two years; he is accountable for the balance reported last year.	£110 2 11	
A return has been received, by which it appears there has been secured, between the 1st January and 31st December last, the amount of	190 7 7	
		£200 10 6
It appears by the Treasurer's account he has paid in 1826	98 0 0	

Leaving him accountable for 202 10 6

Carried Forward £55,509 16 9½

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Brought Forward £55,569 16 9½

COLCHESTER.

No Account Current has been received; he is therefore accountable for the Balance reported last year. £495 11 0

A Return for Duties, has been received by which it appears there has been secured between the 1st January and the 31st December last, the sum of 196 16 7

£693 7 7

150 13 4

It appears by the Treasurers Account, he has paid in 1826,

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542 14 3

PICTOU.

His Accounts to the 31st Dec. last, have been received; and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands £2350 8 2½

He has charged, paid to the Treasurer, £2076 18 5, when it appears by his Account, he has received but £2076 0 2; difference 18 3

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2331 6 5½

HANTS.

His Accounts to the 31st Dec. last, have been received; and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

90 6 9

ANNAPOLIS.

His Accounts to the 31 Dec. last have been received; and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

156 11 7

The former Collector's Account, has been received, and wants explanation. Balance as reported last year £510 2 10

He has Paid the Treasurer

168 10 0

Leaving a Balance of

£342 12 10

SYDNEY.

His Accounts to the 31st Dec. last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

594 11 3

WEYMOUTH.

His Accounts to the 31st Dec. last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

279 10 5

DIGBY.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

189 5 7

ARGYLE.

His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

182 2 6

The Treasurer reports that the Sum of £15, charged in his Account, has been received, since his Accounts were closed

CAPE-BRETON.

His Account to the 31st December, 1825, has been received; and is correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands £1869 1 7

The Sum paid R. Ward was Credited him by the Treasurer, in 1824 50 0 0

This Amount charged by him, paid the Treasurer, is passed to his Credit in 1826 594 3 4

£2,507 4 11

It appears by the Treasurer's Account, he has received, including the above sum of £594 3 4

825 14 4

£1681 10 7

Quarterly Returns to 30th Sept. last have been received by which there appears to have been secured

605 5 1

2286 15 8

His Return for December Quarter, 1825, has not been received though, the amount is charged in his account for that year.

ARICHAU.

Quarterly Returns to the 31st December last, have been received, by which there appears to have been secured

798 3 7

£62,911 9 4

LOAN

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LOAN OFFICES.

KING'S COUNTY.

The Commissioners' Account to the 31st December last, has been received and requires explanation : Balance due as reported last year £2930 4 11
The Treasurer states he over credited them in 1825, 40 0 0

The Treasurer has received of them

£2970 4 11
1083 10 0

1836 14 11

ANNAPOLIS.

Balance in Securities as reported last Year £2744 7 8
An Account has been received, to the 31st Dec. last ; by which there appears to have been received by them £618 11 6½ on account of Principal, and £130 15 2 for Interest ; and that the Treasurer has received £725 10 0 ; leaving Securities in their hands 618 11 6½

2150 16 1½

COLLECTORS OF LIGHT DUTY.

HALIFAX—His Account to the 31st December last has been received ; he has paid 761 7 5
SYDNEY—No remittances ; Balance due as last reported £126 11 6½
CAPE-BRETON—Ditto Do 66 9 2
SHELburne—His Account to the 31st Dec. last, has been received and paid 21 1 9
LIVERPOOL Ditto Ditto Ditto 86 16 11
PICTOU—An Account has been received, incorrectly stated ; the amount due last Year has been paid the Treasurer 15 2 0
COLCHESTER—His Account to the 31st Dec. last, has been received and paid 14 0 0
YARMOUTH Do Do Do 15 18 3
GUT OF CANSO—No Remittances ; balance as reported last year 110 14 2
DIGBY—No Account or Remittances ; balance due as last year 16 16 2
WEYMOUTH—Balance due as reported last year £13 18 11
His Account to the 31st Dec. last, has been received ; he has collected, but not paid 11 8 4
25 7 3
ARGYLE—His Accounts for 1825 and 1826 have been received ; he has collected but not paid 14 15 3
LUNENBURG—His Accounts to 31st Dec. last, have been received, and paid 35 11 8
ANNAPOLIS—His Accounts have been received ; he has collected 24 7 0

£398 2 6½

£984 16 0

PROVINCE NOTES.

Amount in circulation the 31st December last £31,877 10 0
Delivered the Treasurer in lieu of Notes torn, defaced, &c. &c. 18,000 0 0

Notes received from the Treasurer and destroyed 19,000 0 0

Leaving in Circulation £30,877 10 0

The Commissioners' Accounts for Light Houses, have been received to the 31st December last, for Supplies amounting to £1451 10 4 ; they have received from the Treasurer £800 leaving a Balance due them of £6 1 10 4.

The former Collector of Colchester is still indebted for the Sum of £162 17 1½.

The Commissioners' Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, for Repairs, Materials and Sundries, for the Government House and the Province Building ; amounting to £690 10 1 ; there remains due to sundry persons £194 4 0. There is a Quantity of Copper on hand, to the value of about £550.

ISLE OF SABLE.

The Commissioners' Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance due £154 14 1. He states that there is due to the Superintendant and his Sons a large Sum for Wages.

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ENOS COLLINS,
S. B. ROBE,
CHARLES R. PRESCOTT, } Committee
of
Council.

WILLIAM LAWSON,
JOHN YOUNG,
GEORGE SMITH,
BENJAMIN DEWOLF,
TIMOTHY RUGGLES } Committee of the
House of Assembly.

Dr.

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOZIA,

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1825.

Dec. 31. To this Amount appropriated, and not drawn from the Treasury, on account Dec. 31. 1826.

of Roads and bridges, and other services, to this date, per abstract	£5,596 0 1
Loan Certificates to sundry persons Interest due thereon to this date	38,150 0 0
Notes in circulation to do	948 10 0
Shubenacadie Canal	30,877 10 0
Grant for the encouragement of Whalers	15,000 0 0
Do for Bounty on Iron	1,500 0 0
Do for a Light-House on Mauder's Beach	1,500 0 0
Balance due Commissioners of Light-Houses	601 10 4
Do Commissioner of Isle Sable	154 14 1
Do of Public Buildings	194 4 0

By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	£15,991 18 7
Loan to Dalhousie College	5000 0 0
Secured on the Estate of the late Collector of Lunenburg	859 7 8
So much due on Loan to King's County	1,586 14 11
Ditto Ditto Annapolis	2,130 16 13
Ditto from Collector of Colchester	692 17 13
Ditto from Collector of Light-Duty	393 2 6 1/2
Copper in charge of the Commissioner of Public Buildings	550 0 0
Securities in the hands of the Collector } £30,537 6 1	
of Impost and Excise, Halifax, }	
Deduct for probable Drawbacks,	8537 6 1

Securities in the hands of the out Port Collectors, viz.

Shelburne	£157 4 7 1/2
Yarmouth	929 1 5
Liverpool	8575 1 8
Lunenburg	2675 10 9
King's County	582 15 6
Cumberland	902 10 6
Colchester	542 14 3
Pictou	2331 6 5 1/2
Hants	90 6 9
Annapolis	156 11 7
Sydney	394 11 3
Weymouth	279 10 5
Digby	129 5 7
Argyle	182 2 0
Cape-Breton	2386 15 8
Amchat	798 8 7

Deduct for probable Drawbacks, £15,422 17 0

By Balance,

£95,720 8 6

11,000 0 0
35,740 11 6 1/2
£95,720 8 6

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S. B. ROBIE, } of
CHARLES R. PRESCOTT, } Council

WILLIAM LAWSON, } Committee of the
JOHN YOUNG, }
GEORGE SMITH, } House of Assembly.
BENJAMIN DEWOLF, }
TIMOTHY RUGGLES, }

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ABSTRACT of Monies undrawn from the Treasury, on account of Roads and Bridges,
and other Services, on the 31st December, 1826.

For Shubenacadie Ferry	£ 25	0
Balance of Stone Bridges	676	0
Eliza Monk	100	0
Clearing River Denny at Cape Breton	150	0
Acts of Parliament	50	0
Town School at Windsor	50	0
Poor House School at Halifax	12	10 0
Annapolis Academy	200	0
Mills at Cape Breton	125	0
Balance of Survey on Shubenacadie River	23	10 0
Do. of Agricultural Vote	428	6 10
Do. for Clearing St. Mary's River	67	17 0
Rev. Pere Vincent, for Indian Service, Cape Breton	50	0 0
Wharf at Hall's Harbor	50	0 0
Survey of Boundary Lines	400	0 0
Balance for cleaning Militia Arms	254	8 6
Dock at Aylesford	100	0 0
Balance of Arisag Pier	59	10 9
Clearing the Annapolis River at Aylesford	50	0 0
Balance of Casualty Vote	578	15 5
Ditto for exploring Roads in Cape Breton	152	12 0
Lime springs in Windsor, 1824	20	0 0
Clearing out the Annapolis River	50	0 0
Balance of Avon Bridge Vote	26	10 3
Clearing out Lahave River	50	0 0
Clearing out St. Croix River	50	0 0
Road between Clyde River and Birch Town	50	0 0
Down the Bridge to Robert's Island	15	0 0
For the Road from Cambridge, by Scott's, to Salter's Road	6	0 0
For the Road from D. Gorman's, at Glensbrook, to the Douglas Road	8	0 0
For the new Road from the Noel Road on the back tier, towards Petite	6	0 0
For the Cunnable Bridge leading to Falmouth	10	0 0
For the Road past Daniel Sanford's, easterly to Peter Woodworth's	7	0 0
For the Road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis	7	10 0
For the Road from Daniel Huntley's to the Bason at White Waters	8	0 0
To assist the Inhabitants in building a Bridge to the Ferry across Ratchford's } River, so called }	20	0 0
From Bear River Bridge to the Ferry on the East side of Bear River	10	0 0
From Harbour Buche, along the Gut of Canso, to the District Line	5	0 0
From Salmon River to new Harbour	7	10 0
Building a Bridge at Pirate Cove Gut of Canso	70	0 0
Colin P. Grant, for Roads in Sydney County	40	0 0
Francis Parker, balance of Roads, Hants County	12	0 0
R. Nickerson, balance of Vote for Road from Barrington to Cockawit	33	6 8
Smith & Salter, balance to improve the Road near W. Salter's, in Newport	33	6 8
Building a Bridge over Remsheg River	200	0 0
Nicholas Paint; Roads at Cape Breton	115	0 0
Malcom M'Grigor; balance do.	16	13 4
John B. Giles, do. do.	23	6 8
Building a Bridge at New Glasgow, in Pictou	250	0 0
Main Road from St. Peters Bay to Sydney	50	0 0
Roads in Military Settlements on Lake Anslie, Cape Breton	50	0 0
John Whyllie, for removing obstructions, River New Dublin, Co. Lunenburg	50	0 0
Clearing and removing obstructions at Scissiboo River	50	0 0
Do. do. Annapolis River, Bridgetown	40	0 0
The Proprietors of Land for New Ardoice Hill	299	0 0
Shaffroth, for Fencing Kempt Road	90	0 0
Fencing Fultz's Road	73	0 0
Allison and Eaton, for Wellington Dyke	100	0 0
Sundries for Grist and Flax Mills	140	0 0
Adjutants of Militia	90	0 0
	£5596,	0 1

Committee

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Committee Room, Halifax, 13th February, 1827.

ENOS COLLINS
S. B. ROBBE,
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of
Council.

WILLIAM LAWSON,
JOHN YOUNG,
GEORGE SMITH,
BENJAMIN DEWOLF,
TIMOTHY RUGGLES; } Committee of the
House of Assembly.

Mr. Lawson, also delivered to the House, an Abstract of Dutiable articles, imported into the Province, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows, viz :

ABSTRACT of Dutiable Goods, imported into the Province of Nova-Scotia, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1826.

COUNTIES and DISTRICT	BRANDY and GIN. Gallons.	RUM Gallons.	WINE. Gallons.	MOLASSES. Gallons.	SUGAR. Cwts.	COFFEE. Pounds.	AMOUNT OF GOODS. LIABLE TO 3½ PER CENT. 5 and 10 PER CENT. DUTY.		AMOUNT OF DUTIES SECURED.	
							3½ PER CENT.	5 and 10 PER CENT.	3½ PER CENT.	5 and 10 PER CENT.
HALIFAX.....	3699	531,494	29,856	233,342	18,142	47,983	£241,620	3 4	45,145	7 1
LIVERPOOL.....		69,739	30	54,056	1042	445	317	12 11	4,211	11 6
LUNENBURG.....	119	42,374	31	43,777	1,575	1,690	1,235	13 8	2,322	16 11
YARMOUTH.....	63	19,740		24,132	532	2371	2,546	4 2	1,381	18 9½
PICTOU.....		35,512		8,772	196	231	7,505	3 2½	3,293	6 9½
KING'S COUNTY.....	165	8,990		5,755	144		2,849	1 1½	657	5 9½
SHELBURNE.....		2,104		3,738	51		11	0 0	139	8 7
COUNTY OF SYDNEY to the 1st Nov.	95	4,573	64	6,341	233		527	6 3	354	5 5½
DIGBY.....	25	3,281	18	2,635	35		1,537	11 0½	257	5 6½
ANNAPOLIS.....	15	9,867		5,227	259	36	1,748	0 11	673	3 1
WEYMOUTH.....		2,680		1,612	42		1,837	0 0	238	9 8
COLCHESTER.....	128	2,312		765	22	80	1,490	0 0	196	16 7
WINDSOR.....	133	2,078	10	178	18	28	548	1 10	146	18 11
CAPE-BRETON and A. RICHAT, to the 30th September.....	40	2,508		2,057			10,384	14 1	605	0 3½
CUMBERLAND.....		12,229	48	7,630	194	2361	1,184	11 1½	799	6 8
ARGYLE.....	86	2,550		833	52		872	2 3	190	7 7
		1,755		2,007	46		569	3 6	133	18 10½
TOTAL.....	4571	753,736	30,057	402,857	22,533	55,219	276,843	9 5	61,247	8 1½

Order thereon.

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

Bill in addition to Act relating to Wills, &c. read 1st time

Mr. Stewart, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to, and amendment of the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Petition of B. Hacket and others.

A Petition of B. Hacket, and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying the adoption of some security against fraud, in the measurement of Coal.

Petition of King's County Agricultural Society.

A Petition of the Officers and Committee of King's County Union Agricultural Society, was presented by Mr. J. Morton, and read, praying the revival of the Charter of the Provincial Agricultural Society, either as formerly constituted, or with alterations.

Petition of Donald McDonald and others.

A Petition of Donald McDonald, and others, Inhabitants of Tracadie, Cape Jaik's, &c. was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying aid to repair a road, and rebuild a bridge in their Settlement.

Petition of West River Presbyterian Congregation.

A Petition of the Reverend John McLean, Chairman of the West River of Pictou Presbyterian Congregation, in behalf of the Congregation, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying that the privilege of performing the Marriage Ceremony by Licence may

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Ceremony by Licence, may be extended to Clergymen either of the Presbyterian, or the regular Calvinistic Baptist Congregations, and that Trustees chosen by those Congregations respectively, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

On motion, of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Accounts of the Collectors of Light Duties respectively in the Province, and to report the number and Tonnage of Vessels subject to said Duty, arriving in the Province for the year 1826; to distinguish between those which do, and those which do not belong to the Province; also to ascertain the number of arrivals at the different ports of Entry, and to compare such arrivals with the accounts of the collectors of Light Duties, and report thereon, as well as on any matter or thing appertaining to Light Houses and Light Duties.

Ordered That Mr. Starr, Mr. Roach, and Mr. B. Dewolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House, will To-morrow, take into consideration his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, at the opening of the Session.

Resolved, That this House, will on Saturday next, the 17th inst. take into consideration, the subject of the appropriation of the Duties under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, and all matters connected therewith.

Mr. Hartshorne reported further from the Select Committee, to try the merits of the Election for the Town of Shelburne; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Saturday next, the 17th instant, at twelve of the Clock.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee appointed to enquire into and report whether any Act of the Legislature of Jamaica has passed, for the levying and collection of any Duties upon Vessels trading therewith, from this Province, &c. and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

THAT the Committee have taken Evidence (the minutes of which are herewith submitted) with respect to the enquiries referred to them, and have been furnished with several public Newspapers of that Island: and from the information thus supplied,—although, unable to obtain a Printed Copy of the Act, referred to in the Resolution of this Honorable House. They find, that on the ninth day of December last, An Act passed by the Legislature of Jamaica, and assented to by His Grace, the Governor of that Colony, went into operation, whereby, during the space of one year, all Merchant Vessels entering the Ports thereof, from other Countries, are subjected to the payment of a Duty of three shillings and four pence, that Currency, (equal to two shillings and six pence, Halifax Currency) for every Ton of their registered burthen;—That this Duty attaches on those vessels, on every arrival from a Port out of the Island; but on its Coasting Trade, or Droppers, is payable only once in the year; that these Duties are made payable, not to the Officers of the Customs, but to the Receiver General of the Island; and that the title of the Law appears to be, An Act to provide salaries, in lieu of Fees, to the Custom House Officers, by a Duty on shipping.

It has also been proved by the Testimony herewith, that under this Law, a demand was made in Falmouth, Jamaica, on the Consignees of the Brig Jane Hatton (which had arrived there from Halifax, before the Act went into operation,) for the payment of one moiety of the aforesaid Tonnage Duty; but the claim was successfully resisted on the ground of such previous arrival. The master, however, testifies that he saw the Duty paid to the Receiver General's Office at Falmouth, for a Vessel which had subsequently arrived there from New Brunswick. The Committee have it also in Evidence that on the Schooner Hannah, lately arrived at this Port from Kingston, the Duty amounting to Eleven Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, was exacted and paid under the Act in question. The Committee further Report, that in consequence of this Duty, the whole charges, payable by the Vessels of this Province in the Ports of Jamaica, are increased to nearly, if not quite the same amount as they were burthened with, previous to the Act of the Imperial Parliament (6 Geo. 4, c. 106, s. 9) which prohibited, after the fifth day of January, 1826, the Officers of the Customs throughout His Majesty's Dominions from receiving any fees or perquisites whatever. Instead, therefore, of realizing the full benefits which were wisely and liberally intended by that Statute to be conferred on the Shipping Interests of the Empire, or of avoiding the vexatious Exactions, amounting on one Vessel and Voyage, to between One Hundred and Fifty and Two Hundred Dollars, with which the Trade of this Province was formerly taxed in the West Indies. Those who pursue it are unexpectedly-

Resolution for a Committee to examine accounts of the Collectors of Light Duties, &c.

Committee appointed.

Resolution to consider His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech

Days appointed for considering the subject of Duties, under the Acts of Imperial Parliament.

Select Committee on the Election for the Town of Shelburne leave to adjourn

Report of the Committee, on the subject of a Tonnage Duty, levied upon Vessels by the Legislature of Jamaica

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subjected in a new form to Impositions nearly alike in degree to those which His Majesty's Government thought proper to condemn.

To enable this Honorable House to estimate the extent to which the Ships of this Colony will be taxed by the measure adopted in Jamaica, the Committee have obtained an authentic statement of the Vessels, with their Tonnage, that have arrived from Jamaica in our Ports, during the two years ending on the 31st of January, 1827. And as the Intercourse will naturally increase rather than diminish, they believe the Annual Tonnage employed by this Province in the Jamaica Trade, may be safely estimated at about 5000 tons, amounting at two shillings and six pence currency, to the sum of six hundred and twenty five pounds. This computation sufficiently manifests the extent of the injury attempted to be inflicted on our Commerce under ordinary circumstances; but should the West Indian Ports remain closed against the Vessels of the United States, the increased Intercourse which will thence arise between this Province and Jamaica, must employ every year three or four times the Tonnage above stated.

It may, however, be urged in justification of the proceedings of the Legislature of Jamaica, that the Tax now complained of, although payable in the first instance by the Ship-Owner, eventually rests upon the consumer of the Articles imported, to whose price it is added, in the shape of an additional freight for their conveyance to that Island: The Committee have therefore felt it to be their duty to examine into, and report particularly, to this Honorable House, the peculiar nature of the Commodities constituting the principal Exports from hence to that Colony. They find that those chiefly consist of dried Codfish, and of pickled Salmon, Mackarel, Herrings and Alewives in Barrels, and compose in a greater or less proportion, the larger part of the Cargoes shipped from hence for that destination. On their arrival in its Ports, the climate and perishable nature of these Articles, compel an almost immediate Sale. It is testified to the Committee that dried fish, if in very good order, cannot be kept unsold much longer than one month, and in the rainy season, not beyond a fortnight. If of inferior quality it must be disposed of forthwith: nor can the Pickled Fish be retained on hand over three months. On these accounts such Cargoes are seldom (and then always most reluctantly) stored for an advanced price, but in the usual course of Trade, are sold as they arrive for the most they will bring: and, there being no other place to resort to from Jamaica, for a better market, the master is compelled, in almost every case, to accept the offers made at the first port his ship arrives at.

This branch of Commerce may therefore be considered as standing on a different foundation from those wherein similar impediments, not existing, and scope being afforded for the results of a free competition, all expenses incurred in the production and conveyance of any Commodity, combine, according to the General Principle, to fix its market price, and are eventually paid by the Consumer.

To the Committee therefore it appears manifest, as well from these considerations, as from many others which might be enlarged on, that of this Tonnage Duty, little or none will fall on the Island Consumer of our Exports, but the Impost will operate as a direct and heavy Tax upon all whom the necessity of employing their Vessels, compels to retain them in the Jamaica Trade;—But whether this opinion be questionable or not, it is impossible to doubt that the levying this Tonnage, is in pointed opposition to the objects and spirit of the new Navigation System, as presented in the Statute, which took effect on the fifth of January, 1826. By these the restrictions and burthensome exactions which had so long impeded the activity and enterprise of Commerce, were swept away, not locally or partially, but throughout the whole extent of the Empire, and in every portion of its wide Dependencies, in none of them were the complaints of the Colonial Ship-Owner oftner heard, than in the West Indies; and there also, were the advantages of the new Regulations most early appreciated by the relief they afforded, to the Provincial Vessels engaged in that Trade, on whose behalf repeated representations were forwarded to His Majesty's Government. Had the Imperial Parliament deemed it expedient to provide Funds for the support of the Officers of the Customs, by a general Tonnage Duty, applicable to all ships, and in all places, the universality of the Charge would have maintained that Equality among them, which, without such a Tax, the present Navigation Laws are designed to establish; but since such a measure, as a general regulation for all British Shipping, has appeared inexpedient, and has not been adopted by those most competent to decide upon its effects, it must be evident, that the individual Colony of Jamaica, owning few Vessels, save those engaged in the Coasting Trade, would, if justified in the present attempt to provide for its local expenditure, by the Tax now complained of, be armed with the power, and exercise the means of qualifying those benefits which the General Government bestowed impartially on all its subjects: would, in short, usurp that authority which by the Constitution is vested in His Majesty and the Imperial Parliament alone, to regulate the Trade of the Colonies.

In consequence of the views here presented by the Committee, on the subject referred to them, they recommend to this Honorable House: That an Address be presented at an early day from the Assembly, (and from His Majesty's Council, if they will concur therein) to request His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to bring before His Majesty's Ministers, for their consideration, the Act of the Legislature of Jamaica, imposing a Tonnage Duty on Shipping, to represent its injurious operation on the Trade of this Province, and its apparent hostility to the spirit and principle of the new system; and further humbly to pray that this Act may be disallowed of by His Majesty.

And the House having taken the Report into consideration; thereupon,

Mr. Uniacke moved that a conference be desired with His Majesty's Council, on the general state of the Province which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty two; against it, eleven; so it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council; and that the Clerk do request the same.

Resolution
for a confer-
ence with the
Council there-
on

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:
Mr. Speaker,

The

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The Council agree to the Conference on the General State of the Province, as desired by this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Young, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Starr, do manage the Conference, and that the Managers do communicate the subject matter of the Report of the Committee of this House, relative to the Act of the Island of Jamaica, levying a Tonnage Duty, to the Committee of the Council on the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference; that they had complied with the Order of the House; and also stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Conference reported.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the following Paper, transmitted to him by Mr. Secretary George, by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, viz.

An Estimate of the charge for defraying the expense of the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1827.

Estimate of civil Establishment of the Government laid before the House.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further Conference, by Committee, on the subject matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated to the House, that the Committee of the Council informed the Managers, that His Majesty's Council, having had the subject matter relative to the Tonnage Duty, levied by the Legislature of Jamaica, under their consideration, are ready to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of the House, to prepare a joint Address of both Houses to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the said Duty; and thereupon,

Further conference with the Council on subject of Jamaica Tonnage Duty reported.

On motion, *resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of Conference.

Resolution for addressing his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor thereon.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the Conference, be a Committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council, with the foregoing Resolution.

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

THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Abraham Gesner, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying

Petition of Abraham Gesner.

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a reward for having, by importation and the gratuitous disposal of grafts, produced great improvement in the fruit of the Province.

Petition of Thomas Bauer and Richard Harney.

A Petition of Thomas Bauer and Richard Harney, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying a reimbursement for certain Provincial Treasury forged Notes, stated by them to have been received from the Commissariat Office.

Petition of James Taylor, and others.

A Petition of James Taylor, and others, of Pomquet, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying a bounty for the erection of a Shelling Mill and Kiln.

Petition of Luke Pettipaw and others.

A Petition of Luke Pettipaw and others, of Big Tracadie, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying aid towards rendering more navigable, the Harbour of Big Tracadie.

Petition of the Rev. Chas. Weeks and others.

A Petition of the Reverend Charles W. Weeks, and others, of the Lower District of County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying a grant of Money for the improvement of the new Eastern Road, through Musquedobit, and St. Mary's, to Guysborough.

Bill for incorporating a Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Avon, read 1st time.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the incorporation of a Company, for erecting a Bridge across the River Avon, in the County of Hants, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Lieutenant Governor's Speech at the opening of the Session read.

On motion, the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, was read by the Clerk, and the House having taken the same into consideration; thereupon,

Resolution for a supply to his Majesty.

On motion of Mr. Uniacke, *resolved,* that a supply be granted to His Majesty.

Estimate of Civil Establishment referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, *ordered,* That the Estimate for the Civil Establishment for the Province of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1827, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

FRIDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation of Antigonishe.

A Petition of Robert N. Henry, as Chairman of the Presbyterian Congregation of Antigonishe, and in their name, and by their appointment, was presented by Mr. Dickson, and read, praying that the privilege of performing the Marriage Ceremony, by licence, may be extended to the Clergymen of the Presbyterian, and of the regular Calvinistic Baptist Congregations, and that Trustees, to be chosen by those respective Congregations, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petition of Robert Hill.

A Petition of Robert Hill, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying a grant of the amount of duties paid by him on certain flour, destroyed by fire at Newcastle, in New Brunswick.

Petition of Joshua Newton and others.

A Petition of Joshua Newton, and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Liverpool, was presented by Mr. J. R. Dewolf, and read, praying aid in the constructing a Pier in the Harbour of Liverpool, to prevent injury from the accumulation of sand therein.

Petition of the Society of Nova Scotia Barristers.

A Petition of J. W. Nutting, as the Secretary of the Society of Nova-Scotia Barristers, on their behalf, and by their order, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying aid in procuring Books for the Law Library of that Society.

Order thereon.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

Leave given to Mr. Smith to proceed to England.

On Motion, *ordered,* that Mr. Smith, Member for the County of Halifax, have leave to proceed to England, forthwith, on urgent private business.

On

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On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of a supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Committee of supply

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

£12000 granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges.

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

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

Mr. Secretary George, acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows, viz:

JAMES KEMPT.

In compliance with the request of the late House of Assembly, expressed in their Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the 6th March last, His Excellency did not fail to bring under the consideration of the Executive Governments of Lower Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island; certain resolutions of the House, relative to Light Houses, in which those Governments were interested, and His Excellency now lays before the House of Assembly, the following Papers on that subject, viz:

Message and Papers from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative to Light-Houses.

No. 1, Copy of a Letter from His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, dated Quebec 5th April, 1826.

No. 2, Copy of a Letter from his Honor George Wright, late President of Prince Edward Island, dated 11th April, 1826.

No. 3, Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners of Light-Houses in New-Brunswick, Dated, St. John, 5th January, 1827.

No. 4, Copy of a letter from the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Revenue at Halifax, to the Commissioners at New-Brunswick, in reply to the preceding Communication from them.

The said Papers referred to in the foregoing Message were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

Order thereon

Mr. Bishop, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the Merits of the Petition of William Flemming, against the Return of Charles D. Archibald, Esq. Member for the Town of Truro, acquainted the House that Mr. Smith, Member for the County of Halifax, having obtained the leave of the House to proceed to England on his private affairs, had requested to be excused from any further attendance on the said Committee; which request the Committee had agreed to, subject to the pleasure of the House, and thereupon,

Committee on the Truro, Election Report

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On

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Mr. Smith excused from further attendance on the Committee, as a nominee

Mr. Ruggles appointed nominee in his place.

Bill for incorporating a Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Avon read 2d time

On Motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. Smith be excused from any further attendance on the Committee accordingly; and that the sitting Member Mr. Archibald, do nominate another Member from those Members not ballotted on said Committee, to be one of the said Committee, in the place of Mr. Smith, his present nominee, so allowed to withdraw himself from the Committee; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald the sitting Member, named Mr. Ruggles, Member for the Town of Granville, who had not been ballotted for, as his nominee, and he took the Oath prescribed by Law, at the Table of the House accordingly.

A Bill to authorize the incorporation of a Company, for erecting a Bridge across the River Avon, in the County of Hants, was read a second time.

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

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

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PRAYERS.

Petition of Gideon S. Harrington.

A Petition of Gideon S. Harrington, was presented by Mr. Harris, and read, praying aid towards the erection and preparation of a cold Indigo Dye-vat, for colouring native manufactured cloth, with a permanent blue.

Petition of George W. Brown, and others.

A Petition of George W. Brown, and others, Inhabitants of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Poole, and read, praying a grant of Money, for enlarging the Bridge at the head of Cape Forchu Harbour, for building arches over the Mill races, and a Draw-Bridge over the Canal.

Petition of the Reverend Robert Willis, & others

A Petition of the Revd. Robert Willis, D. D. and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying the enactment of regulations against trafficking on the Lord's Day.

Petition of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy

A Petition of the Revd. Thomas McCulloch, and others, Trustees of the Pictou Academy, was presented by Mr. J. R. Dewolf, and read, soliciting a permanent grant in aid of that Institution, and the removal of certain restrictions, attendant upon the appointment of Trustees and Teachers of that Institution.

Order thereon

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Resolution relative to appropriation of duties under Acts of the Imperial Parliament.

The Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,
On motion *Resolved*,—That this House will on Tuesday next, the 20th instant, take into consideration, the subject of the appropriation of Duties under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, and all matters connected therewith.

On motion, of Mr. Stewart, *Resolved*,—That a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to request that his Excellency will be pleased to direct the Officers of his Majesty's Customs, at this Port, to furnish to this House, an Account containing the following information, viz:—

The amounts respectively, of the actual Annual Incomes of the several Officers of the Customs, in this Province, for the three years next before the fifth day of January, 1826; distinguishing how much thereof arose from Fees on the Coasting Trade, and on the Foreign Trade of the Country.

Resolution requiring Papers from officers of His Majesty's Customs on the subject of said Duties, &c.

The number and description of Officers fixed or contemplated by the late Regulations referred to in the Treasury Minutes of the 9th. Dec. 1825, and the 25th. April, 1826, of his Majesty's Customs at the different Ports in this Colony, together with the respective Salaries at present contemplated to be paid to each of the said officers.

The several Accounts of all the Duties of Customs collected in this Colony, as well under the Acts of Parliament which existed prior to the Act of the 18th. Geo. the 3d.

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Cap. 12th. as under the Act of the 6 Geo. 4. Cap. 114. and for Tonnage Money at the different Ports in this Province, for the year commencing on the 5th. day of January, 1826, and ending on the 5th. January, of the present year, specifying the Number, Quantities, and Descriptions of the Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, upon which the said Duties were collected; and thereupon,

Committee appointed thereon

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Uniacke, and Mr. Young, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this House, for the purpose of preparing a joint Address of his Majesty's Council, and this House, to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, on the subject of a Tonnage Duty levied by the Island of Jamaica.

Council appoint a Committee on subject of address, relative to Tonnage duty levied by Jamaica

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Murdoch, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to the Act of the 57 Geo 3d. for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the same was read a first time.

Bill in addition to Act for relief of Insolvent Debtors; also

Mr. Morse, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the establishment of Grammar Schools, and the same was read a first time.

Bill for Establishing Grammar Schools read 1st time

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Fairbanks, reported from the Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the Council, to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, on the subject of the Tonnage Duty levied by the Island of Jamaica, that the joint Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

To his Excellency Sir JAMES KEMPT, Knight Grand Cross, of the most Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The Address of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, in General Assembly Convened.

May it please your Excellency,

HIS Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, respectfully request your Excellency to call the attention of His Majesty's Government, to an Act of the General Assembly of Jamaica, recently put in operation throughout that Island, to provide Salaries in lieu of Fees to the Custom House Officers, by a duty on Shipping.

Committee report Joint Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, to His Excellency, on the Subject of Tonnage Duty levied by the Island of Jamaica

His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, with feelings of sincere gratitude to his Majesty's Government, acknowledge the great benefit the Trade of this Colony has derived from the Abolition of the Custom House Fees, which were so long felt a heavy burthen on the Navigation of the British Colonies; and we consider the attempt of the Legislature of Jamaica, to substitute a Tonnage Duty on British Shipping, in lieu of these fees, to be a measure calculated to deprive our Trade of the advantages which the Imperial Parliament, by a liberal policy intended to grant to us.

The experience we have of your Excellency's ready attention to every thing that will promote the true interests of the Province, induces us to believe that your Excellency will readily adopt such measures as will prevent the operation of an Act so evidently injurious to the Commerce and Shipping of the Colonies, and of G. Britain.

Address Agreed to; and the Joint Committee of both Houses to present the same

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said address, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council, therewith

Ordered, That the Committee of this House, who prepared the said address with the Committee of the Council, do join that Committee in presenting the address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr.

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Committee on the Shelburne Election: Report

Mr. Hartshorne, Chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the late Election for the Town of Shelburne, acquainted the House, that Mr. Smith, Member for the County of Halifax, having obtained the leave of the House to proceed to England, on his private affairs, had requested to be excused from any further attendance upon the said Committee, which request the Committee had agreed to, subject to the pleasure of the House thereon; and thereupon,

Mr. Smith excused from further attendance on the Committee, as a nominee

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Smith, be excused from any further attendance on the Committee, and that the sitting member, Mr. White do nominate another member from those members not ballotted on the said Committee, to be one of the Committee in place of Mr. Smith his present nominee, so allowed to withdraw himself from the Committee; and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson appointed nominee in his place

Mr. White, the sitting Member, named Mr. Lawson, Member for the County of Halifax, who had not been ballotted for, as his nominee, and he took the Oath prescribed by Law, at the Table of the House accordingly.

Leave given to the Committee to adjourn till 22d February.

Mr Hartshorne also reported further from the said Select Committee; and thereupon, On motion, *ordered*, That the Committee have leave to adjourn until Thursday, the 22d inst.

Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency with the address on subject of the Tonnage Duty levied by Jamaica, Report

Mr. Fairbanks, reported from the Committee appointed this day, to wait upon and present to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the joint address of His Majesty's Council, and this House, on the subject of the Jamaica Tonnage Duty; that the Joint Committee had accordingly waited upon, and presented the said address to his Excellency, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would take the earliest opportunity of communicating the subject matter thereof, to His Majesty's Government.

Committee on subject of Papers required from the officers of the Customs, Report

Mr. Stewart, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution of this House, on the subject of information required from the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, that they had accordingly waited upon, and delivered the same to his Excellency, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would give immediate direction to the Officers to furnish the information required by the said Resolution.

Adjournment

Then the House adjourned until Monday at Twelve of the Clock.

MONDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1827.

Resolution for considering the Petition of the Rev. John Carrol and others

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Uniacke, *resolved*, That this House will, on Thursday next, the 22d instant, take into consideration the Petition of the Reverend John Carrol, and others, now before the House.

Committee on Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Lawson took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to regulate the manufacturing and shipment of Grinding Stone. The Bill to authorize the incorporation of a Company, for erecting a Bridge over the River Avon, in the County of Hants; and also, a Bill in addition to the Act, to prevent Boys, and others, coasting down the Hills, in the Streets of Halifax, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House, without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

On

MONDAY, and TUESDAY, 19th and 20th Days FEBRUARY, 1827.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine whether any and what alterations are necessary to be made in the Laws, regulating the Expenditure of the Road Money, and those for regulating Highway Labour; and to report thereon to the House, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Roach, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Young, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Bill for preventing frivolous and vexatious Arrests, be read a second time, on Wednesday, the 21st instant.

A Petition of Anthony H. Holland, was presented by Mr. Lawson and read, praying the passing of a Law to prohibit the exportation of the raw material for manufacturing paper.

A Petition of D. M. Farlane and others, was presented by Mr. Stewart and read, praying aid towards the completion of a Bridge across the Wallace River, on the main post Road in Cumberland.

A Petition of Aaron Fountain and other inhabitants of West Chester, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Stewart, and read, praying a remission of a part of the statute labour on the highways in that District, or payment for extra work thereon after heavy falls of snow.

A Petition of Patrick Lanigan and others, interested in the Waterloo, Main Fox Island Fisheries, and other Fisheries adjoining thereto, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying the enactment of certain regulations concerning those Fisheries.

A Petition of Thomas Cutler and others, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying aid for building a Bridge over Salmon River in the Co. of Sydney on the post road.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

TUESDAY, 20th Day FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Rev. E. L. Benwell and others, Inhabitants of the town of Dartmouth, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying for aid to complete a School-House.

A Petition of Richard Tremain, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying a return of the amount paid by him, as duties upon certain Corn, Imported by him.

A Petition of Anthony Smith, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying a bounty for having erected an Oat Mill in the District of Pictou.

A Petition of E. A. Moody, was presented by Mr. Murdoch, and read, setting forth the destruction by fire, of his Printing Press and materials, and praying pecuniary assistance to enable him to construct and manufacture a Printing Press in the town of Halifax.

A Petition of the dissenting Congregation of the Middle River Pictou, also, a Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation of the East Branch, East River Pictou, also, a Petition of the Rev. Mr. McKinlay's Presbyterian Congregation, in the Town of Pictou, also, a Petition of a Congregation Meeting in Merigomishe, also, a Petition of a Congregation of the Lower Settlement East River Pictou, also, a Petition of a Congregational Meeting at River John, also, a Petition of a Congregation at the West Branch of the East River of Pictou; were severally presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying that Clergymen of Congregations professing either the Presbyterian or the regular Calvinistic Baptist, form of Christian Worship, may be allowed to perform the Marriage Ceremony by Licence; and that Trustees to be chosen by those Congregations respectively, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Committee appointed to report on Laws relating to Highway Labour, &c.

Second reading of Bill relating to arrests postponed

Petition of Anthony H. Holland

Petition of D. M. Farlane, and others.

Petition of Aaron Fountain and others

Petition of Patrick Lanigan and others

Order thereon

Petition of the Reverend E. L. Benwell, & others

Petition of Richard Tremain

Petition of Anthony Smith

Petition of E. A. Moody

Petitions from respective Presbyterian Congregations at Pictou, River John and Merigomishe

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Petition of
Thomas Rit-
chie, & others

A Petition of Thomas Ritchie, Esq. and others, inhabitants of the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Halliburton, and read, praying that provision may be made for the appointment of Trustees, for the Academy contemplated to be established at Annapolis Royal, and for procuring assistance towards the support of the seminary.

Petition of
James D. Har-
ris, and others

A Petition of James D. Harris and others, was presented by Mr. Bishop, and read, praying that the Trustees of the central Public School-House at Kentville in King's County, may be incorporated, and for aid to complete said School-House.

Order thereon

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table,

Bill relative to
the Acts for
the Election of
Representa-
tives &c. &c.
read 1st time.

Mr. Hartshorne pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in addition to the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and to repeal the Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Resolution for
granting
£12,000 for
Roads and
Bridges, agreed
to by the Coun-
cil

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the Sum of 12,000l. for the Service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Leave given to
the Committee
on Truro Elec-
tion to adjourn
till 22d Feb.

Mr. Bishop, Chairman of the Select Committee, to try the merits of the late Election for Truro, reported further from the Committee, and thereupon.

On motion, *Ordered,* that the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Thursday, the 22d instant.

Papers on sub-
ject of Duties
collected under
acts of the Im-
perial Parliam-
ent, laid be-
fore the House

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter received by him, from Mr. Secretary George, dated this day, transmitting by command of His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, the following Papers to be laid before the House, viz :

A Copy of the Dutiable accounts for goods Imported, and liable to Duties by virtue of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, of the 6th Geo. 4th Cap, 114, for the year ending, the 5th January, 1826, signed by the principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs also.

A Copy of a Letter from the principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs, to Mr. Secretary George, dated Halifax, the 10th February, relative to the information required said Officers, by the House in their Resolution, of the 17th February, instant; Com- from themunicated to His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

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

House proceed
to the consid-
eratin of the
appropriation of
Duties under
the late Acts
of the Impe-
rial Parliament

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

On motion, The House proceeded to the consideration of the appropriation of Duties, under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, and all matters connected therewith, and having made some progress therein; thereupon,

On motion, *resolved,* That this House will, To-morrow, proceed further on the con- sideration of the before mentioned subject

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

WEDNESDAY, 21st Day FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Petition of the
Committee of
King's County,
Agricultural
Society

A Petition of Elihu Woodworth, and others, a Committee of the King's County, A- gricultural Society, was presented by Mr. Bishop, and read, praying a renewal of the Charter of the Provincial Agricultural Society.

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A Petition of James F. Gray, Coroner of the District of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying that the fees for performing the duties of that office, may be increased. Petition of James F. Gray

A Petition of Catharine Barbara Liefer, and others, the Heirs of the late Jacob Shaffroth, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying for the passing of an Act, to confirm them in the quiet possession of an old Road. Petition of Heirs of Jacob Shaffroth

A Petition of Robert Turnbull, and Darby Cronin, Executors to Patrick Condon, late of Digby, deceased, was presented by Mr. J. E. Morton, and read, praying for payment for a road sold to the Commissioners of Light-Houses. Petition of the Executors of Patrick Condon

A Petition of James M'Dougall, was presented by Mr. Dill, and read, praying for relief, from his confinement for debt in the Gaol at Windsor. Petition of James M Dougal

A Petition of Joachim Martin de Sardina, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying aid towards the establishment of Medicinal and Vapour Baths, in the Town of Halifax. Petition of Joachim Martin de Sardina

A Petition of Thomas J. Brown, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying stay of an Execution against him, at the suit of the King, upon a Judgment obtained against him for monies for which he had made himself liable as Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of Colchester. Petition of Thomas J. Brown

A Petition of William Morehouse, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying a remuneration for his services as a Deputy Surveyor in exploring and laying out roads in the County of Annapolis, and a grant for the alteration of a road leading from Annapolis, to a settlement to the northward of Liverpool. Petition of William Morehouse

A Petition of George Wilson, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying a grant of duties paid upon Tobacco, imported from the United States, and manufactured by him. Petition of George Wilson

A Petition of Joseph Austen, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying a grant of duties paid upon Tobacco, imported from the United States, and Manufactured by him. Petition of Joseph Austen

A Petition of William Bruce Almon, for the Proprietors of the Halifax Sugar Refinery, was presented by Mr. Stewart, and read, praying a return of certain duties paid by them, at the Custom-House, upon the importation of Sugar and Molasses, used in their Refinery. Petition of the proprietors of the Halifax Sugar Refinery

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table. Order thereon

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Petition of the Magistrates, and others, Inhabitants of Barrington, praying aid for securing the Beach in front of the Harbour of Barrington, from the Sea, recommended to the consideration of the House, by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. Petition of the Magistrates and others of Barrington

The said Petition was read by the Clerk, and ordered to lie on the Table. Order thereon

On motion, The Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon,

On motion, The House proceeded to the consideration of the appropriation of Duties, under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, with all matters connected therewith, and having made further progress therein; thereupon, House proceed to the consideration of the appropriation of Duties under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament

On motion, *resolved,* That this House will, To-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of the before mentioned subject.

On motion, *ordered,* That the second reading of the Bill for preventing frivolous and vexatious Arrests, be postponed till Saturday, the 24th instant. Second reading of Bill relating to arrests postponed

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

THURSDAY, 22d FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

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Petition of
the Rev. J. T
Twining.

A Petition of the Rev. J. T. Twining, Master of the Halifax Grammar School, was presented by Mr. Murdoch, and read, praying a grant of money for repairing the building in which the School is held.

Petition of
Kenneth M^c
Donald and
others.

A Petition of Kenneth M^cDonald, and others, Inhabitants of Antigonishe, was presented by Mr. Dickson, and read, praying aid to enable them to open up the Channel at the mouth of the West River, and to form a tow Path or Road.

Petition of
Thomas Cutler
and others.

A Petition of Thomas Cutler, and others, Inhabitants about Chebucto Bay, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying for a Law to protect the Fisheries.

Petition of Ja-
cob Lynds and
other Protestant
Dissenters.

A Petition of Jacob Lynds, and others, Protestant Dissenters, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that Clergymen of the Presbyterian and regular Calvinistic Baptist Congregations, should be allowed to perform the Marriage Ceremony by Licence, and that Trustees to be chosen by those Congregations respectively, be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petition of
John Cox.

A Petition of John Cox, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying remuneration for his time and expences, incurred by him, in consequence of a wound received by him, in arresting a Culprit for a breach of the peace.

Petition of the
Halifax Steam
Boat Company

A Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying aid towards the establishment of a Steam Boat in the Harbour of Halifax.

Petition of
John Ferguson

A Petition of John Ferguson, Chocolate Manufacturer, was presented by Mr. Stewart and read, praying a return of duties paid by him, upon the importation of Cocoa, manufactured by him, and also, that a further protecting Duty should be laid upon the importation of Chocolate.

Petition of
Thomas James
and others.

A Petition of Thomas James and others of Bridge Town, was presented by Mr. Roach and read, praying aid in the erection of a School House at that place.

Petition of Al-
lan M^cDonald

A Petition of Allan M^cDonald was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying a remission of Duties paid upon the importation of Leaf Tobacco manufactured by him.

Petition of
ames Tremain

A Petition of James Tremain was presented by Mr. Uniacke and read, praying a return of the amount of Duties paid at the Custom House upon the importation of Foreign Grain, manufactured by him.

Petition of
John Singer,
and others

A Petition of John Singer and others, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying the passing of an Act to regulate the width of waggons and other wheel carriages.

Petition of
John Flemming
Junr and others

A Petition of John Flemming Junior and others, Inhabitants of Catch Harbour, was presented by Mr. Murdoch and read, praying for some Regulations respecting Pilotage at the entrance of the Harbour of Halifax.

Petition of
Edmund Ward

A Petition of Edmund Ward, Librarian of the Halifax Library, was presented by Mr. Murdoch and read, praying a grant of money in aid of the funds of that Institution.

Petition W.
M^cLaughlin

A Petition of William M^cLaughlin was presented by Mr. Murdoch and read, praying for protection in the manufacture of home-spun Cloth (by him wove and made at Pres-ton) against the importation of that article.

Petition of Pe-
ter Starratt

A Petition of Peter Starratt was presented by Mr. Haliburton and read, praying a remission of certain Duties secured by him at the Office of Impost and Excise in Annapolis upon goods afterwards consumed by fire.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Leave given to
select Commit-
on the
Shelburne elec-
tion to adjourn

Mr. Hartshorne reported further from the select Committee to try the Election for the town of Shelburne; and thereupon

On motion, *Ordered,* That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Monday next, the 26th inst. at 12 of the clock.

House proceed-
ed to the consi-
deration of the
Order of the
Day

On motion, the *orders* of the Day were read; and thereupon

On motion *Resolved,* That this House will on Saturday next, the 24th inst. take into consideration the Petition of the Rev. John Carroll and others.

On

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On motion the House proceeded to the consideration of the appropriation of Duties under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, with all matters connected therewith, and having made further progress therein; thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of the before-mentioned subject.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *ordered*, That the Bill in addition to, and in amendment of the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. be read a second time on Saturday next, the 24th instant.

Second reading of Bill relating to Wills, &c. postponed

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

FRIDAY, 23d FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

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

The House proceeded to the further consideration of the appropriation of Duties under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, and all matters connected therewith; thereupon,

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the House do come to the following Resolutions, viz.

Resolved, That this House are most grateful to His Majesty's Government and to the Imperial Parliament for the removal of many restrictions, which have heretofore borne heavily upon the Commerce, and retarded the advancement of the Province in wealth and prosperity; and are satisfied that a most beneficial effect has been produced upon its Coasting and Foreign Trade, by the Abolition of the Fees formerly paid to the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, and by the relief thereby afforded to our Shipping from very oppressive exactions.

House considered the subject of the appropriation of Duties under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament

Resolved, That this House do also feel, that the removal of these restrictions, and the abolition of those fees, ought not to impose any additional Burthen on the Mother Country; to whose liberal and enlightened policy we are indebted for these valuable benefits; and that this House are nevertheless equally conscious of the obligation incumbent on them, to assert, with all deference and respect, but firmly and distinctly, that the whole Duties by the Imperial Parliament imposed for the regulation of Trade, on the Commerce which His Majesty's Government has thus enlarged; do of right belong to, and are placed at the sole disposal of, the Colonial Legislature, and that the appropriation of such Duties can originate only in this House.

Three several Resolutions moved thereon

Resolved, therefore, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, by which the principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs in this Colony, shall be authorized to retain out of the Duties of Customs, collected or to be collected in this Province, a sum not exceeding _____ sterling; to be appropriated by His Majesty to the payment of such Officers of the Customs within the Province, and of such Salaries as to His Majesty shall appear expedient. But that the said Committee shall be further instructed to insert in the draft of such Bill, a Proviso and Condition that the aforesaid sum of money shall not be so retained, unless the whole produce of all Duties of Customs now or hereafter imposed on, and collected from the people of this Province, and remaining after such deduction shall be duly paid over by the Officers of the Customs to the Treasury of the Province, on or before the fifth day of January in each year. And also the further Proviso or Condition, that on or before the same day in each year, the said Officers of the Customs shall duly render an account of all Duties so collected and imposed in like manner, as the Collector of Impost and Excise Duties for Halifax now renders his Account for the said Duties; which being seconded,

Mr. Haliburton moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolutions, as follows, viz.

Leave

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Leave out the whole of the words in the said Resolutions, from the word Resolved, in the first Resolution, and insert in place thereof, the words following :

That a Committee of this House be appointed to prepare an humble Address to His Majesty, praying that the Salaries to be fixed and established hereafter, for the Officers of His Majesty's Customs in Nova Scotia, be established on a scale, which, while it shall afford a just and liberal compensation for the services of those Officers, and the responsibility incidental to their Duties, shall also bear due proportion to the Salaries of the other Provincial Officers, and to the limited means of the Province ; and further to request that when such arrangement be finally adjusted, no Salary of such Officer or Officers, be raised or increased without the assent of this House ; and that no additional Officer be appointed to any Out Fort without the request of this House, signified by an Address of the same to His Majesty.

Which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Stewart moved, that the Question on the first Resolution be now put, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative ; and the said Resolution was then put, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Fairbanks then moved that the Question on the second Resolution be now put, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Nineteen ; against it, Fifteen.

For the motion.

Against the motion.

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. Wier,

Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Bars,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. J. E. Morton,

Mr. Morse,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. White,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Murdock,

Mr. Lovett,
Mr. M'Kinnon,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Heckman.

Division relative to second Resolution

Resolution agreed to

Amendment moved to last Resolution, and agreed to

Last Resolution negatived by the House

Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Majesty

Petition of William Young and others

Petition of William B. Turnbull, and others

So it passed in the affirmative ; and,

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

Mr. B. Dewolf, then moved an amendment to the last Resolution as follows, viz:

Leave out the whole of the words from the word "Resolved," and insert in place thereof, the words following, viz:

That a Committee be appointed to prepare and submit to this House, an Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Duties collected in this Colony, under the Imperial Act, 6 Geo. 4, and to the appropriation of a part thereof, to the payment of the Salaries of the Custom-House Officers: which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

The original Resolution was then put, and negatived ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Young, and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee to prepare an Address to His Majesty, on the subject of the Duties collected under the Imperial Act, of the 6 Geo. 4, as above mentioned.

A Petition of William Young, and others, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying aid to complete a Breakwater or Wharf, on the shore of the Bay of Fundy, in Wilmot, as stated in the Petition.

A Petition of William B. Turnbull, and others, Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying aid for the repair of Bear River

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River Bridge, in the said County.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

On reading the proceedings of yesterday,

Mr. B. Dewolf moved, That the Resolutions passed yesterday, upon the subject of the appropriation of Duties, under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, be rescinded: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared, for the motion, Fourteen; against it, Twenty.

For the motion:

Mr. Young,	Mr. Shey,
Mr. White,	Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Murdoch,	Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. McKinnon,	Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Lovett,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. B. Dewolf,	
Mr. Heckman,	
Mr. Haliburton,	
Mr. Unjacke,	

Against the motion:

Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Crow,	Mr. Osley,
Mr. Roach,	Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Morse,	Mr. Starr,
Mr. Dill,	Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Wier,	Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Homer,	Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. J. E. Morton,

Motion for rescinding Proceedings of yesterday, relative to acts of the Imperial Parliament

Negated on a division of the House

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Fairbanks moved, That a Conference on the General State of the Province, be desired with his Majesty's Council, and that the Committee appointed to hold such Conference, deliver to the Committee of His Majesty's Council, a Copy of the Resolutions passed by this House, yesterday: which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, sixteen; against the motion, sixteen. So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the motion; and it was negated accordingly.

Motion for Conference with the Council on general state of the Province negated

Second reading of Bill relating to Wills, &c. postponed

Second reading of Bill relating to arrests, postponed

Petition of John Carroll, and others

Bill in addition to Act relating to Highways, Roads, &c. read a first time

Papers laid before the House, recommended for consideration by the Lieutenant Governor viz:

On motion, The Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. be postponed until Monday next, the 26th instant.

Ordered, That the second reading of the Bill for preventing frivolous and vexatious arrests, be postponed until Tuesday the 27th instant.

Resolved, That this House will on Monday next, the 26th instant, take into consideration the Petition of the Reverend John Carroll and others.

Mr. J. Morton pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House the undermentioned Papers received by him this day from the Secretary of the Province, recommended to the consideration of the House by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, viz.

An Abstract of Expenses necessarily incurred during the year 1826; (accompanied by the several Vouchers in support thereof,) for the following Services, viz.

For the relief afforded to Emigrants brought from Sable Island to Halifax, who had been wrecked there

L100 0 10

For the relief afforded at Sydney, Cape Breton, to wrecked Seamen

16 1 4

Carried Forward L116 1 4

For

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	Brought Forward	L116	1	4
Abstract and Accounts for sundry Expences incurred, amounting to £374 3	For Money advanced in repayment of Expenses incurred by the Magistrates of Sydney, Cape Breton, in providing for distressed Seamen, wrecked in the General Brock		62	10 4
	For Expences incurred at Cape Breton, in apprehending and supporting Marchant and Curtis, two persons charged with Piracy and Murder	L23	6	8
	Jailor's fees, &c. in securing the said Prisoners, and for witnessses sent from Cape Breton		10	7 6
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	For Indian Meal sent to distressed Emigrants at Arichat		33	14 2
	For supplies sent to Hammond Plains, to relieve distressed and sick persons of colour		34	7 6
			47	9 8
	For hire of a vessel to convey the Judges of the Supreme Court from St. Peter's to Sydney, on their circuit to Cape-Breton		40	0 0
	For the alteration of the Road on the western side of the Gaspereau River, in Horton		40	0 0
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			L374	3 0

Account of J.
Howe & Son

An Account of John Howe & Son, for extra Printing in the year 1826; amounting to 65l.

Certificate of
Services performed by W.
Hill, Esq.

A Certificate from Judge Halliburton, of Services performed by William Hill, Esq. in conducting a Criminal Prosecution in the Supreme Court at Pictou, at his request in September last.

Certificates of
Services performed by W.
Fraser, Esq.

Certificates from Judge Halliburton and Judge Stewart that William Fraser, Esq. had performed the Duties of his Office, as King's Counsel in all Criminal Cases on the Western Circuit of the Supreme Court in the last Spring and Autumn; and also,

Memorial of
John Howe &
Son, relating
to Services performed

A Memorial of John Howe & Son, to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of a further remuneration to them for their Services as Printers to his Majesty's Government.

Order thereon

The said Papers were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,
Ordered, That the Papers do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

House adjourn

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

MONDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Petition of
Agricultural
Society at
Parrsborough

A Petition of the Agricultural Society at Parrsborough, was presented by Mr. Starr, and read, praying aid in support of Agriculture.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Petition of
Thomas J.
Brown, referred to a Committee

On motion of Mr. Morse, *resolved,* That the Petition of Thomas J. Brown be referred to Mr. Morse, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Starr, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

Resolution for
considering
Private Petitions on the
1st March next

On motion, *resolved,* That this House will, on Thursday next, the first day of March, take into consideration the several private Petitions now before the House:

On motion of Mr. Young, *resolved,* That a Committee be appointed, to be composed of a member for each County and District, to prepare and bring in a scale of the general division

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division of the sum of 12,000*l.* appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, for the present year.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Crow, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Young, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Stewart, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Roach, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Barrs, and Mr. McKinnon, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Hartshorne reported further from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Election for the Town of Shelburne; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Thursday next, the first day of March, at twelve of the clock.

Mr. Oxley, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Act 57th Geo. 3d, and of the Act of the 4th and 5th Geo. 4th, and to repeal the Act of the 58th Geo. 3d, for regulating Elections of Representatives, to serve in General Assembly; and the same was read a first time.

Leave given to Select Committee on the Shelburne Election to adjourn

Bill relating to Acts for regulating Elections of Representatives, read 1st time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House, and the said Message was read by the Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows, viz.

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

THE very commendable attention which the Legislature has given for a series of years to the internal communications of the Country, renders it unnecessary for the Lieutenant Governor to impress upon the House of Assembly objects of such paramount importance to the advancement of the Province, as good Main Roads leading to the Capital, from the different Counties, and the opening of New Roads to facilitate the settlement of the Country; but his Excellency, from a personal knowledge of the interior of the Province, and of the manner in which the money granted for the Road Service has been subdivided, and in some instances expended, by the Commissioners, recommends to the House of Assembly to review the system which has for some years prevailed, and to consider whether it may not be possible to materially improve it.

Message from the Lt. Govern on the subject of Roads

The Country being now very much opened, His Excellency thinks that the time has arrived, when very important permanent improvements may be made in several of the great Roads, and he therefore recommends, that a sum of money should be annually set apart for that specific purpose.

His Excellency will cause to be laid before the House of Assembly, some plans and reports which have been submitted to him, of improvements such as he has alluded to, but he by no means recommends that all the improvements therein suggested should be undertaken at the same time, or indeed in any case, until by a most careful examination of the Country, by competent and impartial persons, it is perfectly ascertained that the alteration proposed is the best line that can be adopted, and will be attended with many public advantages.

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

Order thereon

On motion, the orders of the day were read; and thereupon

On motion, the Petition of the Rev. John Carrol, and others, was read, and the House having considered the same; thereupon

Petition of Rev John Carrol and others considered

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an humble Address

to

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to His Majesty, requesting His Majesty would be graciously pleased to dispense with the Declarations and Tests against Popery, which his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony are called upon to take; and thereupon,

Committee appointed to prepare the Address thereon

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Young, and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee to prepare and report an Address to his Majesty, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

Second reading of the Bill relating to Wills, &c. postponed

On motion, *resolved*, That the second reading of the Bill, in addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

Petition of R. Gibbons on subject of Election for Cape Breton, not received

Mr. Lawson offered to the House, a Petition from Richard Gibbons, Esq. of Sydney, Cape Breton, which he stated, complained of the return and undue Election for the County of Cape Breton; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Petition be not received, the time for receiving Petitions having elapsed, and no-reason being offered for the delay in presenting the same to this House.

House adjourn

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow, at Twleve of the clock.

TUESDAY, 27th Day FEBRUARY, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Petition of Edward A. Jones and others

A Petition of Edward A. Jones, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Digby, and also a Petition of Daniel Dankin, and others, of the said Township, were severally presented by Mr. J. E. Morton, and read, praying respectively for an equalization of the duties upon importations into this Province, with those of New-Brunswick, and for granting a bounty upon the Tonnage of vessels engaged in the Fisheries.

Petition of Daniel Dankin and others

Petitions of Protestant dissenters at Middle Stewiacke, and Upper Stewiacke

A Petition of the Protestant Dissenters at Middle Stewiacke, and also a Petition of Protestant Dissenters at Upper Stewiacke, were severally presented by Mr Archibald, and read, praying respectively that Clergymen of the Presbyterian, and of the regular Calvinistic Baptist Congregations, may be allowed to perform the Marriage Ceremony by Licence, and that Trustees, to be chosen by those Congregations respectively, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petition of Rev. Hugh Graham and others

A Petition of the Rev. Hugh Graham and others, freeholders of Upper Stewiack; and also a Petition of Alexander Henry, and others, inhabitants of Musquodoboit and Stewiacke, were severally presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, respectively praying for the establishment of an Office, for the Registry of Deeds in Upper Stewiacke.

Petition of Alexander Henry and others

Petition of Peter Wambelt and others; also

A Petition of Peter Wambelt, and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Society at Margaret's Bay; also a Petition of George Richardson, and others, Members of the Baptist Church, and Society at Hammond Plains, were severally presented by Mr. Bishop, and read, respectively praying that Clergymen of the Presbyterian, and regular Calvinistic Baptist Congregations, may be allowed to celebrate Marriages by Licence, and that Trustees, to be chosen by those Congregations respectively, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petition of George Richardson, and other protestant dissenters

Ordered, That the Petitions to lie on the Table.

Bill to incorporate Proprietor of School at Kentville, read 1st time

Mr. Bishop, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to incorporate the Proprietors of the new Public School House, at Kentville, in King's County, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Second reading of Bill relating to Wills &c. postponed.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. be postponed till To-morrow. Mr.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, 27th and 28th FEBRUARY, 1827.

Mr. Murdoch, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for lighting the Streets of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Bill for lighting the Streets of Halifax, read 1st time

House adjourn

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PRAYERS.

A Bill to incorporate the Proprietors of the new Public School House, at Kentville, in King's County, was read a second time.

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

Bill to incorporate Proprietors of School at Kentville read second time

A Bill in addition to the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, was read a second time; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the Bill be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Laws, for regulating the expenditure of Road Money, and the Law relating to Highway Labour.

Bill relating to Highways, Roads &c. read a second time, and Referred to a Committee

An engrossed Bill, in addition to the Act to prevent Boys and others, coasting and sliding down the Hills in the Streets of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act, to extend to the Town of Windsor, the provisions of the Act, to prevent Boys, and others, coasting and sliding down the Hills, in the Streets of Halifax.

Bill in addition to the Act to prevent Boys from coasting down Hills

An engrossed Bill to authorise the incorporation of a Company, for erecting a Bridge across the River Avon, in the County of Hants, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to authorise the Incorporation of a Company, for erecting a Bridge across the River Avon, in the County of Hants.

Bill for incorporating a Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Avon

An engrossed Bill to regulate the manufacturing and shipment of Grinding Stone was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to regulate the manufacturing and shipment of Grinding Stone.

Bill concerning Grinding Stones

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

Read a third time, passed and sent to the Council

A Bill in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act 57th Geo. 3, and of the Acts of the 4th and 5th of Geo. 4, and to repeal the Act of the 58th Geo. 3d, for regulating the Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly; and also,

A Bill in addition to the Act of the 57th Geo. 3, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, were severally read a second time.

Bill relating to Acts for regulating Elections of representatives; also Bill in addition Act for relief of Insolvent Debtors, read 2d time, and committed

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

A Bill for the establishment of Grammar Schools, was read a second time; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on the subject of Schools.

Bill for Establishment of Grammar Schools read 2d time

A Bill in addition to the Act, for regulating Elections of Representatives, to serve in General Assembly, and to repeal the Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Bill for regulating Elections &c read

Mr. Murdoch moved, That the said Bill, and also the other Bill, on the subject of Elections of Representatives, now before the House, be referred to a Select Committee, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the same respectively, and reporting their opinion thereon: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there

a second time Motions for referring Bill to Committee negatived

appeared

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appeared, for the motion, five against it, eighteen ; So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Hartshorne moved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve ; against it, thirteen ; So it passed in the negative.

Consideration
of the Bill
deferred

Mr. Roach then moved, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen ; against it, eleven ; so it passed in the affirmative, and the consideration of the Bill was deferred accordingly.

Motion
Printing the
Bill for light-
ing the Streets
of Halifax
negatived

Mr. Murdoch moved, that the Bill to provide for lighting the Streets of Halifax, be printed in the Royal Gazette ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion ten, against it sixteen ; so it passed in the negative.

Bill relating to
arrests read 2d
time, and

Pursuant to order, the Bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious arrests, was read a second time ; and thereupon,

Committed to
a Committee
on a division

Mr. Uniacke moved, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House : which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen ; against it, fourteen ; so it passed in the affirmative ; and thereupon,

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

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

Report of the
Committee on
the Petition of
Thomas J.
Brown

That it appears to the Committee, that judgments to the amount of 306*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* besides costs thereon, were obtained against the Petitioner, in favour of the King, for which the Petitioner had made himself liable as Collector of Impost and Excise, that payments in liquidation of said judgment, including commissions for Collections were made to the amount of 204*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* leaving a balance due on said Judgments of 102*l.* that the Petitioner has paid costs incurred on the said judgments amounting to 45*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.* including Sheriff's fees on the several Executions.

Order thereon

That the Petitioner has satisfied the Committee, that he lost various sums of money in consequence of persons running away from the Province, which sums were included in the said judgments recovered against the Petitioner ; that the Committee therefore recommend the Petitioner to the favourable consideration of the House, and that he may be relieved from the payment of the balance now due on the said judgments to our Sovereign Lord the King.

House adjourn

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

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

THURSDAY, 1st MARCH, 1827.

Message from
the Lieutenant
Governor rela-
tive to Roads,
referred to the
Committee of
Supply

PRAYERS.

On motion, The Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, of the 27th February last, on the subject of Roads, was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon,
Resolved, That the said Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Message from
the Lt Gov and
Papers relating
to the Horses &
Sheep imported
read by the
Clerk

On Motion, the several Papers and Abstracts of Accounts laid before the House, on the 13th February last, by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Horses and Sheep imported on account of the Province, were read by the Clerk ; and thereupon,

Resolved

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Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and express the best Thanks of this House to his Excellency, for the prompt and successful manner, in which His Excellency has carried into effect the wishes of the late House, relative to the importation of Horses and Sheep; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. White and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Resolved, That the several Accounts and Vouchers for expences incurred relative to said Horses and Sheep, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That all the Papers and Documents transmitted by Command of his Excellency the Lieut. Governor to this House, relative to the importation of the Horses and Sheep, with all matters connected therewith (except the accounts and vouchers, before referred to the Committee of Supply,) be referred to a Select Committee, for the purpose of examining into the same, and reporting thereon to the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Shey, Mr. Harris, Mr. Wier, Mr. Morse, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Barss, Mr. M'Kinnon, Mr. Heckman and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Acts relating to the Office of Sheriff; to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Clerk communicated to the House, a letter received by him this morning, from the Sheriff of the County of Shelburne, dated the _____ enclosing the Poll Book kept by him, at the late Election of a Representative in the General Assembly, for the Town of Shelburne, to be laid before this House, pursuant to their Order of the 7th February last; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Poll Book, also the Return of the Scrutiny, and the papers accompanying the same, relative to the said Election; be referred to the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Election for the Town of Shelburne.

The Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of private Petitions.

The Petition of Seth Burgess and others; and the Petition of Ebenezer Crowell and others, were severally read; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of William Hurd was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Roach and Mr. Morse, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Windle Naas, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Heckman, and Mr. Starr, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

Committee appointed to express the thanks of the House to His Excellency thereon

Accounts and Vouchers of Expenses referred to the Committee of Supply

Several other Papers referred to a Select Committee

Message from the Council with a Bill relating to the Office of Sheriff for Concurrence

Bill read a first time

Poll Books relating to late Election for the Town of Shelburne, received from the Sheriff of the County of Shelburne,

Second reading of Bill relating to Wills, &c. postponed

Petition of Seth Burgess & others; and petition of Ebenezer Crowell and others referred to a Committee of supply

Petition of W' Hurd, also

Petition of W. Naas referred to a Committee

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Petition of J. Shipley withdrawn

The Petition of James Shipley, was read, and by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Stewart.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of private Petitions.

Account of J. Howe & Son, for printing Laws, £225

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House, an Account of John Howe and Son, for printing the Laws of the Province, from the Year 1816, to the Year 1826, inclusive, amounting to 225l. received by him from the Secretary of the Province.

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the Table.

Petition of Rev. T. Trotter and others

A Petition of the Rev. Thomas Trotter, and others, Inhabitants of Antigonishe, and Arisaig, in the Upper District of the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Dickson, and read, praying an alteration in the main road, from Mount Tom towards Antigonishe.

Petition of J. le Loup and others

A Petition of Jean Baptist le Loup, and others, Inhabitants of Pomquet, was presented by Mr. Dickson, and read, praying for aid to build a bridge from Shallop Point, to the Beach, across an Arm of Pomquet Harbour.

Petition of Jos. Crane & others

A Petition of Joseph Crane and others, Inhabitants of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Starr, and read, praying aid for clearing out the Annapolis River in the said Township.

Petition of Samuel Webb and others

A Petition of Samuel Webb and others, Inhabitants of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Stewart, and read, praying aid in the erection of a Saw Mill, in a new Settlement.

Order thereon

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

House adjourn

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

FRIDAY, 2d MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Resolution for applying £8000 for Payment of Funded Debt moved

Mr. Lawson moved, That the House do come to the Resolution, as follows, viz. *Resolved*, That the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds, now in the Treasury, be immediately applied to the payment of the Funded Debt of the Province, agreeably to Law; which, being seconded,

Amendment offered and negatived

Mr. Fairbanks moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolution, as follows, viz.

After the word "Law" add the following words; viz. replacing the same with an equal amount of Treasury Notes, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Original Resolution agreed to

The said Resolution was then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution, eighteen; against it, thirteen; so it passed in the affirmative.

Bill from the Council, in addition to Act relating to office of Sheriff, read 2d time

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in addition to the Acts relating to the office of Sheriff, was read a second time.

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

Bill relating to Common Fields read 1d time

Mr. Harris, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to Common Fields, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Committee report a Scale for General division of Sum appropriated for Roads and Bridges viz.

Mr. Lawson reported from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a scale for the general division of the sum appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, that the Committee had drawn up a scale of appropriation accordingly; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows: Scale

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SCALE of Appropriations for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, viz.

FOR THE GREAT ROADS.

For the road from McAlpine's to Fultz's	£50	0	0	
From Fultz's to Mount Uniacke	100	0	0	
From Mount Uniacke to the Three Mile Plain	50	0	0	
From the Three Mile Plain to Avon Bridge	50	0	0	
From Avon Bridge to Mud Bridge in Horton; one half of which sum to be laid out between the Half way River and the said Bridge	90	0	0	}
From Mud Bridge to Hamilton's Inn, in Horton	40	0	0	
From Hamilton's Inn, to the West end of the great Causeway on the Annapolis road, £35 of which to be expended on the Causeway	75	0	0	}
From the great Causeway to Annapolis County line	15	0	0	
From Annapolis County line to Hicks's Bridge	50	0	0	
From Hicks's Bridge to Annapolis Town	20	0	0	
From Annapolis Town to Moose River	60	0	0	
From Moose River to Bear River	30	0	0	
From Bear River to Digby	30	0	0	
From Digby to Sissabou Bridge	50	0	0	
From Sissabou Bridge to Taylor's Barn	10	0	0	
From Taylor's Barn to the upper French Chapel, including Grass Cock Bridge	20	0	0	
From the upper French Chapel to Yarmouth line	35	0	0	
From Yarmouth line to Thomas Willet's	20	0	0	
From Willet's line to Tuskent Bridge, by Vickery's	55	0	0	
From Vickery's to Argyle River Bridge	30	0	0	
From Argyle River Bridge to Walter Larkin's	35	0	0	
From Walter Larkin's to Barrington line	25	0	0	
From Barrington line to Sargeant's Mill	25	0	0	
From Barrington to Clyde River	25	0	0	
From Clyde River to Beaver Dam	25	0	0	
From Beaver Dam to Shelburne	25	0	0	Great Roads
From Shelburne to Jordan river	10	0	0	
From Jordan river to Sable river	30	0	0	
From Sable river to Queen's County line	25	0	0	
From Queen's County line to Port Jolly	25	0	0	
From Port Jolly to Port Mutton	50	0	0	
From Port Mutton to Mrs. Parson's, and to repair broad River Bridge	100	0	0	
From Herring Cove mill to Mill village	25	0	0	
From Mill village to Lunenburg County line	50	0	0	
From Lunenburg County line to Broad Cove	70	0	0	
From Broad Cove to Petite river	2	0	0	
From Petite river to Pernette's ferry	35	0	0	
From Pernette's ferry to George Beck's	40	0	0	
From Leonard Jung's to Peter Zwicker's, Mahone Bay	20	0	0	
From Zwicker's to Martin's River	60	0	0	
From Martin's River to Chester	55	0	0	
From Chester to Halifax County line	25	0	0	
From Halifax County line to alter the road near Wallis's Farm, and to repair the road from thence to Mixner's, at the Basin	100	0	0	}
From Fultz's to Fletcher's Bridge	30	0	0	
From Fletcher's Bridge to Gay's River Bridge	80	0	0	
From Gay's River Bridge to McKeen's Mill	175	0	0	
From McKeen's Mill to the West end of Slack's Causeway, viz. £80 on Salmon River Bridge, and raising the road thence to the Hill on the North side thereof, also £25 on the North River Bridge and the banks thereof, also £30 on the road at John Higgins's in Onslow, and for raising the aforesaid Causeway, making together	135	0	0	}
From Slack's Causeway to Cumberland County line, £12 of this sum to be appropriated in paying Samuel Faulkner for repairs on de Bert Bridge	70	0	0	}
From Cumberland County line to River Phillip Bridge	60	0	0	
From River Phillip Bridge to William Donkin's, in Amherst	125	0	0	
From William Donkin's (and to repair the road leading over Fort Lawrence Marsh) to the line of New Brunswick	65	0	0	}
From Truro to Pictou District line	50	0	0	
From District line to Archibald's, on the west River	100	0	0	
From the West River to the East River Bridge at Doctor McGregor's	30	0	0	
From Doctor McGregor's to Charles Brown's, on the Mountain	40	0	0	
From Archibald's, West River, to Town Gut Pictou	50	0	0	
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	From Fisher's grant ferry to Sydney County line	£150 0 0
	From Sydney County line to Malignant Cove	50 0 0
	From Malignant Cove to Antigonishe	75 0 0
	From Antigonishe to Guysborough Church	75 0 0
	From Guysborough Church to Canso	75 0 0
	From Antigonishe to Mc'Nair's Cove, on the New Road to Cape Breton	140 0 0
	From Antigonishe, by the Salt Springs, to the District line on the road to St. Mary's	40 0 0
	From the District line to Sherbrooke, to the east of W. M'Keen's	66 0 0
	From Preston to Musquodoboit upper settlement	250 0 0
	From Musquodoboit upper settlement to the east River of St. Mary's, and to build a Bridge on the } West Branch	250 0 0
	From the upper settlement of the East River of St. Mary's to Guysborough	75 0 0
	From Liverpool Falls to Morton's	50 0 0
	From Morton's to Annapolis County line	50 0 0
	From Annapolis County line to Nictaur	50 0 0
	From Chester to Card's	75 0 0
	From Card's to Windsor	75 0 0
	From Hammond Plains to Card's, Windsor Road	50 0 0
	From Card's to Gate's, in Sherbrook	50 0 0
	From Gate's in Sherbrook, to the Dalhousie Settlement	100 0 0
	From the Dalhousie Settlement to Annapolis	100 0 0
	From Antigonishe, by Cape George, to Malignant Cove, to be equally divided	80 0 0
	For opening the New Road from Annapolis to Liverpool	50 0 0
	For the New Road from the Windsor road, near Fultz's, past Beaver Bank, to the County Line of Halifax	100 0 0
	From the said County Line, through Rawdon, to Noel	100 0 0
	From Dartmouth to Fletcher's Bridge	200 0 0
	From Londonderry to the North end of Folly Lake	30 0 0
	From Folly Lake to Pugwash	30 0 0
	From Onslow to Tatamagushe, £20, of which to be laid out through the new Annand Settlement	150 0 0
	From Dewar's Bride, Cumberland Line, to Forbes's	60 0 0
	From Forbes's to the River John	40 0 0
Great Roads	From the River John to the Halifax Road	75 0 0
	From Parrsborough to Cumberland County line, for new Bridge near Vickery's	30 0 0
	From Cumberland County Line to Napan Bridge	50 0 0
	From Partridge Island to the Five Islands	50 0 0
	From River Philip, near Dickson's, to Forshner's, in Wallace	55 0 0
	From Pugwash to Wallace, to be expended between Andrew Forshner's and John Rindress's, at Wal- } lace Bridge	15 0 0
	From the Main Post Road at Trevoys, in Newport, to Mouth of Shubenacadie River, by Rawdon	120 0 0
	From Avon Bridge to the Lower Horton Bridge, by the way of Mount Denson, including the said } Bridge: one half to be expended in the County of Hants	100 0 0
	From New Glasgow Bridge to Alex. Horn's, and to finish the said bridge	150 0 0
	From Great Village to Economy	20 0 0
	From Economy to Parrsborough, viz:—From the North River Bridge, by James Marsh's, to Parrs- } borough and Macan	30 0 0
	For the Halifax Road through Stewiacke to Pictou, by New Larwick	150 0 0
	From Lunenburg to Dalhousie Settlement, N. W. range	100 0 0
	From Sissabou Falls to Yarmouth Line, including the New Cross Road to Sissibou lower Falls Road, } £30 thereof to be expended between the first and second division lots in Clare	100 0 0
	From Liverpool to Port Medway	40 0 0
	From Lahave Bridge to Mill Village	50 0 0
	From Rindress's to Dewar's, on the West River Tatamagushe	25 0 0
	From the Cumberland Road to Advocate Harbour	50 0 0
	From Wilmot Township, East Line to the Annapolis Gut, on the Mountain Road, £20 thereof for } Granville, the residue for Wilmot	50 0 0
	From Digby down the neck to the Grand Passage	50 0 0
	From Onslow to the River John, through Earl Town	50 0 0
	From Telford's to Salmon River, Yarmouth	30 0 0
	From the French Mill to Peter-Porter's	15 0 0
	From Paul Ricker's, to Jonathan Crowell's	25 0 0
		£6,900 0 0
	For the County of Cape-Breton	L1000
County and	For the District of Halifax	370
District Roads	Colchester	370
	Pictou	390
		<u>2,130 0 0</u>

Carried forward.

L.9,030 0 0

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	<i>Brought forward</i>	£9,030 0 0
For the County of Cumberland	370	
Hants	370	
King's County	370	
Sydney	390	
Shelburne	390	
Annapolis	360	
Lunenburg	360	
Queen's County	360	
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		£12,000 0 0

And thereupon, Mr. Lawson moved that the Report be received by the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seventeen; against it, fourteen.

Report received

For the motion :

Against the motion :

<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>	<i>Mr. Morse,</i>
<i>Mr. Dill,</i>	<i>Mr. Shey,</i>
<i>Mr. Harris,</i>	<i>Mr. Wier,</i>
<i>Mr. Heckman,</i>	<i>Mr. Murdoch,</i>
<i>Mr. Young,</i>	<i>Mr. Rudolf,</i>
<i>Mr. Poole</i>	<i>Mr. Crow,</i>
<i>Mr. Hartshorne,</i>	<i>Mr. Dickson,</i>
<i>Mr. B. Dewolf,</i>	<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>
<i>Mr. Oxley,</i>	

<i>Mr. Barrs,</i>	<i>Mr. White</i>
<i>Mr. Homer,</i>	<i>Mr. J. Morton,</i>
<i>Mr. Stewart,</i>	<i>Mr. Starr,</i>
<i>Mr. Fairbanks,</i>	<i>Mr. Roach,</i>
<i>Mr. Uniacke,</i>	<i>Mr. Ruggles,</i>
<i>Mr. Haliourton,</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>
<i>Mr. Lovett,</i>	<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *ordered*, That the scale of appropriations for the Service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, except such part thereof as relates to the Great Roads, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts, and that the said Members for each County or District do prepare and bring into the House, on Tuesday morning next, a scale of the subdivision of the sum appropriated for their respective County or District, for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Scale of appropriation for service of roads and bridges, referred to Members of Counties and Districts for subdivision

Mr. Stewart presented to the House, several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Donald M'Cauley and others, of Fox Harbour, Gulf Shore.

A Petition of John Angevine and others, of Wallace.

A Petition of James Jenks and others, of the River Macan.

A Petition of Samuel Webb and others, County Cumberland.

A Petition of John Atkinson and others, of Macan.

A Petition of Thomas Johnson and others, of County Cumberland.

A Petition of Jonathan C. Halliday and others, of West Chester.

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

A Petition of Alexander Renfrew and others, of Margaret's Bay.

A Petition of James Umlah and others, of Margaret's Bay road.

A Petition of William Marvin and others, of Hammond Plains.

Mr. Crow presented several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of Robert Upham and others, of Onslow.

A Petition of Robert M'Kay and others, of Earl Town.

A Petition of Hiram Downing and others, of the District of Colchester.

A Petition of Jesepe Corbit, Junr. and others, of Economy

Petitions for aids for roads presented

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Mr.

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

A Petition of Peter Mackie and John Fendle, Senr. of Lahave.

A Petition of William Wentzel and others, of County Lunenburg.

A Petition of James Nicholson and others, of Upper Lahave.

A Petition of Henry Emens and others, of County Lunenburg

A Petition of William Light and others, of Sherbrook.

A Petition of Thomas Fisher, of the County of Lunenburg.

A Petition of G. Vinot and others, of the County of Lunenburg.

A Petition of George Hemmelman, of the County of Lunenburg.

A Petition of George Hen, of Lunenburg.

A Petition of Joseph Gates and others, of Sherbrook.

Mr. Rudolf presented a Petition of F. Vogler and others, of New Dub ... , praying aids for Roads.

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

A Petition of James Phillips and others, of Truro.

A Petition of James Johnson and others, of Truro.

A Petition of James Archibald and others, of Truro.

A Petition of Lawrence Keating of Penant Bay.

A Petition of E. Whitter and others, of District Colchester.

A Petition of John Cotter and others, of Shubenacadie.

A Petition of Samuel Archibald and others, of the County of Halifax.

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

A Petition of Henry Chapman and others, of Tintish.

A Petition of Abraham Seaman and others, of Pugwash.

A Petition of James Sutherland and others, of West Chester.

Petitions for
aids for roads
presented

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

A Petition of John Oliver and others, of New Annand and French River.

A Petition of Duncan Campbell and others, West River Pictou.

A Petition of William Mackay and others, of District of Pictou.

A Petition of George Ross and others, of Earl Town.

A Petition of John Moore and others, of West Branch River John.

A Petition of Angus M'Donald, of Little Harbour, Pictou.

A Petition of Alexander Grant and others, of East River Pictou.

A Petition of Archibald M'Pherson, Baile's Brook, Pictou.

A Petition of Thomas Munro and others, East River Pictou.

A Petition of Donald M'Donald and others, of West Branch St. Mary's.

A Petition of John M'Keen and others, District of Colchester.

A Petition of John Bates and others, County of Halifax.

A Petition of Adam Archibald and others of Musquodoboit.

A Petition of David Archibald, Jun. and others, of District Colchester.

A Petition of Thomas Calbeck and others, of District Colchester.

A Petition of John M'Keen and others, of County of Halifax.

A Petition of John Isner and others, of Margaret's Bay.

A Petition of John Adamson and others, of County of Halifax.

A Petition of James Cruikshanks and others, of Musquodoboit.

A Petition of Angus M'Leod and others, of Musquodoboit.

A Petition of James Money and others, of Preston.

A Petition of Robert Fisher and others, of Stewiacke.

A Petition of John Bates and others, of Musquodoboit.

Mr. Homer presented several Petitions, praying aid for roads, viz.

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A Petition of Eldred Nickerson and others, of Cape Negro and Port Latour.

A Petition of Samuel Reynolds and others, of Barrington.

Mr. Starr presented several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of James Fulmore and others, of Parrsborough.

A Petition of Adam Archibald and others, of Musquodoboit.

A Petition of Willard Groves and others, of Aylesford.

A Petition of Robert M'Lennan and others, of the Five Islands.

A Petition of Elisha Dewolf and others, of King's County.

A Petition of Amos B. Patterson and others, of Aylesford.

A Petition of Samuel Spinney and others, of Aylesford.

A Petition of John West and others, of Aylesford.

A Petition of William Parsons and others, of Aylesford.

A Petition of William Parker and others, of Aylesford.

A Petition of Thomas Holland and others, County Halifax.

A Petition of James Marsh and others, of Parrsborough.

Mr. J. Morton presented several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of Benjamin Kinsman and others, of Cornwallis.

A Petition of John Ogilvie and others, of Cornwallis.

Mr. Haliburton presented several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of Silas Morse and others, of the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of John Banks, and others, of Wilmet.

Mr. J. E. Morton presented several Petitions praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of John M'Niel and others, of Digby.

A Petition of Walter M'Kay and others, of Digby.

A Petition of Thomas Small and others, of Digby.

A Petition of P. Wiswell and others, of Digby.

A Petition of William Taylor and others, of Digby.

A Petition of George Bain and others, of Digby.

A Petition of Gideon Van Emburg and others, of Digby.

A Petition of John Sprague and others, of County of Annapolis.

Mr. Ruggles presented several Petitions, praying aid for roads, viz.

A Petition of Walter Thomas and others, of Granville.

A Petition of William Benson and others, of Granville.

Mr. Harris presented several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of Eyre E. Crow and others, of Horton.

A Petition of Francis Collwell and others, of Horton.

A Petition of Elihu Woodward and others, of Horton.

Mr. Fairbanks presented several Petitions, praying aid for roads, viz

A Petition of James Giest and others, of the Township of Halifax.

A Petition of Conrad Deal and others, of the Township of Halifax.

A Petition of James White, Junr. and others, of the County of Halifax.

A Petition of John Pleasant and others, of Beach Hill.

A Petition of John Stuart and others, of Preston and Cole Harbour.

Mr. B. Dewolf presented several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of James Whidden and others, of Douglass.

A Petition of Alexander Scott and others, of do

A Petition of John Thompson and others, of do.

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

A Petition of John Aislie and others, of Antigonishe.

A Petition of William Wall and others, of Salmon river, County Halifax.

Petitions for
aid for roads
presented

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- A Petition of Alexander Urquhart and others, County of Sydney.
 A Petition of John Chisholm and others, west river, Antigonish.
 Mr. Hartsborne presented several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.
 A Petition of Thomas Glencross and others, County of Sydney.
 A Petition of Timothy Nuttal and others, Gay's River road.
 A Petition of John Ogilvie and others, of Lower Musquodoboit.
 A Petition of Jonah Whitman and others, of Chizencook.
 A Petition of Peter Doyle and others, of Porter's Lake.
 Mr. Lawson presented several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.
 A Petition of Frederick Warner and others, of Harriet Fields.
 A Petition of Jane Homan, of Lower Prospect.
 A Petition of John D. Hawthorne and others, of Lawrence Town.
 A Petition of Joseph Green and others, of Lawrence Town.
 A Petition of Joseph Green, Susannah Green, and others, of Lawrence Town.
 A Petition of John Kerr and others, Antrim settlement, County of Halifax.
 A Petition of Samuel M. Chamberlain and others, of Preston.
 A Petition of George Brown and others, of Lake Porter.
 Mr. Shey presented several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.
 A Petition of Henry Lawrence and others, of South Mountain, Horton.
 A Petition of Archibald Carr and others, of Noel.
 Mr. Roach presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.
 A Petition of Henry Charlton and others, of Wilmot.
 A Petition of Edward Morgan and others, of Bear River.
 A Petition of John Hill and others, of the County of Annapolis.
 Mr. Wier presented a Petition of James Graham and others, of Onslow and London-
 derry, praying an aid for Roads.
 Mr. White presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.
 A Petition of Philip Bowen and others, of the river Roseway.
 A Petition of Robert Mackay and others, of river Roseway.
 A Petition of Thomas Jones and others, of Shelburne.
 Mr. Young presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.
 A Petition of Hugh M'Gilvry and others, of Arisaig, County Sydney.
 A Petition of Daniel M'Donald and others, of Harbour Bouche, County Sydney.
 A Petition of Nicholas J. Roach and others, of St. Mary's, County Sydney.
 A Petition of J. Carr and others, of Manchester.
 Mr. Uniacke presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.
 A Petition of Clement Hubert and others, of Arichat, Cape-Breton.
 A Petition of Henry Taylor and others, of Margeree, Cape-Breton.

Petitions for
aids for roads
presented

Referred to
Members of
Counties and
Districts

Motion relative
to taking Notes
of Debates

Ordered, That the said petitions, praying aids for the Service of Roads and Bridges, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts, who are to prepare and bring in a Scale for the subdivision of the Sums to be appropriated for the same.

Mr. Murdoch moved that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz.

Resolved, That Mr. George Young be permitted, during the pleasure of this House, to have a place below the Gallery, to take notes of the Debates, except when the Gallery is cleared; and that the standing Order for excluding all Strangers, be so far suspended; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, eight; against it, twenty-two.

For

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For the motion :

Mr. Starr,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Ozley,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Murdoch,

Against the motion :

Mr. Shey,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Harlshorne,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Crow,

Mr. Wier,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. White,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Heckman,

Mr. Harris,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Lawson,

Negated
by the House

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to express the best Thanks of the House to his Excellency for the prompt and successful manner, in which his Excellency had carried into effect the wishes of the late House, relative to the importation of Horses and Sheep ; that the Committee had, pursuant to order, accordingly waited upon, and communicated the same to, his Excellency, and that his Excellency was pleased to express his gratification thereon.

Committee appointed to wait on the Lieut. Gov. relative to the importation of Sheep, report

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,
- On motion, *ordered*, That the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

Second reading of Bill relating to Wills &c. postponed

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of private Petitions.

House proceed to consideration of Private Petitions

The Petition of Henry Vogler and others, was read ; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of James Johnson and others, was read and considered ; and thereupon,
Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of the Reverend R. Norris and others, was by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. J. Morton.

The Petition of Samuel Morris and others, was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Starr.

The Petition of James Clarke and others, was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the prayer of the Petition ; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend to Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, the several provisions of the act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places ; and the same was read a first time.

Bill relating to Bridge Town, read 1st time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House several Papers, received by him, from Mr. Secretary George, addressed to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, recommended by his Excellency to the consideration of the House, viz.

Papers recommended to the consideration of the House by the Lieut. Govr. viz.

A Petition of Richard Kitchens and Edmund Crowell, of Seal Island, praying for a Grant of one hundred pounds, for the purpose of making a small Harbour in the said Island, for the safety of decked craft, and the relief of persons who may unfortunately be shipwrecked on the dangerous ledges surrounding the said Island ; and also,

Petition of R. Kitchens and E. Crowell

A Letter from the Commissioners of the Revenue, dated Halifax, 28th February, 1826, requesting that a sum of 23*l.* 1*6s.* 2*d.* may be granted to discharge certain Law Expenses, incurred on a Mortgage assigned over to the Province, by the Executors of John Creighton, Esq. on account of a Debt due the Government from the late Henry Wollenhaupt, of Lunenburg, a Collector of Imposit and Excise.

Letter from the Commissioners of Revenue

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Ordered,

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 2d and 3d MARCH, 1827.

Order thereon

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

House adjourn

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

SATURDAY, 3d MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Committee report on Expiring Laws

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee on the Expiring Laws, and accordingly presented :

A Bill to continue the Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax.

A Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Act in amendment thereof.

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light House.

A Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, for providing a sufficient Watch at Night.

A Bill to continue the Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of his Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia.

A Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax.

A Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors; and for the distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

A Bill to continue the Acts for the regulation of the Militia.

A Bill to continue the several Acts, relating to the Light House, erected on Cranberry Island.

A Bill to continue an Act to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands in Onslow to open roads through the same.

A Bill to continue the Acts, now in force, relating to Trespasses.

A Bill to continue the Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein; and also,

A Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Expenditure of Monies, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; and the same were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the House do come to a Resolution, as followeth, viz.

Resolution for addressing the Lieutenant Governor, on Custom House salaries

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to prepare an Address on the subject of the Custom House Salaries, be instructed to direct the same to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in order to its transmission, by his Excellency, to his Majesty's Government; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seventeen; against it, five; So it passed in the affirmative, and instructions were given to the Committee accordingly.

Clerk of House applies through the Speaker to retire from office

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he was requested by Mr. Francklin, their clerk, to state to them, that having now held that Office for the long period of nearly forty-two years, and attended forty-three Sessions of the General Assembly; he found himself compelled, by declining health, and the decay of strength, incident to increasing years, to express, although most unwillingly, the necessity he felt himself under, of withdrawing, at the end of the present Session, from the further performance of Duties, to which he feared he was no longer equal; and that he was therefore desirous to commit himself to the House, for that consideration which they might think proper on his behalf; and thereupon,

On

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On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved unanimously*, That this House, in consideration of the long and faithful services of the said Mr. Francklin, will permit him to retire at the end of the Session, upon an allowance of two hundred pounds per annum, during his natural life.

Agreed to by the House; upon an allowance of £200 per annum

Resolved, That Mr. Poole, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the foregoing Resolution.

A Bill to extend to Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, was read a second time.

Bill relating to Bridgetown, &c. read 2d time, committed

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

A Petition of Theodore S. Harding, and others, Members of the Baptist Church in Horton, was presented by Mr. Bishop, and read, praying that the privilege of performing the Marriage Ceremony, by license, may be extended to the Clergymen of the Presbyterian and of the regular Calvinistic Baptist Congregations; and that Trustees, to be chosen by those respective Congregations, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petition of Members of Baptist church at Horton

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

The Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon, On motion, *ordered*, That the second reading of the Bill, in addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

Second reading of Bill relating to Wills &c postponed

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

The Petition of William Taylor and others; the Petition of Lewis Petipaw and others; and the Petition of Robert Hill, were severally read; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of Oliver Fuller and Richard Moore was read, and, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Bishop.

The Petition of Peleg Wiswall, and others, was read, and, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. J. E. Morton.

The Petition of John Margeson and others, was read, and by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. J. Morton.

The Petition of Matthew M'Nair was read, and, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Dimock.

The Petition of Benjamin Barnard and others was read, and, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Poole.

The Petition of Stephen Mills and others, and the Petition of James Taylor, were read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petitions be dismissed.

The Petition of the King's County Union Agricultural Society, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved, that the Petition be dismissed; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-one; against it twelve.

For

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For the Motion :

Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Dill,

Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. While,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Dickson,

Against the Motion.

Mr. Morse,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Young,
Mr. J. Morton,

Mr. Harris,
Mr. Bishop,

So it passed in the affirmative, and the Petition was dismissed accordingly.

House proceed
to the consider-
ation of Private
Petitions

The Petition of B. Hacket and others, was read; and thereupon,
Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Lawson, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Murdoch, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report their opinion thereon, to the House.

The Petition of the Reverend John M'Lean, Chairman of the West River of Pictou Presbyterian Congregation, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petition, and also the several other Petitions on the subject of Marriage Licenses, &c. &c. be referred to a Select Committee of Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Starr, Mr. Young, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Haliburton, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the said Petitions respectively; and that the said Committee have leave to report thereon, either by Bill or otherwise.

The Petition of Gideon S. Harrington was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Harris, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Dill, and Mr. Ruggles, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Matthew M'Nair and others, the Petition of Valentine Zwicker and others, the Petition of the Reverend C. Weeks and others, and the Petition of Donald M'Donald and others, were severally read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a scale of the subdivision of the monies appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the several Counties and Districts of the Province.

Papers referred
by the Lt. Gov
to the House,
on the subject
of Roads

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House sundry papers, received by him this day, from Mr. Secretary George, and referred to in the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the 26th February last, on the subject of Roads, viz.

No. 1, a Letter from Mr. Elder, a Road Commissioner, dated 25th November, 1826, with a plan of a proposed alteration of the main road, on the Eastern side of Gasperau Bridge.

No. 2, a Petition of the Inhabitants of Wallace, in the County of Cumberland, recommending an alteration of the road between Onslow and the River Philip, with a Plan.

No. 3, a Letter from Mr. Elder, dated 19th December, 1826, recommending an alteration of the Road near the St. Croix Bridge, with a plan.

No. 4, a plan of a proposed alteration of the Windsor road, so as to avoid a steep Hill at Mount Uniacke.

No. 5, a plan of a proposed alteration of the Merigomishe road.

No. 6, a plan of a proposed alteration of the road over Mount Thom.

No. 7, a Letter from Mr. John Johnson, dated Horton, 3d February, 1827, with a plan of a proposed alteration of the road between Mud Bridge and Kentville, in the Township of Horton.

No.

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No. 8, a Letter from Mr. Blanchard, dated Truro, 20th December, 1826, proposing an alteration of the Road, on the western side of Mount Thom.

No. 9, a Letter from Mr. Elder, dated 26th February, 1827, with a Plan of a proposed alteration of the Road from Windsor to Chester.

No. 10, a report of J. Cunningham, and R. N. Henry, Road Commissioners, relative to the erection of a Bridge over Doctor's Brook, so called, in the County of Sydney.

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

Order thereon

Then the House adjourned till Monday, at twelve of the Clock.

MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue the Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax.

A Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Act in amendment thereof.

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light House.

A Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, for providing a sufficient Watch at Night.

A Bill to continue the Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of his Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia.

A Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax.

A Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors; and for the distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

A Bill to continue the Acts for the regulation of the Militia.

A Bill to continue the several Acts, relating to the Light House, erected on Cranberry Island.

A Bill to continue an Act to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands in Onslow to open roads through the same.

A Bill to continue the Acts, now in force, relating to Trespasses.

A Bill to continue the Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein;

A Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Expenditure of Monies, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; and also,

A Bill relating to Common Fields, were severally read a second time.

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

Bills reported by Committee on expiring Laws read second time

Bill relating to Common Fields read a second time

A Petition of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters, at Tatamagushe, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying that the privilege of performing the Marriage Ceremony, by License, may be extended to the Clergymen of the Presbyterian, and of the regular Calvinistic Baptist Congregations, and that Trustees, to be chosen by those respective Congregations, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petition of Protestant Dissenters at Tatamagushe

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Petitions relating to Marriage Licenses, &c.

Referred to Committee

Mr. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Moses Bears, and others, Inhabitants

Petition of Moses Bears and others

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Petition of In-
habitants of
New Harbour

Inhabitants of New Harbour, in the County of Sydney, praying aid for clearing out the obstructions in the River, running from the said Harbour into the Sea.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Member for
County of
Hants sworn in

Richard Smith, Esq. returned duly elected Member for the County of Hants, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

School Bill
read 1st time

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee on the subject of Schools and accordingly presented, A Bill for the more effectual relief of Common Schools; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Gesners Pe-
tition; also

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon, On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of Private Petitions. The Petition of Abraham Gesner was read; and by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Uniacke.

Petition of
Bauer & Har-
ney withdrawn

The Petition of Thomas Bauer and Richard Harney was read; and thereupon, Mr. Uniacke moved that the Petition be committed to a Select Committee; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the motion, Ten, against it, Twenty-two. So it passed in the negative; and thereupon, The Petition was by leave of the House, withdrawn, by Mr. Uniacke.

The Petition of the Society of Nova Scotia Barristers was read; and thereupon, Mr. Uniacke moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it, eighteen:

For the Motion :

Mr. Young,
Mr. White,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. B. Dewolf,

Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Fairbanks,

Against the Motion.

Mr. McKimmon,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Osley,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Siarr,

Mr. Dill,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Bishop,

So it passed in the negative.

Barristers Pe-
tition dismissed

Mr. Dimock then moved that the Petition be dismissed; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, seventeen; against it, seventeen. So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote for the Motion, and the Petition was accordingly dismissed.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of Private Petitions.

On motion, *ordered*, That the second reading of the Bill relating to Wills, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

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

TUESDAY

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House, two papers, received by him, from Mr. Secretary George, by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by his Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House, viz.

Papers referred to the House by command of the Lieutenant Governor

A Letter from Thomas Ritchie, and Henry Goldsmith, Commissioners of Streets and Highways in the Town of Annapolis, to Mr. Secretary George, dated 1st January last, stating that the Bridge over Allen's River, near Annapolis, is in a ruinous state, and praying aid for the repair thereof.

A Petition of Thomas Boggs, and Dowie Ditmars, and others, inhabitants of the Township of Clements, praying for a sum to rebuild the Moose River Bridge of Stone, at present in a ruinous state, and towards which the said Inhabitants are ready to subscribe.

Order thereon.

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

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon,

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

House proceeded to Consideration of Private Petitions

The Petition of Samuel Freeman and others, was read; and thereupon.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seventeen; against it, ten; so it passed in the affirmative; and the Petition was referred to the Committee of Supply accordingly.

The Petition of Simeon Freeman and others, was read; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it, fifteen; so it passed in the affirmative, and the Petition was referred to the Committee of Supply accordingly.

The Petition of Simeon Freeman was read; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the motion, twelve; against it, twenty; so it passed in the negative, and the said Petition was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr Dewolf.

The Petition of the Rev. J. C. Cochran and others, was read; and thereupon,

Mr. Heckman moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-four; against it, eleven; so it passed in the affirmative, and the Petition was referred to the Committee of Supply accordingly.

The Petition of Joshua Newton and others, was read; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it, eighteen; so it passed in the negative.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf then moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen; against it, seventeen; so it passed in the affirmative.

The Petition of Anthony H. Holland, was read; and thereupon,

Mr. Murdoch moved, that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the same, and reporting thereon: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the motion, seventeen, against it, sixteen; so it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

Ordered,

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Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Harris, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Dill and Mr. Ruggles.

The Petition of Patrick Lannigan and others, and also the Petition of Thomas Cutler and others, were read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. Young, Mr. Hartshorne and Mr. Homer, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the same, and reporting thereon to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, to-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of private Petitions.

On motion, *ordered*, that the second reading of the Bill, in addition to the Act relating to Wills, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Poole reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for granting an annuity to the Clerk of the House, and accordingly presented,

J. B. Francklin's Annuity Bill, read first and second time

A Bill for granting an annuity to James Boutineau Francklin, Esq. and the same was read a first time.

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

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

Committee on the Fisheries appointed

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries, and to report what measures are necessary for their encouragement and protection.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. J. E. Morton, Mr. Homer, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Heckman and Mr. Lovett, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Duties collected under the late Act of the Imperial Parliament, and the appropriation of part thereof to the payment of Salaries of the Custom House Officers; that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General SIR JAMES KEMPT, Knight, Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

Address to Lieutenant-Governor, on subject of Salaries to Custom House Officers

WE, His Majesty's faithful subjects, the Representatives of his loyal people of Nova-Scotia, respectfully acknowledge your Excellency's particular attention in transmitting to His Majesty's Government, the Representation of the last House of Assembly, with regard to the appropriation of the Duties, payable under the Act of the Imperial Parliament, for regulating the Trade of the British Possessions abroad; and we assure you that we have taken into serious and deliberate consideration the views which you have been pleased to inform us, are entertained by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in relation to the Produce of those duties

We are persuaded your Excellency will have much satisfaction in making known to His Majesty's Government, that this House feel most grateful for the removal of many restrictions which heretofore have borne heavily on the Commerce, and retarded the advancement of the Province; and are entirely satisfied that effects the most beneficial have

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have been produced upon its Coasting and Foreign Trade, by the abolition of the fees, formerly paid to the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, and by the relief thereby afforded to our shipping from very oppressive exactions.

Nor do we hesitate to declare that the removal of those restrictions, and abolishing those fees, ought not to impose any additional burthen on our Mother Country, from whose liberal and enlightened policy we derive these invaluable benefits

But we trust your Excellency believes us to be equally conscious of the obligation incumbent on the Representatives of the Colony, to assert, with all deference and respect, but firmly and distinctly, that the whole duties, which, for the regulation of trade, the Imperial Parliament has imposed on the Commerce it has thus enlarged, do, of right, belong to, and are, by the statute, placed at the sole disposal of the Colonial Legislature, and that the appropriation of these duties can originate only in this House.

It is therefore a deep sense of the important trust, committed to us by those whom we represent, which precludes our acquiescence in the arrangements, whereby, without the sanction of the Assembly, a large portion of the duties collected under that statute, in this Province, has been withheld from the Colonial Treasury, and applied in payment of the Custom-House Salaries.

Nevertheless, those warm and grateful sentiments, which the liberal concessions to the Colonies have called forth, require us now to offer an assurance that we are ready to concur in passing an Act of the Assembly, for placing at His Majesty's disposal, out of the produce of the Duties of Customs levied within the Province, a sum of money amply sufficient to enable His Majesty to defray the just and reasonable expense of its Custom House establishment. Yet we indulge the hope that the permanent Salaries of the Officers will be adjusted, not only with reference to their duties and responsibility, but also on a scale proportioned to the compensation allowed to those who here fill the judicial and other important employments. That at the same time also, regard will be had to our limited means, and to the effect of the Statute in rendering a considerable part of our ordinary Revenue, formerly collected by our own officers, payable at the Custom House.

While we thus declare our desire and intention to relieve the Parent State from the expense attending the execution, in this Province, of the Laws of Trade and Navigation, and to provide justly and liberally for the Customs, we are confident your Excellency will recognise the expediency of requiring the produce of the Duties of Customs to be paid, regularly, into the Colonial Treasury; after first deducting therefrom the amount which the House intend to appropriate towards the Salaries: And that you will also perceive the necessity of a direction to the proper Officers, to render an account of those duties for the information of the Legislature. These measures appear free from objection, and we therefore trust that the wishes of the Assembly in this particular, may be complied with.

The repeated instances before us of your Excellency's unwearied and well directed exertions, to give effect to the desires of the Legislature, and promote the Prosperity of the Province, convince us of your readiness to convey this respectful Representation to His Majesty's Government, and to recommend it to a favorable consideration. We therefore beg to request that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit it in such manner that it may receive the early attention and approval of His Majesty's Ministers; and that the measure we have humbly suggested, may be carried into effect, in the spirit of their comprehensive and enlightened Policy; and conformably to the privileges bestowed on this favoured Colony, by the Imperial Parliament.

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

Order thereon

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare an Address to
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Address to His Majesty, on the subject of Test Oaths reported

His Majesty, on the subject of the Declarations and Tests against Popery, which His Majesty's Subjects in this Colony are called upon to take; that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks' table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

To the King's most Excellent Majesty: The humble Address of the House of Representatives in General Assembly.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Representatives of Your Majesty's Faithful Commons of Nova Scotia, tender to your Majesty, the assurance of our earnest and loyal attachment; and respectfully beg leave to offer this Humble Address.

Ever solicitous for the maintenance of those institutions, which form the sources of our power, while they constitute the objects of our pride, We gladly avail ourselves of any occasion which can give them additional strength.

We have ever thought, that where a Community of civil interests exist, it was there expedient to create an unity of public feeling; such unity of feeling it, has been the study of your Majesty's Faithful Commons to promote, and its fruits are now happily visible in the general aspect of the Province.

We beg leave to assure Your Majesty, that Your Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects in this Province, are second to none in loyalty and attachment. We have been the witnesses of their civil conduct, and it is but a testimony due to truth, when we say, that they evince as zealous a disposition for the maintenance of Your Majesty's Government, as any other denomination of Your Majesty's loyal Subjects.

Convinced from a length of fortunate experience, how auspicious for the future interests of the Province, such a condition is, we feel that we can best consult our own prosperity by using every method in our power to ensure its continuance.

We have already, under the sanction of Your Majesty's Government, removed every restrictive law upon Your Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects in this Province, which has been followed by their gratitude; unwilling to pause, we would now humbly solicit the gracious exercise of your Majesty's Prerogative for their additional benefit, and in compliance with the unanimous voice of your faithful Commons, We solicit that your Majesty would be graciously pleased to dispense with the "Declarations against Popery and Transubstantiation," as inapplicable to the present situation of this Country, and tending to create invidious distinctions amongst Your Majesty's loyal Subjects.

Devoted to our duties as the Representatives of Your Majesty's Faithful Commons, we feel confiding your Majesty will accept this Address and; when your Majesty considers that we appeal to Heaven, for the due fulfilment of our duties, and that we consecrate by the sanctions of Religion, our natural attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government, Your Majesty will accept these, our solemn pledges, as adequate securities.

Confiding in your Majesty's favourable construction of this Address, your faithful Commons hope, eventually, to find, that although at our several Altars, we may practise our several faiths, yet at that public Altar, where the spirit of our country presides, the only Creed will be that of Christianity.

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

Order thereon

On motion *ordered*, That the time allowed to the Committee, for bringing in a scale of the subdivison of the monies appropriated for Roads in the several Counties and Districts, be extended to Saturday, the 10th instant.

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

WEDNESDAY

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PRAYERS.

A Petition of Dowie Ditmars and others, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying aid for repairing the Bridge over Bear River, in the County of Annapolis.

Petitions of D. Ditmars and others

A Petition of James Wardrobe and others, Inhabitants of the Counties of Halifax and Hants, was presented by Mr. B. Dewolf, and read, praying aid for repairing the Bridge over the River Shubenaccadie, near Wardrobe's.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *resolved*, that such part of the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as relates to the expenditure of Money, on the Roads and Bridges of the Province, be referred to the Committee, appointed to take into consideration such alteration as may be necessary in the Laws relating to Highway Labour, and regulating the expenditure of public money on Roads and Bridges.

Lieutenant Governor's Message, respecting Roads, referred to Committee

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *ordered*, that the Clerk do carry the Resolution of Friday last, the 2d instant, for paying off part of the Funded Debt to the Council, for concurrence.

Funded Debt Resolution

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Town of Windsor, the provisions of the Act, to prevent Boys and others, coasting and sliding down the Hills, in the Streets of Halifax ; and also,

Coasting and Grinding Stone Bills disagreed to by Council

A Bill entitled, An Act to regulate the manufacturing and shipment of Grinding Stone.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill for incorporating a Company for building a Bridge over the River Avon.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Conference on Avon Bridge Bill

Ordered, That Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Shey, and Mr. Haliburton, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. B. Dewolf reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the subject of the Conference to the House.

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read ; and thereupon,

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of private Petitions.

The Petition of James M'Dougall was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Dill, Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Stewart, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

House proceed to the consideration of Private Petitions

The Petition of Joseph Austen, the Petition of George Wilson, and the Petition of Allen M'Donald, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. R. Smith, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of William Morehouse, the Petition of J. M. de Sardina, and the Petition of John Cox, were severally read ; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of the King's County Agricultural Society ; the Petition of J. E. Moody ;

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the Petition of Anthony Smith, and the Petition of Samuel Webb and others, were severally read; and withdrawn by leave of the House.

The Petition of the Executors of the late Patrick Condon, was read; and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Starr, Mr. Roach and Mr. B. De-wolf; and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of James Gray was read; and thereupon,

Mr. Uniacke moved that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, eighteen. So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Uniacke then moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seventeen; against it, seventeen. So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the motion.

The Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, was read; and thereupon, Mr. Hartshorne moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-six; against it, five. So it passed in the affirmative; and the Petition was referred to the Committee of Supply accordingly.

Private Petitions considered

The Petition of the Reverend J. T. Twining was read, and thereupon, Mr. Murdoch moved, that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-two; against it, ten; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Lawson; and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Thomas Ritchie and others was read; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-four; against it, four. So it passed in the affirmative, and the Petition was referred to the Committee of Supply accordingly.

The Petition of Kenneth McDonald and others was read; and thereupon,

Mr. Dickson moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Fourteen; against it, Fourteen. So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the motion.

Mr. Ruggles moved that the Petition be dismissed; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Fifteen; against the motion, Fifteen. So Mr. Speaker give his casting vote for the motion; and the Petition was accordingly dismissed.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of private Petitions.

On motion, *ordered*, That the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

Committee on Bill

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for granting an Annuity to James Boutineau Francklin, Esq. and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House, without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

J. B. Francklin's Annuity Bill reported

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Petition of William O'Brien was presented by Mr. B. Dewolf, and read, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Richard Smith, Esq. as a Representative for the County of Hants; and for the Representation of which County the Petitioner was a Candidate.

Petition of W. O'Brien

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

Mr Speaker laid before the House the following Papers, transmitted to him this morning by Mr. Secretary George, by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, viz.

A Letter from the principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs, to Mr. Secretary George, dated Halifax, the 7th March, instant, on the subject of fees received, and the several Acts of the Imperial Parliament, of the 6th and 7th years of his present Majesty's Reign; and also,

Papers relating to Fees received by Officers of the Customs

A Statement of the Gross Average Annual Amount of Fees, received by the Officers of the Customs in this Province, exclusive of the Island of Cape Breton, for the years 1823, 1824 and 1825.

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

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

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

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On reading the proceedings of yesterday, relative to the Petition of Kenneth M'Donald, and others,

Mr. Dickson moved, that the same be rescinded: which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Bishop reported from the Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the Petition of William Flemming, against the election and return of Charles D. Archibald, as a Representative in General Assembly, for the Township of Truro; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee, having heard the allegations of the said William Flemming, and the evidence by him adduced, in support thereof; and having duly considered the same, with all proceedings relative thereto, have agreed to Report to the House of Assembly, and do accordingly report as follows, viz.

"That Charles D. Archibald, the sitting Member for the township of Truro, is duly elected and returned a representative for the Township aforesaid, in the present General Assembly, and is entitled to retain his present seat in said Assembly, as such Representative, he having been duly elected thereto by a majority of good and legal votes; and being duly qualified by Law, as such Representative: But, in the opinion of the Committee, the Petition of the said William Flemming does not appear to be frivolous or vexatious.

Report of Select Committee on the subject of the Election for the Township of Truro

Ordered,

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Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

An engrossed Bill for granting an annuity to James Boutineau Francklin, Esq. was read a third time.

J. B. Francklin's Annuity Bill passed

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for granting an annuity to James Boutineau Francklin, Esq.

Resolved, That Mr. Poole, being the oldest Member of this House, do carry the Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their concurrence.

Message from the Lt. Govr. communicating the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of York

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows:—

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

IT is with feelings of the deepest sorrow, that his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor communicates to the House of Assembly, the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York and Albany, presumptive Heir to the Throne.

This melancholy event took place at London, on the 5th January last, and has caused the greatest affliction to His Majesty and the Royal Family, and to the Nation at large. Few Princes ever lived more honoured and beloved than his Royal Highness the Duke of York; and His Excellency feels assured that the Representatives of the People of Nova-Scotia, will sympathize in the feelings of pain and sorrow, which the termination of his Royal Highness's valuable life has so universally occasioned.

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

J. B. Francklin's Annuity Bill agreed to by the Council

A Message from His Majesty's Council, by the Honourable the Attorney General, and the Honourable Mr. Prescott, who, being admitted, advanced to the Clerk's Table; and the Honourable the Attorney General, addressing Mr. Speaker, said, that he had great pleasure in signifying to the House, by the direction of His Majesty's Council, that the Council had unanimously agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act, for granting an Annuity to James Boutineau Francklin, Esq. and delivered in the said Bill at the Table of the Clerk; and then the Messengers withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

Conference requested by the Council relative to the Death of the Duke of York

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, with this House, on the subject of a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, communicating to His Majesty's Council, the melancholy intelligence of the Death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Ruggles, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Conference reported

Mr. Uniacke reported that the managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of His Majesty's Council had stated to the Managers, that the Council were desirous of presenting a joint Address of the Council and of this House, to His Majesty, on the melancholy occasion of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York; and thereupon, on motion,

Resolved,

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Resolved, That this House do concur with the Council, in presenting such Address ; and that the Committee of this House, who held the Conference, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to prepare an Address accordingly.

Resolution
thereon

Resolved, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the last Conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported, that the Council had agreed to a further Conference, as desired by the House.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference ; and that they do communicate to the Committee of the Council, the foregoing Resolution.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Uniacke reported that the Managers had held a further conference ; and also communicated to the Committee of the Council, the Resolution of the House.

Further Con-
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On motion, the Orders of the Day were read ; and thereupon,

The House proceeded on the further consideration of private Petitions.

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The Petition of Kenneth McDonald and others ; the Petition of William Young and others ; the Petition of Peter Starrat, and the Petition of Edmund Ward, were severally read ; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of John Ferguson ; the Petition of James Tremain, and the Petition of Richard Tremain, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. Murdoch, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Harris, Mr. Dill and Mr. Ruggles ; and that they do examine into the merits of the same respectively ; and report thereon to the House.

Resolutions
thereon

The Petition of the Proprietors of the Halifax Sugar Refinery, was read ; and thereupon

Resolved, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. Stewart, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Roach ; and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy was read ; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-eight ; against it, five.

For the Motion :

Against the Motion.

Mr. White,	Mr. Uniacke,	Mr. B. Dewolf,	Mr. Barsa,	Mr. Homer,
Mr. Heckman,	Mr. Dill,	Mr. Haliburton,	Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Dimock,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Rudolf,	Mr. Bishop,	Mr. Roach,
Mr. Starr,	Mr. Fairbanks,	Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Crow,	Mr. Oxley
Mr. Dickson,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. J. Morton,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Archibald,	Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Murdoch,	Mr. Wier,	
Mr. Young,	Mr. Shey,	Mr. Lovett,	Mr. J. E. Morton,	

So it passed in the affirmative ; and the Petition was accordingly referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of William McLaughlin, was read ; and thereupon,

Mr. Murdoch moved, that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Motion, eighteen ; against it, eleven ; So it passed in the affirmative ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. Murdoch, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Harris, Mr. Dill, and Mr. Ruggles, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

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thereon

The Petition of Thomas James and others ; the Petition of John Singer and others ; and the Petition of Jean Baptist Le Loup, and others, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved,

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Resolved, That the said Petitions be dismissed.

The Petition of Edward A. Jones, and others; and the Petition of Daniel Dakin, and others, were severally read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. J. E. Norton, Mr. Homer, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Heckman, and Mr. Lovett, and that they do examine into the merits of the same respectively, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of John Flemming, and others, was read; and thereupon,

Mr. Murdoch moved, that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-five, against it six; so it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

The said Petition was referred to the Committee on the Petition of Edward A. Jones and others.

The Petition of the Agricultural Society, at Parrsborough, was read, and by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Starr.

The Petition of the Rev. Thomas Trotter and others, was read, and by the leave of House, withdrawn by Mr. Dickson.

The Petition of Dowie Ditmars and others, was read, and by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Roach.

The Petition of W. B. Turnbull and others, was read, and thereupon, Mr. Roach moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-five, against it ten; so it passed in the affirmative, and the Petition was referred to the Committee of Supply accordingly.

The Petition of Joseph Crane and others, was read; and thereupon,

Mr. Starr moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twelve, against it twenty; so it passed in the negative; and thereupon,

The said Petition was, by leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Starr.

The Petition of James Wardrobe and others, was read; and thereupon,

Mr. B. Dewolf moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put; and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twelve, against it eighteen; so it passed in the Negative; and thereupon,

The said Petition was, by leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Dewolf.

On Motion, *ordered*, that the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That this House require the Amount of the Fees, received by each Officer of the Customs, and at each Port of the Province, respectively, in the year 1823; the same in the year 1824, and the same in the year 1825. Also, the Salaries paid, or provisionally allowed, to each Officer of the Customs, at each Port in the Province, for the year ending the 5th January, 1827, with the charges of the Establishment; also, the several and respective Salaries, at the present moment allowed, or contemplated to be paid, to the several and respective Officers of the Customs, at the several and respective Ports throughout the Province, Cape-Breton, included.

Resolved, That this explanatory Resolution be communicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Speaker.

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

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FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Thomas Ansley, the Minister, and others, members of the Baptist Church, in Granville, in the County of Annapolis; A Petition of Edward Manning, the Minister, and others, members of the Baptist Congregation at Cornwallis, in King's County; also A Petition of William Allen Chipman and others, members of the said Congregation at Cornwallis; A Petition of Thomas Tupper and others, members of the Baptist Church in Aylesford; and also a Petition of William Elder and others, members of the Baptist Church in lower Granville; were severally presented by Mr. Bishop, and read, praying respectively, that the privilege of performing the Marriage Ceremony by Licence, may be extended to the Clergymen of the Presbyterian and of the regular Calvinistic Baptist Congregations, and that Trustees to be chosen by those respective Congregations, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petitions from Baptist Congregations at Granville Cornwallis and Aylesford presented and

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee on the Petitions relative to Marriage Licences, &c.

Referred to a Committee

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution of this House, for paying off \$000l. of the Funded Debt of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Roach, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported, that the managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Conference with the Council on subject of Funded Debt of the Province

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved,* that this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means.

On Motion, the Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon,

On motion the House proceeded, to the further consideration of private Petitions.

The Petition of the Heirs of Jacob Shaffroth was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Young and Mr. Starr, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

House proceed to further consideration of private petitions

The Petition of the Reverend Robert Willis and others, was read; and thereupon,

Mr. B. Dewolf moved, that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the motion twenty-four, against it ten; so it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. B. Dewolf, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of the Rev. E. L. Benwell and others, was read; and thereupon,

Mr. Hartshorne moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion eighteen, against it seven; so it passed in the affirmative, and the said Petition was accordingly referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolutions thereon

The Petition of Rufus Shattuck and others, was read; and thereupon, *Resolved,*

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thereon

Resolved, That the Petition be referred, to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Roach, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, *ordered*, that the second reading of the Bill, in addition to the Act, relating to Wills, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary George, acquainted the House, that he had two Messages to this House, from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency; and he presented the said Messages to the House; and the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered; and are as follow:

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor is urged by a feeling of humanity, to call the attention of the House of Assembly, to the present condition of the Indians in this Province.

The Distresses of these poor people are much greater than is commonly supposed, and there is reason to believe that without a Settlement they must soon altogether perish: for so considerable a portion of the Forest, being now reclaimed from a state of nature, game has become so scarce, that the Hunter has much difficulty in providing a scanty subsistence for his family. To effect this, even now, frequent removals are necessary: and the number of aged, sick, and helpless relatives, they have to carry about with them, cramps their exertions both in hunting and fishing, and is one of the chief causes of their sufferings.

It is not surprizing, therefore, that many of this neglected and unfortunate Race, are now disposed to apply themselves to the cultivation of the soil. To these his Excellency conceives the Province is bound to afford every reasonable encouragement; and he confidently expects by adopting prudent measures to regulate their Settlement; that, as Agriculture extends itself in the Wilderness; and Game consequently becomes more rare, a like disposition will be more generally evinced; and that, thus, these inoffensive Aborigines may be gradually led to abandon their erratic habits; and be converted into useful Members of Society.

His Excellency is aware that large Tracts of Land, have been set apart for the Indians, in every County of the Province, and that the attempts made at different times, to induce them to settle, have been for the most part unavailing. This in his Excellency's opinion, may be attributed principally, to those tracts of Land, not having been subdivided into Lots; and to no well arranged plan, having been made, for regulating the settlement of these People: besides the necessity of a settlement, was never before so urgent as it now is. His Excellency therefore thinks that the failure of former attempts, to which the Indians themselves, were, if not averse, at least indifferent, should not, under altered circumstances, discourage a renewal of them.

His Excellency is very far from wishing to urge them to the regular habits of a civilized life; on the contrary, he proposes to leave them after settlement, to the workings of natural impulse, and to the influence of example.

All that his Excellency at present desires is, that each family shall have a separate portion of Land, and know distinctly the bounds of its own Lot, which may be made a rallying point and place of deposit. A Potatoe Plantation is within every one's power; and the strong may occasionally fish and hunt; so that with a little assistance, afforded to the infirm, the whole might subsist comfortably, after the Indian manner of living.

His Excellency cannot doubt, but that the House of Assembly will gladly assist him

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in effecting an object, which he has much at heart, by furnishing him with the means.

1st. To pay for the correct surveying and allotment of the Indian Lands.

2d. To give to each family disposing to settle, after establishing a Wigwam on its own Lot, an Ax, a Hoe, and a few Seeds; and

Lastly, To afford a moderate supply of Provisions and coarse Clothing, to the weak and sickly.

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor lays before the House of Assembly, a Copy of a Letter from the Ordnance Storekeeper at Halifax, enclosing an Extract of a Letter, conveying the Commands of his Grace the Duke of Wellington, and the Board of Ordnance, that no Gunpowder belonging to the Merchants of Halifax, be for the future received into the King's Magazine; and as there is a large quantity of that article at present, in the Storekeeper's charge, His Excellency suggests to the House of Assembly, the necessity of making some arrangement for the reception and safe keeping of this Powder.

Message from Lieut. Gov. on subject of Gunpowder belonging to merchants of Halifax

The Papers referred to in the foregoing Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were read by the Clerk; and are as follow:

Copy of a Letter from the Ordnance Storekeeper at Halifax, to his Excellency, dated 22d Dec. 1826; and,

Extract of a Letter from the Master-General and the Honorable Board of Ordnance, dated 16 December, 1826; addressed to the respective Officers of Ordnance at Halifax.

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

Order thereon

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the several Papers and Documents, relative to the importation of the Horses and Sheep; with all matters connected therewith; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have proceeded to a strict examination of the contents; and find, that under the judicious arrangements of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, there have been imported into the Province, three Horses, named Stag, Randolph and Cleveland, and two Mares, Acadia and Atlantic; all thorough bred. Upon an examination of their Pedigree, they find them of the purest blood and first character; and will under careful management, be of the greatest benefit to this country. They have also examined the respective Accounts accompanying them; and beg most particularly to call the attention of the House to the pains that have been taken, and the economy that has been practised in their purchase. The late House placed at the disposal of his Excellency, £1000, as they supposed, to procure two Blood Horses. Under his Excellency's plans the Province now have three, and two Mares; leaving still a balance in favor of the Province. The Accounts of their keeping are all moderate and vouched; and the Committee recommend their being referred to the Committee of Supply. Anxious to insure to the Province lasting benefits from the acquisition of such Animals, the Committee have given the subject the most mature consideration, and have unanimously agreed to the following Plan:

Report of Committee on subject of Horses

Namely That the three Horses and the two Mares should remain the property of the Province, for two Reasons:

First, Because they consider it as the most effectual means of keeping them in good order, and of insuring to the Province advantage from their importation; and

Secondly, That by keeping the Mares for a few years, the blood will be kept pure; whereas

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whereas if sold, they may be put to inferior Horses, and by retaining them, their breeds will increase, and the Country receive great advantage from their progeny.

The Committee find there is another very superior thorough bred Horse, called Imperial, now in Halifax, sent out for sale by Mr. White, the gentleman under whose direction these Horses were purchased and shipped; and they cannot refrain from observing, upon investigation of the Accounts, that gentleman bestowed much pains and time in carrying into effect the wishes of the Province, and has not charged any commission or expense; the pedigree of Imperial is of the first class, and as upon enquiry, he can be purchased for 200l. they most strongly recommend that he should be purchased by the Province, for the following reason; that it will then enable a Blood Horse to stand each Spring in the four sections of the Province.

They also recommend, that in each Spring the four Horses should be sent with their four grooms, to such sections of the Province, as his Excellency may think proper, to be placed in the immediate charge of such gentlemen, as his Excellency may appoint as Commissioners; that each Horse shall serve one hundred Mares, and that the sum for each to be paid the Commissioners, shall be thirty shillings, and that in the Autumn the Horses return to Halifax, where they will be kept, and fit for service in the Spring.

The Committee find that this arrangement can be carried into effect with little expense to the Province; upon a review of the Accounts, the probable expenditure will be four hundred pounds, and the receipts will be nearly to that amount; they would therefore recommend that the sum of four hundred pounds, be now voted for the keeping of those Horses during the year; they recommend it in order that the advantage of the Market may be taken in providing provender, &c. and the receipt of the year will be carried to the credit of the Province.

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

Committee Report on subject of Laws relating to Highways, Roads & Bridges.

Mr. Stewart reported from the Committee, appointed to take into consideration the Laws relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges; and the Law respecting the expenditure of public money thereon; and also to report upon such part of the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the 26th February last, as relates to the latter; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Bill relating to Highways; also Bill relating to expenditure of Monies on Roads, read 1st time.

Mr. Stewart also presented to the House the two following Bills, viz.
A Bill in addition to and amendment of the Act of the Seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, relating to Highways, Roads, &c. also,

A Bill in addition to and amendment of the Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies, to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges; and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Committee Report on Petition of Wendel Naas.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Wendel Naas was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

SATURDAY,

PRAYERS.

On motion the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Indians, was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon,

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

On motion, the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the papers accompanying the same, relative to the safe keeping of the Merchants Gunpowder, was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Message and Papers be referred to Mr. Starr, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Barss, Mr. Roach and Mr. Stewart, for the purpose of examining into the subject matter thereof, and reporting thereon to the House.

Messages of the Lieut. Gov. on the subject of Indians, and Merchants' Gunpowder, referred to a Committee

A Petition of Benjamin Smith and others, Inhabitants of the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read ; praying for a Sum of Money to aid in finishing an alteration made on the main Road leading from Windsor to the mouth of the Shubenacadie River ; commencing at the western line of John Smith's Land, and to terminate near the House of Richard Anthony, in Newport.

Petition of Benjamin Smith & others

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Scale of subdivision of Monies for roads & bridges in the Counties and Districts, viz:

Pursuant to Order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House a Scale of the subdivision of the several sums of Money, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the respective Counties and Districts of the Province, viz:

- Mr. Lawson, for the District of Halifax.
- Mr. Crow, for the District of Colchester.
- Mr. Hartshorne, for the District of Pictou.
- Mr. Stewart, for the County of Cumberland.
- Mr. B. Dewolf, for the County of Hants.
- Mr. Bishop, for the County of King's County.
- Mr. Young, for the County of Sydney.
- Mr. McKinnon, for the County of Shelburne.
- Mr. Roach, for the County of Annapolis.
- Mr. Rudolf, for the County of Lunenburg.
- Mr. Barss, for the County of Queen's County.

And the House having taken the same into consideration ; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Sum of L.370, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the District of Halifax, be applied as follows .

District of Halifax, £370

For the road from Salmon Bridge in Preston, to Porter's Lake, £10 thereof to be applied in reducing the Hill by Smith's farm.	} £35 0 0
For the road from Porter's Lake road, down the west side of the Lake, to the Mills	8 0 0
For the road from head of Porter's Lake, to the Musquedoboit Road	15 0 0
For the road from Porter's Lake Bridge, to the head of Chizencook Harbour, and towards Musquedoboit Harbour	} 18 0 0
For the road from Jedore. to Clam Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from Simpson's in Preston, to Cole Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from R. Gammon's to Crook's Mill, head of Lawrence Town Harbour	5 0 0
For the road from R. Gammon's to Lawrence Town	10 0 0
For the road leading from near James Key's to Musquedoboit	20 0 0
For the road from Moore's at Gay's river, to Johnson Callbeck's	10 0 0
For the road from Stewiack to the new road from Dartmouth to Musquedoboit, to be laid out in the District of Halifax	} 10 0 0
To improve the road from William Logan's, on Gay's River road, to the new road from Dartmouth to Musquedoboit	} 10 0 0
For the road from middle Musquedoboit, towards Putnam's Bridge, on the Stewiacke : to be expended in the District of Halifax	} 10 0 0
To assist the Inhabitants of Little River, Musquedoboit, to open a road from Alexander and James Cruickshank's, and to bridge the Little river near Bryden's	} 10 0 0
For the road from Deckman's Bridge, in Lower Musquedoboit, at Meagher's grant, to the great road, by Preston to Dartmouth	} 10 0 0

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For the road from the bridge near Brown's, on the Musquedoboit, to its intersection with the } Guysborough road, near M'Dougall's }	£10 0 0
To raise the Causeway on the road to Fremain's Bridge, from the Truro road	8 0 0
For the road from the south east passage, being the lower road to Devil's Point, so called	10 0 0
For the road from Windsor road to the Brushy Hill : one half of the said sum to repay the Commis- } sioners for work done last year }	12 0 0
For the road from A. Vieth's farm to the Dutch Village, to be laid out from the Village, towards the } Kempt road }	15 0 0
For the road from Hosterman's mill to Spryfield	10 0 0
For the road from Spryfield to Ketch Harbour, and thence to Sambro	18 0 0
For the road from Spryfield to Harriet Fields, £5 to be expended on the road leading to Jane Homan's	10 0 0
For the road from Henlow's to Margaret's Bay	20 0 0
For the road from Wooden's bridge, down the east side of Margaret's Bay, towards Peggy's Cove	5 0 0
For the road from Wooden's bridge, up the east side of the Bay	5 0 0
For the road from the Dutch Village, so called, near Margaret's Bay, to the shore of the Bay	5 0 0
For the road from the north east part of the Bay to the Hammond Plains road	8 0 0
For the road from the Forks of the Prospect and Margaret's Bay road, towards Prospect	10 0 0
To assist the inhabitants on the road leading northward from the Margaret's Bay road, near Umlah's	8 0 0
For the road from head of North-west-arm to the Black Settlement, at Beech Hill	5 0 0
For the road from the Dutch Village, by Keizer's, to Margaret's Bay ; whereof £8 to be laid out be- } tween Keizer's and Titus Smith's }	20 0 0

District of Col-
chester £270

Resolved, That the sum of £370, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Colchester, be applied as follows, viz.

Road Votes

From Johnson Kaulback's, through the Settlement of Musquedoboit	£10 0 0
Thence to Stewiacke	5 0 0
From the Shubenacadie Meeting house to Gay's River	25 0 0
From John Gourley's mill in Stewiacke, to John Holman's, in Musquedoboit	5 0 0
From John Dunlap's to Robert Fisher's, in Upper Stewiacke, on the road to Halifax	5 0 0
From Benjamin Tupper's to James Fisher's, in Stewiacke	5 0 0
From the South Branch Stewiacke, by William Graham's, to James Benvie's, Musquedoboit	7 0 0
From the half-way Brook, between Upper and Middle Stewiacke, to Miller's, on the Truro Road	5 0 0
From Hurd's Brook to Fort Ellis, on the Stewiacke river	5 0 0
From Truro to Middle Stewiacke, by Henry Miller's	20 0 0
From the Old Barns to the mouth of the Shubenacadie ; and to raise the road near Samuel Forbes's	10 0 0
From the Old Barns to William Phillips's	10 0 0
From Old Barns towards the Shubenacadie, by the shore	5 0 0
From the mouth of Shubenacadie to Robert Follock's, by Fort Ellis	20 0 0
From Christies' in Truro, to Greenfield	10 0 0
From James Talbot's in Greenfield, past Mount George, to the Pictou road, near the Salmon river bridge	10 0 0
From Halifax road to Stewiacke, by Brookfield	10 0 0
From Brookfield to the mills at Pleasant Valley	5 0 0
From Charley Moore's, eastward, through Brookfield	7 0 0
From Pleasant Valley to Green's Brook, near Shubenacadie	10 0 0
From George Wilson's, on Archibald's Mountain, to James Smith's	5 0 0
From Archibald's, at Salmon River, to River John	10 0 0
From Richard Elliott's to J. Johnson's, in Kempt Town	5 0 0
From Tatamagouche road to the Cork Settlement	5 0 0
From Tatamagouche road to the Coal Mine	10 0 0
From Tatamagouche road to the Mill called Crow's mill, in Earl Town	7 0 0
From the Meeting House in Onslow, to Crow's Mill	7 0 0
From Tatamagouche road, by Cutten's, to Rude's Bridge	5 0 0
From Crow's Mills to Samuel Rude's	8 0 0
From Baird's Lane to Crow's Mill	5 0 0
From the Cross Road near Samuel Blair's, to the mountain	5 0 0
To bridge the North River at Blain's mill	25 0 0
From John Graham's to Rude's bridge	4 0 0
From Stephen Linton's to the mill road	5 0 0
From DeBurt river to McElhenny's mill	7 0 0
From Robert McNutt's to James Coffin's	8 0 0
From James Coffin's to Kemsheg road	8 0 0
From Thomas Fletcher's to David Crow's, by William Fletcher's	6 0 0
From Kemsheg road to William Morrison's	6 0 0
From James Smith's to William Fletcher's	10 0 0
From John Patten's to Cumberland road, by Thomas Crow's	15 0 0
From Corri's towards Sutherland's	4 0 0
From Edward Parkner's to Pleasant Hill	3 0 0
From Samuel Corri's to the Back Settlement	5 0 0
From the main road in Economy to the back lot in the line between Joseph Corbet and John Marsh	5 0 0

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Resolved, That the sum of L390, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, in		District of Pic-
the District of Pictou, be appropriated as follows, viz.		ton L390
For the road from New Glasgow towards Fisher's Grant	£10 0 0	
For the road from the Ferry at Abercrombie's point, towards the lower Settlement, East River	10 0 0	
For the road from Fisher's Grant to Little Harbour	10 0 0	
For the road from Little Harbour towards Cook's	7 10 0	
For the road from the District line, on the road leading from the Garden of Eden to the East river, } by M'Lellan's Brook }	15 0 0	
For the road from David Murray's, past William M'Kenzie's, to the back settlement on Barney's river } Merigomishe }	7 10 0	
For the road from John Marshall's, by the marsh, to the West Branch Bridge, East River	7 10 0	
For the road from Christopher M'Donald's to Alexander Fraser's, forks of the middle river	7 10 0	
For the road from Wilkins' Grant to John Marshall's, middle River	7 10 0	
For the road from David Marshall's, middle river, towards Alexander Fraser's	7 10 0	
For the road from Andrew Marshall's to middle river bridge, at Alexander Fraser's	7 10 0	
For the road from Alexander Fraser's, on the road to the West Branch East River	7 10 0	
For the road from John Mattheson's to the Pictou road, at the head of the Harbour	7 10 0	
For the road from John Mattheson's to Andrew M'Cara's	12 10 0	
For the road from M'Cara's towards Earl Town, past Roderick M'Kenzie's	7 10 0	
For the road from Roderick M'Kenzie's to the district line, through Earl Town	7 10 0	
For the road from the district line in Earl Town towards River John	7 10 0	
For the road from Cape John, along shore, past Toney river, towards Carriboo	10 0 0	
For the road from the East Branch Bridge, East River, towards Saint Mary's	15 0 0	
For the road from the East River lower Meeting House, to the East Branch Bridge	15 0 0	
For the road from John M'Donald's, middle river, towards Stewiack; through New Larig	10 0 0	
For the road from the River John road, towards Robert M'Connell's	5 0 0	
For the road from the West River upper bridge, up the south side of said river, by Robson's	7 10 0	
To assist in opening the road from James Reid's, Mount Thom, towards the salt springs	7 10 0	
For the road from John Moores's towards River John	7 10 0	
For the road from Barney's river, on the Mountain Road, towards Antigonishe	7 10 0	
For the road from the meeting house East River, to M'Lellan's brook on the road to Saint Mary's	15 0 0	
For the road from Denoon's towards Carriboo	7 1 0	
For the road from the Middle River Mills, along the shore past Joseph Beggs's, to the Ferry	10 0 0	
For the road from the Meeting House West Branch East River, to the Lower Settlement	10 0 0	
For the road from the Little Island to John Douglass's	10 0 0	
For the road from the Little Island to the West River Bridge	7 10 0	
For the road from the Lower West River Bridge to Donald M'Donald's, Green Hill	15 0 0	
For the road from the Green Hill, on the Road leading through New Larig by J. Fraser's Mill	15 0 0	
For the road from the Bridge at Duff's Mills, East River, towards David M'Lean's	7 10 0	
For the road from the Meeting House at Rogers's Hill to the old Saw Mill at M'Kenzie's	7 10 0	
For the road from the Forks of Barney's River, in Merigomishe up the East Branch	7 10 0	
For the road from the back Settlement of Bayley's Brook to M'Kinnon's Mill, on the new line of road	7 10 0	
For the road from the School House on the North end of M'Lellan's Mountain to James Fraser's	7 10 0	
For the road from William Fraser's (Thomas's son) towards the west branch Meeting House	7 10 0	
For the road from Henderson's Mill to M'Cara's road	7 10 0	
For the road from Mount Dalhousie to Rogers's Hill	7 10 0	
For the road from John Rogers's to the School House at Rogers's Hill	7 10 0	

Resolved, That the sum of L.370, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges		£370 County
in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows, viz.		of Cumberland
For the road from River Phillip to Bass River	15 0 0	
For the road from Macan to River Phillip	25 0 0	
For the road from Macan to Five Islands	10 0 0	
For the road from Amherst to Goose River	30 0 0	
For the road from Morton's to Gulf Shore to Tignishe Bridge	25 0 0	
For the road from G. Purdy's to Beebe's	15 0 0	
For the road from Beebe's to Wallace Harbour	22 10 0	
For the road from Town plot of Wallace to road from Forshner's to River Phillip	15 0 0	
For the road from Pugwash to River Phillip	15 0 0	
For the road from Pipes's to William Black's	10 0 0	
For the road from Fork Bridge to Lodowick Hunter's	15 0 0	
For the road from Fox Harbour to Tuttle's	10 0 0	
For the road from Aaron Fountain's to Carr's, in Londonderry	5 0 0	
For the road from Fox Harbour to Amherst	10 0 0	
For the road from Fox Harbour to Gulf Shore	10 0 0	
For the road from M'ivers, on the Gulf Shore, to Mark Bigness's Pugwash	15 0 0	
For the road from the Forks of Macan to William Chapman's	10 0 0	
For the road from John Moise's to Black River Bridge	5 0 0	

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For the Leicester Road	20	0	0
For the road from Sutherland's, on the mountains, to Murray's, in Portpick	5	0	0
For the road from River Phillip to Economy	10	0	0
For the road from David Harris's to the road leading from Macan to River Phillip, near Peter Nelson's	7	10	0
For the road from George M. River's, on the Gulf Shore, to Oxley's, at Wallace	5	0	0
For the road from Goose River to the Leicester road, to River Phillip	10	0	0
For the road from Pagwash to Indian point	10	0	0
For Clary's Bridge, Fox Harbour	15	0	0
For the road from Peter Wood's, Maccan, by the River Herbert, to Menudie	15	0	0
From the Tighish road, near Henry Chapman's, to the Gulf Shore, near John Bosse's	5	0	0
For the Bridge over the Le Planch	5	0	0

County of
Hants £370

Resolved, That the sum of £370, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Hants, be applied as follows:

For the road on Western Ardoice	£10	0	0
For the road between the Halifax road and Panuke Settlement	10	0	0
For the abutment of Cunnable Bridge in Windsor	12	0	0
To alter and improve the road from William Hill's to Winckworth	10	0	0
For the shore road from Horton line, to Mount Denson, in Falmouth	8	0	0
For the back road from the old Horton road, to Jesse's	10	10	0
For the road from Jesse's to Upper Settlement at Fork's Bridge	8	0	0
For Fork's Bridge	10	10	0
For the road from John Dimmock's to William Parker's mill	20	0	0
For the road from Peter's to John Sanford's	5	0	0
For the road from Vaughan's to Archibald Wier's, and to repair the Bridge over Hebert River	5	0	0
For the road from Robert Smith's to Richard Anthony's	10	0	0
For the road from Mill Creek to W. Sandford's	10	0	0
For the road from the mouth of William Fisher's road to the cross road leading to Wilcox's Ferry	10	0	0
For the road from Petit road to the Ryan's settlement	5	0	0
For the road from Francis Salter's to Petit	18	0	0
For the road from Petit to Tenecape	10	0	0
For the road from Cambridge to Petit	13	0	0
For the road from Newport line to Sheviree	10	0	0
For the road from John Dimock's to Edward Murphy's	18	0	0
For the road from Murphy's to the Town line at Wolaver's Farm	5	0	0
For the road from Bond's Mill towards Best's	6	0	0
For the road from Wilson's to Withrow's	8	0	0
For the road from Beaver Bank to the Windsor Road, on the County Line	4	0	0
For the road from Hall's to McPhee's Bridge	18	0	0
For the road from McPhee's Bridge to McLean's farm	18	0	0
For the road from Rawdon line to Taggart's	8	0	0
For the road from Taggart's to Shubenacadie	16	0	0
For the road from Grant's Bridge to Wardrope's	8	0	0
For the road from Tenecape to O'Brien's Mill	14	0	0
For the road leading from Gore Settlement by the Campbell Grant, to Shubenacadie	8	0	0
For the road from Neel to Shubenacadie	10	0	0
For the new road from Neel on the back tier of lots towards Petite	6	0	0
For the road from Wright's to Singer's on the nine mile river road	1	0	0
For the road from Birch Brook to the mouth of Rawdon Road	8	0	0

King's County
£370

Resolved, That the sum of £370, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of King's County, be applied as follows, viz:—

For Turner point road	10	0	0
For the road from Daniel Huntley's to the Basin of Mines, near white waters	7	10	0
For the road from Amos Kinsman's to John Kinsman's, by George Gibson's	7	10	0
For the road from Benjamin Burges's to Gideon Rockwell's by Elkenah Morton's, Ahira Calkin's } and Charles Finche's }	8	0	0
For the road from William Power's to the Bay of Fundy, by the Saw mill near Harris's	5	10	0
For the road from the Black Rock to Jonathan Newcombe's	5	0	0
For the road from Jonathan Newcombe's to the road leading from Silas Rand's to Robt. J. Lyons's	8	0	0
For the road from Scotch Bay to Joseph Newcombe's Junr.	6	0	0
For the road from John Worth's to Abner Woodworth's	4	0	0
For the road from Wm. Pinos's Junr. by Eb. Condon's and L. Skinner's Mill to William Clem's	4	0	0
For the road and bridge from John H. Chipman's to Little Lake	8	0	0
For the road from Jonathan Lomer's to the Bay of Fundy, two roads	4	0	0
For the road from John Worth's to James Spicers	3	0	0
For the road from Little Lake to Aylesterd line, through the Marker and Calkin's settlements	4	0	0
For the road from Silas Rand's to Robert J. Lyons	8	0	0
For the road from Benjamin Rockwell's Junr. to the Mahar Mill, by Joshua Sandford's	4	0	0

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For the road from Robert J. Lyens's to the Annapolis road by Dudley Woodworth's place	£3 0 0
For the road from Ridge Hill to the Bay of Fundy, past Gideon Hisley's, and from Robert Foot's to Luther Porter's	4 0 0
For the road from Abraham Marsters's to Hall's Harbour by Edy Newcomb's, and for the road from Benjamin Fox's to Wilnot Osborne's	4 0 0
For the road from Baxter's Harbour, to Elisha Griffin's	4 0 0
For the road from the School House, near John Rand's, by Charles Wood's, and down the Mountain by Stephen West's, and Lyon's farm	4 0 0
For the road from Abraham Marsters's to Gideon Rockwell's, by John Woodworth's, and to Jeremiah Porter's, by Samuel Rockwell's	4 0 0
For the road from Caleb Foot's to William North's	3 0 0
For the road past the late Daniel Sandford's, easterly to Peter Woodworth's	3 0 0
For the road from Jonathan Loomer's to Stephen West's	3 0 0
For the road from Joseph Newcomb's to Habitant, past Nathan Woodworth's	3 0 0
For the road on hill north of Cornwallis bridge	3 0 0
For the road from William Pineo's Junr. northerly to the road leading past John and Robt. Lyons	3 0 0
For the road from Black rock road easterly by James Woodworth's to the east and west main road	3 0 0
For the Bridge near Ephraim Terry's	3 0 0
From the Post road near George Harrington's, by Benjamin A. Kinsman's and Gilbert Hales, to the south mountain road, near William Ward's	5 0 0
For the Ormsby road in Aylesford, leading from the Post road to the Bay of Fundy	7 10 0
For the back road, so called, from the Cornwallis Town line, to the Ormsby road	7 10 0
For the Morden road, from the top of the mountain to the Bay shore	5 0 0
From the Morden road, foot of the mountain, to the Annapolis County Line	15 0 0
For the road leading from Samuel Parker's to the Canaan road	7 10 0
For the Claremont road, leading from the Annapolis road to the Bay of Fundy	6 10 0
For the road along the foot of the mountain, from the Morden road, east to the Cornwallis line	5 0 0
From Patrick Coffin's southward, to Samuel Beckwith's, through the Settlement on the the Bluff shore	15 0 0
From J. Follet's, westward by Jarvis's, across the mill brook, and from thence on westward to John Caldwell's	10 0 0
From Jonathan Allen's, past Foy's, to the mountain road, by Jeremiah Kennie's, Junr. farm	5 0 0
From Alexander Duncan's, up the south mountain to the Roger's farm	7 10 0
From Elijah Bishop's, north side of Gaspereau river, to John Jackson's, in Canaan	12 0 0
From William O'Leary's to the road near Luther Cleaveland's	3 0 0
From Jonathan Allen's past Michael Davison's, towards Nathan Davison's	10 0 0
From Lyman's Saw mill to the Nictaur road, towards Thomas Davison's	7 10 0
From Martin's mill on the new road, to Jacob Caldwell's	20 0 0
From Jacob Caldwell's to Pittsburgh	7 10 0
For new road from a little to the westward of Nathan Davison's, southerly, by Fielding's, towards Falmouth line	5 0 0
For the road from John Ward's, Beech hill, to the Nictaur road	10 0 0
From mill brook by Scofield's and Dodge's	2 10 0
From mill brook leading past William Ward's and James Griffin's	5 0 0
From Samuel Fitch's in Canaan, to Jacobiah Seaman's, past Joseph Allen's	7 10 0
From Scofield's bridge, by Silas Bishop's, to John Littlewood's	5 0 0
From Roswell Rathbun's, westward, to Cogswell's mill	5 0 0
For completing Dickinson's Bridge	7 10 0
From Cranberry Lake east to Macan	7 10 0
To aid the Inhabitants at half-way river, in making a causeway across the meadow, where it is already commenced, in the line between lands of Jesse Lewis, Esq. and Daniel Holmes	10 0 0
From Orman Lewis's leading through the New Canaan Settlement, towards Macan	7 10 0
From George Newcomb's leading East to the New Settlement, called Springfield	1 10 0
From Butler's to Cranberry Lake	7 10 0

Resolved, That the sum of £390, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Sydney, be applied as follows, viz. County of Sydney, £390

For the road from Morristown Lakes to the Gulf shore	£5 0 0
For the road from Ireland's Mill to Donald McDonald's	5 0 0
For the road from Major Irish's to Miller's Bridge on the road to the Ohio Settlement	10 0 0
From Miller's Bridge to the Ohio Settlement	15 0 0
For the road from the North Grant road to the Gulph shore, by widow M'Eachran's	5 0 0
For the road from Campbell's Bridge (North Grant) to Lachlan M'Donald's	5 0 0
For the road from Robert Campbell's, at the North Grant, over the mountain, to the County line	10 0 0
For the road from the mountain road to the back settlement of Kraydart, through Blanchard's Grant	10 0 0
For the road from Dorchester village to the District line on the road to Guysborough	12 10 0
For the road from Pomket cove, on the shore road over Pomket ferry, Little River, and through Tracadie to the District line, on the road to Milford Haven	12 10 0
For the road from Antigonishe ferry to Pomket	7 10 0
For the road from Tracadie river bridge, on the shore road, through Little Tracadie to Harbour a Buchie	15 0 0
For the road from Harbour a Buchie along the Gut of Canso to the District line	10 0 0
For the road from the fourth division in the back settlement of Tracadie to the Chapel	5 0 0

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For the road from St. Andrews Chapel to the Town point ferry, down the South River, and Antigonishe Harbour	} £17 10 0
For the road from St. Andrew's Chapel to the forks of Pomket river	5 0 0
For the road from Pomket Chapel to the forks of Pomket river	5 0 0
For the road from the forks of Pomket river to the Guysboro' road, past John McDonald's	5 0 0
From the new road to Tracadie, up the east side of the south branch of Pomket river, to the Guysboro road	5 0 0
For the road from the Salt springs, past Pilcher's farm, to the south river	5 0 0
For the road from Pilcher's farm, past Malcom Sutherland's, to Lockwood's grant on the south river lake	7 10 0
For the road from the Guysborough road up the west side of the south river to the District line on the road to Country Harbour	} 12 10 0
For the road from the south river to the head of College lake, on the cross road	5 0 0
For the road from the Guysborough road, up the east side of the south river	7 10 0
For the road from Angus M'Donald's (Coppersmith) to the back settlement	7 10 0
For the road from Guysborough Church to the District line, on the road to Antigonishe	12 10 0
For the road from Salmon River to New Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from Torbay to join the New Harbour road	7 10 0
For the road from Boylston to Edward Carrigan's	10 0 0
For the road from Edward Carrigan's to the Gut of Canso	10 0 0
For the road from Millford Haven to Tracadie	15 0 0
For the road from Manchester ferry to Thomas Morris's	7 10 0
For the road from Thomas Morris's to Goose Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from Goose Harbour to Sandy point	15 0 0
For the road from Steep Creek to the District line above Cape Porcupine	12 10 0
For the road from Maxwell's to Manchester ferry	10 0 0
For the road from Sherbrooke to Indian Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from Sherbrooke to Marie Joseph	10 0 0
For the road from Samuel M'Keen's to the District line, on the road to Pictou, by the Garden of Eden	10 0 0
From the the cross roads at Country Harbour to Morris's Mills	10 0 0
From the cross roads at Country Harbour to the District line, on the road to the south river	10 0 0
From the cross roads below Samuel Archibald's to the County line, up the west branch St. Mary's	5 0 0
From John Martin's, Cape Porcupine, to the Ferry at the Gut of Canso	5 0 0

County of Shelburne £390

Resolved, That the the sum of L.390, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows, viz:—

For the road from John Crosby's to the north line of Yarmouth	15 0 0
For the road from Rufus Perry's to the new road leading to the north line	15 0 0
From the Widow Sullivan's to Churchill's Mill	15 0 0
From the head of Jegoggin marsh to Foote's Cove	8 0 0
From the widow Shaw's to Jegoggin marsh	10 0 0
From Henry Saunders's to Ohio	8 10 0
From John Kenny's to John Purdy's	10 0 0
From Joseph Pitman's to Robert Thurston's	8 0 0
From Ebenezer Corning's to the road leading to Sissibou falls	8 0 0
From Nathan Goodwin's to John Spinney's	10 0 5
From John Gaval's to William Hulbert's	14 0 0
From Paul Ricker's to M'Kinnon's point	20 0 0
From Tusket parade to John Gaval's	12 0 0
From Ebenezer Ricker's to the Main road, including the Bridges	10 0 0
From Amable Babin's to the Forks of Tusket river	11 0 0
From Jonathan Crowell's to the French Mill	11 0 0
From Abraham Lent's to James Amiro's	9 10 0
From Jonathan Smith's to Gavin Lyle's	30 0 0
From Samuel Reynolds's to Sannel O. Doane's	20 0 0
From the widow Gardner's to Port Le Tour	15 0 0
From Joseph Atwood's to Shag Harbour	17 10 0
From Barrington to Cockawit	15 0 0
From the Town of Shelburne to Charles Bowers's	10 0 0
On Minshall's road to Jordan river, and from Joseph Holden's to Samuel Boole's	10 0 0
On the Morven road to Jordan river and from Shelburne to Jones's point	7 10 0
From Lewis's head to the head of sable river	7 10 0
From Silas Perry's to Cape Negro	10 0 0
From Jordan Bridge to Gilbert M'Kays	10 0 0
From Gilbert M'Kay's to Richard Wall's	10 0 0
On the road through the Welsh Settlement	10 0 0
For the building a Bridge from the north-east end of Long Island to the main, and opening a road therefrom, to Philip Bower's	} 22 10 0

County of Annapolis £360

Resolved, That the Sum of L.360 appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows, viz:

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From the main road in Granville, to the foot of the mountain, by the farm of Daniel Sauaders	£12	0	0
From the main road in Granville to the Bay of Fundy, called the Phinney cross road	12	0	0
From the main road in Granville to the Bay of Fundy, called the Covert cross road	12	0	0
From the main road in Granville, to the Bay of Fundy, called the Parker cross road	12	0	0
From the main road in Granville, to the Bay of Fundy, called the Thorn cross road	12	0	0
From the Post Road, in Annapolis, to the Dalhousie Settlement, called the Morse road	20	0	0
From the main road in the Township of Annapolis, to the Liverpool Road, called the Beal's cross road	20	0	0
From the main road in Annapolis Township, on to the Mountain, by Robert Neiley's, Esq.	10	0	0
From the Dalhousie Settlement, to the Perot Settlement	10	0	0
From Isaac Ditmar's, in Clements to the Waldeck line	10	0	0
From Bear River Bridge, to Bear River Ferry, on the Southwest side of said river	15	0	0
From the cross road, leading to the Hessian line, Easterly on the Waldeck line road, across Moose river	15	0	0
From Bear River Bridge, including the New Road, leading to the Lands belonging to E. Morgan & others	10	0	0
From the main road in Wilmot, through the first cross road, over the Mountain, by George Stronan's	10	0	0
From the main road by Timothy Ruggles, over Phinney's mountain, by Bay Shore	10	0	0
From Handley mountain, along the Bay shore, to the Great Breakwater	10	0	0
From the road by Foster's, on the south side of the north mountain, to the Bay of Fundy	10	0	0
From Walker Dodges, to the Gates road, on the Gates mountain	10	0	0
From the old Woodberry Farm, on the Post Road, through the cross road, over the mountain	10	0	0
On the middle road connecting the Phinney Settlement, with the Gates Settlement	10	0	0
On the road from cross road between Samuel Doucett and John Baptist Como	10	0	0
On the road from cross road between 2d & 3d division line, at Jesse Oak's cross line from lots number 27 to 21	12	0	0
On the road running between Lands of Peter le Blanc's land, and Farm of Joseph Comeaux, to back Settlement, called le Petit Roisseau	10	0	0
On the road to Back Settlement, between Major Como's and Bastarach	10	0	0
On the road from back road by Charles Godet's	10	0	0
On the cross road between lands of Francis Shemeaux's, and estate of late Stephen Tibideau, near Me- taghar village	10	0	0
On the road from Digby new road, to the Light House	15	0	0
On the road from long crossway, north range	10	0	0
On the road by Abbott's Mill, head Saint Mary's Bay	10	0	0
On the road from Shelburne road to south range, by Liberty's	10	0	0
On the road from New Scotland road, by Gulliver's Hole	10	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of **L.360**, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Lunenburg, be applied as follows, viz.

			County of Lunenburg £360.
On the road from Mush a Mush, to Borgones Mill, and outwards	£25	5	0
On the road from Thomas Zwicker's, to James Vienot's 300 acre lot, and outwards	20	0	0
On the road from Leonard Jung's to Philip Krouse's	20	0	0
On the road from Philip Krouse's, to Hertle's mill	20	0	0
On the road from the landing place at Le Have, to Peter Mackey's	10	0	0
On the road from Peter Mackey's, to John Findle's	10	0	0
On the road from Mullock's, to Adam Vinacht, and outwards	15	0	0
On the road from 300 acre lot No. 4, towards Blystener's lake	10	0	0
On the road from Zwicker's Block-house, towards Mahone Bay	10	0	0
On the road from Meder's Cove to the Town of Lunenburg	20	0	0
On the road from Thomas Crook's, towards Arenberg's Bridge	12	0	0
On the road from the Lahave road, near Henry Koch's, towards the Block-house, Minichs street	7	10	0
On the road from the Meeting House, N. W. to Casper Kaulbach's	15	0	0
On the road from Silber's 300 acre lot, towards John George Vinot's 300 acre lot	10	0	0
On the road from John Deeman's to Eberhard Silber's	10	0	0
On the road from Philip Koch's, towards Rose bay	20	0	0
On the road from Lahave river to Chelsea, and Pleasant river	10	0	0
On the road from Indian Point, to Oakland	10	0	0
On the road from Lahave river, to George Heu's Mill	10	0	0
On the road from Lahave Bridge, to Conquerall road	8	0	0
On the road from Wagner's New Dublin, towards Sarty's	17	10	0
On the road from Crandel's to Lantze's	10	0	0
On the road from Lantze's to Sherbrooke	30	0	0
On the road from Middle river to Windsor road	10	0	0
On the road from the west side of Gold river, to Jacob Rafine's new farm	10	0	0
On the road from middle river bridge, to the sea shore	10	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of **L360**, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in Queen's County, be applied as follows :

			Queens County, £360
For the road from Liverpool Falls to middle field	£40	0	0
For the road from Middle field to Brookfield	40	0	0
For the road from Brookfield to Caledonia	25	0	0
For the road from Caledonia road, to west bounds of Kempf	25	0	0
For the road from Brookfield to Pleasant river	20	0	0
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For the road from Annapolis road to Bent's	15	0	0
For the road from Caledonia road to Hibernia	20	0	0
For the road from Morton's to Wellington	20	0	0
For the road from the Falls to Brown's mill	20	0	0
For the road from Port Midway road to Mill village	15	0	0
For the road from Port Jolly to Port Herbert	20	0	0
On the road from Moose Harbour to Western head	20	0	0
On the road from White point to McClellan's farm	20	0	0
On the road from Port Mutton road to John Huffman's	10	0	0
On the road from Mill brook to the Falls	12	0	0
On the road from Herring Cove to Blueberry	20	0	0
For Simon Freeman, for that sum expended by him on Salmon river island Bridge, last year	8	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of One Thousand Pounds, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Cape-Breton, be applied in such manner as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, may think fit.

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

Ordered, That the appropriation of the Sum of £6900, for the Great Roads, as agreed to by the House, on the second of March, instant, be sent to the Council for Concurrence.

On Motion, the Letter from the Commissioners of Highways and Streets in the Town of Annapolis, was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the House do come to a Resolution, as followeth, viz :

Resolved, That the recommendation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Bridge and Causeway at Allen's River, in the County of Annapolis, be referred to the Committee of Supply. But the House disapprove of the manner in which the Commissioners of Streets for the Town of Annapolis, while the House was in Session, passed over the several Members from that County, as implying a want of confidence in them, and a neglect of the general Road Service, thereby imposing upon his Excellency the trouble, at this period, of recommending it to the House : which, being seconded ; thereupon,

Mr. Fairbanks, moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolution, as follows, viz : Leave out all the words therefrom, after the word "Supply," which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Three ; against it, Thirty

For the motion,

Mr. Poole,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Fairbanks,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Morse,

Against the motion,

Mr. Harris,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. Rudolf,

Mr. Shey,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Young,
Mr. White,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Rouch,
Mr. Uniacke,

So it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, two Petitions, addressed to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, received by him this morning, from Mr. Secretary George, and recommended by his Excellency to the consideration of the House, and the same were read by the Clerk, and are as follow, viz :

A Petition of D. McFarland, and others, of Wallace, in the County of Cumberland, praying aid for completing a Bridge over the Wallace River, on the main Post Road,

County of Cape-Breton, £1000.

Order thereon

Appropriation for great Roads £6900.

Order thereon.

Letter from the Commissioners of Highways & Streets at Annapolis read

Resolution thereon

Papers recommended to Consideration of the House by the Lieut. Govr.

Petition of D McFarland, & others

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on the Sea Board from Pictou, by the River John, and other Settlements, towards the River Philip, and Amherst; also,

A Petition of the Honorable Charles Morris, Surveyor-General of the Province, praying remuneration for Services performed, and losses sustained, as stated in the Petition.

Petition of the
Hon. Charles
Morris

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members.

Mr. Stewart moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz:

Resolved, That this House highly disapprove of the improper tone, assumed by the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, who have signed the Petition lately presented to the House, in that Petition; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Seven; against it, Twenty-seven.

Motion 'rela-
tive to the
Trustees of the
Pictou Aca-
demy

For the motion,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Homer,

Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. J. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Lawson,

Against the motion,

Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Young,
Mr. White,

Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Dall,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Fairbanks,

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

A Bill for the more effectual relief of Common Schools was read a second time.

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

Common
School Bill
read 2d time

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, &c. be postponed till Monday next.

Order of day
postponed

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

MONDAY, 12th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Thirteen Resolutions of this House, for specifically applying the Sum of £12,000 for the Service of Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province. And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolutions
applying
£12000, for
Roads and
Bridges

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the con-
ation of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred; and that the Committee had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table where they were read, and are as follow, viz.

Committee of
Ways and
Means,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that Duties should be imposed to an amount sufficient to raise a Revenue not less than that of the last year.

Resolved,

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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the same System of Revenue should be adopted for the present year, as was in operation during the last year, except so far as relates to Distilleries within the Province.

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

Motion thereon

The said Resolutions were read throughout, a first and second time; and thereupon, Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the second Resolution of the Committee be not agreed to by the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, ten; against it, twenty-four.

For the motion.

Mr. Dill,
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Harlshorne,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Honer,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Fairbanks,

Against the motion.

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Heckman,

Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Bishop,

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions were then, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Committee to prepare Bills

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Young and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, do prepare and bring in Bills for carrying into effect, the foregoing Resolutions of the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

Report of Committee on Petition of the Executors of Patrick Condon

That the Committee have had the Petition under consideration, and are satisfied that, from the best evidence they can obtain, the Land in question was sold for a public road to the light-house near the Annapolis Gut, by the late Patrick Condon to James Moody and Henry Rutherford, Commissioners for building a Light-house at the entrance of the said Gut of Annapolis, for the sum of twenty pounds. That the Committee are satisfied that the said Patrick Condon did not make a Deed of the said Land: and it also appears to the Committee, that the said Condon did not receive any compensation for the same; but that the public, who have had the benefit of said Road, now obliges the Heirs of the said Condon to fence on each side of said road, a distance of three quarters of a mile. The Committee, therefore, recommend the payment of twenty pounds; together with such interest as may appear right and just, to Robert Turnbull and Darby Cronen, Executors as aforesaid upon their giving a sufficient Deed to Government, of the Land so occupied as a Road; and thereupon,

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

Letter from Peter Crerar recommended to the consideration of the House, by the Lieut. Gov.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter and Statement from Peter Crerar, Commissioner, appointed to erect a Bridge over M'Gilvry's Brook, in the District of Pictou, relative to the Expenses incurred for the said Bridge; recommended to the consideration of the House, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor; and transmitted to Mr. Speaker by Mr. Secretary George, by command of His Excellency.

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The said Papers were read by the Clerk, and ordered to lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion, *ordered*, That the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, &c. be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Starr reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Collectors of Light Duties, as well as on any matter or thing appertaining to Light Houses and Light Duties; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon,

Committee on the Subject of Light Houses report

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

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

TUESDAY, 13th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act of the 7th year of his present Majesty's Reign, relating to Highways, Roads; and also,

Bill relating to Highways, also Bill relating to expenditure of monies on Roads, read 2d time

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges; were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of Alexander Lewis, Chairman of the Presbyterian Congregation at St. Mary's, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Dickson, and read, praying that the privilege of performing the Marriage Ceremony by License, may be extended to the Clergymen of the Presbyterian, and of the regular Calvinistic Baptist Congregations, and that Trustees, to be chosen by those respective Congregations, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation at St. Mary's County of Sydney

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Petitions relating to Marriage Licenses, &c.

Referred to a Committee

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act concerning Schools, and the same was read a first time.

Bill in addition to act concerning Schools also Shubenaadie Navigation Bill read 1st time

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for promoting the Shubenaadie Navigation, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. B. Dewolf reported from the Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Joseph Austen, and of other persons, Manufacturers of Tobacco, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon,

Committee on Petitions of Joseph Austen and others Report

Ordered, That the report do lie on the Table.

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

Committee of Supply Report

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Bishop took the Chair,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows :

To Sheriff of
Cape Breton
£50

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of fifty pounds should be granted and applied upon the same conditions as heretofore, for a compensation to the Sheriff of the County of Cape Breton, for the services he may perform in the execution of his office within the present year.

For Inspecting
Field Officer
Cape Breton
£200

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds should be granted and appropriated for the present year, to enable his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to procure, if he shall consider it expedient, an efficient Field Officer, to superintend the Militia Duties in the County of Cape-Breton.

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

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon, Mr. Dimock moved, that the first Resolution, passed in the Committee, be not agreed to by the House ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen ; against it, eighteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Oxley,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. J. Morton,	Mr. Crowe,
Mr. Shey,	Mr. Wier,
Mr. Starr,	
Mr. Pool,	
Mr. B. Dewolf,	
Mr. Roach,	

Against the Motion,

Mr. Ruggles,	Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Barss,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Archibald,	Mr. White,
Mr. Rudolf,	Mr. Morse,
Mr. Homer,	Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. J. E. Morton,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Haliburton,	Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Dickson,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Haliburton then moved, that the last Resolution passed in the Committee, be not agreed to by the House ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon ; there appeared for the motion, eleven ; against it, twenty-one.

Divisions of
the House
thereon

For the Motion,

Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. White,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Wier,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Dickson,	Mr. Starr,
Mr. Young,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Uniacke,	Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Fairbanks,	Mr. Homer,
Mr. Heckman,	Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. J. E. Morton,	Mr. Crow,
Mr. Shey,	Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Morse,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barss,	

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions were then upon the question severally put, thereupon agreed to by the House.

Committee re-
lative to Post
Communica-
tion appointed

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report what sum may be necessary for defraying the expense of the Post communication for the present year.

Ordered, That Mr. Dickson, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Starr, be a Committee for that purpose. Mr.

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Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the undermentioned Papers, recommended to the consideration of the House, by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and transmitted to Mr. Speaker by Mr. Secretary George, by command of his Excellency, viz.

Papers recommended to consideration of the House by Lt. Govr. viz.

A Petition of William Duffus, of the Bras d'Or Lake, in the Island of Cape Breton, to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for payment of expences, amounting to 40l. 10s (per account annexed,) incurred by him in relieving the Crew of the barque Peggy, Capt. Jones, abandoned at sea, in October last.

A Petition of Wm. Duffus

A letter from Mr. Justice Marshall to the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting an Account of William John Whyte, a Surgeon, amounting to 5l. 16s. 8d. for proceeding from Sydney to the said Lake, in the last summer, by the order of the magistrates, to inspect the crew of a vessel, who were supposed to be infected with the Small Pox.

Letter from Mr. Justice Marshall

The said papers were read by the Clerk, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Committee report Bills, viz.

A Bill to continue an Act, for the increase of the Revenue of the Province, by imposing a duty upon Articles imported from Foreign Countries; also

Bill imposing Duty on Articles from Foreign Countries

A Bill to continue an Act, for the increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise; also

Bill for raising a Duty of Excise

A Bill to continue an Act, to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government; also

Bill for support of Government

A Bill to continue an Act, to allow a drawback on Foreign Flour, and other articles, exported to Foreign Countries; also

Bill to allow Drawback on foreign Flour

A Bill to continue an Act, to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise; also

Bill to secure payment of Excise

A Bill to continue the Acts, for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar; and also

Bill for Drawback on Brown Sugar

A Bill to continue the several Acts, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses, and Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors; and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Bill relating to licensed House read a first time

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration, and report what measures are proper to be adopted for the encouragement and protection of the Fisheries of the Province; and to whom also was referred the Petitions of Daniel Dakin and others, and Edward A. Jones and others, Inhabitants of Digby; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Report on the subject of the Fisheries of the Province

That the Committee have considered of the matters referred to them; and are unanimously of opinion, that it is expedient in the present depressed state of the Fisheries, to encourage their effectual prosecution by Bounties. That of the modes at different times suggested for this purpose, the Bounties on Salt, on the general catch of Dry Fish, on Merchantable Fish, and on the Tonnage of Vessels, to be employed in the Fisheries, have more immediately engaged the attention of the Committee. That they are of opinion, it is not expedient to renew the Bounty on Salt, as the lately reduced price of that article, the increased resort of Vessels for Timber, &c. to the Ports of the Province, and the low price of Freight, for which Salt may be imported, promise a sufficient and regular supply of this Article. That, although the bounty on the general catch of Fish, would encourage the Fisherman, in a very direct and comprehensive manner; yet, that the amount necessary to be drawn for that purpose, from the Treasury, the extreme difficulty of guarding against misapplication, and the fact, that one of the main inducements for granting bounties, viz. to encourage a new branch of Trade, does not apply to every portion of the Fishery, to which such a Bounty would attach, appear conclusive objections against this mode of encouragement.

That the Committee have next adverted to the Bounty on Tonnage. This, under the present circumstances of the Province, appears the preferable method of assisting the Fisherman. From the Ports of the Bay of Fundy, the Fishery for Mackarel, is becoming extensive, and the Province is surrounded by Banks abounding with Cod Fish; which

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which as well as the Fisheries on the Coast of Labrador, are almost wholly engrossed by the subjects of a Foreign State : to enable the Inhabitants of the Province, to avail themselves of advantages they possess, in their favourable situation, for prosecuting these important Branches of Industry it appears necessary, to offer that degree of encouragement; which will assist them in the change necessary for pursuing the Sea Fishery, which requires greater preparation, a more extensive outfit, and more numerous crews than the present Boat Fishery can employ. The Committee also believe, that a more extensive prosecution of the Bank Fisheries, as well as those on the Labrador Coast, will improve the habits of that class of Men, preserve them from many accidents, to which they are exposed in their open Boats; and above all, will render them Good and Valuable Seamen.—At least the Committee apprehend these results to have been obtained by the Fishermen of our neighbourhood. For these reasons the Committee, recommend, that a bounty of ten shillings per Ton, on the registered burthen of all Vessels, owned, and fitted out in this Province, and employed in the Bank, Sea, or Labrador Fisheries, during a certain limited time, or returning with a specific quantity of Fish, for each Ton of the Vessel's burthen. The Bounty to be allowed to all Registered vessels of Tons, and upwards, and whether engaged in the Cod, Mackarel, or other Fisheries; and they conceive, that a sum not exceeding £ per annum, will be most beneficially expended in this manner, and will give an impulse to this staple of the Province.

That the Committee have also felt the necessity of some measures, for improving the quality of the Fish dried and exported from the Province. During the last year, nearly the whole quantity of Merchantable Fish, by the vessels of the Province carried to South America, was obtained from Newfoundland; and there is reason to fear a continuance of the same unfavourable course of business, unless effectual measures are resorted to for improving the manufacture by our own Fishermen, to whom only a stronger impression of its importance, and an increased attention to its details, are wanting to enable them to supply the whole Provincial Export.

The Committee therefore recommend an annual appropriation of £ to this object, by a Bounty of six pence on each Quintal exported from the Province. The form of the Act of 1823, is thought advisable for this purpose, and when it is remembered, that hereby a partial assistance is afforded, to those who are compelled, to continue the Boat Fishery from the Harbours, and that the merchantable Fish, taken by vessels entitled to receive the Tonnage Bounty, will obtain the same aid of six pence per Quintal, it will be perceived, that a very adequate encouragement is provided for improving the curing of this quality of Dried Fish. That the Committee are further unanimously of opinion, that to render any bounty whatever effectual, it should be continued at the least for three years.]

That the Committee, have perceived with much satisfaction, the manner in which a Ship has been provided and dispatched for the Southern Whale Fishery; and believe her successful prosecution of that pursuit, will produce very important benefits to the Province at large, by training up many Young Men for the management of similar undertakings. To guard against the disappointment to which a single adventure is liable, the Committee recommend the further Grant of £500, to be added to the Sum of £490, which will remain of the former Vote; and to be given as a Bounty, under similar restrictions to a second Whale Ship.

In relation to the protection of the Fisheries, the Committee deem it important that the Laws for the Inspection of Fish, should be more effectually executed, and that at a future Session their Enactments should be reviewed.— They also consider that it would be highly useful to provide, that in all Barrels for containing Pickled Fish, the Bung Stave should be of Hardwood. On these points the Committee recommend, that an Act should be now passed, to compel that alteration in Fish Barrels, after the first day of January next; and also that proper steps be taken, for procuring an Order, prohibiting the Officers of Customs, after that date, from clearing out any Vessel, laden with Pickled Fish, until the Laws relating to the inspection of Fish and Fish Barrels, shall be certified to have been fully complied with, in regard to her Cargo.

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

Papers from Officers of the Customs viz.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, copies of several Papers from the principal Officers of his Majesty's Customs, at the port of Halifax, and transmitted to Mr. Speaker this day by Mr. Secretary George, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the information of the House; and the same were read by the Clerk, and are as follows, viz.

Port of Halifax, } An account of Salaries paid, or provisionally allowed to each Officer of His Majesty's Customs in this Province, for the year ending 5th January, 1827, with the charges of the Establishment.

Account of Salaries paid for Year ending 5th Jan. 1827

Collector	L. 2000		
Comptroller	1000		
Ware House Keeper	400	5	5
Waiters and Searchers	800		
Clerks	700		
Tide Surveyors	240		
W House Locker	71	3	
Tidesmen	245	6	
Boatmen	101	8	Naval

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	Naval Officer	68	S discontinued
	Contingencies, viz. Stationary, Fuel, Boat, Printing, Postage, Surveyor of Navigation, &c. paid, but not charged in Abstract; the Hon. Board of Customs' permission for that purpose to be craved	300	
Cape Breton,	Collector, Comptroller, Surveyor and Searcher, 1 quarter	212	
Out Bays.			
Windsor	Sub Collector	175	
Douglass	do do	120	
Pictou	do do	200	
Liverpool	do do	150	
Annapolis	do do	120	
Lunenburg	do do	120	
Sums proposed for			
Cumberland		120	} Acting Sub Collector.
Digby		120	
New Edinburg		120	
Argyle		120	
Barrington		120	
Guysborough		120	
Cornwallis		120	
Yarmouth		120	
Shelburne		120	

A true Copy,

L.8104 0 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ sterling.

Signed,

R. D. George.

A Return of the several and respective Salaries at the present moment allowed as contemplated to be paid, to the several and respective Officers of the Customs, at the several and respective Ports throughout the Province, Cape Breton included.

Return of
Salaries at
present allowed

Halifax.	Collector	L2000
	Comptroller	1000
	W. House Keeper	300
	Waiters and Searchers	800
	Clerks	700
	Tide Surveyors, L30 per annum, and 5s. per diem when employed.	
	Locker, 4s. per diem when employed.	
	Tidesmen, L20 per annum, and 3s. per diem when employed.	
	Boatmen, 4s. per diem when employed.	
Windsor	Sub-Collector	L150
Douglas	do	120
Pictou	do	200
Liverpool	do	150
Annapolis	do	
Lunenburg	do	
Cumberland	do	120 per annum each.

Digby

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Digby	Sub Collector	}	120 per annum each.
New Edinburgh	do		
Argyle	do		
Barrington	do		
Guysboro	do		
Cornwallis	do		
Yarmouth	do		
Shelburne	do	}	850
Cape-Breton			

Contingencies L _____

Custom House, Halifax, 12th March, 1827.

Signed, J. Wallace, Compt.

Signed, T. N. Jeffery, Collr

A true Copy,

Signed,

R. D. George.

Return of Annual Income of Officers in 1823, 1824 and 1825

Port of Halifax, } A Return of the Annual Income of the Officers of His Majesty's
 Nova-Scotia. } Customs, at this Port and District in 1823, 1824 and 1825.

PORT,	Description of Officer.	Income in 1823.			Income in 1824.			Income in 1825.		
HALIFAX, N. S.	Collector	2103	5	9½	2408	10	3	2608	16	10½
Do.....	Comptroller	889	15	7½	1005	14	5½	1091	9	11½
Do.....	Waiter & Searcher	276	11	8½	300	2	10½	375	1	"
Do.....	Do Do	276	11	8½	300	2	10½	375	1	"
Do.....	Tide Surveyor	184	14	5	184	14	5	184	14	5
Do.....	Do Do	184	14	5	184	14	5	184	14	5
Do.....	Tidesman	83	1	1	83	1	1	83	1	1
Do.....	Do	83	1	1	83	1	1	83	1	1
OUT BAYS, viz.										
LIVERPOOL.....	Preventive Officer } & Sub Collector }	173	19	7	223	14	11	196	9	8
LUNENBURG.....	Sub Collector	130	13	11	161	17		163	6	1
SHELBURNE.....	Do Do	76	11	8	79	17	5	75	7	7½
YARMOUTH.....	Do Do	265	19	4	244	14	4	215	17	9
BARRINGTON.....	Do Do	119	12	10	107	18	3	180	5	4
ARGYLE.....	Do Do	48	4	1	40	"	8	53	5	6
NEW EDINBURG.....	Do Do	52	4	6	58	3	10	57	8	9
ANNAPOLIS.....	Do Do	143	14	8	194	19	10	179	6	4
CORNWALLIS.....	Do Do	100	19	11	77	17	9	80	15	3
WINDSOR.....	Do Do	150	7	6	216	"	10	267	"	4
DIGBY.....	Do Do	55	13	2	84	11	2	68	4	3
DOUGLAS.....	Do Do	144	9	2	148	19	"	137	7	3
PICTOU.....	Do Do	447	19	9	559	4	6	463	13	3
PARRSBORO.....	Do Do	42	7	4	49	1	6	43	3	8
CUMBERLAND.....	Do Do	87	2	7	54	12	7	71	11	6
GUYSBORO.....	Do Do	"	"	"	85	12	4	103	18	10½
KEMPT DISTRICT.....	Do Do	"	"	"	51	"	2	43	14	11

MEMO. One half the Amount of the Out Bay Fees transmitted to the Collectors for his and the Comptroller's use, by virtue of an Order from the Right Honorable The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, 23d December, 1818, No. 1, and the Honorable Board of Customs, 12th January, 1819; and included in their several amounts, as above stated.

Custom House, Halifax, 12 March, 1827.

Signed,

Thos. N. Jeffery, Collr.

Signed,

J. Wallace, Compt.

A true Copy,

R. D. George.

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

The

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, 13th and 14th MARCH, 1827.

The Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,
On Motion, *ordered*, That the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. be postponed till To-morrow.

Order of Day
postponed

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

WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for exempting certain Military Officers from Local Taxes; also,

A Bill for rendering more perfect and valid, Records of Judgments; also,

A Bill in further amendment of an Act, to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, within the County of Cape Breton; and the same were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Bill to continue an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a Duty upon Articles imported from Foreign Countries; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise; also

A Bill to continue an Act to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government; also

A Bill to continue the Acts for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugar; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue, to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors; were severally read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by continuing an Act of the General Assembly for raising a Duty of Excise. The Bill to continue an Act to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise. The Bill to continue the Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax. The Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Act in amendment thereof. The Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light House.

Bill for exempting Military Officers from Local Taxes
Bill relating to Records of Judgments
Bill relating to Inferior Court, Cape-Breton, read 1st time
Bill imposing Duty on Articles from Foreign Countries
Bill for raising a Duty of Excise
Bill to allow Drawback on Foreign Flour
Bill to secure payments of Excise
Bill for support of Government
Bill for drawback on Brown Sugar
Bill relating to Licence Houses, read 2d time

Committee on Bills

Report Bills

The Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing a sufficient watch at Night. The Bill to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia. The Bill to continue an Act for the establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax. The Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors,

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Executors, and for the distribution of the Estates of Intestates. The Bill to continue the several Acts relating to the Light House on Cranberry Island. The Bill to continue an Act to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands in Onslow, to improve the same. And also, the Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein. And that the Committee had directed him, to report the said Bills to the House severally, without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Petition of
Hon. C. Morris
referred to a
Committee

On motion, *ordered*, That the petition of the Honorable Charles Morris, the Surveyor General, be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Oxley and Mr. Roach, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon.

Select Com-
mittee on Shel-
burne Election,

Mr. Hartshorne, Chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the late Election for the Town of Shelburne, reported further from the said Committee, and on motion of Mr. Starr, *ordered*, that the said Committee have leave to sit the whole of this day, on the business of the Committee.

Memorial & Ac-
counts of John
Howe & Son,
referred to a
Committee

On motion, *resolved*, That the Memorial of Messrs. John Howe, & Son, to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor; also their account for extra Printing, amounting to 65*l.* and also their account for printing the Province Laws from the year 1816, amounting to 225*l.* be referred to a Select Committee, to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Young and Mr. J. E. Morton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Rev. Robt. Willis, and others, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is follows:—

Report of Com-
mittee on Pe-
tition of Rev.
Robert Willis,
& others

That, on examining the Petition, it appears to the Committee that the Petitioners complain principally of the practice of buying and selling Meat, Spirits, Groceries and other articles of Merchandise, on the Lord's Day, and generally of the prevalence of vice and immorality thereon, and as remedies the Petitioners suggest the increase of the penalties for the violation of the Lord's Day, hitherto found ineffectual, or such other regulations as the House may judge expedient.

That on referring to the Acts of the Province, the Committee perceive a very effective and wholesome Regulation established by the Act of 1 Geo. 3, Chap. 1. entitled, An Act for the better observation and keeping the Lord's Day, and in the Act 39, Geo. 3, Chap. 13, relating to License Houses section 9, prohibits Tavern keepers, under the penalty of forfeiting their License, from permitting disorderly or idle persons, to remain in their Houses, mispending their time, or drinking on the Lord's Day. This prohibition is further enforced by the Act 55, Geo. 3, Chap. 17. That by the Act 39, Geo. 3, Chap. 1, market hours are established for Sundays, from Sun rising till nine o'clock; but this Act which superceded the former Laws was repealed by the 55 Geo. 3, Chap. 16, which authorizes the Justices in Sessions to make regulations for the Markets, and to enforce them by a penalty of five pounds; hence it appears, that the sale of Meat on Sundays, is altogether illegal, the Magistrates in the opinion of the Committee, having no authority by regulations made under the last Act, if any such have been made, to contravene the general

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Law of 1 Geo. 3, Chap. 1, and if such regulations exist, the Justices can immediately repeal them.

The Committee are therefore satisfied that except an increase of the penalties in the Act 1, Geo. 3, no other enactments are necessary, to carry into effect the wishes of the Petitioners, but that the existing state of the Law is sufficient to secure, if properly enforced, the due and religious observance of the Lord's Day; but the Committee apprehend, that the practices which the Petitioners condemn, have grown up for the want of a strict and vigilant Police in the Town of Halifax, and that the Church Wardens and Magistrates have failed to use that authority which they are invested with, for constraining those who violate the Sabbath, to abandon their disgraceful and degrading habits.

The Committee have therefore to suggest the propriety of a representation to the Executive on this subject by the House, accompanied by a request that proper measures be adopted for restoring the Police of Halifax, to a state of efficiency, and obliging those who are charged with the execution of the Laws, to see more strictly to their enforcement.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the second reading of the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Wills, &c. be postponed till Friday next.

Order of day postponed.

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

THURSDAY, 15th MARCH,

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hartshorne reported further from the Select Committee, on the late Election, for the Town of Shelburne; and thereupon.

Select Committee on Shelburne Election

Mr. Oxley moved, that the Committee have leave to sit the whole of this Day, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the motion: eleven; against it, fourteen; So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Uniacke moved, that the Report of the Committee, on the subject of the Horses, imported into the Province, be adopted by the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nineteen; against it, ten; so it passed in the affirmative.

Report of Committee on the subject of Horses imported, adopted by the House

On motion of Mr. Uniacke, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed, to wait on His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the aforementioned Report.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Ruggles, and Mr. Shey, be a Committee, for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that so much of the Report of the Committee, respecting the Horses purchased, as refers to the provision of Money, for the purposes mentioned in the Report, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolutions relative to said Report

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

Committee on Bills Report

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in addition to, and amendment of the Act 57 Geo. 3d, and of the Acts of the 4 and 5th years of

of

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Bill relating to Acts for regulating Elections of Representatives

of Geo. 4, and to repeal the Act of the 58th Geo. 3d, for regulating Elections of Representatives, to serve in General Assembly; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerks Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Bill relating to Inferior Court Cape Breton, read 2d time

A Bill in further amendment of an Act, to regulate the jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within the County of Cape Breton was read a second time.

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

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

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PRAYERS.

Bill for raising a Duty of Excise

An Engrossed Bill, to continue an Act, for the further increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise, as amended in the last Session of the General Assembly.

Bill to secure payment of Excise

An Engrossed Bill to continue an Act, to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be An Act, to continue the Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, and to prevent frauds in the Collection of the Provincial Revenue.

Bill relating to Court of Commissioners at Halifax

An Engrossed Bill to continue the Act, relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax.

Bill for Summary Trial of Actions

An Engrossed Bill to continue an Act, for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Act in amendment thereof; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, to continue an Act, for the summary trial of actions, and the Act, in amendment thereof.

Bill respecting Liverpool Light House

An Engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts, respecting the Liverpool Light-House; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House.

Bill for providing a Watch at night in the Town of Halifax

An Engrossed Bill to continue an Act, for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing a sufficient Watch at Night; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, to continue the Act, for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night.

A Bill for establishing a Bridewell for the County Halifax

An Engrossed Bill to continue an Act, for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, to continue the Act, for

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for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office, in the said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the distribution of the Estates of Intestates, was read a third time.

Bill relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, And that the title be An Act to continue an Act, entitled, an Act in further addition to the Act, relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts relating to the Light House, erected on Cranberry Island, was read a third time.

Bill relating to the Light House on Cranberry Island

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts relating to the Light House, erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act, to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands in Onslow, to open Roads through the same, was read a third time.

Bill relating to Wilderness Lands in Onslow

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands in Onslow, to open Roads through the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein, was read a third time

Bill respecting Aliens

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein.

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

Passed and sent to the Council

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the division of Parishes, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

Bill for division of Parishes, from the Council, read 1st time

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Report of the Committee on the subject of the Horses imported into the Province, that the Committee had, pursuant to the Resolution of Thursday last, waited upon, and delivered to his Excellency, a Copy of the said Report, and that His Excellency had expressed his approbation of the same.

Report on subject of Horses imported

Mr. Hartshorne reported further from the Select Committee, to try the merits of the late Election for the Town of Shelburne; and thereupon,

Select Committee on Shelburne Election leave to extend their sitting

On motion of Mr. Starr, *ordered*, that the said Committee have leave to sit until Monday next, the 29th instant, at twelve of the Clock.

On motion, the Report of the Petition of the Rev. Robert Willis, and others, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Resolution relative to the Report on Petition of the Rev. R. Willis and others

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that the said Report be adopted by the House, so far as respects the state of the Law, applicable to the matters complained of: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, nine. So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Stewart reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Proprietors of the Halifax Sugar Refinery, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

Mr.

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Committee on
Petition of Pat-
rick Lannigan
and others
Report

Mr. Young reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Patrick Lannigan, and others, Fishermen, at Fox Island; and also, the Petition of Thomas Cutler, and others, Inhabitants about Chedebucto Bay, was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

Committee on
Petition of Ru-
fus Shattuck
and others Re-
port

Mr. Uniacke, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Rufus Shattuck, and others, was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

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

The Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

Bill relating to
Wills &c.
read 2d time

On motion, the Bill in addition to, and amendment of the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Stewart moved, that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nineteen; against it fourteen. So it passed in the affirmative.

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

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

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Adjournment of
the House

PRAYERS.

The House met, and adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the Clock.

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PRAYERS.

Petition of
John Stewart
and others

A Petition of John Stewart, and others, of Country Harbour, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Dickson, and read, praying aid for a Road, between the old Saw Mill, at Country Harbour, and the South river of Antigonishe.

Petition of the
Commissioners of
Streets and
Highways for
Halifax,

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Petition of the Commissioners of Streets and Highways, for the Township of Halifax, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by His Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House, praying for a Grant of Money, to complete the Kempt Road, so called, from M'Alpine's, leading to Halifax.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

Bill for provid-
ing a watch at
night in the
Town of Hal-
ifax

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act, for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night; also,

Bill relating to
Light House
on Cranberry
Island

A Bill entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts, relating to the Light House, erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso; also,

Bill for the
Summary Trial
of Actions

A Bill entitled, An Act to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Act in amendment thereof; also,

Bill relating to
Wilderness
Lands in On-
slow

A Bill entitled, An Act, to continue the Act, to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands in Onslow, to open Roads through the same; also,

Bill respecting
Aliens

A Bill entitled, An Act, to continue the Act, respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein; also,

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A Bill entitled, An Act, to continue an Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light House, severally without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act, to continue An Act, entitled, An Act, in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill above mentioned, and the same were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the said Amendments; and that the Clerk do request the same.

An Engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to authorize the division of Parishes, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Lawson pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill concerning Pedlars and others, travelling from place to place; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Hartshorne reported further from the Select Committee to try the merits of the late Election for the Town of Shelburne; and thereupon,

On Motion, *Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Thursday next, the 22d instant, at ten of the clock.

Mr. Starr reported from the Committee to whom the Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the several papers, accompanying the same, on the subject of the Merchants' gunpowder in Halifax, were referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee called upon J. W. Tapp, Esq. the Ordnance Storekeeper, who informed the Committee, that he had little doubt but that leave could be obtained from Government, to build a Magazine on the Ordnance Ground near the Narrows; but that the Officers of Ordnance could not sanction its commencement, until such leave was obtained, and that Government certainly would not convey the fee simple of the Land, on which it might be built. That the Committee then requested a meeting of the Magistrates of the Town of Halifax, to be called on the occasion, which was accordingly done, and by them it was deemed indispensably necessary, that a Magazine should immediately be built, as well for the safety of the Town, as for the accommodation of Powder for the use of the Province; it was also determined by them to build it on ground belonging to the Town; and that they would purchase a suitable Scite on which to erect it; the only difficulty that presented itself was the want of means; however the Magistrates informed the Committee, that if this Honorable House would grant them such aid as in their wisdom they thought proper, (as it must be considered the only Depot of the kind in the Province,) they would immediately proceed in the work; and that they begged that a short Bill should be passed by the House for this purpose, and that this additional enactment, they considered necessary, to enable them to purchase the Scite, and raise funds for its erection, &c. &c.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

Bill relating to Court of Commissioners, also Bill respecting Liverpool light House, agreed to by Council
Bill relating to Wills Legacies &c. with amendments

Resolution thereon

Bill for division of Parishes read 2d time

Bill concerning Pedlars read 1st time

Select Committee on Shelburne, Election leave to adjourn

Report of Committee on the subject of the Merchants, Gunpowder in Halifax.

Committee on Bills report

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Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Ruggles took the chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Revenue Bills

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar. Also, a Bill to continue an Act to allow a Drawback on foreign Flour, and other Articles exported to Foreign Countries. And also, a Bill to continue an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a Duty upon Articles imported from Foreign Countries; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to continue an Act to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's table.

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

The Amendments to the Bill to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government, were read throughout a first and second time and thereupon:

Mr. Dimock moved that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill for granting a Drawback on brown or raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of refined Sugar, be not received by the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, twenty.

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. J. E. Morton,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Morse,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Barrs,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. White,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Young,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Bishop.

Divisions there-
on

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Dimock then moved that the Report of the Committee, so far as relates to the imposing a Duty of one shilling per gallon, on Rum, inserted in the Bill to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government, be not received by the House; and that the Duty to be paid upon the said Article, should be one shilling and one penny per gallon, in lieu thereof; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, twenty.

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Young,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Morse,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Crowe,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Barrs,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Starr,

Mr. White,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Rudolf.

So it passed in the negative.

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The amendments to the Bill to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government, as reported by the Committee, were then upon the Question, severally put, thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Ordered That the Bills reported without amendment, be engrossed.

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

Bills ordered
to be engrossed

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A Bill concerning Pedlars, and others, travelling from place to place, was read a second time.

Bill concerning
Pedlars, read
2d time

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

An engrossed Bill, to continue an Act, to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and continue the Acts now in force, to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government, in this Province, and for promoting its Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries, by granting duties of Impost on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar.

Bill for support
of Government

An engrossed Bill, to continue an Act, to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries, was read a third time.

Bill to allow
drawback on
foreign Flour

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend and continue An Act passed in the sixth year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries.

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

Bill for drawback
on Brown
Sugar

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

An engrossed Bill to continue An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a Duty upon Articles imported from Foreign Countries, was read a third time.

Bill imposing
Duties on Ar-
ticles from
foreign Coun-
tries

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a Duty upon Articles imported from Foreign Countries.

Ordered, That the said Bills, and also the two Revenue Bills which passed this House on the 16th instant, be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

Passed and sent
to the council

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the Conference as desired by this House, on the subject of the amendments made by them, to the Bill relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors; also, to the Conference on the subject of the Bill relating to the Office of Sheriff, sent down by the Council for concurrence immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Dickson, do manage the Conference on the Bill relating to Wills, &c.

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Haliburton, do manage the Conference on the Bill relating to the Office of Sheriff.

And

Conference on
subject of the
Bill relating to
Wills, Lega-
cies, & Exe-
cutors; and al-
so on Bill re-
lating to the
office of Sher-
riff, agreed to
by the Council

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And the Managers went to the Conferences respectively.

And being returned,

Conferences held and reported

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the managers had been at the Conference, on the subject of the Bill relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House do not agree to the amendments made by the Council to the said Bill, but adhere to their Bill as sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That the Clerk do take the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Stewart reported that the managers had been at the Conference, on the subject of the Bill relating to the office of Sheriff, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

A message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George.

Mr. Speaker,

Bill imposing duty on articles from Foreign Countries

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a duty upon Articles imported from Foreign Countries; also,

Bill for raising a Duty of Excise

A Bill entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing An Act of the General Assembly for raising a Duty of Excise, as amended in the last Session of the General Assembly; also,

Bill to secure payment of Excise

A Bill entitled, An Act continue the Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, and to prevent frauds in the collection of the Provincial Revenue; also,

Bill for drawback on Brown Sugar also

A Bill entitled An Act to continue the Acts for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugars, within the Province; and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same; and also,

Bill for establishing Bridewell &c agreed to by the Council

A Bill entitled, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in the said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same, severally, without any amendment.

Conference requested by the Council, on Impost Bill

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government, by granting a Duty of Impost.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Agreed to by the House.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Haliburton do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Conference held and reported

Mr. Lawson reported, that the managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House; and thereupon,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Ruggies took the Chair,

Committee on Bills

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that he will be pleased to direct to be laid before this House, Copies of any communications made from the Colonial Office, in the years 1799 and 1800, respecting Marriage Licenses; and also of the Dispatch from Earl Bathurst, containing the Report to His Majesty in Council, upon the Act passed in 1819, respecting Marriage Licenses; also, Copies of any other information he may deem it expedient for the House to possess on this interesting subject. Committee to wait on Lieut. Gov. on subject of Marriage Licenses

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Starr and Mr. Young, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

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PRAYERS

Mr. J. Morton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to assessments for Poor Rates, and the same was read a first time. Bill relating to Poor Rates, read 1st time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Clerk reported, that the Council agree to a further Conference, on the subject of the Impost Bill, agreeable to the Resolution of yesterday.

Ordered, That the managers who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference. Further Conference on Impost Bill with Council

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported, that the managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and continue the Acts now in force, to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, and for promoting its Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, by granting Duties of impost on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar; and also, Bill for granting Duties on Impost; also, Bill relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, agreed to by the Council

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue An Act, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates, severally, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue an Act passed in the sixth year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries.

And then the Messenger withdrew. Bill to allow drawback on Foreign Flour, not agreed to by the Council

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Honorable Charles Morris, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:— Report of Committee on the Petition of the Hon. Charles Morris

That

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That the Committee have given the subject of the Petition, the most mature consideration; and find that Mr. Morris was appointed the Surveyor General of Land, in 1802; the Duties of which situation he has ever since discharged, and that for many previous years he acted as an Assistant to the late Surveyor General; and that until the year 1821, when the Board of Land Commissioners was appointed for the general benefit of the Province, the fees and emoluments of his office amounted annually to five hundred pounds; that under the present system, many hundreds of poor persons and emigrants have been settled upon Lands, who would otherwise have had to remain unsettled, or have taken out grants. And the Committee find, that Mr. Morris has given every facility to carry into effect his Excellency's arrangements, which has thrown upon him much additional labour and expense, and he has always been compelled to keep an attentive Assistant in the Department.

That the Committee have ascertained that by the present System, an old and faithful Servant of the Public, who has been in the enjoyment of an Office, for the support of himself and a numerous family, for more than twenty years; which produced in emoluments L500 a year; has been reduced to L22 some odd shillings annually; and as it is well known, that the population of the Country has benefited to that extent in not paying fees of Office, they cannot do otherwise than most strongly to recommend the claims of Mr. Morris, to the favorable consideration of the House; as founded in justice, and strongly entitled to some allowance for the losses which he has thus sustained, in an Office which he has discharged with so much credit to himself, and usefulness to the Province, and his forefathers before him in that situation; and thereupon,

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

Referred to
the Committee
of Supply

Mr. Haliburton moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, upon complaint of Nathaniel W. White, Esq. the sitting Member of the Town of Shelburne, that the Committee appointed to try the validity of his Return, having refused him time to bring his Witnesses before him; that the said Committee be desired to reconsider their determination on that subject; which being seconded, thereupon,

Motions relative to the
Sitting Member
of the Town of
Shelburne, and
Select Committee
appointed
to try the merits
of the Election
for said
Town

Mr. Uniacke moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolution as follows, viz.

Leave out all the words from the word "*Resolved*," and in place thereof, insert the following words, viz.

The sitting Member for the Town of Shelburne, having risen in his place, and stated that the Committee had declined to allow him to send to Shelburne for evidence on his part; although they had gone fully into evidence, on the part of the petitioning Candidate; that the same be committed to the House to decide, whether he shall be permitted to send for evidence or not; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, thirteen; against it, twenty. So it passed in the negative.

The original Motion was then put to the House and negatived; and thereupon,

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz:

Whereas, the sitting Member for the Town of Shelburne, has this day, stated to the House, in his place, that the Committee for the trial of the merits of the Election for that place, have heard all the testimony of the Petitioner, and have fixed To-morrow, Thursday, for hearing the case of the sitting Member; and that the House has sanctioned their adjournment thereto; And whereas, he asserts that the time fixed for that purpose, is too short to enable him to procure the attendance of those Witnesses, which the evidence of the Petitioner has made necessary; therefore,

Resolved,

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 21st and 22d MARCH, 1827.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to adjourn from time to time, to enable the Sitting Member to produce such Witnesses for his defence, as reside at a distance, on due proof to the satisfaction of the Committee, being first made by the Affidavit of the Sitting Member, that certain persons to be named therein, are material Witnesses for his defence; also, setting forth what he expects generally to prove by them, and that until the Evidence of the Petitioner was given, he, the Sitting Member was not prepared to know, what particular testimony would be requisite, to rebut the case of the Petitioner: which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the following Papers, transmitted to him, by Mr. Secretary George, by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in compliance with the Resolution of this House of Yesterday, communicated to his Excellency, viz.

No. 1, Extract of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of Portland, to his Excellency Sir John Wentworth, dated 10th June, 1799.

No. 2, Copy of a Letter from the Duke of Portland, to Sir John Wentworth, dated 23d May, 1800, on the subject of Marriage Licenses; and,

No. 3, Copy of a Despatch from Earl Bathurst to his Excellency Earl Dalhousie, dated 20th July, 1821, containing a Report to His Majesty in Council, upon the Act passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, respecting Marriage Licenses.

Ordered, That the said Papers be referred to the Committee, on the several Petitions relating to Marriage Licenses, &c.

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

THURSDAY, 22d MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS

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

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, commands this House, to attend his Excellency immediately, in the Council Chamber:

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House, attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber,

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, and that his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following, viz.

An Act for granting an Annuity to James Boutineau Francklin, Esq.

An Act to continue the Act, for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugars, within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An Act, to alter and continue the Acts now in force, to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, and for promoting its Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries, by granting Duties of Impost on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors; Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar.

An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise, as amended in the last Session of the General Assembly.

An Act to continue an Act, for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a Duty upon Articles imported from Foreign Countries. And

Papers relating to Marriage Licenses laid before the House by command of the Lieutenant-Governor

Referred to a Committee on Petitions

Message from the Lieutenant Governor

Bills assented to by his Excellency

THURSDAY, 22d MARCH, 1897.

An Act to continue the Act, more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, and to prevent frauds in the collection of the Provincial Revenue.

An Act to continue an Act, for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Act in amendment thereof.

An Act to continue the Act, respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

An Act to continue the Act, for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act, relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

Bills assented to
by his Excel-
lency

An Act to continue the several Acts, relating to the Light House, erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso.

An Act to continue the Act, for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

An Act to continue the Act, to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands in Onslow, to open roads through the same.

An Act to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light House.

An Act to continue an Act, relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax.

On motion of Mr. B. Dewolf, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, at two of the clock, take into consideration the Petition of William O'Brien, complaining of an undue Election for the County of Hants.

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

Petition of
William O'Brien,
Resolution
for considering

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. Ruggles took the chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Committee on
Bills

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill relating to Common Fields: The Bill concerning Pedlars and others, travelling from place to place: The Bill to incorporate the Proprietors of the new public School at Kentville, in King's County: The Bill in further amendment of an Act to regulate the jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within the County of Cape-Breton: The Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue, to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public Houses and Shops for the retail of Spiritous Liquors: And also, the Bill for the more effectual relief of Common Schools. And that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally, to the House, without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Report

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred, which the House agreed to; and thereupon,

Mr. Dimock moved, that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill concerning Pedlars, be not received by the House: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen; against it, seven-
cent.

For

THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, 22d and 23d MARCH, 1827.

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. White,
Mr. Young,
Mr. M^r Kinnon,
Mr. Crowe,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. B. Dewolf,

Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Wier,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Rudolf.
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Barrs,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Roach,

Mr. Lovett,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Homer.

Divisions of
the House
thereon

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the Report of the Committee, so far as it respects the Bill, for the more effectual relief of Common Schools, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eight ; against it, twenty-five.

For the motion,

Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Barrs,
Mr. Fairbanks,

Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Hartshorne,

Against the motion,

Mr. Roach,
Mr. J. R. Smith,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Crowe,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. White,

Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. M^r Kinnon,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Dimock.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Hartshorne, Chairman of the Select Committee to try the merits of the late Election for the Town of Shelburne, reported further from the said Committee ; and thereupon,

Select Committee on Shelburne Election leave to adjourn

On motion, **ordered,** That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Saturday next, the 24th inst. at ten of the clock.

Bill concerning Elections in the County of Shelburne

Mr. White pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill concerning Elections in the County of Shelburne, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill relating to assessments for Poor Rates ; also, A Bill for exempting certain Military Officers from local Taxes, were severally read a second time.

Bill relating to Poor Rates ; also, Bill for exempting Military Officers from local Taxes, read 2d time

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

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

FRIDAY, 23d MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, for the more effectual relief of Common Schools, was read a third time ; and thereupon,

Bill for relief of Common Schools, read 3d time

Mr. Dickson moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz :

Resolved, That the following Scale of Division of the sum of L.3000 to be appropriated annually, for the support of Common Schools, be substituted in lieu of the Scale of Division contained in the sixth clause of said Bill, viz :

For

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For the District of Halifax	L. 200
County of Cape Breton	300
District of Pictou	275
County of Sydney	275
County of Annapolis	275
District of Colchester	245
County of Cumberland	225
County of Hants	235
County of King's County	245
County of Queen's County	225
County of Lunenburg	245
County of Shelburne,	255
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	L. 3000
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Motion and
division there.
on

And that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for that purpose: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eight; against it, Twenty-five:

For the motion,

Mr. Young,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

Against the motion,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Crowe,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Haliburton,

Mr. Lovell,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. White,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. Wier,

Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Fairbanks,

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, An Act for the more effectual relief of Common Schools.

An engrossed Bill in addition to, and in amendment of the Act of the 4th and 5th of George 4th, and to repeal the Act of the 58th of Geo. 4th, for regulating Elections of Representatives, to serve in General Assembly, was read a third time.

Bill concerning
Elections,
County Cum-
berland

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act concerning Elections, in the County of Cumberland.

Bill relating to
Inferior Court
Cape Breton

An engrossed Bill, in further amendment of An Act, to regulate the jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within the County of Cape Breton, was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, in further amendment of an Act, to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within the County of Cape-Breton, and to fix and establish the times and places for holding of the said Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the said County.

Bill relating to
Licensed
Houses

An engrossed Bill, to continue the several Acts, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed, to keep Public Houses and Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the

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the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed, to keep Public Houses and Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An engrossed Bill, to incorporate the Proprietors of the new Public School House, at Kentville, in King's County, was read a third time.

Bill of incorporation for School House at Kentville

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the new Public School House, at Kentville, in King's County.

An engrossed Bill, to continue an Act, to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, was read a third time.

Bill for billeting Troops or Militia

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, to continue the Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

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

Passed and sent to the Council

On motion, the Order of the day was read; and thereupon,

On motion, the House proceeded pursuant to the Law of the Province, made and passed in the first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to regulate the Trials of Controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province," to the counting of the Members; and thirty-two being present (exclusive of Mr. Speaker, and Richard Smith, the sitting Member) Fifteen Members were balloted for, and the following names were drawn: vizt. Mr. Poole, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Oxley, Mr. J. E. Morton, Mr. Crow, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Morse, Mr. Roach, Mr. J. Morton, Mr. Barss, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Dimock; and Mr. Fairbanks being added thereto, by the Petitioner William O'Brien, on the part of himself, and Mr. Stewart being chosen on the part of the said Richard Smith, Esq. and the Members so balloted for, being reduced to seven, as follows, viz. Mr. Poole, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. J. E. Morton, Mr. Crow, Mr. Heckman, Mr. J. Morton, and Mr. Barss, and the said Seven Members, together with the two Nominees, as aforesaid, were sworn by the Clerk of the House, pursuant to the Provisions of the said Law; and thereupon,

Ballot for Committee to try the Hants County Election

Names drawn

Committee appointed

And sworn

Ordered, That the said Select Committee, do meet on Monday next, the 26th instant, at ten of the Clock, in the Committee Room of this House, where the Grand Jury, usually sit, for the purpose of trying the merits of the Election for the County of Hants, under the Law of the Province, as above recited.

Order for meeting of the Committee

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House, that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered; and is as follows, viz.

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

IT having become the practice, very minutely to subdivide the money granted for the repair of Roads and Bridges, the Lieutenant-Governor has been under the necessity of issuing numerous commissions for its expenditure.

These have been invariably ready, and forwarded from the proper Office, within the time prescribed by Law; but owing to there not being any persons in the Country, specially appointed to attend to their distribution, in some cases they have been lost, and in others have not reached the persons for whom they were intended until late in the season, much to the injury of the public, and the inconvenience of the Commissioner. His

Message from the Lieutenant Governor on subject of Commissions issued for expenditure of Monies granted for Roads

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His Excellency therefore, to ensure the early delivery of these Commissions, and the due execution and transmission to Halifax, of the Bonds required from the Commissioners, deemed it expedient last year, to order the Commissions to be sent to the Clerks of the Peace, in the different Counties, to whom the Commissioners were directed, by a Notice published in the Gazette, to apply for their Commissions.

Additional trouble has consequently devolved upon those officers; and his Excellency recommends the House of Assembly to provide a suitable remuneration for them, and should no change in the system of appropriating the Road Money, which might render the employment of fewer Commissioners necessary, be this year determined upon it will be proper for the House, to make provision for the compensation of the persons to be employed this year on the same service.

Order thereon

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

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the House do come to the several Resolutions following, viz.

Resolutions on the subject of the Fisheries of the Province

Resolved, That so much of the Report of the Committee, on the subject of the Fisheries, as recommends a Bounty on the Tonnage of vessels to be employed in the Fisheries, be adopted, and that the Committee do prepare and report a Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That so much of the said report as recommends a Bounty on Merchantable Fish, caught and cured in this Province, be adopted; and that the Committee do prepare and report a Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That so much of the said Report, as recommends a bounty for the further encouragement of the Whale Fishery, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolved That so much of the said report as recommends an alteration in the making of fish barrels, and measures for enforcing the inspection of pickled fish, be adopted by the House; and that the Committee do prepare and report a Bill accordingly: which, being seconded; thereupon,

The first resolution was put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the resolution, twenty-three; against it eleven:

So it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

The second resolution was put, and upon the Question thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The third resolution was put, and upon the Question thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The fourth resolution was put, and upon the Question thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Committee appointed to prepare Bills to be recd.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Uniacke, and Mr. J. E. Morton, be a Committee, to prepare, and bring in Bills agreeably to the foregoing resolutions.

Committee on Bills Report

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Bill from the Council for division of Parishes amended

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill, from the Council, entitled, An Act to authorize the Division of Parishes; and that the Committee had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

The

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

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

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed.

Resolved, That the Bill with the amendment, be read a third time.

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

Ordered to be read third time

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to authorize the division of Parishes, and also the engrossed amendment, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of His Majesty's Council.

Bill from the Council for division of Parishes as amended passed

Mr. Haliburton pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for incorporating Trustees, of the Annapolis Academy; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Homer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Barrington, to Assess themselves, for the purpose therein mentioned; and the same was read a first time.

Annapolis Academy Trustee Bill; also, Barrington assessment Bill read 1st time

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George:

Bill relating to Licensed Houses

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill concerning Elections, County Cumberland

A Bill entitled, An Act concerning Elections, in the County of Cumberland; and also,

Bill for Billeting Troops or Militia agreed to,

A Bill entitled, An Act, to continue the Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also, the Acts in Amendment thereof. The Council have not agreed to a Bill entitled an Act, for the more effectual relief of Common Schools; and also,

Bill for relief of Common Schools; also

A Bill entitled, an Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of the new Public School House at Kentville, in King's County.

Bill of incorporation for School House, at Kentville; and also, Amendment to Parish division Bill, not agreed to

The Council do not agree, to the Amendment made by this House, to the Bill entitled, an Act, to authorize the Division of Parishes, but ad here to the Bill as sent down for Concurrence.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the first and second year of the Reign of his present Majesty, entitled an Act to regulate the trials of controverted Elections, or Returns of Members, to serve in the House of Assembly; and, also.

Bill to repeal Act to regulate trials of controverted Elections; also,

A Bill entitled, an Act in amendment of and in Addition to an Act, passed in the 36th year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate Juries, to which Bills they desire the Concurrence of the House.

Bill in amendment of Act to regulate Juries, for concurrence

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of and in ad-

Bill in amend.
ment of Act to
regulate Juries,
read 1st time

dition to an Act, passed in the 36th year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate Juries, was read a first time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Consideration
of Bill from
the Council for
division of Pa-
rishes postponed

On motion, *resolved*, that the further consideration of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to Authorise the Division of Parishes, be postponed to this day three months.

Select Com.
mittee on Shel-
burne Election
Motion respec-
ting negatived

Mr. Hartshorne, Chairman of the Select Committee, to try the merits of the late Election, for the Town of Shelburne, reported further from the said Committee, and thereupon, moved that the Committee have leave to sit the remainder of this day; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen; against it, eighteen.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Committee of
Supply Report

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to two Resolutions thereupon; which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table; where they were read, and are as follow:—

£2000 for al-
terations on
Great Roads

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two thousand Pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in order to enable him to make such Surveys and alterations as he may think necessary, upon the Great Roads throughout the Province.

£700 for In-
specting Field
Officers of Mi-
litia for 2 years

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of seven hundred Pounds should be granted annually to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the two years ending, on the 31st day of December, in the year 1829, to enable His Excellency, to provide as heretofore, for three Inspecting Field Officers of Militia, including Cape Breton; which sum is to include the grant, for that service heretofore made for Cape Breton and not expended.

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

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

Mr. Dimock moved, that the last Resolution passed in the Committee, be not agreed to by the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen; against it, twenty-two:

For the motion,

Against the motion:

Division of the
House thereon

Mr. Dimock,

Mr. Murdoch,

Mr. Ruggles,

Mr. Rudolf,

Mr. Harris,

Mr. Smith,

Mr. McKinnon,

Mr. Stewart,

Mr. Lovell,

Mr. Morse,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

Mr. Haliburton,

Mr. Crowe,

Mr. Starr,

Mr. Poole,

Mr. Homer,

Mr. Young,

Mr. Wier,

Mr. Archibald,

Mr. Haythorne,

Mr. White,

Mr. Bishop,

Mr. Dickson,

Mr. Osley,

Mr. Unacke,

Mr. Shey,

Mr. Ranch,

Mr. Fairbairns,

Mr. Heckman,

Mr. E. Dewolf,

Mr. Barst,

Mr. J. Morton,

Mr. Dull,

Mr. J. E. Morton,

Mr. Lawson,

So it passed in the negative.

The

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The said Resolutions were, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House, a Return of the proceedings on a Scrutiny held in the late Election of a Representative for the County of Hants, received by him this day, from the Sheriff of the said County; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the said Election.

Scrutiny on
Hants Electin
referred to Se-
lect Committee

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

MONDAY, 26th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act, in amendment of, and in addition to an Act, passed in the 36th year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate Juries, was read a second time.

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

Bill from the
Council in
amendment to
Act to regulate
Juries, read
2d time

An engrossed Bill, from His Majesty's Council, entitled, An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the first and second years of the reign of His present Majesty, entitled, An Act to regulate the trials of controverted Elections, or Returns of Members, to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province, was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved,* That the said Bill be read a second time, this day three months.

An engrossed Bill, relating to Common Fields, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relating to Common Fields.

Bill from the
Council to re-
peal Act to re-
gulate trials of
controverted
Elections, read
1st time

Bill relating to
Common Fields
also

An engrossed Bill, concerning Pedlars and others, travelling from place to place, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be An Act, to compel Pedlars and others, travelling and trading from place to place, to contribute towards the support of the Poor, in the several Townships and Settlements, into which they enter for the purposes of trading.

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

Bill concerning
Pedlars read 3d
time & passed

Mr. Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter an Act, passed in the sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, concerning Schools; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Barrington to assess themselves, for the purpose therein-mentioned; also,

A Bill for rendering more perfect and valid, Records of Judgements; and also,

A Bill concerning Elections in the County of Shelburne, were severally read a second time.

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

A Bill for promoting the Shubenacadie Navigation, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Bill to alter act
concerning
Schools read
1st time

Barrington
assessment
Bill; also
Bill relating to
Records of
Judgments, and
also

Bill concerning
Elections in the
County of
Shelburne read
2d time

Shubenacadie
Navigation bill
read 3d time

Mr.

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Division there-
on

Mr. Fairbanks moved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen ; against it, nineteen ; so it passed in the negative.

Further con-
sideration of
Bill deferred

Mr. Roach moved, that the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed to this day three months : which, being seconded, Mr. Fairbanks moved, that that question be not now put : which being seconded and put, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen ; against it, nineteen ; so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Roach's original motion was then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nineteen ; against it, fifteen.

For the Motion,

<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>	<i>Mr. Osley,</i>
<i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>	<i>Mr. Lovett,</i>
<i>Mr. Ruggles,</i>	<i>Mr. B. Dewolf,</i>
<i>Mr. Roach,</i>	<i>Mr. Dill,</i>
<i>Mr. Young,</i>	<i>Mr. Heckman,</i>
<i>Mr. J. Morton,</i>	<i>Mr. Harris,</i>
<i>Mr. J. R. Dewolf,</i>	<i>Mr. Morse,</i>
<i>Mr. Stewart,</i>	<i>Mr. McKinnon,</i>
<i>Mr. Wier,</i>	<i>Mr. Rudolf,</i>
<i>Mr. Homer.</i>	

Against the Motion,

<i>Mr. J. E. Morton,</i>	<i>Mr. Poole,</i>
<i>Mr. Dickson,</i>	<i>Mr. Uniacke,</i>
<i>Mr. Crowe,</i>	<i>Mr. Fairbanks,</i>
<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>	<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>
<i>Mr. White,</i>	<i>Mr. Hartshorne.</i>
<i>Mr. Murdoch,</i>	
<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>	
<i>Mr. Barss,</i>	
<i>Mr. R. Smith</i>	
<i>Mr. Starr,</i>	

So it passed in the affirmative, and the further consideration of the Bill was deferred accordingly.

Conference on
Cape Breton
Inferior Court
Bill requested
by the Council

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Cape-Breton Inferior Court Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. R. Smith, do manage the Conference.

Conference
held and report
ed

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

A Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, on new Lands, was read a second time ; and thereupon,

Bill for raising
Bread Corn
on new Lands
read 2d time

Mr. Lawson moved, that the further consideration of the Bill, be deferred to this day three Months : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Motion, seventeen ; against it, fourteen :

For the motion,

<i>Mr. Hartshorne,</i>	<i>Mr. Barss,</i>
<i>Mr. Fairbanks,</i>	<i>Mr. J. R. Dewolf,</i>
<i>Mr. Poole,</i>	<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>
<i>Mr. Uniacke,</i>	<i>Mr. Heckman,</i>
<i>Mr. White,</i>	<i>Mr. McKinnon,</i>
<i>Mr. Murdoch,</i>	<i>Mr. Crowe,</i>
<i>Mr. Homer,</i>	<i>Mr. Rudolf,</i>
<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>	<i>Mr. Wier,</i>
<i>Mr. Dickson,</i>	

Against the Motion,

<i>Mr. Harris,</i>	<i>Mr. Stewart,</i>
<i>Mr. J. E. Morton,</i>	<i>Mr. J. Morton,</i>
<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>	<i>Mr. Roach,</i>
<i>Mr. Dill,</i>	<i>Mr. Starr,</i>
<i>Mr. Lovett,</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>
<i>Mr. R. Smith,</i>	
<i>Mr. B. Dewolf,</i>	
<i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>	
<i>Mr. Osley,</i>	

Division there-
on

Further con-
sideration of Bill
deferred

So it passed in the affirmative, and the further consideration of the Bill, was deferred accordingly.

Mr

MONDAY and TUESDAY, 26th and 27th MARCH, 1827.

Mr. Haliburton pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for aiding the exertions of poor people in maintaining Common Schools; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Bill for aiding
Common
Schools read
1st time

TUESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for aiding the exertions of poor people, in maintaining Common Schools; also,
A Bill to alter An Act passed in the sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An

Act concerning Schools; also,

A Bill for incorporating Trustees of the Annapolis Academy; and also,

A Bill in addition to An Act concerning Schools, were severally read a second time.

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

Bills relating to
schools, also

Annapolis
Trustee Bill,
and also

Bill in addition
to Act concern
ing schools read
2d time

Mr. Poole, Chairman of the Select Committee, to try the merits of the late Election for the County of Hants, reported from the Committee; and thereupon,

Select Commit-
tee on Hants
County Elec-
tion leave to
adjourn

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Thursday next, at 11 o'clock.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Dill have leave to return to his home, for a few days, in consequence of illness in his family.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Shey have leave to return to his home, for a few days, on urgent private business.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Bishop took the chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred; and that the Committee had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

Committee of
supply report

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted for the repair of Cross Roads and Bridges, to each of the Eleven Counties and Districts in Nova-Scotia.

£100 for cross
roads in Coun-
ties and Dis-
tricts

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Four Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, towards the support of that Institution, during the present year.

£400 for the
Pictou Acade-
my

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

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon, Mr. Young moved that the last Resolution passed in the Committee, be not agreed to by the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twelve; against it, twenty-one.

For

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, 27th and 28th MARCH, 1827.

For the Motion.

*Mr. Hoach,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Orley,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Ruggles,*

Against the Motion.

*Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Barsz,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Lovell,
Mr. Crowe,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Dickson,
M. Fairbanks,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Larson,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. White,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Bishop,*

Division of the
House thereon

So it passed in the negative.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Bill relating to
Shubenacadie
Navigation
read 1st time

Bill for a ton-
nage bounty

Bill relating to
Act for the ex-
portation of
Fish &c. also

Bill for a boun-
ty on merchan-
table Fish read
1st time

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to promote the speedy opening of the Shubenacadie Navigation, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee on the subject of Fisheries, and presented A Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, by a Tonnage Bounty; also, A Bill in addition to the Act, passed in the second year of his late Majesty's Reign, for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, &c.; and also,

A Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, by a Bounty on Merchantable Dried Fish, and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Stewart reported from the Committee to whom the Memorial and Accounts of John Howe & Son were referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

THAT the Account marked A, is reasonable and correct; it amounts to 225*l.* and the Committee recommend that it be paid.

That the Account marked B, is also reasonable and correct; it amounts to 65*l.* and the Committee also recommend that this Sum be paid. That the object of the Petitioners, is to obtain an addition to their present Salary of 175*l.* as to which, the Committee report as follows: That the Assembly in the year 1809, agreed with Messrs. Howe & Son, to pay them 175*l.* annually, for executing the following work, viz:

Printing the Journals of the House of Assembly; One hundred Copies of the Laws of the Session; the Laws in the Royal Gazette; the Road Commissions, Road Votes, Names of Road Commissioners, &c.

Mr. Howe, Senior, whom your Committee examined, asserts, and the Committee find it to be correct. That the necessaries of life have increased much since this sum was fixed, now nearly eighteen years ago; that the Journals of the House have considerably increased in magnitude and extent, as will appear by several loose sheets of Journals herewith. That the re-annexation of Cape-Breton, has also added to the Duties of the Printers. That by directions from England, Copies of the Statutes have since the year

Report of com-
mittee on the
memorial and
accounts of
John Howe &
Son.

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year 1822, been Printed on fine Foolscap Paper; Copies of School Acts, Road Acts, and an additional One hundred Copies of the Acts of the last Session; and for those latter, the Printers have had Annual Votes in addition to the Sum of 175*l.* and that by a Resolution of the House, the present Session about 350 additional Copies of the Laws will be Annually required. The Committee therefore called upon Mr. Howe, to submit to them, an Estimate of the Sum for which the Petitioners will do all the Printing, which shall be required for the Public Service, which Mr. Howe did, and is as follows, viz :

Present Allowance	L.175
Average of Laws for England	25
350 Additional Laws	45
Increase of size of Journals, not only in number of Pages, but in the size of the Paper; and Pages which are one third larger than in the year 1809.	} 25
	<u>L.270</u>

The Committee recommend that the consideration of any addition to their Salary, be deferred till the next Session; and that for the present year, the Petitioners be allowed in addition to the Annual Sum of 175*l.* already voted in the Committee of Supply, and the amount of their Accounts as herein before stated, say 290*l.* the further Sum of Twenty-five Pounds for their additional labour and materials in providing the increased number of the Laws of the Province, as required by the Resolution of the House of the present Session.

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

Referred to Committee of supply

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

THAT the Committee after due examination, find, that a Sum of Twenty Pounds was granted under a Resolution of the House of Assembly, for the erection of an Oat Mill, in the County of Cumberland, in the year 1824; which sum remains undrawn; and as the Mill referred to, in the Petition, has been completed, and in operation, the Committee therefore recommend the payment of the said Sum, of L.20, to William Hurd, the Petitioner.

Report of Committee on the Petition of Wm. Hurd

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

Referred to Committee of Supply

Mr. Murdoch reported from the Committee to whom the Petitions of Gideon S. Harrington and others, were referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

Committee on the Petitions of Gideon S. Harrington & others Report

Mr. Murdoch reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of the Rev. J. T. Twining was referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

Committee on the Petition of the Rev. J. T. Twining Report

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

Ordered, That the Petition of Thomas Boggs, Dowie Ditmars and others. The Petition of Richard Kitchens and Edmund Crowell. The Petition of D. M. Farlane and others. The Letter from Peter Crerar. The Account of John Whyte. The Petition of William Duffus. The Petition of the Commissioners of Highways and Streets for the Township of Halifax. The Certificate of Services performed by William Fraser, Esq. and

Order thereon

Petitions & other Papers referred to the Committee of Supply

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and the Certificate of Services performed by William Hill, Esq. in the Supreme Court; And also, the Abstract of Expenses incurred, and the several Accounts therein referred to, amounting to L.374.3; laid before the House by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for aiding the exertions of Poor People, in maintaining Common Schools.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to compel Pedlars and others, travelling and trading from place to place, to contribute towards the support of the Poor, in the several Townships and Settlements, into which they enter for the purposes of trading.

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

L.700, for Inspecting Field Officers.

L.2000, for making Surveys and alterations upon the Great Roads of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One hundred pounds should be granted and paid to improve the Road from the west line of King's County, through the Dalhousie Settlement, to the west bounds of the said settlement This sum having been omitted in the general distribution for Road Service, for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the River Inhabitants; also, the further sum of three hundred pounds to open and complete the Main Post Road, leading from the Gut of Canso to Grandique, and the said River inhabitants, St. Peter's and Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of fifty pounds should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Big Tracadie, in the County of Sydney, in clearing out the Bar that runs across the Harbour, if certified to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that this Sum will effect the measure intended; to be drawn when certified

by

Committee report Bill for aiding Common Schools without amendment

Ordered to be engrossed

Bill concerning Pedlars not agreed to by the Council

Resolutions agreed to by the Council

£700 for inspecting field Officers
£200 for alterations on great Roads.

Committee of Supply Report

£100 for the Dalhousie Road

£400 for a Bridge & Roads in Cape Breton

£50 for the Harbour of Big Tracadie

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by the Sessions, that the said Inhabitants have applied and expended the labour subscribed by them, being One hundred days work.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One hundred pounds should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of the Town of Lunenburg, in building a School House on the public Square, in the said Town, to be paid to the Commissioners of Schools, appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, when the said Building shall be finished. £100 for a School House at Lunenburg

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to the Trustees, of the New Central School House at Kentville, in King's County (in aid of the Subscription of L.100 and upwards, raised by the Inhabitants) to enable them to complete that Establishment intended to forward the Education of Poor Children and others, by the Madras system and other beneficial purposes; the expenditure of this sum to be duly certified by the Justices in Session. £50 for a School House at Kentville

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of forty-five pounds, two shillings and ninepence, should be granted and paid to Robert Hill; being the amount of Duty paid by him on 162 barrels and one half barrel of Flour; imported from the United States, and exported to Miramichi; where the said Flour was destroyed by fire, on the 4th July in the last year, as stated in his Petition. £45. 2 9 to Robert Hill

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two hundred pounds should be granted and paid to the Halifax Steam Boat Company, in aid of the Communication maintained by them, between Halifax and Dartmouth. £200 to the Steam Boat Company

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of three hundred pounds should be granted to the Halifax Steam Boat Company; to be paid when a Steam Boat shall be completed and put into operation, on the Ferry from Halifax to Dartmouth. £300 to the Steam Boat Company

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

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon, Mr. Murdoch moved, that the Resolution passed in the Committee, for granting 200l. to the Halifax Steam Boat Company, be not agreed to by the House: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, three; against it, twenty-eight.

For the Motion,

Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Dimock,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Ruggles,	Mr. B. Dewolf,	Mr. Roach,
Mr. Fairbanks,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Uniacke,	Mr. Crowe,	Mr. Bars,
Mr. Lovell,	Mr. Dickson,	Mr. M'Kinnon,
Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Homer,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Haliburton,	Mr. Heckman,	Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Archibald,	Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Rudolf,	Mr. Osley,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. White,	Mr. Poole,	
Mr. Bishop,	Mr. Starr,	

Divisions of
the House
thereon

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Dimock moved, that the Resolution passed in the Committee, for granting 200l. to the Steam Boat Company, be not agreed to by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, eighteen.

For

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 28th and 29th MARCH, 1827.

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Crowe,
Mr. B. Dewolf,

Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Lovell,
Mr. Ruggles,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Uniacke,
M. Fairbanks,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. White,
Mr. Homer,

Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Young,
J. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Garss,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bishop.

So it passed in the negative.

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

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

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

THURSDAY, 29th MARCH, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Bill read a 2d time
A Bill to promote the speedy opening of the Shubenacadie Navigation; also,
A Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, by a Tonnage Bounty; also,
A Bill in addition to the Act passed in the 2nd year of His late Majesty's Reign, for regulating the exportation of Fish and the Assize of Barrels, &c. and also,
A Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, by a Bounty on Merchantable dried Fish, were severally read a second time.

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

Bill for encouraging Fisheries and Commerce read 1st time

Mr. Homer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for more effectually encouraging the Fisheries and Commerce of the Province, by granting a Bounty on cured Merchantable Cod Fish, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill for aiding the exertions of Poor People, in maintaining Common Schools, was read a third time.

Bill for aiding Common Schools, read 2d time

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the title be, An Act for aiding the exertions of poor People in maintaining Common Schools.

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

Committee on the Petition of the Rev Hugh Graham and others Report

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Rev. Hugh Graham and others; and also, the Petition of Alexander Henry, and others, were referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon,

Resolution thereon

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted; and that Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee to prepare, and bring in a Bill pursuant to the said Report.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

1100l. for Cross Roads agreed to Council

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 1100l. for the repair of Cross Roads and Bridges, in the Province.

The

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The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting L.400 for the Pictou Academy.

£400 for Pictou Academy agreed to

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and in amendment of An Act, passed in the thirty-second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship in this Province, and for suppressing Popery, to which Bill the Council desire the concurrence of this House.

Bill relating to the Act respecting Public Worship, &c. read 1st time

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Murdoch, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal certain remaining disabilities affecting the interests of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects, and the same was read a first time.

Bill relating to Roman Catholics, also

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to limit the Salary of the Collector of Impost and Excise Duties at Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Bill relative to Collector of Excise Halifax read 1st time

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

On motion, the address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Duties collected under the Imperial Act of the 6, Geo. 4, and the appropriation of a part thereof, to the payment of the Salaries of the Custom House Officers, reported by the Committee on the 6th March last, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Address to the Lieut. Govr. on subject of Salaries to Custom House Officers

Mr. Uniacke moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Address: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seven; against it, twenty-four. So it passed in the negative.

The Address was then considered by the House; and thereupon, Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the Address do pass: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-two; against it, five:

For the motion,

Against the motion,

Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Hartshorne,

Mr. Wier,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Homer,

Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Morse,

Mr. Lovett,
Mr. White,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Dickson,

Passed

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Speaker and the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen; against it eleven;

Address to be presented by the Speaker and the House

For the motion,

Against the motion,

Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Homer,

Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Oxley,

Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. White,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Uniacke,

Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Young,

So it passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure, when he will be attended by the House.

Ordered,

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Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Roach, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee of
Supply Report

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

£200 for a
Wharf at Black
Rock Cornwall
Is

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of *L.200* including therein Fifty pounds granted last year, for a Wharf at Hall's Harbour, on the Bay of Fundy, and remaining unexpended, be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to aid the Inhabitants of the Township of Cornwallis, in Building a Pier or Wharf on the Shore of the said Bay, at or near Black Rock, so called; for the safety of vessels; to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be certified to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that the Inhabitants have raised and expended a Sum of two hundred pounds on that Work; and also, provided His Excellency on enquiring, shall find the building of a Pier or Wharf, at Black Rock aforesaid, to be practicable.

£35 for clear-
ing out Little
River, Digby

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty five pounds should be granted to aid the inhabitants of Little River, in the Township of Digby, to clear out the Rocks at the mouth of the said River, to be paid upon the said Inhabitants, subscribing and expending twenty days labour towards effecting that work.

£50 for Liver-
pool Harbour

Resolved, That, it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Liverpool, to stop up the Passage between Collins's Hill and Brattle's Point, for the preservation of the Harbour of Liverpool; to be paid when it shall be certified by the Court of Sessions, that *L.25* have been raised by private subscription, and expended in that work.

£30 for clear-
ing out Brook
for Beaver
Lake Liver-
pool

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of *L.30* should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Queen's County, to remove obstructions in the Water Communication, between Beaver Lake and Liverpool River; the same to be paid when it shall be certified by the Court of Sessions, that a sum of *L.15* has been raised by private Subscription, and expended in the said work.

£30 for clear-
ing out Brook
from 10 mile
Lake Liver-
pool

Resolved, That it is the opinion of of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Queen's County, to remove obstructions in the Brook from Ten Mile Lake to Liverpool River; the same to be paid when it shall be certified by the Court of Sessions, that the sum of Fifteen Pounds has been raised by private Subscription and expended in that work.

£30 to John
Cox

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted and paid to John Cox, of Sewiacke, in consequence of the injury sustained by being stabbed, when in the discharge of his duty as Constable, attempting to arrest a Criminal, and to defray the expence of Medical attendance.

£200 for an
Academy at
Annapolis

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid in aid of the Academy at Annapolis, to the Trustees or Commissioners thereof.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of Kenneth M'Donald and others, should be dismissed by the House.

The

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

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

Mr. B. Dewolf moved, that the Resolution passed in the Committee, for granting Thirty-five Pounds for clearing out Little River, in the Township of Digby, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eight; against it, Twenty.

For the motion,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. McKinnon,

Against the Motion,

Mr. White,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Roach.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. B. Dewolf moved, that the Resolution passed in the Committee, for granting Thirty Pounds for the Communication from Beaver Lake to Liverpool River, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve; against it sixteen.

Divisions of
the House
thereon

For the motion:

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. McKinnon.

Against the motion:

Mr. White,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Bishop.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Roach moved, that the Resolution passed in the Committee, for granting Thirty Pounds for the Brook from Ten Mile Lake to Liverpool River, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen; against it, fifteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Oxley.

Against the Motion,

Mr. White,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Bishop.

Divisions of
the House
thereon

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Homer moved, that the Resolution passed in the Committee, for granting Two Hundred Pounds for the Academy at Annapolis, be not received by the House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, four; against it twenty-four.

For

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 29th and 30th MARCH, 1827.

For the motion :

Mr. Poole,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Honner,
Mr. Harris.

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. White,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Bars,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Crowe,

Against the motion

Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Dickson,

Mr. Morse,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Ruggles,

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Dickson moved, that the Resolution relative to the Petition of Kenneth McDonald and others, be not received by the House : which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

The said Resolutions (except the Resolution relative to the Petition of Kenneth McDonald and others,) were then upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Resolutions for granting Money to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

On motion the humble Address to His Majesty, on the subject of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects, reported by the Committee, on the 6th March, instant, was read and considered ; and thereupon.

Resolved, That the said Address do pass.

Resolved, That the Committee, who prepared the said Address, do prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform His Excellency, that the House have passed an Address to His Majesty, on the subject of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects, and to request that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the same, for His Majesty's favourable consideration.

Mr. Poole, Chairman of the Select Committee, to try the merits of the late Election, for the County of Hants, reported further from the said Committee ; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, that the said Committee have leave to adjourn over, until the first Monday, after the commencement of the next Session of the Legislature, at twelve of the clock at noon.

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

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PRAYERS.

A Bill to limit the salary of the Collector of Impost and Excise Duties, at Halifax, was read second time.

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

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and in amendment of An Act, passed in the 32d year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship in this Province, and for suppressing Popery ; and also,

A Bill to repeal certain remaining disabilities affecting the interests of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects, were severally read a second time ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the said Bills be referred to a Committee, to examine into the merits of the same, respectively ; and also, into the several Statutes of the Province, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there be any other Acts, or parts of Acts now in force,

Address to his Majesty relating to Roman Catholics passed

Resolution for an Address to the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of said address

Select Committee on Hants County Election leave to adjourn till the next Session

Bill relative to Collector of Excise, Halifax also

Bill from the Council relating to Act respecting public worship, &c. and

Bills relating to Roman Catholics read a 2d time

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force, which operate to the disadvantage of Roman Catholics, than those intended to be repealed by the above Bills, and report thereon to the House; and that Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *resolved*, that the Floor of the room in which the Assembly sit, be, during the recess of the sitting of the Legislature, raised about four feet, that the seats be new stuffed and covered with cloth, and the said Room otherwise fitted up; that chairs be provided for the Committee Rooms of this House, under the superintendance of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Uniacke, and that this House will provide means to defray the expense thereof.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure, when he would receive the Address of the House, passed yesterday; that his Excellency was pleased to appoint to-morrow, at twelve of the Clock, at the Government House.

Resolution for fitting up the Room in which the Assembly sit

Committee report Lieut. Governor's pleasure for receiving address of the House

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

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

100l. for the Dalhousie Road.

400l. for a Bridge and Road in the County of Cape Breton.

50l. for the Harbour of Big Tracadie.

100l. for a School House at Lunenburg.

50l. for a School House at Kentville.

45l. 2s. 9d. to Robert Hill.

200l. to the Steam Boat Company.

300l. to the Steam Boat Company.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolutions for granting monies agreed to by the Council

Mr. J. E. Morton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to the Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Annapolis, and the same was read a first time.

Annapolis Inferior Court Bill read 1st time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Committee of Supply Report

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Sum of Seventy-five pounds should be granted to enable the Inhabitants of Antigonishe, to open a Channel from Payzants Point, up to the Canoe landing, on the west river of Antigonishe, and to make a tow Path along the same; to be paid when it shall be certified to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that a Sum of L.55 18. subscribed by the said Inhabitants, for the same, shall have been actually expended in the said work.

£75 for the River of Antigonishe

Resolved,

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400 to the
Trustees of the
Pictou Academy

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Three hundred pounds should be granted to the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, to enable them to conduct that Establishment for the present year; and also, the further Sum of One hundred pounds to enable the said Trustees to discharge part of the Debt due by them.

£25 to J. M.
Sardina

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Sum of Twenty five Pounds should be granted and paid to Joachim Martin de Sardina, to enable him to extend and support the Bath established by him, in the Town of Halifax.

£30 to Wm.
Morehouse

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted and paid to William Morehouse, for his services in exploring and preparing Plans of the Water Communication, between Annapolis and Liverpool; also, for laying out the new Road on the same, and making plans of alterations.

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

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

Mr. Starr moved, that the Resolution passed in the Committee, for granting 25l. to J. M. de Sardina, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, fifteen.

Division of the
House thereon

For the motion :

Mr. Shey,	Mr. Wier,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Bishop,	Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Starr,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Heckman,	Mr. Lovett.

Against the motion :

Mr. Morse,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Roach,	Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Ruggles,	Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Crow,	Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Dickson,	Mr. Dimock,
Mr. J. E. Morton,	Mr. Fairbanks.
Mr. Homer,	

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Homer moved, that the Resolution passed in the Committee, for granting 400l. for the Pictou Academy, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve; against it, seventeen; so it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions were then upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Committee on
Bills report

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to promote the speedy opening of the Shubenacadie Navigation; and also, the Bill in addition to the Act passed in the 2d year of his late Majesty's Reign, for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the assize of Barrels &c. and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills, severally to the House, without any amendment; that the Committee had gone through the Bill in addition to the Act, relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. The Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, by a Tonnage Bounty; and also, the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, by a Bounty on Merchantable Dried Fish, and had made several amendments to the said Bills, respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the Chairman reported further, that

Sundry Bills

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that the Committee recommend to the House, the consolidation of the two last Bills relating to the Fisheries, into one Bill; and he afterwards delivered the Bills with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Mr. Homer moved, that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries, by a Tonnage Bounty, be not received by the House, and that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, six; against it, twenty-seven.

Division of the House thereon

For the Motion,

Mr. Homer,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Oxley.

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Uniacke,

Against the Motion,

Mr. White,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. J. E. Morton,

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Hartshorne moved, that the report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the consolidation of the two Bills relating to the Fisheries, be not received by the House: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, ten; against it, twenty-three.

For the motion,

Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. White,
Mr. Bishop,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Rudolf,

Against the Motion,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Rouch,

So it passed in the negative; and the report of the Committee, was upon the question put thereupon; agreed to by the House.

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

Ordered, That the Bill relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. with the amendments, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills relating to the Fisheries, be consolidated into one Bill, and with the amendments as reported from the Committee, be engrossed.

Bills ordered to be Engrossed

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment, be engrossed.

Mr. Uniacke, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to the Resolution of yesterday, that the Committee had drawn up an Address to his Excellency accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

Address to the Lieut. Govr. relating to the address to his Majesty, on the subject of Roman Catholics reported

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir James Kempt, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 30th and 31st MARCH, 1827.

The humble Address of the House of Representatives in General Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

THE House of Assembly beg leave to inform your Excellency, that in their present Sessions, they unanimously passed an humble Address to his Majesty, requesting that his Majesty would be graciously pleased to dispense with the Declarations against Popery and Transubstantiation, administered to his Majesty's Catholic Subjects in this Province: which Address the House humbly request your Excellency will transmit for his Majesty's favourable consideration.

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

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know his pleasure, when he will be attended by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

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PRAYERS

A Bill in addition to the Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Annapolis, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill, in addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in addition to, and amendment of the Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act passed in the second year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the assize of Barrels, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in addition to the Act passed in the second year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the assize of barrels, staves, hoops, boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same.

An engrossed Bill relating to the Fisheries, as consolidated and reported from the Committee of the whole House yesterday, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province.

An engrossed Bill to promote the speedy opening of the Shubenacadie Navigation was read a third time, and thereupon,

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

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the aforesaid sum of five thousand pounds so pledged, and given in security, for the Notes to be issued by the Canal Company, shall not be drawn from the Treasury, till the Water Communication be completed from the Dartmouth Lakes, into the Harbour of Halifax; and in no greater sum than three thousand pounds for any one year: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, five; against it, twenty-three. For

Resolutions
thereon

Annapolis In-
ferior Court
Bill, read 2d
time

Bill relating to
Wills, &c

Bill relating to
Act for the
Exportation of
Fish &c. also

Bill relating to
the Fisheries
read 3d time
and passed

Bill relating to
Shubenacadie
Navigation
read 3d time

Motion for a
Rider to the
Bill

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For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Ozley,
Mr. B. Dewolf.

Mr. Dickson,
Mr. White,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Morse,

Against the Motion,

Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. R. Smith.

Mr. Poole,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Starr.

Negatives

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to promote the speedy opening of the Shubenacadie Navigation.

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

Mr. Uniacke, reported from the Committee appointed yesterday, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know his pleasure, when he would receive the Address of the House, that his Excellency was pleased to appoint this Day, at Twelve of the Clock, at the Government House.

Committee report on subject of Address to the Lieut. Govr.

On motion, of Mr. Young, *resolved*, that the Members of each County and District, in the Province (except for Cape-Breton) do prepare, and bring in a Scale of division of One thousand One hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Cross Roads and Bridges, in the proportion of One hundred pounds for each County and District, and that the same be ready by Tuesday, next.

Division of Monies for Cross Roads Resolution respecting

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

Committee on Bills report

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in addition to, and amendment of the Act of the 7th year of His Majesty's Reign, relating to Highways, Roads, &c. and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House, without any amendment.

That the Committee had gone through the Bill to continue the Act, for regulating the Expenditure of Monies, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

Bills relative to Highways and Roads and Bridges

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill reported without Amendment, be engrossed.

Order thereon

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Roach, have leave to return to his home, in consequence of illness in his family.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Lovett, have leave to return to his home, on urgent private business.

On motion, *resolved*, that James Boutineau Francklin, Esq. remain the Honorary Clerk of this House, and have his Seat of Office, at the Table, whenever he shall please to attend upon this House.

J. B. Francklin Honorary Clerk

Resolved,

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John Whidden
Esq. appointed
Clerk

Resolved, That John Whidden, Esq. the present Assistant Clerk of this House, be appointed Clerk thereof, from the end of the present Session; and the charge and keeping of all the Records and Papers of the Assembly, remain in his care and custody under the direction of the Speaker.

J. F. Gray
Esq. assistant
Clerk.

Resolved, That James Finlayson Gray, Esq. be the Assistant Clerk of this House, in the room of Mr. Whidden.

Mr. Speaker and the House, attended his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with their Addresses, passed on Thursday and Friday, the 29th and 30th instant, pursuant to the Order of the House.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that his Excellency was pleased to give this Answer to the Address, on the subject of the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament, and the Salaries of the Officers of His Majesty's Customs in the Province:

Lieut Govern-
or's answer to
the address on
the subject of
Salaries of the
Officers of Cus-
toms, also

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly;

I SHALL not fail to convey this Representation to His Majesty's Government, recommending it to favourable consideration; and it will afford me great pleasure if I can be instrumental in effecting a satisfactory arrangement of the important question, to which it relates.

to the Address
on subject of
roman catholics

Mr. Speaker also reported; that His Excellency upon receiving the Address of the House to His Excellency; and also, the Address from this House to His Majesty, relative to His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects, was pleased to say, that he would take the earliest opportunity of transmitting the same to Earl Bathurst.

A Written Message from His Majesty's Council, by Mr. Secretary George, as follows, viz.
In Council, 31th March, 1827.

Resolved unanimously, That the publication which appeared in the Newspaper called the Nova Scotian, purporting to be a report of the Debates in the House of Assembly, upon the School Bill, contains many gross mistatements of the proceedings of His Majesty's Council, and is in other respects, highly disrespectful to this Board.

Resolved, If the Printer of the said Newspaper has mistated those Debates, that he is amenable to both Houses for his misconduct upon this occasion; but if the indecorous and disrespectful expressions and the mistatements contained in the said Newspaper, were uttered in the House of Assembly, that the person who uttered them is amenable to that House alone.

Message from
the Council on
subject of De-
bates in the
House

Resolved, That the assertion that His Majesty's Council retained the School Bill hardly long enough to read it, and returned it on the very heels of the Clerk who took it up to them, is a gross mistatement; the said Bill having been sent up from the House of Assembly on Friday; received its first reading in the Council, on that day; was referred to a Committee, who were directed to report upon it the following morning, that Committee did make their report upon it on Saturday; the Bill was then read a second time, and was not agreed to, because, notwithstanding the numerous conferences which have been held for years past with the House of Assembly upon the subject of Schools, not one of the stipulations and regulations was inserted in the said Bill, which the Council have always declared to be indispensable.

Resolved, That the assertion that a dissent had been given to an Act to establish a School at Kentville, is a gross mistatement, His Majesty's Council having assented both in the last Session and in this, to a grant of money to assist the said School, although they dissented from a Bill to incorporate the Proprietors of the School House there, upon the

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the general principle, that it is not expedient to multiply corporations; and they knew that the School in Halifax had existed for nearly half a century under the management of Trustees, who have never felt the want of an Act of incorporation.

Resolved, That the assertion that the people have again and again supplicated aid, and have been *uniformly* denied, is a gross mistatement, as His Majesty's Council have consented to many Bills for the encouragement of Common Schools, and in the last Session consented to such a Bill, in the very words in which it came up from the House of Assembly without a single amendment: which Bill is now in operation, and, if acted upon, will entitle those Schools to receive no less than L.7500 from the Treasury of the Province.

Resolved, That the Reasons for not agreeing to these Bills, were not given to the House of Assembly, because it has not been the practice in this Province, nor is it the usage of Parliament, for one House to assign to the other its reasons for not concurring in a Bill.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the House of Assembly, with the following Message:—

His Majesty's Council have seen with regret, a Publication in a newspaper called the Nova-Scotian, purporting to be a report of the Debates in the House of Assembly, upon the School Bill, containing many gross mistatements of the proceedings of H. M. Council, and in other respects highly disrespectful to that body: A Copy of which Report they herewith transmit to the House of Assembly.

His Majesty's Council are aware that the Printer of that paper is amenable to both Houses, if he has mistated the Debates upon this subject, but they fully admit, that, if the expressions reported were actually uttered in the course of Debate; that the Member who uttered them can only be called to account for his conduct in the House of Assembly, by the House itself.

His Majesty's Council feel satisfied, that the House will entertain the same desire which pervades His Majesty's Council to continue towards each other, that decorous and gentlemanlike conduct which has heretofore prevailed, and which has contributed so much to the preservation of that harmony and good understanding between the two branches of the Legislature, which the public interest requires.

His Majesty's Council trust the House that will be of opinion, that, if this Debate is correctly reported, this conduct has been violated upon the present occasion, and that they will feel it due to His Majesty's Council, and incumbent upon themselves, to call the party to account who has been guilty of this violation.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House proceeded to take into consideration the foregoing Message from His Majesty's Council; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Message be referred to a Select Committee, and that they do prepare and report an answer to the same, to be sent to the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. White, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Hartshorne and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Committee appointed thereon

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

MONDAY,

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PRAYERS

Member
sworn in

Lawrence Kavanagh, Esq. returned duly elected Member for the County of Cape Breton, took his Seat, having previously taken the State Oaths at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Committee of
Supply report

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table; where they were read, and are as follows:—

£25 for New
Harbour Coun-
ty of Sydney

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 25l. should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of New Harbour in the County of Sydney, for removing the obstructions and bars in the River leading into the said Harbour; the same to be paid when it is certified by the Sessions, that the said Inhabitants have expended sixty days labour subscribed by them, in the said work.

£150 for a
Breakwater at
Gates' Mill
Wilmot

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 150l. should be granted, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Gates' Mills in Wilmot, in the County of Annapolis; when it shall be certified, that the sum of 50l. in addition to the former subscriptions, shall have been raised and expended in the said work.

£30 for Bear
River Bridge

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 30l. should be granted, in aid to repair the Great Bear River Bridge, on the Post Road in the County of Annapolis.

£15 1s 4d to
Peter Starrat

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 15l. 1s 4d. should be granted to Peter Starrat of Annapolis, for a drawback of duty on certain Goods, destroyed by fire; upon his producing satisfactory proof to the Commissioners of the Revenue, of his having paid or secured the said duty, and also that the Goods were so consumed by fire.

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

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

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

Committee to
search Journal
of the Council
on subject of
School Bill

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to examine the Journal of his Majesty's Council, to ascertain what have been their proceedings on the School Bill, now before the Council; and report the same to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Crow, and Mr. Murdoch, be a Committee for that purpose.

Report of Com-
mittee on sub-
ject of Message
from the Coun-

Mr. Uniacke, reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Resolutions and Message from His Majesty's Council, received on Saturday last, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where it was read and is as follows:—

That

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THAT the Committee have with serious and great deliberation, considered the several matters referred to them, and have found it necessary on this occasion, to recommend that the House adopt certain Resolutions, which are subjoined to this Report.

The Committee are of opinion, that much of the warmth elicited on that Debate, arose from the circumstance, that it was believed by many Gentlemen in the House (during the Debate on the motion to introduce the School Bill a second time) that the former Bill rejected by His Majesty's Council, had only been sent to that Body, on the same morning of its rejection; which mistake occasioned much more heat on the subject than would otherwise have taken place, and His Majesty's Council not having at that time before them, any vote for the School at Kentville, the rejection of the Bill of Incorporation, was considered a rejection of the measure altogether. The Committee therefore cannot consider what was thus stated, to be a gross misstatement of facts.

The Committee submit this Report with the accompanying Resolutions and Message, for the approval and adoption of this Honorable House, and with an earnest recommendation to adopt such measures as will prevent the interruption of that harmony, which has so long and so happily existed between the House and His Majesty's Council.

[SIGNED]

RICHARD J. UNIACKE,
CHARLES R. FAIRBANKS,
N. W. WHITE,
WILLIAM LAWSON,

L. HARTSHORNE,
J. R. DEWOLF,
TIMOTHY RUGGLES.

Report of
Committee on
subject of
Message from
the Council

The Chairman also delivered in at the Clerk's Table, the several Resolutions and Message referred to in the foregoing Report; which were read by the Clerk and are as follow, viz.

Resolved, That freedom of Speech, is the undoubted right and privilege of the Members of this House, and may not, without great risk and danger, to the liberties of the people, be restricted or debarred to Members debating in the House on public measures, or the proceedings of any Branch of the Legislature.

Resolved nevertheless, That it is the course and practice of this House, for preserving the order of its proceedings, and the dignity of the Assembly, to call to account, and subject to the censure of the House, any Member who in debate, and before the House, utters expressions reflecting on any other Member of the House, or on any other branch of the Legislature, provided the words uttered be taken down on the same day, on which they were spoken, and before any other business be entered upon; but that otherwise, this House cannot at a subsequent day, retain any memory, of matters stated, or expressions used in this House.

Resolved also, That any alleged statement of facts, made by any member in his place, particularly of proceedings which are registered on the Journals of both Houses do not become matters of censure by the House, because the same cannot be supposed to be wilfully mistated, and may be controverted by other Members, in the course of the Debate, and are generally before a decision thereon, thoroughly investigated.

Resolved, That the House of Assembly sincerely regret that any publication of their Debates in a Newspaper, should have appeared, which His Majesty's Council conceive a gross misstatement of their proceedings, or reflecting in disrespectful terms, on that Honorable Board.

Resolved, That this House most fully concur with His Majesty's Council, that a Printer is amenable to both Houses, for all his misstatements; and that a Member can only

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only be called to account, for his conduct in that House, to which he belongs.

Resolved, That under this impression, and with a sincere regard to the feelings of his Majesty's Council, the House have paid their earliest attention to their Message, on the Debates of the School Bill; and after an investigation into the same, and an explanation given by the party, to the Committee; the House are fully satisfied, that no disrespect was intended, or wilful misstatement made on that occasion.

Resolved, That the high consideration entertained in this House, towards His Majesty's Council, in their private and legislative capacities, united with that moderation and decorum, which guard and protect the character of Gentlemen, and an earnest desire to promote the public good; are the most efficient pledges that can be offered by this House, for the preservation of that harmony and good understanding which have so happily subsisted, between the Council and Assembly, and rendered this Colony so conspicuous for unanimity throughout British America.

Draft of a Message to accompany the foregoing Report and Resolutions, viz.

The House of Assembly transmit to his Majesty's Council, a Copy of the proceedings adopted by them, upon the Message and Resolutions of His Majesty's Council of Saturday last; and at the same time, the House beg to express to his Majesty's Council, their sincere regret that any circumstance should have arisen, which for a moment should interrupt that harmony which has so long and so happily prevailed, between this House and his Majesty's Council. That this House are sensible how important it is to the discharge of the public duties of the Province, to promote and continue a perfect good understanding between both branches of the Legislature; and do assure His Majesty's Council, that it ever has been and will be their study in all measures not to permit the Constitutional rights of the Council to be infringed; and that as far as maybe consistent with their own established Rules and Privileges, and the freedom of Debate, they will cautiously guard against any proceeding having a tendency to violate the decorum, which is so justly due to his Majesty's Council, as a Branch of the Legislature.

On motion the House proceeded to the consideration of the foregoing Report, Resolutions, and Message, and thereupon,

Resolutions
thereon

Resolved, That the said Report and the Papers accompanying the same, be received and adopted by the House,

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Message, Report, and Resolutions, be sent to His Majesty's Council by the Clerk.

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

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PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for regulating the expenditure of Monies appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a third time.

Bill regulating
to expenditure
of monies on
Roads; also

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, to continue and amend the Act for regulating the expenditure of Monies, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Bill relating to
Highways, read
3d time and
passed

An engrossed Bill, in addition to, and amendment of the Act of the 7th year of His Majesty's Reign relating to Highways Roads, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, in addition to, and amendment

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amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

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

Mr. Hartshorne reported from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Election for the Township of Shelburne, and he read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where it was read and is as follows :

The Select Committee chosen to try and determine the merits of the Return or Election of a Member to represent the township of Shelburne, in the present General Assembly, have resolved and finally determined to report as follows, viz:—

That a majority of the qualified voters who were polled at the Election of a member to represent the Township of Shelburne in the present General Assembly, did duly vote thereat in favor of John Alexander Barry, and that the said John Alexander Barry was at the said Election duly chosen, and is the legal and proper Representative for the said Township in this Assembly.

And further, That the said John Alexander Barry at the close of the said Poll, did duly demand a scrutiny, and having persisted in his demand, such scrutiny was duly proceeded in, and completed according to Law.

And further, That the Return made by the Sheriff of the County of Shelburne, of Nathaniel Whitworth White, Esq. as the person elected to represent the said Township in this Assembly, is not a true and legal Return, and that the said Nathaniel Whitworth White, Esq. is not entitled to sit in this House, as said Representative; so many of the persons who voted in his favour at the said Election not being qualified by Law, to vote thereat, as to leave a majority of the good and legal votes given at the said Election in favour of the said John Alexander Barry, the other Candidate; and that the return made by the said Sheriff on the writ issued for the Election of a member to represent the said Township in this Assembly ought to be amended, and the said John Alexander Barry ought to be returned thereon, as the person duly elected to represent the said Township; but that the said Election itself is not void, and ought not to be avoided or set aside, nor ought a new Election to be ordered.

And further, That the House of Assembly be requested to give the necessary directions for calling the said John Alexander Barry to take his seat in this House, and for altering of the said Return, by the erasure of the name of the said Nathaniel Whitworth White, and the substitution of the name of John Alexander Barry, therein by the Clerk of the Crown, or Clerk in Chancery, or other Officer qualified by Law to make such amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. Secretary George, acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows :

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT,

Nearly ten years having elapsed since the last census of the Population of Nova Scotia took place, and no accurate estimate having ever been made of the Agricultural produce of the Province, correct information on those points is much to be desired, and is besides at the present time indispensably necessary, His Majesty's Government having required particular returns on those subjects. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has therefore to recommend that the House of Assembly will place means at his disposal sufficient

Report of select
Committee on
the Shelburne
Election

Message from
the Lt. Govr.
relative to Cen-
sus of Popula-
tion and
Estimate of
Agricultural
Produce of the
Province

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sufficient to enable him to comply with the instructions which he has received, and to effect two objects of much importance to the Colony ; a knowledge of the extent of its population, and its Agricultural resources.

On motion, *ordered*, that the said Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

That the Committee have given notice to the Creditor of the Petitioner, for a reasonable time, to attend and make objections, if he had any, to the granting the prayer of the said Petition, but that he had not appeared, or in any way made opposition there-to ; and further, that it appears to the Committee, that the facts stated in the Petition are correct ; the Committee therefore have prepared a Bill to relieve the Petitioner from his confinement ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Report be received by the House ; and

Mr. Murdoch, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the relief of James M'Dougall, an insolvent Debtor ; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Dickson, reported from the Committee appointed to enquire and report, what sum may be necessary for defraying the expense of the Post Communication for the present year ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows :—

That the Committee having had the subject referred to them under consideration, and also communicated with the acting Deputy Post Master General, report as follows, viz

That for the last year, there were actually paid out of the sum of 900*l.* appropriated in the last Session of the Legislature for that service, the sum of 894*l.* 10*s.* to the different Couriers employed in the Post Communication to various parts of the Province ; and towards supporting the Packet between Digby and St. John, New Brunswick, of which sum 607*l.* was paid for the support of the Communication from Halifax to Digby, and thence through Shelburne, Liverpool and Lunenburg back to Halifax ; and the remainder being 287*l.* 10*s.* in carrying the Mail from Halifax to Sydney, in Cape Breton, and various other places in the eastern part of the Province, all which services have been found most useful, and will require the same sums to support them for the present year. The Committee further report, that they have had under their consideration, an application from one Edward Leonard, a person for the last five years employed at Digby Point, to make a signal when the Packet is in sight ; they are of opinion that the services rendered to the public by the said Edward Leonard, is one that adds much to the regularity of the Communication between St. John and this Province, and deserves the consideration of the House, and therefore recommend that the sum of 5*l.* 10*s.* be allowed the said Edward Leonard, for such service the present year.

The Committee also report, that arrangements have been made to establish a Branch Post Communication between Samuel Moore's at Gay's River, and Joseph Fulton's in Stewiacke, to go through the Settlements of Musquodoboit ; for the support of which the Inhabitants have liberally subscribed, and that in order to complete the arrangement about 25*l.* will be required from the Province. The Committee have also had before them representations from the Couriers on the several routes from Londonderry to Wallace, and from Trefoy's on the Windsor Road to Shubenacadie, whereby it appears, that it will in future require an additional ten pounds to each of those services to keep them up. The Committee would therefore recommend that the sum of 945*l.* be voted for the support of the Post Communication throughout the Province, for the present year.

Ordered

Report of the
Committee of
the Petition on
James M'Dou-
gall

Bill for relief
James M'Dou-
gall read 1st
time

Report of the
Committee on
the subject of
Post communi-
cation

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Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. Murdoch reported from the Committee, to whom was referred the two Bills before the House, relative to Roman Catholics; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

Report of the Committee on subject of Bills relative to Roman Catholics

That the Committee have not found any other Acts or parts of Acts in the Statutes of the Province, relating to Roman Catholics, which operate to their disadvantage, save those intended to be repealed by the two Bills referred to the Committee. That the Committee would therefore suggest the adopting of the accompanying amendments to prevent the necessity of any further legislation on this subject; and thereupon,

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

Order thereon

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the Petition of Rufus Shattuck, and others, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the Commissioners of the Revenue be authorized to remit the Duties on the Articles seized, belonging to the Petitioners, if the Commissioners on a full investigation of all the circumstances of each case, shall think proper to grant such remission; and that the Commissioners shall also have authority to direct the articles seized, to be restored, and the prosecutions thereon, to be discontinued under such conditions, and upon such terms, as the Commissioners shall think proper to impose on the Petitioners respectively.

Resolution relative to the Petition of Rufus Shattuck and others

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the Petition of Thomas J. Brown, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Resolution relative to the Report of the Committee on the Petition of T. J. Brown

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Report be adopted by the House, and that the Commissioners of the Revenue, be instructed to carry into effect, the measures recommended therein.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on the Petition of Wendle Naas; the Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Proprietors of the Halifax Sugar Refinery; the Report of the Committee on the Petition of Joseph Austen; the Petition of George Wilson; and the Petition of Allen McDonald; and also, the Petition of Benjamin Smith, and others, be severally referred to the Committee of Supply.

Sundry Reports on Petitions, referred to Committee of Supply

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions, thereupon which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

Committee of Supply Report

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Two Hundred and thirty-eight pounds, sixteen shillings and two pence, should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay the Law expenses, included in a Mortgage assigned to the Province, by the Executors of the late John Creighton.

£238 16s 2d for Law Expenses on Creighton's Mortgage

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One hundred Pounds, should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable him to cause a small Harbour to be provided at the Seal Islands.

100. for a Boat Harbour at the Seal Islands

Resolved,

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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted, to aid the Halifax Library.

1001 for a
Bridge over
Salmon river,
Guysborough

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One hundred Pounds, should be granted to the Inhabitants of Guysboro, to aid in Building a Bridge over Salmon River, on its being certified by the Sessions, that their Subscription of fifty pounds has been raised and expended.

501. for a
School House
at Dartmouth

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifty pounds, should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of the Township of Dartmouth, to finish a Building erected by them, for a School House, and for the residence of the Teacher of said School.

201. to the Ex-
ecutors of P.
Condon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty Pounds, should be granted to the Executors of the late Patrick Condon, for a road leading through Land belonging to the Estate of said Condon, to the Light-House, at the entrance of Annapolis Basin; to be paid upon their giving a sufficient deed to Government of the said Road.

201. for Petit
River Bridge
Co., Lunenburg

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty Pounds, should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Petite River, in the County of Lunenburg, to erect and build up the Bridge over the Channel on the Sand Beach, carried away by the great storm and extraordinary high tide, on the first day of January, 1827.

2501. for relief
of the Indians

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Pounds, should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the relief of the Indians of the Province, in such way as he may think proper, for the present year.

1201. for Bar-
rington Harbor

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One hundred pounds, should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended as his Excellency may think expedient for the protection of the Beach at the entrance of Barrington Harbour, when it shall appear to his Excellency, that the sum of Twenty Pounds, has been raised by private Subscription for the same purpose.

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

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

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

Division of
Monies for
Cross Roads,
Order respect-
ing

On motion, *ordered*, That the time for bringing in a Scale of the Division of L. 1100, granted for the Service of Cross Roads and Bridges, be extended to Wednesday, the 11th day of April, instant.

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

WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Bill for relief
of J. M'Dou-
gall read 2d
time

A Bill for the relief of James M'Dougall, an Insolvent Debtor, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the consideration of the Bill be deferred to this day three months: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

Mr.

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Mr. Fairbanks pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in addition to the Act, to authorise the Incorporation of a Company, for making a Canal, by the River and Lakes of the Shubenacadie, and the same was read a first time.

Bill in addition to Shubenacadie Canal act read 1st time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Written Message from His Majesty's Council, by Mr. Secretary George, as follows, viz:—

In Council, Wednesday, 4th April, 1827.

Message from the Council on subject of debates in the House

His Majesty's Council adopted the Resolutions that were communicated to the House of Assembly, on Saturday last, from an earnest desire, to preserve that harmony between the two Houses, which a departure from the rules and language of decorum, always endangers.

These Resolutions were reluctantly adopted after mature consideration. And His Majesty's Council, unanimously regret, that they cannot feel satisfied with the Message and Resolutions received from the House of Assembly yesterday, as they neither disavow the indecorum complained of, nor express any disapprobation of it.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the foregoing Message, received from His Majesty's Council; and thereupon,

Resolved unanimously, That this House doth highly disapprove of the publication complained of by His Majesty's Council; and if the same be a correct report of the Debate in this House, far from sanctioning such expressions, do regard the same as a gross indecorum and unwarrantable imputation on a branch of the Legislature—for which this House doth entertain the highest respect and consideration.

Resolutions thereon

Thomas C. Haliburton, Esq. one of the Members for the County of Annapolis, being called upon, and having admitted that he did in this House, speak the words complained of by His Majesty's Council, and afterwards publish the same.

Resolved, therefore unanimously, That the House do consider the conduct of the said Thomas C. Haliburton, on that occasion, as highly reprehensible, and that Mr. Speaker do pass the censure of this House, upon the said Thomas C. Haliburton, by publicly reprimanding him, therefor at the Bar of this House; and thereupon,

The said Thomas C. Haliburton, being immediately called to the Bar of the House, was publicly reprimanded by Mr. Speaker accordingly.

On motion, *resolved*, that a copy of the foregoing Resolutions and proceedings, be sent to His Majesty's Council, by the Clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Starr, the report of the Select Committee appointed to try the Election for the Town of Shelburne, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Resolved, That Sir Rupert George, the Secretary of the Province, in whose Custody, the Writ for, and return of the said Election remain; do immediately attend this House, to amend the return for the said Town of Shelburne, pursuant to the Report of the said Committee, by erasing out the name of Nathaniel Whitworth White, and instead thereof inserting the name of John Alexander Barry.

Secretary of the Province to amend Return for the Town of Shelburne.

A Written Message from His Majesty's Council, by Mr. Secretary George, as follows, viz:—

In Council, Wednesday, 4th April, 1827.

Resolved unanimously, That His Majesty's Council are fully satisfied with the measures which the House of Assembly have adopted upon the subject of the Message, which His Majesty's Council sent to the House this day, and will now have great pleasure in resuming the business of the Session.

Message from the Council

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Message do lie on the Table.

Sir

WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL, 1827.

Return for
Town of Shel-
burne, amend-
ed, and J. A.
Barry sworn
in as Member

Sir Rupert George, the Secretary of the Province, pursuant to order, attended at the Table of the House, with the Writ for the Town of Shelburne, and amended the return on the said Writ, by rasing out the name of Nathaniel Whitworth White, and inserting therein, instead thereof, the name of John Alexander Barry; and thereupon,

John Alexander Barry, Esq. returned duly elected Member for the Town of Shelburne took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual declaration at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Report on
Petitions of G.
S. Harrington
and others, re-
ferred to the
Committee of
Supply

On motion, the report of the Committee to whom the Petitions of Gideon S. Harrington, and others, were referred, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Committee of
Supply report

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

£400 for a
Stone Bridge
over Moose
River

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 400l. should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to aid the Inhabitants of Clements, in erecting a substantial Stone Bridge over Moose River, in that Township; to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be sufficiently certified to his Excellency, that the sum of 400l. has been raised by private subscription, and expended on said work.

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

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

Division of the
House thereon

Mr. Starr moved, that the said Resolution be not received by the House: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, eighteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Dumock,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Shey,

Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Osley,
Mr. M. Kinnon,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Morse,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Bars,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Unsacke,
Mr. Murdoch,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Barry,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Ruggles,

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolution was then, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

A Petition of the Elder, the Deacons and others, Members of the Baptist Church, at Briar Island.

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A Petition of Israel Potter, Pastor, and others, members of the Baptist Church at Clements; A Petition of Peter Crandell, Pastor, and others, members of the Baptist Church in Digby; and also, a Petition of Thomas Handly Chipman and others, members of the Baptist Church, at Nictaur Settlement, in the County of Annapolis, were severally presented by Mr. J. E. Morton, and read; A Petition of W. Parker, and others, Protestant Dissenters, at Aylesford; and also, a Petition of Nehemiah Lord, and others, Inhabitants and Protestant Dissenters at Cornwallis, in King's County, were severally presented by Mr. Bishop, and read; A Petition of George Dimock, Pastor, and others, Members of the Baptist Church in Newport, in the County of Hants, was also presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying respectively that Clergymen of Congregations, professing either the Presbyterian or the regular Calvinistic form of Christian Worship, may be allowed to perform the Marriage Ceremony by Licence; and that Trustees to be chosen by those Congregations, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petitions of Protestant Dissenters, on subject of Marriage Licence presented and

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee, on the Petitions relative to Marriage Licenses.

Referred to a Committee

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

THURSDAY, 5th APRIL, 1827.**PRAYERS.**

Joseph Freeman, Esq. returned duly elected, Member for the County of Queen's County, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual declaration at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Member sworn in

A Bill in addition to the Act, to authorize the incorporation of a Company, for making a Canal by the River and Lakes of the Shubenacadie, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Bill in addition to Shubenacadie Canal Act

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report their opinion thereon.

Referred to a Select Committee

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Young, and Mr. Hartshorne, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

The Council have agreed to sixteen Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums:

- L. 200, for a Wharf at Black Rock, Cornwallis,
- 30, to John Cox,
- 200, for an Academy at Annapolis,
- 25, to Joachim M. de Sardina,
- 150, for a Breakwater at Gates Mill, Wilmot,
- 30, for Bear River Bridge,
- 15, 1s. 4d. to Peter Starrat,
- 238, 16s. 2d. for Law Expenses relative to Creighton's Mortgage,
- 100, for a Boat Harbour at Seal Island,
- 50, for the Halifax Library,
- 100, for Salmon River Bridge, Guysborough,
- 50, for a School House, at Dartmouth,

Resolutions for granting Monies agreed to by the Council

L.20,

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- 20, for Petit River Bridge, County of Lunenburg,
 250, for the relief of the Indians,
 100, for Barrington Harbour,
 400, for a Stone Bridge over Moose River.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of L.400, for the Pictou Academy.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Hartshorne, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that they had received a written paper from the Committee of His Majesty's Council, which he read to the House, and is as follows, viz :

His Majesty's Council wish to make the House of Assembly acquainted with the reasons which induce them to discontinue their assent to a Vote for the support of the Academy at Pictou; they have the same desire to extend the means of obtaining liberal education to that valuable Section of the Province, which they have heretofore entertained, but the Trustees of that Academy, have in a Petition to His Majesty's Council, openly avowed that they have departed from the principles upon which they originally sought, and obtained their Charter.

The language of the applicants is deeply impressed upon the memories of those Members of His Majesty's Council, who took an active part in procuring the Concurrence of the Board to the Bill, which authorized their incorporation as well as of those who opposed it. They then declared that as the Inhabitants of the District of Pictou, were all Descendants from Natives of Scotland, or Emigrants from that Country, that they were desirous of establishing a Seminary, where their children could be educated in the religious principles of their forefathers, that they had no wish to set up an Institution in opposition to the College, which His Majesty had graciously founded at Windsor, that they had no hostility to the established Church of England; but had a natural preference to the Doctrines of the Church of Scotland: These wishes appeared reasonable to a majority of His Majesty's Council, and some of the most zealous advocates for the Bill, were Members of the Established Church, who were known to be warmly attached to its tenets; By their exertions this Bill passed into a Law, and they reasonably expected that as Churchmen they should meet with reciprocal sentiments of liberality, from the persons whose cause they had thus supported. In this reasonable expectation, they have been disappointed. Measures, which a majority of the Trustees of that Academy have sanctioned, have been adopted to excite a spirit of hostility to the Established Church among all classes of Dissenters, and when it is notorious that the Governors of King's College have been exerting themselves for some time past, to remove every restriction from that Seminary, which tends to exclude Dissenters from its Advantages or its Academical honours; the majority of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, are holding up these very restrictions which the Governors are thus attempting to remove, in order to render an Institution unpopular, which His Majesty has so liberally endowed, and to which they originally declared themselves not to be unfriendly.

Under these circumstances, His Majesty's Council can no longer continue their assent

Conference requested by the Council on Subject of granting £400 for the Pictou Academy

Conference Reported by the Managers

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assent to a vote for the support of the Pictou Academy, while it remains in the management of these Trustees; they have, however, an earnest desire to encourage Education in Pictou; and will readily concur with the House of Assembly in permanently endowing an Academy there, to be placed under the superintendence of Trustees, to be appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Ordered, That the Paper do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 400l. for the Pictou Academy.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, of the 3d instant, relative to taking a Census of the Population of the Province, and obtaining an Estimate of its Agricultural Produce, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will provide sufficient means, to enable his Excellency to obtain accurate information on both these points, by such ways and methods, as his Excellency may think proper.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions on the subject of Marriage Licenses, &c. and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where it was read, and is as follows:

THAT the Committee have examined the Petitions referred to them and find them all concurring in the statement that the number of His Majesty's Subjects, professing either the Presbyterian or Regular Calvinistic Baptist Form of Christian Worship and Discipline, is very considerable in this Province; and that their religious conduct and deportment, is marked with all deference and attachment to his Majesty's Government and the laws of the land: Wherefore, the Petitioners trust the House will favorably consider their applications, the objects whereof they state to be, the obtaining certain civil privileges, due to their peaceable and loyal character; and not incompatible with any fixed principles of the constitution.

The Petitioners also state, that the Clergymen under whose Spiritual Inspection they have voluntarily placed themselves, are, by not having power to marry by license, retained in a state of painful and unmerited degradation—contrary to existing Laws and the principles of equity and sound policy; and that the character and conduct of those Clergymen, should entitle them to the privilege of uniting Parties in marriage, in the same manner as is often permitted to Laymen, and as has always been enjoyed by Clergymen of the Church of England.

The Petitioners further complain of suffering great inconvenience from their Congregations not being legally enabled to hold and dispose of Lands, Monies and Chattels, for their Religious uses, with the Powers and facilities of a Corporate Body; whereby the building of Places of Worship, and other desirable objects, connected with the support of Religious Establishments, are greatly impeded.

Wherefore, in the true spirit of the toleration, promised by his Most Gracious Majesty, at the first settlement of this Province, they pray from this House—for their Clergymen, the privilege of performing the Marriage Ceremony by License; and for their Congregations, the civil privileges which will be derived from the incorporation of their Trustees—with proper powers to purchase, hold, and dispose of Real and Personal Estate—to supply vacancies in the trust—and to make such other regulations as may be requisite: These powers to be conferred under such conditions as may not be at variance with their religious tenets or discipline, respectively.

The subject matters of these Petitions, preferred by a large and respectable portion of the Dissenting Clergy and Inhabitants of the Province, and embodying the common opinion of all that class of our fellow subjects, the Committee deem worthy of most serious attention; Since they appear to be entirely within the operation of those principles which our Laws so explicitly recognise as the undoubted right and privilege of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and which the Petitioners refer to, as promised at its first settlement—"Perfect equality as to all Civil Rights, advantages and immunities; liberty of conscience in all matters of religious belief; and freedom in regard to all religious rights and ordinances.

Considered in this point of view, the second request of the Petitioners,—that Corporate powers may be conferred on their respective Societies—cannot be regarded as unreasonable; for if similar advantages are possessed by any one denomination of Christians in the Colony; if there follow from granting the prayer of the Petitioners, any benefits they do not at present enjoy; if greater stability and connection will thereby be conferred on these Communities; if the lands held for their Places of Worship, for the residence of their ministers, for interment, or for the support of their particular ordinances, can be better secured or protected, or made more available for the purposes to which they are devoted; if the legal inconveniencies of a Trust, consisting of members whose absence, death or disagreement may involve their constituents in litigation and expense, might be effectually prevented; then the Committee conceive, that this suggestion in the Petitions, should be viewed as a measure which a Legislature, acknowledging

Resolution for granting £400 for Pictou Academy not agreed to

Message of Lieut. Gov. relative to a Census &c. read

Resolution thereon

Report of committee on petitions relative to Marriage Licenses, &c.

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acknowledging no one sect or body of men to be preferable to another, in regard to Civil Rights, ought to grant; and that the Committee must regard it as a privilege equitably belonging to the Petitioners; and tending, and particularly adapted; to the advancement of the best interests of Religion and true piety; which the Committee humbly apprehend will ever flourish best in those places, where all sources of jealousy and excitement, are carefully and effectually removed.

Nor do the Committee apprehend that from the Incorporation of each separate Society, with its Minister, for the purposes referred to, there can result any inconvenience to balance the public benefit, which will ensue from the legal and regular establishment of Congregations; and, from the means which will be thus presented of ascertaining with what particular Society, each Individual Inhabitant stands connected.

The Committee forbear from detailing what regulations (and many are necessary), may be expedient for this purpose, as the advanced state of the Session renders the maturing a Bill impracticable; but they beg earnestly to recommend that, early in the next year, proper steps may be taken to effect this important object.

The other claim preferred by the Petitioners, is for the privilege of Solemnizing Marriages by Licenses: This subject has been repeatedly before the Legislature, and experienced from the Assembly the consideration—due to the intense interest it has excited; and to the number and character of the Clergymen who have urged it to your Notice.

On the present occasion, the Committee have thought it necessary to present in the first place, for the information of the Assembly—an Abstract of the several Laws, applicable to the question, and of the proceedings in former Sessions: accompanied with copies of several dispatches from His Majesty's Secretaries of State, for the Colonies: These Documents accompany the Report.

After the best attention which the Committee have been able to give to the early Laws respecting Marriages, and particularly to the 8d Section of the Act of 1758; they cannot avoid coming to the conclusion;—that the words of that Section are, entirely at variance with the opinion; that Licenses for Marriage were, at that time, or under this Law, granted to any particular Minister, or confined to any particular form of celebration,—for it is expressly enacted, "That if any Clergyman shall refuse to Marry Persons requesting him thereto, and making known to him, that they have obtained a license as aforesaid, he shall forfeit £50".—What that License is, the first Section specifies by designating it a License for Marriage, under the hand of the Governor; and by the Penalty being attached to any person presuming to officiate in Solemnizing any Marriage without publication in some Congregation within the Town or Towns where each of the parties do reside." It would seem that the practice of New England, from which the principal part of our early Laws are evidently copied, had been adopted, in respect to Marriages; and the close connexion existing between that Colony and this, previous to the American War, appears to have brought into use here, the manners and customs of the former, and more established Government.

That the analogy between our Laws relating to Marriage and those of that Province, may appear more distinct, the Committee annex copies of the early Acts of Massachusetts on the subject; and beg to refer to the subjoined extract, from the Historian of that Colony, upon that part of its Institutions.

If it be correct that our early enactments in this matter, adopted the practice of New England, the terms used in these Laws are satisfactorily elucidated; and a strong inference must follow against the asserted right of the Clergy of the Church of England, to have licenses directed to them alone, and under the condition of the ceremony being solemnized according to their peculiar rites. The Committee regret that they cannot obtain the form of the Marriage License, first used here; but if any alteration has taken place in it, as has been suggested was in fact the case; they conceive that change was either sanctioned or confirmed, if not commenced, by the subjoined Dispatch of the Duke of Portland; which,—referring in truth only to the right to the License, as between the Rector and a Clergyman, officiating within the limits of the former's Parish—appears to have been misconstrued into a general prohibition to issue Licenses in future, to any but Clergymen of the Church of England; and has led to the adoption of the form now used: Of this, the Committee annex a Copy.

Conformably also to this view of the subject, the Committee consider the Act passed in 1819, relative to marriages and the issuing of Marriage Licenses—to have been with great propriety made a declaratory Statute: and as they are satisfied its provisions were reasonable and just, they cannot but concur in the universal sentiment of regret, which pervaded the Province when the intelligence of its disallowance was communicated in 1822.

The inducements which led the Legislature to pass this Act are most distinctly and powerfully detailed in the joint address from the Council and Assembly, which accompanied it to England: In the opinion of the Committee, these still continue in full force; and require only to be urged in a proper manner, by the Assembly, to overcome the suggestions, which, on that occasion, interfered with the favorable consideration usually extended by his Majesty's Government, to the requests of this Colony.

The Committee however, must bring to the notice of the House, that the fate of a similar Bill sent in 1824 to His Majesty's Council; and the express terms of His Majesty's Instructions, relative to measures which have once received the Royal disapprobation, preclude the possibility of any further Legislative Enactment here, until His Majesty's pleasure shall be signified. It remains therefore, only for the Committee to recommend to the House, that a humble Address be presented to his Majesty, setting forth the reasonable claims of the Clergy, of the Dissenting part of his subjects; and praying that authority may be given to his Excellency the Governor to assent to an Act for removing the grounds of complaint, preferred by the Petitioners, and for conferring the privileges they so anxiously solicit.

On a subject which must necessarily be of so much importance in a public point of view, as the due and orderly Solemnization of the Marriage Ceremony, the Committee have thought it their duty to present some further observations on the existing regulations affecting it. The claim, by the clergy of the Church of England, of an exclusive right to the Marriage Licenses,—so much insisted on, in the observations communicated in 1820, by Earl Dalhousie, and in the Report of the Honorable the Committee of the Privy Council, recommending the disallowance of the Bill,—have led the Committee to a hasty investigation of the true nature of the License or dispensation; and they find it to have been used as well as the publication of Banns, for the purpose of preventing clandestine, and facilitating legal Marriages. Formerly the Law in England relating to Marriages, Banns, and Licenses, stood thus.

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The Banns of Marriage were to be thrice published in the church, to which each party belonged before their Marriage could be solemnized; No dispensation, or license to Marry without publication of Banns, was to be granted, but to persons of good Estate and Quality: These dispensations or Licenses, were to be granted *only* by the Ecclesiastical Judge, who had power to examine on Oath, whether the Marriage might be legally celebrated or not; and the Judge was also to be satisfied, by the Oath of at least one of the Parties, that there existed no impediment or pre-contract, consanguinity, affinity, or any other cause, nor suit commenced in any Ecclesiastical Court, to hinder the marriage. Further, the oath of two Witnesses was requisite, that the Parties, if under age, had the consent of Parents; or of Guardians if the Parents were dead. And when all these matters were observed, and the proper security taken, the Judge might decree for the dispensation, and grant a license accordingly, for the celebration of the Marriage *without publication of Banns*; directing it to be done in the Church or Chapel to which one or both of the Parties belonged; lest the Minister might be surprised into the celebrating an illegal or unfitting marriage, by not knowing the parties.

These rules and precautions, if duly observed, would have rendered clandestine Marriages very rare; but it appears to have been matter of serious complaint by those who have treated on the subject, that the Judges or Commissaries and Registrars of the Ecclesiastical Courts had universally neglected all these securities: and that a practice had grown up of sealing these Licenses, with *Blanks*, to be filled up with the names of any who would become purchasers—and without further enquiry than for the fees; and also of directing the License to be executed in any Church or Chapel, within their Jurisdiction, which the Parties desired: thus affording every facility for improper marriages. For it was reasonably to be expected that, as parties are usually well known in the Parishes where they live, especially to the Minister, if the license came to him, he would have it in his power to discover and prevent any illegal practices.

It must be obvious that the object of publishing the Banns of Marriage, would be more extensively realized in a Country like England, than in a new settled Colony, where only a few Parishes are laid out; and where the Congregations of the Church of England, or of any other denominations of Christians, bear a very small proportion to the Mass of the Inhabitants. From these causes, as well as from the private manner in which some Dissenters publish these Notices, those who seek to engage in illegal marriages, possess every facility for effecting their purposes.

Looking then to the purpose for which publication of Banns was instituted; to the prudent and salutary precautions ordained to be observed by the Ecclesiastical Courts before a Dispensation could issue: Considering also that the Clergy of the Church of England support their exclusive claim to these Licenses, by alleging that they are granted by the Governor *in his character of Ordinary* of the Province,—the Committee submit whether many important advantages would not attend a return to the ancient and wise regulations of the Mother Country respecting Licenses. The Executive has committed all other Powers which it possessed as Ordinary, to the several Probate Courts throughout the Province. If the power of licensing for Marriages, also belongs in fact to the Governor as Ordinary, there cannot exist any reasonable objection, in the present advanced state of the Province, to delegate *this also* to the same Tribunals—under the obligation of using similar precautions to those above detailed. This measure, if earlier adopted, would have prevented many instances of severe affliction *in this Province*, from Connexions, formed with persons previously contracted;—will check them in future;—and will tend to lessen the practice of marriage, by Banns *alone* which, as a security against the frauds referred to, is wholly ineffectual. Were Licenses under those precautions granted to the *Parties themselves*, and marriage allowed to be celebrated by *whatsoever Clergyman* they may think proper, it cannot be doubted but that the whole population will be entirely satisfied with the arrangement: since thereby the rights established by the early Laws, will be restored to them; All sects and persuasions of Christians will enjoy equal Rights; and the main source of dissatisfaction will be removed;—that aversion to the publication of Banns, which extends so widely among our female population, and to which the former facility of being married by license, has given the strong sanction of Custom, will no longer require to be sacrificed; the present course of having the marriage ceremony performed by a *lay Commissioner*—although the regularly ordained and established Minister of the Congregation to which the parties belong, be close at hand—will cease; with all the dangers to the parties and the public, which are sure to accrue from divesting the most important of Contracts of the sanction of Religion, in that form which the parties consider most binding;—and lastly, as the Committee hope, the only effectual foundation will be laid for establishing in the same Courts, a regularly kept Registry of Births, Marriages and Burials, within their jurisdiction. This object alone, as it could be effected only through the adoption of what is here proposed, the Committee deem of sufficient importance to justify the measure: Experience having shewn the present enactments respecting these Registries, to be wholly useless. And it being evident that the lapse of a few years will render the neglect of them a source of infinite inconvenience.

In conclusion, the Committee beg to remark that, should the granting of corporate powers, under certain restrictions, to Dissenting Congregations, be approved of, it would be proper to restrict the performance of the marriage ceremony (under the license to the parties) to Ministers of the Congregations which are thus incorporated; Whereby some of the objections, stated in Earl Dalhousie's Message, will be obviated.

All which is humbly submitted.

CHARLES R. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.
RICHARD UNIACKE,
JOHN STARR,
JOHN YOUNG.

Mr. Fairbanks also delivered to the House, the several Papers referred to in the foregoing Report, and the same were read by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Report and Papers do lie on the Table.

On motion, ordered, that the said Report and Papers be printed for the information of the Members.

Report of committee

Ordered to be printed

On

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Committee of
Supply report

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:—

£100 to Joseph Webber

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds should be granted and paid, seventy-five pounds thereof to Joseph Webber, senior, to aid him in the erection of a Grist Mill, and apparatus for hulling Barley, in the Township of Chester, in place of those lately belonging to him, destroyed by fire; and the residue thereof to Alexander Cruikshanks, for his loss, sustained by the same fire.

£25 for a Bridge at Pugwash

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of twenty-five pounds should be granted and paid, for the purpose of completing the Bridge over the Pugwash River, on the Main Post Road to Wallace; seventy-five pounds therefor having been granted out of the Contingent Road vote of last year, and thirty-five pounds subscribed by the Inhabitants of Wallace and Pugwash.

£100 for a Bridge over Annapolis River

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one hundred pounds should be granted to rebuild the great Annapolis Bridge at Bridge Town, over the Main River on the Post Road.

£500 for a Road over Ardoise Hills

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of five hundred pounds should be granted and paid, towards completing the alteration of the Ardoise Hill, on the Western Road.

£750 for a Bridge over Cornwallis River

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds should be granted in aid of building a Bridge across the Cornwallis River, by the Company formed, or to be formed, under the Act, passed in the sixth year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River;" to be drawn from the Treasury, and paid to said Company, when a Bridge shall be built and completed under said Act.

£200 for a Bridge over Gaspereau River

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of two hundred pounds should be granted and paid to repair the Bridge over the Gaspereau River, on the Mount Denson Road, leading through Horton.

£50 for a Bridge over Barrington River

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifty pounds should be granted and paid to finish the Bridge on the Main County Road over the River at Barrington.

£82 0s. 3d. to J Shipley

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of eighty-two pounds and three pence should be granted and paid to James Shipley, being the sum expended by him, to complete the Bridge over the River Hebert, in the County of Cumberland.

£10 to Jacob Withrow

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of ten pounds should be granted and paid to Jacob Withrow, for services performed by him in carrying the Mail from Trevoys to Shubenacadie, the past year.

£70 for a road in Newport

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 70l. should be granted, to aid the Inhabitants of Newport to effect an alteration on the Main Road leading from Windsor to Shubenacadie, in order to avoid five steep hills, agreeably to a plan annexed to the Petition, and subscription of said Inhabitants; not to be drawn from the Treasury until the amount raised by private subscription shall have been sufficiently certified to have been expended for the same purpose.

Resolved,

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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted, for the purpose of altering the road, so as to avoid Lybhold's hill, so called, on the main or post road between Chester and Lunenburg.

£50 for altering a road at Lybhold's hill, County Lunenburg

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of nine hundred and forty-five pounds, should be granted, for the purpose of defraying the expences of a Post Communication for the present year, as heretofore kept up; and to extend the same from Samuel Moore's, at Gay's River, to Joseph Fulton's at Stewiacke, to go through the Settlement of Musquedoboit, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on this subject.

£945 for the Post Communication

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Thirty pounds should be granted, to repair the great Bridge, which connects the District of Colchester with the County of Hants, on the Shubenacadie river, near Wardrope's.

£30 for the Bridge near Wardrobe's

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one hundred pounds, should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the river Tear, in Cape Breton.

£100 for a Bridge over the river Tear Cape Breton

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two hundred pounds should be granted, to aid the Inhabitants of Wallace, in the County of Cumberland, to erect the Bridge now in progress, over the Wallace River.

£200 for a Bridge over Wallace River

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of two hundred and forty eight pounds, fifteen shillings and two pence, should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay the amount remaining due for building and completing the Bridge across M'Gilvery's Brook, so called, on the Main Road leading to Pictou.

£200 for a Bridge over M'Gilvery's Brook

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of two hundred pounds should be granted, to aid in the erection of a Bridge over the St. Croix River, between Newport and Windsor, on the scite hereafter to be determined on; to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be sufficiently certified that the sum of one hundred pounds has been raised by private subscription, and expended for that purpose.

£200 for Bridge over St. Croix leading to Newport

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of three hundred and fifty pounds should be granted and paid, to complete the Main Road from Dartmouth to Fletcher's, by the Lakes.

£350 for the Road from Dartmouth to Fletcher's

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

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

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

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

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PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon

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thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows.

£237 8s. 11d.
to the Secy. of
the Province,
to defray
certain Ac-
counts

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of three hundred and seventy-seven pounds eight shillings and eleven pence, should be granted to the Secretary of the Province, to defray certain accounts to that amount, for expenses necessarily incurred during the year 1826, and for the payment of which no provision was made, as appears per abstract laid before the House, recommended by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, under date of the 20th February, 1827.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the following sums should be granted to the Secretary of the Province, for the following services, that is to say :

One hundred and forty-seven pounds eight shillings and one penny three farthings, to defray the balance of Accounts, due for expenses incurred for the Horses imported from England, for the Province, conformable to the Accounts transmitted to the House, signed by the Secretary of the Province, under date of the 12th February, 1827.

£799 12s. 6d.
to the Secy. of
the Province
to defray cer-
tain accounts
relating to
Horses

Also, two hundred and twenty-two pounds, four shillings and five pence, to pay the purchase money for the Horse called Imperial.

And also, four hundred pounds to provide for the expenses of the same Horses, for the present year.

And a further sum of thirty pounds to defray certain contingent expenses, to Grooms and Stable keepers, as per memorandum given by the said Secretary.

£215 to John
Howe & Son

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that there should be granted and paid to Messrs. John Howe & Son, the sum of two hundred and twenty-five pounds, for printing the Laws of the Province, from the year 1817 to 1826, inclusive. Also, the sum of ninety pounds, in full for extra printing for the present year, per Account rendered by them; recommended by his Excellency, the Lieut. Governor and the Report of the Select Committee appointed to report upon their Petition and Accounts.

£3 10s. to
each of the
Clerks of the
Peace

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of three pounds ten shillings should be paid to each of the Clerks of the Peace, to whom his Excellency the Lieut. Governor directed Road Commissions, with Bonds, to be executed in the last year, and that such sum be granted to the Secretary of the Province, as will enable him to pay the same.

£32 to C^H.
Belcher

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of thirty pounds should be granted and paid to C. H. Belcher, for binding one hundred copies of the third volume of the Province Laws, per Account.

£194 4s. to
Commissioner
of the Province
Buildings

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one hundred and ninety-four pounds four shillings, should be granted to the Commissioner of the Province Buildings, to enable him to pay to sundry persons, balances due them, as reported by the Committee of Public Accounts.

£40 to W.
Duffus

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of forty pounds ten shillings, should be granted and paid to William Duffus, for that sum expended by him, in relieving sundry shipwrecked seamen at Cape Breton, belonging to the barque Peggy, abandoned at Sea.

£10 to Wm.
Hill

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of ten pounds should be granted and paid to William Hill, Esquire, for his services, as Counsel in conducting criminal prosecutions on the part of the Crown, on the Eastern Circuit of the Supreme Court, during the past year.

£10 to Wm.
Fraser

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of ten pounds should be granted and paid to William Fraser, Esq. for his services as King's Counsel, upon the Western Circuit of the Supreme Court, during the past year. The

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

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

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

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace, in the Town of Halifax, to borrow Money on the credit of the Town, for erecting a suitable Stone Building, as a Magazine for the reception of all Gunpowder, imported and brought into Halifax; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George

Mr. Speaker,

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

L20 to the Executors of Patrick Condon.

L30 to William Morehouse.

The Council request a Conference by Committee on the subject of the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Homer and Mr. Kavanagh do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill in amendment of an Act to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Cape Breton, with an amendment; to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution for granting L500 for the Road over the Ardoise Hills.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. B. Dewolf and Mr. Lawson do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment made by the Council to the Cape Breton Inferior Court Bill, and the same was read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendment.

Bill for erecting a Magazine at Halifax, for reception of Gunpowder, read 1st time

Resolutions for granting monies agreed to by the Council

Conference on Fishery Bill requested by the Council

Conference held and reported

Cape Breton Inferior Court Bill from the Council with an amendment

Conference requested by the Council on Road over Ardoise Hills

Conference held and reported

Amendment to Cape Breton Inferior Court Bill agreed to

Ordered,

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the amendment made by them to the same.

On motion of Mr. Barry, *resolved*, that a sum of fifty pounds granted in the last Session of the General Assembly, for the Road between Clyde River and Birch Town, which remains undrawn from the Treasury, be applied in manner following, viz.

L10 from Wm. Greenwood's (at Clyde Falls,) to Nathan Doane's.

L15 from Benjamin Perry's to round bay bridge.

L15 from Green harbour bridge to Locke's Island.

L 5 to John Donald, senr. and

L 5 to John Richardson, to aid them in keeping up the ferry over Port Hebert river.

L50.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Uniacke, reported from the Committee appointed on the 5th March last, to join a Committee of the Council, for the purpose of preparing a joint Address of both Houses to His Majesty, on the melancholy occasion of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York; and he presented to the House, a joint Address of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, to his Majesty, on the said subject; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where it was read, and is as follows:

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

THE Joint Address of his Excellency Sir James Kempt, Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, of the Honorable His Majesty's Council, and of the House of Assembly, in their several Legislative capacities, now sitting at Halifax.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, now convened in General Assembly, beg leave on the behalf of ourselves, and the Inhabitants of this Province, humbly to approach the Throne, to offer their sincere condolence to your Majesty, upon the afflicting event which has deprived your Majesty of a beloved and illustrious Member of your Royal Family.

The sentiments of loyalty and affection for your Majesty's Person and Government, which are deeply implanted in our bosoms, render it impossible for us, not to participate in the grief, which the death of your lamented Brother, his late Royal Highness the Duke of York, has diffused over the whole of your Majesty's widely extended Empire; and we beg leave to assure Your Majesty, that in no part of your Dominions, can the loss which the Nation has sustained, be more deeply deplored than in your loyal Province of Nova-Scotia.

Remote as we are from the Capital of the Empire, where his late Royal Highness resided, and from whence he issued those orders and regulations for the Government of the British Army, which made it the pride of our own, and the wonder of other Nations. We have notwithstanding, long witnessed the good effects of the wisdom and benevolence by which he was actuated in the execution of the important command, which was intrusted to him by his Sovereign.

During the long period of his late Royal Highness's Command of the Army, the routine of Duty has occasioned a great number of the Regiments in Your Majesty's Service, to live for a long time among us; and the exemplary conduct which they have invariably displayed,

Resolution relative to £50 granted in last Session for Road between Clyde River and Birch Town

Joint address of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Council and House of Assembly to His Majesty on the Death of His Royal Highness the Duke of York reported

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displayed, has redounded equally to their own honour, and to that of the Commander-in-Chief, by whose salutary regulations there were governed.

As we have thus been enabled to appreciate the value and the work of this illustrious Prince; we truly feel, and deeply lament the loss which Your Majesty and Your people have sustained by his death.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the foregoing Address, to His Majesty.

Resolved, That the Clerk do acquaint His Majesty's Council, with the foregoing Resolution.

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

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PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace in the Town of Halifax, to borrow money on the credit of the Town, for erecting a suitable Stone Building, as a Magazine for the reception of all Gunpowder imported and brought into Halifax, was read a second time.

Bill for erecting a Building at Halifax for reception of Gunpowder read 2d time

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

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to cause to be provided during the recess, Maps on a large and suitable scale, of the several Counties and Districts of the Province, for the use of the Assembly. The said Maps to be constructed under the direction of the Surveyor-General, and to have the surveys of all the Roads and the County lines with the distances accurately laid down therein, and to be properly mounted for preservation, and that this House will in the next Sessions provide for the expenses attending the execution of this Resolution.

Committee for providing Maps of the several Counties and Districts of the Province during the recess

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Young, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Starr, Mr. Uniacke, and Mr. Haliburton be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare, during the recess, drafts of Bills to amend the Acts relative to the Election of Representatives, and the trial of Controverted Elections, and to report such Bills early in the next Session.

Committee to prepare drafts of Bills relative to the Election of Representatives and trial of Controverted Elections during the recess

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Murdoch be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Haliburton, reported from the Committee to whom the Bill in addition to the Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for making a Canal by the Rivers and Lakes of the Shubenacadie, that they had made several amendments, and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

Report on Bill in addition to Shubenacadie Canal Act

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of An Act to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within the County of Cape Breton, and to fix and establish the times and places for holding of the said Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the said County, without any amendment.

Cape Breton Inferior Court Bill agreed to by the Council

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Bill relating to the Establishment of the Church of England from the Council for concurrence

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to An Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for the better and more effectual establishment of the Church of England, in this Province; to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

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

L.100, to Joseph Webber,

25, for a Bridge at Pugwash,

100, for a Bridge over Annapolis River,

500, for a Road over Ardoice Hills,

750, for a Bridge over the Cornwallis river,

200, for a Bridge over Gaspereau River, by Mount Denson,

50, for a Bridge over Barrington River.

82 3s. to James Shipley,

10, to Jacob Withrow

70, for a Road in Newport

50, for altering Road at Lybhold's Hill, County Lunenburg,

945, for the Post Communication,

30, for the Bridge near Wardrope's,

100, for the Bridge over Bear River,

200, for a Bridge over Wallace River,

248 15s. 2d. for a Bridge over M'Gilvery's Brook,

200, for a Bridge over river St. Croix, leading to Newport,

350, for the Road from Dartmouth to Fletcher's.

Resolutions for granting monies, also

Resolution relating to a Census agreed to by the Council

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of the House, relative to a Census of the population of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Bill relating to Establishment of the Church of England not considered

The said Bill from the Council was read a first time, and it appearing to the House, that this is a Bill for dividing the Parish of St. Paul, and in its consequences generally, and in some of the Clauses directly, leads to imposing assessments on His Majesty's Subjects, resident within the said Parish, which is contrary to the privileges of this House.

Therefore, *resolved*, That the House will not consider the same.

Bill in amendment of Halifax Bridewell Act; also, Bill for dividing the Parish of St Paul, read 1st time

Mr. Uniacke pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of An Act, for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Uniacke pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for dividing the Parish of St. Paul, in the Township of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Committee of Supply report

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's table, where they were read and are as follows:—

Resolved,

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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that in addition to whatsoever sum may remain of the sum of L.1500, granted in the year 1825, for the encouragement of the Southern Whale Fishery, there shall be granted and paid, the sum of L.500, the same to be, with the balance aforesaid, applied in a bounty of L.2 10. per Ton, to the owners of the first two ships, respectively, which shall be owned and fitted out in this Province, and shall cross the equator on Whaling voyages; the said Bounty to be paid on satisfactory proof being given, that the said Vessels respectively have been actually engaged in the prosecution of such Whaling for a period not less than one year, unless previously full. Provided that the Vessel last fitted, shall be only entitled to the balance remaining of the sums appropriated to such bounties, and provided that the first Vessel be fitted out before the last day of the year 1830.

£500 for the Southern Whale Fishery

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two hundred and fifty pounds should be granted and paid, to complete the Kempt Road, so called, from M'Alpine's leading to Halifax.

£250 for the Kempt Road

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 372l. 17s. 2d. should be granted and paid to the Proprietors of the Sugar Refinery, for the drawback on Raw Sugar, consumed in that Manufactory, pursuant to the report of the Committee on their Petition.

£372 17s. 2d. to the Proprietors of the Sugar Refinery

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 82l. 8s. 9d. should be granted and paid to Joseph Austen, being a drawback of two thirds of duties paid on Tobacco, imported and manufactured by him, in the last year.

£82 8s. 9d. to Joseph Austen

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 63l. 4s. 5d. should be granted and paid to Allen M'Donald, being a Drawback of two thirds of Duties paid on Tobacco, imported and manufactured by him in the last year.

£63 4s. 5d. to A M'Donald

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 20l. should be granted and paid to William Hurd, for building an Oat Mill, in the County of Cumberland, pursuant to the resolution of this House, of the 9th day of March, 1824.

£20 to Wm. Hurd

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 30l. should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor, in Halifax, for the support, for this year, of Matthew Naas, a Lunatic in the Asylum, under their charge; and that the said Commissioners be instructed to cancel the bond of Windle Naas, executed to them in the month of November last, without requiring payment thereof.

£30 to the Commissioners of the Poor

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of 40l. 15s. 7d. should be granted and paid to George Wilson, being a Drawback of two thirds of Duty paid on Tobacco, imported and manufactured by him in the last year.

£40 15s. 7d. to G. Wilson

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

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon, Mr. J. Morton moved, that the Resolution for granting L.500, for the Whale Fishery, be not agreed to by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eight; against it, twenty-six. So it passed in the Negative.

The said Resolutions were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

MONDAY,

MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1827.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council do agree to the Conference, as desired by the House.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this Conference; and that they do state to the Committee of the Council on the Conference, that this House cannot consider the suggestions of the Council, relative to the said Bill.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

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

L.377 8s. 11d. to defray certain accounts per Abstract,

799 12s. 6d. to do for Horses,

315 to John Howe & Son,

3 10s. to each of the Clerks of the Peace,

194 4s. to the Commissioners of Province Buildings,

30 to Clement Belcher,

40 10s. William Duffus,

10 to William Hill,

10 to William Fraser.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, in addition to the Act passed in the second year of His late Majesty's Reign, for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the assize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act, for regulating the Expenditure of Monies, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Bill for dividing the Parish of Saint Paul, in the Township of Halifax; and also, A Bill in amendment of an Act, for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction; for the County of Halifax, were severally read a second time.

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

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Fairbanks be the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges, in the room of Nathaniel W. White, whose seat has been vacated.

Mr. Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors: and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee, to whom the petition of the heirs of the late Jacob Shaffroth was referred; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows: that

Further Conference with the Council on the Fishery Bill

Resolutions for granting Monies agreed to by the Council

Bill relating to the Act for the exportation of Fish &c agreed to by the Council

Bill relating to expenditure of Monies on Roads with an amendment

Bill to revive Acts relating to licensed houses, read 1st time

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THAT the Committee are satisfied, from the examination of persons before them, that the sum of ninety pounds, allowed as a compensation for the New Road called the Kempt Road, passing through their Land, will not enable the said heirs to put up Stone Fences, to enclose the line of the said Road; but as the above sum was awarded by a Jury, in the manner prescribed by Law, they leave it to the consideration of the House, how far they can interfere without opening a door for similar claims.

The Committee have had also under their review, the other prayer of the petition, in reference to the Petitioners obtaining possession of the original roads marked on the plan of the Peninsula, as an equivalent for the land granted by, or taken from, the late Mr. Jacobs, to form the Road known as Lady Hamond's Road, and which was done many years ago; and on this the Committee beg leave to state, for the consideration of the House, that they cannot recommend an absolute conveyance, by a Law, of the said Road, as it would mar the original Plan; but they would recommend that the Commissioners of the Streets and Highways for the Town of Halifax, be instructed to allow the heirs of the said Jacob Shaffroth, the use of the said Road passing through their Farm, and liberty to enclose it at both ends, so as to exclude Cattle, &c. in the same way and manner in which the said Commissioners have granted like indulgence to others, where the said Roads are not immediately needed by the Public, and under the express reservation, that, whenever the improvements of the Peninsula shall require the said Road to be thrown open, this temporary or provisional possession of it, shall not be pleaded in bar of the Public asserting their rights.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said report and the petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report of Committee on the Petition of the Heirs of Jacob Shaffroth

Referred to the Committee of Supply

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table; where they were read, and are as follows:

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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Sum of seventy-five pounds, should be granted to the Revd. William Forsyth, Teacher of the Grammar School at Cornwallis; to be paid at the end of the current year; if it shall then appear, by the Certificate of two or more of the first Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, for King's County, or any Judge of the Supreme Court, that he has kept up said School during the present year.

75l. to the Rev Wm. Forsyth

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of four hundred pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for paying off in part the debts due by the Pictou Academy; and for supporting and conducting that Institution for the present year, in such manner as his Excellency may please to direct.

400l. for the Pictou Academy

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of twenty pounds should be granted and paid to Jesse Lewis, Esquire, of Parrsborough; he having expended that sum over and above the vote of the Assembly last year, on a certain road in Parrsborough, through a mistake in filling up his Commission at the Provincial Secretary's Office.

20l. for Jesse Lewis

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifty pounds should be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be applied by him in the erection of a suitable Building, for a residence of a Teacher; and for a School House

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- 50l. for a School at Freston
 To use for the Black Inhabitants at Freston. The said sum to be drawn whenever the sum of one hundred pounds shall be provided for that purpose, by subscription or otherwise; and when it shall be certified to His Excellency, that a competent provision is made for the Teacher of said school.
- 25l. to Samuel Forbes
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of twenty-five pounds should be granted and paid to Samuel Forbes, of Truro, to enable him to keep up the Ferry across the Shubenacadie River, at the Black Rock; and to construct safe and commodious boats.
- 100l. for Port Metway bridge
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one hundred pounds should be granted and paid, to assist the Inhabitants of Queen's County, to repair the bridge over the River Port Metway, at Mill's Village, on the main post road, leading from Liverpool to Halifax.
- 100 l. for road from Horton to Sherbrooke
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds, should be granted, to improve the new Great Road, leading from Horton to Sherbrooke,—Fifty Pounds thereof to be expended on said Road, from the Nictau Road on Beech Hill, to the Gaspereau River, and the remaining fifty pounds, from thence towards the Sherbrooke Settlement, to the point of its intersection, by the Annapolis road.
- 20l. for a bridge over McElmon's river
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty Pounds, should be granted and paid to build a Bridge over McElmon's River, in the Township of Londonderry, on the post road to Wallace.
- 50l. for altering road near Tanner's Hill, Windsor
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty Pounds, should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable him to effect the alteration of the Post Road, between the Three Mile Plains and the Town Plot of Windsor, so as to avoid the Tanner's Hill.
- 75l. for altering road near Dickey's Hill, Falmouth
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of seventy-five pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to alter and improve the lower Road leading from Mount Denson towards Horton, to avoid Dickey's Hill, so called.
- 200l. Bridewell, Halifax
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Bridewell, in the Town of Halifax, to aid in paying the debts, and for the support of that establishment.
- 166l. 14s. 7½d. to Iron Mining Company Annapolis
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Seven Pence halfpenny, should be granted and paid to the Annapolis Iron Mining Company; being a Drawback of Duties paid by them on Machinery, by them imported, from the United States, for the use of their own establishment.
- 50l. for a Bridge over Doctor's brook
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds should be granted and paid to erect a Bridge over the Doctor's Brook, so called, on the main road from Pictou to Cape Breton.
- 50l. for Five Mile River bridge, Douglas
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifty pounds should be granted and paid to secure the foundation of the north abutment of the Five Mile River Bridge, and to improve the main road from the mouth of Shubenacadie, to the Bridge near Wardrop's, in the Township of Douglas.
- £3 14s 10d. to H. Y. Mott
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of eight pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence, should be granted and paid to Henry Y. Mott, being the amount by him over expended on a road, in consequence of a mistake in his warrant.
- 200l. to alter road near Mount Uniacke
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of two hundred pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to alter and improve the great western road, so as to avoid the Hill at Mount Uniacke.

Resolved

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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty pounds should be granted and paid, in addition to twenty pounds taken out of the road appropriation, for the purpose of repairing the bridge over the head of the Racket Cove, near Digby; said bridge having been carried away, by the great flood in December last. The roads leading to the Light House; New Scotland Mountain, and Broad Cove Settlements, passing over the same.

20l for a bridge
at Racket Cove
Digby

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of six pounds ten shillings, should be granted and paid to Levi Stevens, being the balance due to him, of the sum of fifty pounds, expended by him as a Commissioner, on the road leading from John Ryndress's, through the Settlement towards Tatamagushe, in the County of Cumberland; the said Levi Stevens having expended the sum of L. 50, and having only received the sum of L. 43 10s. as appears by his Petition and Affidavits thereupon.

6l. 10s. to
Levi Stevens

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of fifty pounds should be granted and placed in the hands of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of purchasing Provisions, to be placed on the Great Seal Island, in the County of Shelburne, for the relief of Shipwrecked Mariners.

50l. for Ship-
wrecked Mari-
ners

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds, should be granted and paid to improve the Great Road, between Chester and Windsor.

100 for Road
from Chester to
Windsor

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one hundred pounds, should be granted and paid for the improvement of the Road from the Nine Mile River Bridge to the head of St. Margaret's Bay, in addition to the sum already appropriated.

100l for road
to Margaret's
Bay

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two hundred pounds, should be granted and paid for extending Arisaig Pier, by the addition of another Block, and more effectually securing the whole Building.

200l for Ari-
saig Pier

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of thirty-nine pounds, fourteen shillings and nine pence, should be granted and paid to William M. Allen, being the amount of Duties paid by him, on 264 barrels of Meal, five barrels and twelve half barrels of Flour, which were consumed by Fire, at Miramichi, on the night of the 7th October, 1825.

39l. 14s. 9d.
to Wm. M.
Allen

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of five hundred pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of erecting a Light House, on Cross Island, at the entrance of the Harbour of Lunenburg.

500l for a
Light House
at Cross Island,
Lunenburg

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred and ninety-two pounds, seven shillings and three pence, should be granted and paid to James Tremain, being the amount of Duties paid by him, on Foreign Grain, manufactured at his Mills, into Flour and Meal, as appears by his Petition, and the Report of the Committee thereon.

192l. 7s. to
James Tremain

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty pounds, should be granted and paid to Joseph Dimock, of Chester, as a remuneration to him, for damage sustained by the running of a new public Highway through his Land.

20l to Joseph
Dimock

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty-five pounds, should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable him to ascertain, by Survey and Estimate, the practicability of opening a Water Communication between what is called Black Brook Lake, on the Chester Road, and the south branch of Avon River, in the County of Hants.

25l for com-
munication at
Black Brook
River Avon

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

The

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Division of
the House
thereon

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon, Mr. Dimock moved, that the Resolution for granting 75l. to the Rev. Mr. Forsyth, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen ; against it, fourteen. So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote for the motion, and it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Stewart moved, that the Resolution for granting 192l. 7s. 3d. to James Tremain, be not received by the House : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen ; against it, eighteen.

For the motion,

Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Oaley,
Mr. Starr,	Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Hower,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. J. Morton,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf.
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Wier,	
Mr. Freeman,	
Mr. R. Smith,	

Against the motion,

Mr. Barss,	Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Shey,	Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Morse,	Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Ruggles,	Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Crow,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Fairbanks,	Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Barry,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. J. E. Morton,	Mr. Rudolf,

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions, as passed in the Committee, except the one in favor of the Rev. Mr. Forsyth, were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

TUESDAY, 10th APRIL, 1827.

PRAYERS

Committee to
search Jour-
nals of the
Council rela-
tive to Avon
Bridge Bill

On Motion of Mr. B. Dewolf, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to search the Journals of His Majesty's Council, to ascertain what has been done by the Council, upon the subject of the Bill for incorporating a Company to erect a Bridge over the River Avon ; and also, on the Bill relating to Common Fields, and to report the same to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Dill, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Bill to revive
Acts relating to
licensed houses
read 2d time

A Bill to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue, to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public Houses and Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors, was read a second time.

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

Committee re-
lative to plans
in possession
of the Surveyor
General

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to inspect the Plans referred to in the Petition of the Honorable Charles Morris, Surveyor-General, now before the House, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Freeman be a Committee for the above purpose.

50l. granted in
the last Session,
for the Revd.
P. Vincent, to
be paid to Rev.
Mr. Lawlor

On motion of Mr. Uniacke, *resolved*, that the sum of fifty pounds, which, during the last Session, was placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to encourage the Rev. Pere Vincent, in educating and taking care of the Indians and their families, and which remains undrawn, be paid to the Rev. Mr. Lawlor, under the direction of his Excellency.

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A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, the Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates, with amendments ; to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

Bill relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, with amendments

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments, and the same were read throughout a first time ; and thereupon.

Resolved, That the amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolution thereon

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the Bill relating to Common Fields.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, with amendments ; to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

Fishery Bill from the Council, with amendments

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Harris, Mr. Shey and Mr. Oxley, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Harris reported that the managers had been at the Conference ; and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Conference with the Council, on the Bill relating to Common Fields

On motion, the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, were read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House cannot consider the said amendments : and do adhere to the Bill, as sent up to the Council for concurrence.

Amendments to the Fishery Bill, not considered ; and Bill adhered to, and returned to the Council

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill, with the amendments, back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds, granted in aid of the Inhabitants of Wallace, in the County of Cumberland, at the last Session, in erecting a Bridge over the Wallace River, formerly called Remshag River, be forthwith paid ; it appearing to the House, that the sum of L306 19 2 has been already expended upon the said Bridge.

200l granted for Bridge over Wallace river, to be paid

Ordered, That the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Shey moved for leave to bring in a Bill for imposing a Duty on Plaister of Paris, exported from the County of Hants, in order to raise a Fund towards building a Bridge over the river Avon ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty four ; against it, eight.

Division of the House on motion relative to a duty on Plaster Paris

For the motion.

Mr. Wier,
Mr. M'Kinnon,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Barrs,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Dill,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Young,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Jniacke,
Mr. Starr,

Against the motion.

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Oxley,

So it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon.

Mr.

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Bill imposing
a duty on Plaister
of Paris read
1st time

Mr. Shey, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for imposing a Duty on Plaister of Paris, exported from the County of Hants; and the same was read a first time.
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Committee
Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Ruggles took the chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Acts for the regulation of the Militia. The Bill to alter an Act passed in the 6th year of His Majesty's Reign, concerning Schools. The Bill in addition to the Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for making a Canal by the River and Lakes of the Chubencadie. And also, the Bill to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty upon persons hereafter to be licensed, &c.; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House, without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill in amendment of the Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax. And also, the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace in the Town of Halifax, to borrow money on the credit of the Town, for erecting a suitable Stone Building, as a Magazine for the reception of all Gunpowder imported and brought into Halifax, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with their amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

The amendments to the Bill in amendment of the Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, was read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The amendments to the Bill relating to the erection of a Building for the reception of all Gunpowder, imported or brought into Halifax, were severally read a first and second time; and thereupon,

Division of the
House on a
amendment re-
ported to the
Gunpowder
Magazine Bill

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the amendment which enacts, that the sum of 1801. should be paid from the Treasury of the Province, in aid towards erecting the said Magazine, be not received by the House: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen; against it, nineteen.

For the motion.

Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Bishop,	Mr. Morse,
Mr. J. Moulton,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Heckman,	
Mr. Shey,	
Jr. Harris,	
Mr. Freeman,	
Mr. B. Dewolf,	
Mr. Redburn,	

Against the motion.

Mr. McKinnon,	Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Kavanagh,	Mr. Starr,
Mr. Barrs,	Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Crew,	Mr. Barry,
Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Murdoch,	Mr. J. E. Moulton,
Mr. Uniacke,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Dill,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Homer,	

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

The said amendments were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Ordered,

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Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendments, be engrossed.

A Petition of Charles Tupper, the Pastor, and others, Members of the Baptist Church at Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Oxley and read, praying that Clergymen of Congregations, professing either the Presbyterian, or the regular Calvinistic Baptist Form of Christian Worship, may be allowed to perform the Marriage Ceremony by License; and that Trustees, to be chosen by those Congregations, may be incorporated for certain purposes.

Petition of Members of Baptist Church at Amherst

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Order thereon

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

WEDNESDAY, 11th APRIL, 1827.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to Order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House, a Scale of the subdivision of Eleven Hundred Pounds, appropriated for the service of Cross Roads and Bridges, to each of the Eleven Counties and Districts in Nova-Scotia, viz.

Scale of Division of £1100 appropriated for cross roads & bridges, viz.

- Mr. Lawson, for the District of Halifax.
- Mr. Crow, for the District of Colchester.
- Mr. Hartshorne, for the District of Pictou.
- Mr. Stewart, for the County of Cumberland.
- Mr. B. Dewolf, for the County of Hants.
- Mr. Bishop, for the County of King's County.
- Mr. Young, for the County of Sydney.
- Mr. McKinnon, for the County of Shelburne.
- Mr. Roach, for the County of Annapolis.
- Mr. Rudolf, for the County of Lunenburg.
- Mr. Barss, for the County of Queen's County.

And the House having taken the same into consideration; thereupon,

Resolved, That the sum of £100, appropriated for the service of the Cross Roads and Bridges in the District of Halifax, be applied as follows:

For the road from Beaver Bank road to Windsor road, on the County line	£5 0 0	
For the road from Truro road, beyond Fletcher's, along the west side of the Great Lake, to Hants' County line	10 0 0	
For the road from Porter's Lake Road, down the west side of the Lake, to the Mills	5 0 0	
For the road from Porter's Lake Bridge, to the head of Chizencook harbour, and towards Musquedoboit	10 0 0	District of Halifax, £100
For the road from Moore's, at Gay's River, to Johnson Calbeck's	10 0 0	
To improve the road from William Logan's, on Gay's River Road, to the new road from Dartmouth to Musquedoboit	40 0 0	
For the road from Spryfield to Ketch Harbour, and thence to Sambro	5 0 0	
For the road from Woodin's bridge, down the east side of Margaret's Bay, towards Peggy's cove	5 0 0	
From Woodin's bridge up the east side of the Bay	5 0 0	
For the road from the Forks of the Prospect and Margaret's Bay road, towards Prospect	5 0 0	

Resolved, That the sum of £100, appropriated for the service of Cross Roads and Bridges in the District of Colchester, be applied as follows, viz.

To assist the Inhabitants to build a Bridge over Green's Creek, on the east side of the Shubenacadie River	£25 0 0	
To repair the Upper Salmon River Bridge in Truro, and the road from thence to Joes' Hill, so called	10 0 0	
From the Halifax Road by Polly's, to Brookfield	5 0 0	
For the road from Crow's Mills to the lower village of Truro	5 0 0	
For the road from the back settlement in Truro, to William Halstead's Farm	5 0 0	District of Colchester £100
For the road from Economy towards River Philip	5 0 0	
For the road from William Morrison's to Francis Fulton's, by Davison's	5 0 0	
For the road from William Morrison's to Remsheg Road	5 0 0	
For the road from Remsheg road towards Stevens'	5 0 0	

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For the road from John Graham's to Totten's	£5 0 0
To secure the road near Oliver Blair's in Onslow	8 0 0
For the road from Blair's Mill to Joseph Lynd's Mill	5 0 0
For the road from Blair's Mill to Luke Upham's	8 0 0
For the road from William Blair's to Robert Upham's	4 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.100, granted for the service of Cross Roads and Bridges in the District of Pictou, be applied as follows, viz.

District of Pictou £100	For the road from David M'Lean's past Donald Shaw's to the Lake East River	£7 10 0
	For the road from Andrew Anderson's to New Glasgow	7 10 0
	For the road from David M'Lean's to Alexander Grant's	7 10 0
	For the road from Alexander M'Kay's on the new road to Cape John, past George Young's	10 0 0
	For the road from David Lowden's towards Carriboo	12 10 0
	For the road from New Larig towards Stewiacke	25 0 0
	For the road from the lower to the upper west river bridge on the road past Donald Fraser's	10 0 0
	For the road from Duncan M'Kenzie's to James Ross' up Barney's River	10 0 0
	For the road from M'Lennan's Mountain to the head of the tide	10 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.100, appropriated for the service of Cross Roads and Bridges, in the County of Lunenburg, be applied as follows, viz.

County of Lunenburg £100	On the road from clear lands to Ernst's and Borgene's Mill	£10 0 0
	On the road from Leonard Selbors', to Lahave River	15 0 0
	On the road from the Sandy Hollow, to Martin's brook	15 0 0
	On the road from John Wentzell's to George Krouse's	10 0 0
	On the road from Krouse's Mills to New Italy, and outwards	15 0 0
	On the road from Pleasant River Road to Chelsea Settlement	10 0 0
	On the road from Blandford towards the Halifax Road	10 0 0
	On the road from Windsor Road to George Colicut's Farm	7 10 0
	On the road from Windsor Road to Millet's Farm	7 10 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.100, appropriated for the service of Cross Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows, viz.

County of Annapolis £100	For the Nictaur Great Bridge at Falls	£50 0 0
	For the Racket Bridge near Digby	20 0 0
	For the Cross road near Chute's Cove	10 0 0
	For the Causeway and Bridge at Allen's River, in rear of the Court House at Annapolis, in addition to other £10 already provided, as recommended	10 0 0
	For the Grass Cock Bridge, in Clare	10 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.100, granted for the Cross Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows, viz.

County of Cumberland £100	For a Bridge over Goose River	£5 0 0
	From Amherst to Goose River; 10l. thereof to be expended in cutting out the road from Goose River to Black Ferry, so called, in addition to 90l. already granted	15 0 0
	For the Leicester Road, in addition to 20l. already granted	10 0 0
	For the road leading from the Cumberland Road to New Canaan	10 0 0
	For building a Bridge on the Road leading from River Philip to Wallace, burnt last Summer, by accident, and immediately rebuilt by order of the Members of the County, to be paid upon order of the said members	5 0 0
	From the road leading from River Philip to Wallace near C. King's, to the road leading from Forshner's to Pugwash	5 0 0
	From Leicester Road to the mouth of River Philip	10 0 0
	For improving the road from E. Piers' to A. Forshner's Junr. 10l. of which to be expended from P. Angevine's to John Angevine's	20 0 0
	From A. Forshner's Junr. to Pugwash	10 0 0
	From River Philip to Bass River, in addition to 15l. already granted	5 0 0
	From River Philip to Macan, in addition to 25l. already granted	5 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.100, granted for the service of Cross Roads and Bridges in Queen's County, be applied as follows, viz.

Queen's County £100	For the road from Port Medway to Herring Cove	£25 0 0
	For the road from Brookfield to Westfield	10 0 0
	For the road from Annapolis road to Kempton's meadow	10 0 0
	For the road from the Falls to Heta's	10 0 0
	For the road from Beach Hill to Hunt's point	10 0 0
	For the road from Blue berry to Port Medway road	10 0 0
	For the road from Port Jolly to Catherine River	10 0 0

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For the road from Port Mutton road to Tupper's Hill 15 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of **L.100**, granted for the Service of Cross Roads and Bridges, in the County of King's County, be appropriated as follows, viz :

For the road through the settlement on the Bluff Shore	£5 0 0	
For the road from J. Follets past Jarvis's, to Cogswell's Mill	5 0 0	
For the road from Alexander Duncan's, up the south mountain, to the Roger's farm	2 10 0	
For the road from Elijah Bishop's, north side of Gaspereau River, to Jackson's, in Canaan	5 0 0	
For the road from Daniel Coaldwell's, through the settlement by Cleaveland's to the Roger's farm	7 10 0	King's County
For the road from Jonathan Allen's past Michael Davison's, towards Nathan Davison's	5 0 0	£100
To make a road over the big rock, so called	10 0 0	
To repair a Bridge on the main Road, near William Dewolf's	5 0 0	
To the public Road in front of James Allison's, Esq.	15 0 0	
For the Turner point road, western part of Cornwallis	12 10 0	
For the road from Robert Parker's to Aylesford line	7 10 0	
Between the Canaan Road, in Aylesford Township, and the back settlement of Lunenburg County	10 0 0	
For the road from William Morton's in Aylesford, East on the main road, to the Cornwallis River line	10 0 0	

Resolved, That the sum of **L.100**, granted for the service of Cross Roads and Bridges, in the County of Hants, be applied as follows, viz :

For the road from Barbric's Bridge, to the five mile river bridge, including the Bridge	£30 0 0	
To repair Kenetcook Bridge, in Newport	15 0 0	
To repair Cockmagun Bridge, in Newport	15 0 0	County of
To improve the Road from Francis Salter's towards Petit	10 0 0	Hants £100
To alter and improve the post road leading to the Town of Windsor, so as to avoid the Tanner's Hill; in addition to a sum of Twenty pounds, formerly granted, and undrawn from the Treasury, improve the road from the Lime Spring in Windsor	20 0 0	
For the road from Cannavan's in Rawdon	6 0 0	
For the Bridge over a vault on the Road leading from the Horton Road, by M'Learn's Mill, to Fal-mouth Ferry	4 0 0	

Resolved, That the sum of **L.100**, appropriated for the Service of Cross Roads and Bridges, in the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows, viz :

From Richard Wall's to Little Harbour	£10 0 0	
From Neil Craig's, Sable River, to John M'Donald's Senior, Port Hebert	10 0 0	
From Richard Wall's to John Craig's	£5 0 0	
From John Craig's to Peter Spearwater's	5 0 0	County of Shelburne
On the Bridge at Goose Creek in Barrington	10 0 0	£100
On the Bridge at Sherves' Island	10 0 0	
From Simon Dentremon's to Walter Larkin's	12 10 0	
On the bridge and road at Frost Fish Brook	12 10 0	
From Elias Trask's south line, on the west side of Fourth Pond to Lake George	10 0 0	
From Tusket Bridge to Job Reynard's	10 0 0	
On the Bridge at the Narrows, above the first Pond	5 0 0	

Resolved, That the sum of **L.100**, granted for the service of Cross Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney, be appropriated as follows, viz.

To aid the Inhabitants of Pomket to build a bridge from Shallop point to the beach	£12 10 0	
To aid the Inhabitants of Addington and Ohio Settlement, in building a Bridge over the River near Miller's, on the Ohio road	15 0 0	
To repair the Cross Roads from the main road, leading to Guysborough, above David M'Keen's, towards Alex. Archibald's, in St. Mary's	7 10 0	County of Sydney
For the new road and bridges from Morris's Mill, Country Harbour, to the Guysborough road	7 10 0	£100
For the road and bridges from George Irish's Farm, towards Addington	10 0 0	
For the road from Anderson's, at the Intervale, towards Guysborough	20 0 0	
For the roads and bridges through Little Tracadie and Harbour a Buchie, towards the Gut of Canso	10 0 0	
For the road from the Rear Settlement of Tracadie, to Manchester Intervale	5 0 0	
To aid the Inhabitants settled between Country Harbour Lakes and College Lakes, in opening a road towards Donald Henderson's	5 0 0	
On the Cross Roads from the back Settlement of Knoydart, towards the North Grant	7 10 0	

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

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee, appointed to inspect the Plans referred to in the Petition of the Honorable Charles Morris, the Surveyor-General; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon,

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

An engrossed Bill, to continue the Acts for the regulation of the Militia, was read a third time.

Bill to continue
Militia Acts

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of the Militia.

Bill to alter
Act concerning
Schools

An engrossed Bill, to alter an Act, passed in the 6th year of His Majesty's Reign, concerning Schools, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter an Act, passed in the sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act concerning Schools.

An engrossed Bill, in amendment of an Act, for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, &c. was read a third time.

Bill in amend-
ment of Halifax
Bridewell Act

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and for the better and more effectual administration of the office of a Justice of the Peace, in the Township of Halifax; and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

An engrossed Bill, to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed, &c. was read a third time.

Bill to revive
Acts relating
to Licensed
Houses

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

An engrossed Bill, to authorise the Justices of the Peace, in the Town of Halifax, to borrow Money, on the credit of the Town, for erecting a suitable Stone Building, for the reception of all Gunpowder, imported and brought into Halifax, was read a third time.

Bill for erec-
ting a Build-
ing at Halifax
for reception of
Gunpowder
and also.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace, in the Town of Halifax, to borrow Money, on the credit of the Town, for erecting a suitable Stone Building, as a Magazine, for the reception of all Gunpowder, imported and brought into Halifax, and to compel the Importers thereof, to deposit the same in the Magazine.

An engrossed Bill, in addition to the Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for making a Canal, by the River and Lakes of the Shubenacadie, was read a third time.

Bill in addition
to Shubenaca-
die Canal Act,
read 3d time,
and passed

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to the Act, entitled, An Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company, for making a Canal, by the River and Lakes of the Shubenacadie.

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

Committee ap-
pointed to wait
upon Lieuten-
ant Governor,
relative to
the future
meeting of
the House in
Session

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and that the said Committee, be instructed to inform His Excellency, that if it should meet his Excellency's approbation, and be consistent with his convenience and the public service, it would be agreeable to this House, at its ensuing Sessions, to be called together at an earlier period of the year, than has been usual of late years.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Uniacke, and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Barry, *resolved*, that the sum of 30l. being a balance of 50l. granted by

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by this House, in the year 1825, for clearing out the Roseway or Shelburne River, which balance remains at present undrawn from the Treasury, be appropriated and expended in the manner following, viz.

L.20, for the Road leading from Shelburne to Warrington.

10, for the Road from Charles Bower's to the upper end of Long Island.

Resolution for appropriation of £20 granted in the year 1825 for Clearing out the Shelburne River

L.30

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act, for regulating the expenditure of monies, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the same were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Amendments from the Council to the Bill relating to expenditure of Monies on Roads agreed to

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments, and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

On motion, the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, &c. were read throughout a second time; and the House having considered the same; thereupon,

Amendments from the Council relating to Wills &c. not agreed to, and House adhere to the Bill as sent up for Concurrence

Mr. Stewart moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as follows, viz.

Resolved, That this House do not agree to the said amendments, but adhere to their Bill as sent up for concurrence: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty; against it, six; so it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Common Fields, without any amendment.

Bill relating to Common Fields agreed to by the Council

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to Highways, Roads &c. with several amendments; to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

Bill relating to Highways with amendments

The Council request a conference by Committee on the subject of the Bill, relating to the Shubenacadie Canal.

Conference with the Council on Bill relating to Shubenacadie Canal

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Stewart do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

House in Committee on Bills

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The

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Report

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to extend to Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, the several provisions of the Act relating to the Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places. The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of, and in addition to an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate Juries. The Bill to continue the Acts now in force, relating to Trespasses : and also, the Bill for dividing the Parish of St. Paul, in the Township of Halifax ; and that the Committee had directed him, to report the said Bills to the House, without any amendment.

That the Committee had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and in amendment of an Act, passed in the 32d year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the 2d, entitled, An Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship in this Province, &c. and had made several amendments to the said Bill, which the Committee had directed him, to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

Ordered, That the Amendments be engrossed.

Resolved, That the Bill with the Amendments, and also, the engrossed Bill from the Council, relating to Juries, be read a third time.

Ordered, That the several Bills passed without amendment in the Committee, be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Committee of
Supply Report

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred ; and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table ; where they were read, and are as follow :

£12 10s for
the School in
the Poor House

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twelve pounds, ten shillings, should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, to enable them to continue the School in the Poor House, for the present year, for the benefit of Orphans and Poor Children in that Establishment.

£500 for Ca-
sualties on the
great Roads

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of five hundred pounds, in addition to the sum undrawn from the Treasury, of the grant of last year, be granted and applied in the usual manner, to the repair of Bridges, and removing obstructions to travelling on the main Roads in the Province, for the present year.

& 50 for pro-
tection of
Fishery at Fox
Island

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of fifty pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of enabling His Excellency to adopt such measures as he may deem expedient, to prevent a recurrence of the Outrages, which have been committed at the Fall Mackerel Fishery, carried on at Fox Island and Waterloo Main, in Chedebucto-Bay.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds, should

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should be granted and paid, to enable the Inhabitants of Yarmouth to make a permanent Stone Bridge across the River, at the head of Cape Forchu Harbour; the Bridge which now connects the east and west side of said Harbour, being out of repair, and too narrow for public convenience.

£100 for a Stone Bridge at Yarmouth

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty four pounds, fifteen shillings, should be granted and paid to Gideon S. Harrington, to enable him to extend his manufactories for carding, fulling and dyeing, at Kentville, in King's County, by adding thereto a cold Indigo Dye Vat, for dyeing Cloth a permanent blue; said sum to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be sufficiently certified that such Vat is completed and prepared for dyeing at an expense of not less than fifty pounds.

£24 15s. to Gideon S. Harrington

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of fifteen pounds, should be granted and paid to aid the Inhabitants settled on the Bluff Shore, in Horton, to build a Bridge on the new Road leading through that Settlement.

£50 for a Bridge at Horton Bluff

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of fifteen pounds, should be granted to obtain a Survey of a Road from Sambro, through Prospect and Dover, till it meets the present Road, at Peggy's Cove; said sum to be at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for that purpose.

£15 for survey of Roads from Sambro

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of thirty-three pounds eleven shillings and four pence, should be paid to John Ferguson, being for duties paid by him at the Custom House, upon Foreign Cocoa, manufactured by him into Chocolate, at his Manufactory at Halifax.

£33 11s. 4d to John Ferguson

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of sixty-four pounds should be granted and paid to Richard Tremain, being the amount of duties paid by him on Foreign Indian Corn, manufactured into Meal at his Mill, as appears by his Petition and the Report of the Committee thereon.

£44 to Richard Tremain

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty pounds should be granted and paid to Oliver Fuller and Richard Moore, as a Bounty for the erection by them, of a hulling Mill, for Oats and Barley, in Horton.

£20 to Oliver Fuller and Richard Moore

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of fifty pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable him, if he shall think proper, to effect the alteration of the Road at Fulton's and Woodman's Hills, on the Road to Lake Porter, as laid out by the Jury.

£50 for alteration of Road towards Lake Porter

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one thousand pounds, should be granted and paid to the Honorable Charles Morris, Surveyor General, for the purchase of the Plans and Maps, and all Records and Documents in his Office, which are his private Property: The said sum not be paid until a regular Schedule be made, and lodged by him in the Secretary's Office, of all the Plans, Maps and Documents, remaining in his Office, or belonging thereto, together with such conveyance of the same, for the use of the Province, as his Excellency may direct to be executed; and which said sum shall be paid by Annual payments of two hundred pounds yearly, and such Plans and Documents to remain in the care and keeping of the said Surveyor General, for the benefit of the Public.

£1000 to the Honourable Charles Morris Surveyor General

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds, should be granted and paid to repair the main road from Liverpool to Annapolis County Line, on the Road to Nictaur, in addition to the sums already granted for that purpose.

£100 for the Road from Liverpool to Annapolis

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

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

Mr. Barry moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of 100l. for a Bridge at Yarmouth, be not received by the House which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr.

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Divisions of the House on several Resolutions

Mr. Ruggles moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of 24l. 15s. to G. W. Harrington, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve; against it, nineteen; So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Dimock moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of 64l. to Richard Tremain, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Dimock moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of 1000l. to the Honorable Charles Morris, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nine; against it, twenty-three.

For the motion.

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Starr,
Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Wier,

Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Stewart,

Against the motion.

Mr. Dill,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Homer,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Crow,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Barry,

Mr. Poole,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Morse,

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions, as passed in the Committee, were upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

On motion, resolved, that this House, will not, during the present Session, grant any further sum of money for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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

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PRAYERS.

Bill from the Council in Amendment of Act to regulate Juries

An engrosed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act, in amendment of, and in addition to an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate Juries, was read a third time; and thereupon, Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the said Bill, without any amendment.

Bill for dividing the Parish of St. Paul and

An engrosed Bill for dividing the Parish of St. Paul, in the Township of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for dividing the Parish of St. Paul, in the Township of Halifax.

Bill relating to Bridge Town, read 3d time & passed

An engrosed Bill to extend to Bridge Town, in the County of Annapolis, the Provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend to Bridge Town, in the County of Annapolis, the Provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

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

Resolution relative to Millers & other Manufacturers

On motion, resolved, that this House do not consider themselves pledged to afford relief during the ensuing Session, to Millers, and other Manufacturers, from Foreign Duties, on articles subject to the same now, or hereafter to be imported.

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A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to twenty eight Resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz:—

- L 50 for Liverpool Harbour
- 75 for River Antigonishe
- 25 New Harbour Sydney
- 500 for Whale Fishery
- 250 for Kempt Road
- 20 to William Hurd
- 30 for Commissioners of the Poor,
- 400 for Pictou Academy
- 20 to Jesse Lewis
- 50 for School House, Preston
- 25 to Samuel Forbes
- 100 for Port Medway Bridge
- 100 for Sherbrooke Road
- 20 for Bridge M^cElmon's River
- 50 for Altering Road near Tanner's Hill
- 75 Do Do near Dickie's
- 200 for Bridewell Establishment
- 150 for Bridge over Doctors Brock
- 50 for Five Mile River Bridge
- 8 14s. 10d. to Henry Y. Mott
- 200 for road near Mount Uniacke
- 20 for Bridge at Racket Cove, Digby
- 6 10s. to Levi Stevens
- 50 for Shipwrecked Mariners
- 100 for the road from Chester to Windsor
- 100 for the road to Margaret's Bay
- 200 for Arisag Pier
- 39 14s. 9d. to Wm. M. Allen

The Council have agreed to eleven Resolutions of this House, for specifically applying L.1100 for Cross Roads in certain Counties and Districts.

The Council have not agreed to nine Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums, viz.

- L372 17 2 to the Proprietors of the Sugar Refinery.
- 82 8 9 to Joseph Austen
- 40 15 7 to George Wilson
- 63 4 5 to Allen M^cDonald.
- 166 14 7¹/₂ for Iron Mining Company
- 25 0 0 for a Communication from Black Brook to River Avon
- 500 0 0 for Light-House, Cross Island
- 192 7 0 to James Tremain
- 20 0 0 to Joseph Dimock.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the several Resolutions for granting Sums, viz: For clearing out the Brook from Ten Mile Lake; For clearing out the brook from Beaver Lake, in the County of Queen's County; and for clearing out Little River, in the Township of Digby.

Resolutions for
granting monies
agreed to by
the Council

Resolutions for
granting monies
not agreed to
by the Council

And

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Conference with the Council on subject of Resolutions for granting monies

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Barss, Mr. J. E. Morton and Mr. J. R. Dewolf do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Barss reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Committee Report relative to the time of the future meeting of the House in Session

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the future meeting of the Assembly, that the Committee had, pursuant to Order, waited upon His Excellency, and delivered to him a Copy of the Resolution; and that his Excellency was pleased to say to the Committee, that he would comply with the wishes of the House, as far as may be in his power.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Council agree to Bill for erecting a Building for reception of Gunpowder

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace in the Town of Halifax, to borrow money on the credit of the Town, for erecting a suitable Stone Building, as a Magazine for the reception of all Gunpowder, imported and brought into Halifax, and to compel the Importers thereof, to deposit the same in the Magazine.

Bill to continue Militia, Act

Also, a Bill to continue the Acts for the regulation of the Militia.

Bill regulating expenditure of monies on roads

Also, a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the expenditure of Monies, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Bill in amendment of Halifax Bridewell Act

Also, a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax; and for the better and more effectual administration of the Office of a Justice of the Peace, in the Township of Halifax; and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same: and also,

Bill to revive Acts relating to licensed Houses, and also

A Bill entitled, An Act to revive and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors, severally without any amendment.

Resolution for granting £35 for little River, Digby

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 35*l.* for clearing out little River, Digby.

Bill relating to Wills &c. not agreed to by the Council

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

Bill relating to the administration of justice from the Council, read 1st time

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act for the further provision for the equal Administration of Justice, in the Province of Nova-Scotia; to which Bill, they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolution in answer to Messages and communications to the House by his Excellency the Lt. Governor

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in relation to the several Messages and Recommendations by him transmitted to this House, during the present Session, and not previously answered; and do thereupon respectively make to his Excellency the following communications of the proceedings of the House thereon, viz.

That

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That on reference to the Horses imported, and the expenses attending the same, and for providing for them for the present year; together with the purchase of the Horse called Imperial; the House have granted the sum of L799 12s. That

That as to the Petition of the Magistrates of Barrington, relative to the Harbour, the House have granted 100l. pursuant to the prayer of the Petition.

That the Abstract of services performed and not provided for, for the relief of wrecked Emigrants, from the Island of Sable; also, for wrecked Seamen at Cape-Breton; also, for distressed Emigrants at Arichat; People of colour at Hammond Plains; Alteration of the road at Gaspereau River; and expenses of the Judges to Sydney. The House have granted the sum of 377l. 8s. 11d. being the full amount necessary for the Abstract recommended by his Excellency.

That as to the several Accounts of Messrs. Howe & Son, the House have granted; for printing the Laws, 225l. and for extra printing, the sum of 65l. and 25l.

That the House have also granted to William Hill, and William Fraser, Esqrs. the sum of 10l. each, for attending Criminal Prosecutions.

That as to His Excellency's Message accompanied with plans, and proposed alterations on the Great Roads, the House have placed at the disposal of His Excellency, the sum of L.2000, for the purposes recommended.

That as to the recommendation from His Excellency, on the representation of the Commissioners of Streets for Annapolis, the House have made provision by granting the sum of L.20, for the object recommended.

That as relates to the Petition of Thomas Boggs and Dowie Ditmars, recommended by His Excellency, the House have granted L.400, in aid of the object recommended.

That as to the Message of His Excellency, relative to the Indians, the House have granted the sum of L.250, to his Excellency, pursuant to His Message.

That upon the Petition of D. M'Farlane and others, recommended by his Excellency, the House have granted the sum of L.200, pursuant to the prayer of that petition.

That they have also granted, upon the Petition of William Duffus, recommended by his Excellency, the sum of L.40 10s.; but the House have not considered it expedient, to pay the account of Doctor Whyte, as they considered that sum should have been paid by the County.

That upon the Petition of the Commissioners of Streets of Halifax, recommended by his Excellency, the House have granted the sum of L.250, for the same, thereby recommended.

That upon the Petition of Edmund Crowell and Richard Kitchens recommended by his Excellency, the House have granted the sum of L.100, for the Harbor in Seal Island.

That the House have also considered the recommendation of his Excellency, relative to a compensation to the Clerks of the Peace, for their trouble, about Road Commissions, and have granted the sum of L.3 10s. to each of them, to whom his Excellency directed those Commissions last year.

That on considering his Excellency's Message, relative to taking a Census of the Population of the Province, and also, an Estimate of its Agricultural Products; the House have come to a Resolution to make ample provision, to enable his Excellency to procure accurate information on both these points.

That the House have considered his Excellency's Message relative to the Merchants Gunpowder, and that a Bill has been passed by the House, to enable the Magistrates to provide for the safe-keeping of the same, in aid of which the House have granted L.180.

That the House have also considered his Excellency's recommendation, of the Petition of the Honorable the Surveyor General, and the House have granted the sum of One Thousand Pounds, payable in annual payments of L.200; for which sum the Surveyor-General is to convey, under the direction of his Excellency, to the Province, all Maps, Plans and Documents in his Office, which are his private property. The

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The House have also granted L.238 16s. 2d for expenses on Creighton's Mortgage, assigned to the Province, upon the Letter of the Commissioners of the Revenue, recommended by his Excellency.

The House have further granted the sum of L243 15s 2d for M^cGilvery's bridge, recommended by his Excellency.

Committee thereon

Ordered, That Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Starr, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Smith and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Homer, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to search the Journals of His Majesty's Council, for the purpose of ascertaining what have been their proceedings, on the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries, sent up for concurrence; and that they do report the same to the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Homer, Mr. Crow and Mr. Poole, be a Committee accordingly.

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the House do come to the Resolutions following, viz.

Whereas, a Bill has passed this House, authorizing License to be granted by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and his Majesty's Council, to the Shubenacadie Canal Company, for issuing Notes of that Company, to the amount of L10,000, in Notes under twenty-six shillings, and appropriating towards their final redemption, L5,000, part of L15,000, granted to the said Company.

And whereas, it is expedient that persons receiving or holding such Notes, should have ample security for the redemption and final payment thereof.

Resolved therefore, That this House will sanction the receipt and payment of such Notes at the Treasury, and their receipt at the Offices of Impost and Excise, in this Province.

Resolutions relative to issue of notes by the Shubenacadie Canal Company

Resolved, That this House will concur with the other Branches of the Legislature, in authorizing to be funded, after the 31st December, 1836, all such Notes as the said L.5000 appropriated as aforesaid, out of the L15,000, shall leave unpaid; the same to be funded upon the same terms and conditions, as Treasury Notes are to be funded. *Provided always*, that all the property of the Canal Company, together with the proceeds of Tolls, or other emoluments of the Company, shall be pledged to the Province, for the payment of the Interest, and repayment of the Principal, of any Notes so funded; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen; against it thirteen.

For the motion,

Mr. Bishop,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Unacke,	Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Dickson,	Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Starr,	Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Barss,
Mr. Crow,	

Division thereon

Against the motion,

Mr. Rudolf,	Mr. J. Morton,
Mr. Shey,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Wier,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Dimock,
Mr. M. Kinnon,	Mr. Young,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Dill,
Mr. Ozley,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Committee on subject of Resolution in answer to Lieut. Gov. Message Report

Mr. Hartshorne reported from the Committee, appointed this day, to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution of this House, in relation to the several Messages and Recommendations from his Excellency to the House, during the present Session, and not previously answered; that the Committee had pursuant to order, waited upon, and delivered the said Resolution to his Excellency, and that his Excellency said, that he felt sensibly the attention paid by the House, to his several communications, and desired the Committee to express his Thanks to the House on the occasion.

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

THURSDAY, 12th APRIL, 1827.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. Bishop took the Chair,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Committee of
Supply report

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of thirty-nine pounds, fifteen shillings, should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to enable him to provide for the conveyance of the Judges of the Supreme Court, to Cape Breton, to preside at their several Circuit Courts in that Island, during the ensuing Season.

£39 15s for
conveyance of
Judges to Cape
Breton

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of thirty pounds, should be granted, to aid the Inhabitants of Lunenburg, in placing a Buoy on the Cat or Sculpion Rock, near the centre of the entrance of Lunenburg Harbour; the said Rock, being particularly dangerous to those unacquainted with its situation, from its being wholly under water, and only breaking in stormy weather.

£30 for a Buoy
at Lunenburg
Harbour

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, should be granted to enable the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, to pay for sundry work and materials required for the ensuing year, to be accounted for, to the Committee of Public Accounts.

£200 for re-
pairs of Public
Buildings

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of thirty five pounds, should be granted and paid to William Hill, Esq. Deputy Clerk of the Council, for his services for the present Session; and also, the further sum of twenty-five pounds, for extra services to be performed by him in the present Session.

£60 to William
Hill

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that there should be granted and paid to John Whidden, Esq. the sum of thirty-five pounds, for his services in drafting and copying Bills for the Members of the House of Assembly, during the present Session; and also, a further sum of sixty-five pounds, for attending the three Election Committees, as their Clerk, and other extra Services for the House during the present Session.

£100 to John
Whidden

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of ten pounds, should be granted and paid to J. J. Sawyer, Esq. Sheriff for the County of Halifax, for his expenses as such Sheriff, at the opening and closing of the present Session of the General Assembly.

£10 to Sheriff
of County of
Halifax

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds, should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to compensate the Gentlemen who have prepared for publication, the Third Volume of the Province Laws.

£100 for publi-
cation of Pro-
vince Laws

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of fifty pounds, should be granted and paid to the Reverend Hugh M'Leod, of the Bras d'or Lake, in Cape-Breton, to enable him to support the School under his care, the same to be paid, when it shall be certified to the satisfaction of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that there are taught at the said School, five free Scholars.

£50 to the Rev
Hugh M'Leod

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, should be granted and paid to defray the expense of Fuel and for Sundries, supplied for the use of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly in the present Session, to be paid on the Certificates of the President of the Council, and the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

£150 for Sun-
dries for the
Council and
Assembly*Resolved*,

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401. to the Clerk of the Assembly for Stationary

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding forty pounds, should be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationary for the Council and the House of Assembly, during the present Session.

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

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

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

Resolutions relative to Issue of Notes by the Shubenacadie Canal Company not to be sent to the Council

Mr. Stewart moved. that the two Resolutions, which passed the House this day, relative to the Shubenacadie Canal, be not sent to the Council, during the present Session: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen; against it, sixteen.

For the motion:

Mr. Young,	Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. J. Morton,	Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Shey,	Mr. Murdoch,
Mr. Dill,	Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Wier,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Heckman,	Mr. Homer,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Morse,

Against the motion:

Mr. Bishop,	Mr. Barry,
Mr. Barsa,	Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Kavanagh,	Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Crow,	Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Archibald,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Starr,
Mr. Dickson,	Mr. Lawson,

So it passed in the affirmative.

Then the House adjourned until Saturday, at eleven of the clock, the morrow being Good Friday.

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PRAYERS

Mr. Homer reported from the Committee, appointed to search the Journals of the Council, on the subject of the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries; that the Committee had complied with the order of the House, and found that His Majesty's Council had on the 11th inst. *resolved*, that the said Bill be read that day three months.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Parish of Saint Paul, in the Township of Halifax; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter an Act passed in the sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act relating to Schools, severally, without any amendment.

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

£12	10	for the School in the Poor House.
500	0	for Casualties on Great Roads.
50	0	for the protection of Fox Island Fisheries.
100	0	for a Stone Bridge at Yarmouth.
24	15	to Gideon S. Harrington.
15	0	for a Bridge at Horton Bluff.
15	0	for Survey of a Road from Sambro.
20	0	to Oliver Fuller and Richard Moore.
50	0	for alteration of the road towards Lake Porter.

Bill for dividing the Parish of St. Paul

Bill to alter act concerning Schools; and also,

Resolutions for granting monies agreed to by the Council

£1000

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L. 1000 0 to the Honorable C. Morris.

L. 100 0 for the road from Liverpool to Annapolis.

The Council have not agreed to two Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums, viz.

L33 11 4½ to John Ferguson.

64 0 0 to Richard Tremain,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges; and the same were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments, and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, for the further provision for the equal administration of Justice, in the Province of Nova Scotia, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred to this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Seventeen; against it, fifteen; So it passed in the affirmative, and the consideration of the Bill, was deferred accordingly.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and in amendment of An Act passed in the 32d year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship in this Province; and the engrossed amendments to the said Bill, were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the said Bill with several Amendments, to which Amendments they desire the concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to Bridge Town, in the County of Annapolis, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to promote the speedy opening of the Shubenacadie Navigation.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act entitled, An Act to authorize the incorporation of a Company for making a Canal by the River and Lakes of the Shubenacadie, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments from the Council, to the Bill above mentioned, and the same were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that this House do not agree to the said amendments, but adhere to their Bill as sent up for concurrence, and that the Clerk do take the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts now in force relating to trespasses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts now in force, relating to trespasses.

Resolutions for granting Monies not agreed to

Amendments of the Council to the Bill relating to Highways agreed to

Bill relating to the administration of Justice, read 2d time and further consideration deferred

Bill relating to Act respecting public worship &c. read 3d time & passed

Bill relating to Bridgetown agreed to by Council

Bill relating to Shubenacadie Navigation not agreed to

Bill in addition to Shubenacadie Canal Act with amendments

The Bill adhered to

Bill to continue Acts relating to Trespasses
Ordered, read 3d time

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

Bill for encouraging Fisheries read 2d time and further consideration deferred

A Bill for more effectually encouraging the Fisheries and Commerce of the Province, by granting a Bounty on cured Merchantable Codfish, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Dimock moved, that the further consideration of the said Bill, be deferred to this day three months: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen; against it fifteen.

For the motion,

Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Bishop,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. J. Morton,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Dill,
Mr. Haliburton,	Mr. Dickson,
Mr. B. Dewolf,	Mr. J. E. Morton,
Mr. Wier,	Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Freeman,	

Against the motion,

Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Rudolf,	Mr. Barry,
Mr. Bars,	Mr. Starr,
Mr. Fairbanks,	Mr. Homer,
Mr. McKimmon,	Mr. Shey,
Mr. Murdock,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Crow,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Uniacke,	

So it passed in the affirmative, and the consideration of the Bill was deferred accordingly.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Committee of Supply report

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

100l, for distressed Negroes

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds; should be granted and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be applied to the purchase of Seed Potatoes and Grain, for the distressed Negroes at Hammond Plains, Beech Hill, Dartmouth and Preston, and those at the Panuke Settlement, in the Township of Windsor.

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

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

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

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

MONDAY, 16th APRIL, 1827.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to thirteen Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz :

L. 30 for clearing the Brook from Ten Mile Lake, Liverpool,
 30 for do do from Beaver Lake, do

L. 30

Resolutions for granting monies also,

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L. 30 for a Buoy at Lunenburg Harbour,
 50 to the Reverend Hugh M. Leod,
 39 15 for conveyance of Judges to Cape-Breton,
 200 for repairs of Public Buildings,
 100 for publication of 3d vol. Laws,
 10 to the Sheriff of the County of Halifax,
 60 to William Hill,
 100 to J. Whidden,
 40 to the Clerk of the Assembly, for Stationary,
 150 for Sundries for the Council and Assembly,
 100 for Seed Potatoes, &c. for Negroes.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and Amendment of the Act, relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, without any Amendment ; also,

The Resolution of this House, relating to 200l. granted for the Bridge over Wallace River ; and also,

The Resolution of this House, relating to 50l. granted for clearing Roseway River, in the year 1825.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, relating to 50l. granted for a road between Clyde River, and Birch Town.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill relating to the Shubenacadie Canal.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Barry, and Mr. Young, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Bishop took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the Committee had framed a Bill for applying such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table ; and thereupon,

On motion, the said Bill was read throughout a first and second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Murdock, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal part of the Act, entitled, An Act, for making further provision for the equal Administration of Justice, in the Province of Nova Scotia, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill for applying such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General

Bill relating to Highways, also

Resolutions relative to Wallace River Bridge and Roseway river agreed to by the Council

Resolution relating to £50 granted for Road near Clyde River, not agreed to

Conference with the Council on Bill relating to the Shubenacadie Canal

Committee of supply report

Bill for appropriating supplies for 1827

Bill read 1st and 2d time

Bill to repeal part of administration of Justice Act read, 1st time

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Bill for appropriating supplies for 1827, read 3d time and passed

General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-seven, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

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

Further Conference with Council on Bill relating to the Shubenacadie Canal

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

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

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz:

Whereas, by an Act of the last Session of the General Assembly, the sum of 15,000l. was granted and appropriated to encourage the opening of the Shubenacadie Navigation, and made payable in proportion, as the four different Sections of the said Work should be completed. And whereas, the Shubenacadie Canal Company, have commenced, and are now prosecuting the works of the said communication, and it is expedient to assist their operations.

Resolution relating to 3000l appropriated to be paid on completion of 2d section of the Shubenacadie Canal passed

Therefore Resolved, That the sum of 3000l. appropriated to be paid on the completion of the second Section of the said Canal, being the space between the Dartmouth Lakes and Lake Charles, shall and may be paid to the said Company, from the Treasury, during the present year: which, being seconded and put, passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered to be sent to the Council

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

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz:

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand pounds, payable on the completion of the first section of the Shubenacadie Canal (being the space between Halifax Harbour and the Dartmouth Lakes), and the sum of four thousand pounds, payable on the completion of the fourth section of the said Canal (being the space between the south end of Lake William and the mouth of the Shubenacadie River); be advanced and paid to the said Company in Treasury Notes, of such denominations as the Lieutenant-Governor and His Majesty's Council shall appoint, and in sums proportioned to the instalments levied or to be levied on the subscribers, not exceeding three thousand pounds, in one year. *Provided*, That the expense of issuing such Notes be paid by the Company, and *provided*, that the whole of the said Sum of nine thousand pounds, be expended on the said fourth Section; and that so much of the fourth Section as is necessary to open the communication from the mouth of the Shubenacadie River, into the Lake at Fletcher's, be immediately entered upon and completed, out of the Funds of the Company, and those thus furnished by the Province: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen; against it, fifteen; so it passed in the negative.

Resolution for advancing and paying in Treasury Notes 9000l. appropriated for the completion of the first and fourth sections of the Shubenacadie Canal negatived by the House

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A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force, relating to trespasses; also,

A Bill in addition to the Act, entitled, An Act to authorize the incorporation of a Company for making a Canal by the River and Lakes of the Shubenacadie; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and amendment of An Act passed in the 32d year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for the establishment of religious public worship in this Province, and for suppressing Popery; and to repeal the third section of An Act, entitled, An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion, from certain penalties and disabilities imposed on them, by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the sixth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act concerning Schools and School Masters, severally without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, relating to the Shubenacadie Canal.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the general state of the Province. And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Starr, Mr. Young and Mr. Dickson, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that they had received from the Committee of His Majesty's Council, a written paper on the Conference; which he read to the House, and is as follows, viz.

His Majesty's Council observe with great regret, that the Session is about to close without the adoption of any measures, for the encouragement of the Fisheries, and they feel it their duty to state, even at this late period, that they will willingly concur with the House of Assembly, in placing a sum at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to accomplish that desirable object, in such manner as he shall deem most expedient; as they are strongly impressed with the opinion, that the present state of our Commerce, renders it indispensably necessary to afford some encouragement to the principal source of the trade of the whole Country; and thereupon,

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the House do come to the Resolutions as followeth, viz :

Resolved, [That a sum of Five Thousand Pounds be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable him during the present year, to provide encouragement for the Fisheries, by bounties of ten shillings per Ton, to the extent of three thousand pounds, on the Tonnage of Vessels employed in the Deep Sea; Labrador; and Strait of Belleisle Fisheries; and by a bounty of one shilling and three pence per Quintal, on the Manufacture of Merchantable Codfish, to the extent of two thousand pounds. Such Bounties to be given on such conditions, and under such regulations as his Excellency shall appoint, and with respect to the Merchantable Fish Bounty on the principle of the Act of 1823.]

And also, *resolved*, That this House at its next Session, will provide for the payment of such Bounties; which being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Dickson moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolutions, as follows, viz. Leave out all the words of the said Resolutions from the word "Resolved" in the first Resolution, and insert in place thereof, the following words, namely,

Bill to continue Acts relating to trespasses

Bill in addition to the Shubenacadie Canal Act

Bill relating to Act respecting public Worship &c. and also

Resolution relating to Shubenacadie Canal agreed to by the Council

Conference with the Council on the general state of the Province

Written Paper from Council on Conference reported

Resolutions for granting 5000l. for encouragement of Fisheries moved

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Amendment to the Resolutions moved and agreed to

Original Resolutions negatived

Further Conference with the Council on the general state of the Province

Bill for appropriating supplies for 1827 agreed to by the Council

Clerk takes usual Oaths

Message from his Excellency the Lieut. Gov.

Bill assented to by his Excellency

That a further Conference be held with His Majesty's Council, and that the Committee of this House appointed to hold the Conference, do state to the Committee of the Council, on the Conference, That the House of Assembly, with His Majesty's Council, regret that the present Session of the Legislature is about to close, without the adoption of any measures for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province; but at this protracted period of the Session, and in the absence of a number of its Members, now returned to their homes, this House deem it inexpedient to resume the subject; which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

The original Resolutions were then put, and negatived by the House.

Resolved, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the general State of the Province; and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a further Conference, as desired by the House.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference; and that they do communicate to the Committee of the Council on the Conference, the foregoing Resolution, relative to the Fisheries of the Province.

And they went to the Conference:

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference; and obeyed the Order of the House, by delivering to the Committee of the Council, a copy of the Resolution relative to the Fisheries.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the Year of Our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-seven; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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PRAYERS.

John Whidden, Esq. Clerk of the House, took the usual Oaths of Office.

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

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber; where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, viz.

An Act concerning Elections in the County of Cumberland.

An Act, in further amendment of an Act, to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within the County of Cape Breton, and to fix and establish the times and places for holding of the said Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the said County.

An Act, in addition to the Act passed in the second year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the assize of Barrels, Staves,

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Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same.

An Act relating to Common Fields.

An Act to continue and amend the Act, relating to the expenditure of Monies, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

An Act in amendment of, and in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-sixth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate Juries.

An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace, in the Town of Halifax, to borrow money on the credit of the Town, for erecting a suitable Stone Building, as a Magazine, for the reception of all Gunpowder, imported and brought into Halifax, and to compel the Importers thereof, to deposit the same in the Magazine.

An Act in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and for the better and more effectual administration of the Office of a Justice of the Peace, in the Township of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

An Act for dividing the Parish of Saint Paul, in the Township of Halifax.

An Act to extend to Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, the provisions of the Act relative to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

An Act to alter an Act, passed in the sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled An Act concerning Schools.

An Act in addition to, and in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

An Act in further addition to, and amendment of an Act, passed in the 32d year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship in the Province, and for suppressing Popery; and to repeal the third Section of an act, entitled, An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects, professing the Popish Religion, from certain penalties and disabilities, imposed on them by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the sixth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act concerning Schools and School Masters.

An Act to continue the Acts now in force, relating to Trespasses.

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

An Act to continue the Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

An Act to continue the acts for the regulation of the Militia.

An Act in addition to the act to authorize the incorporation of a Company, for making a Canal by the river and lakes of the Shubenacadie.

After which, Mr. Speaker spake as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

I beg leave to present to Your Excellency, on behalf of His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Nova-Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in the present Session, for the support of His Majesty's Government for the present year; and to request Your Excellency's Assent to the same.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill following, viz.

Bill assented to
by his Excellency

Mr Speaker
presented Ap-
propriation Bill

And

TUESDAY, 17th APRIL, 1827.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech:

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

HAVING given my assent to all the Bills, which you have passed and presented for my concurrence, in the course of the Session, I have now great pleasure in releasing you from your Legislative Duties.

I thank you in His Majesty's name, for the liberal Supplies which you have granted for the Public Service. My personal thanks are also due to you, for the ready attention which you have been pleased to pay to my recommendations, and for the confidence which you have reposed in me, by placing considerable sums at my disposal, for various important purposes.

It will be, you may believe, my earnest endeavour, to see that all monies so placed, are managed with care and economy; and faithfully applied to the objects which they are intended to promote.

In making these acknowledgements, I perform a very pleasing duty; but I cannot refrain, at the same time, from expressing my regret, that the Session should close without an appropriation for the encouragement of the Fisheries, (the great Staple of the Province,) and also without the adoption of some measures to render more generally beneficial, than it has hitherto been, the School Act, passed in the last Session of the Legislature.

Afterwards the President of His Majesty's Council, by his Excellency's Command, said—

Gentlemen,

It is His Excellency's will and pleasure, that this General Assembly, be prorogued to Thursday, the sixth day of July next, to be then here held; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the sixth day of July next.

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