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HOUSE of ASSEMBLY,

1815.



PROCLAMATION.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

*By His Excellency Lieutenant-General
Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,
Knight of the Most Honourable Order of
the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Com-
mander in Chief, in and over His Ma-
jesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its
Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same,
&c. &c. &c.*

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to
Thursday the 3d day of November next:

I have thought fit, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until
Thursday the 9th day of February next, *then to meet for the Dispatch of Business*;
of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern them-
selves accordingly.

*GIVEN under my Hand, and Seal at Arms,
at Halifax, this 19th day of October, in
the 54th year of His Majesty's Reign,
Annoque Domini, 1814.*

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE,

Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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

THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1815.

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, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber; where His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech; of which

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,*

SINCE I last had the pleasure of addressing you in General Assembly, the Peace of Europe has been established, by a succession of events so wonderful, that we cannot but acknowledge in them the manifest interference of a Superintending Providence. And should our only remaining enemy be inclined to meet the magnanimous disposition evinced by our Parent State, with corresponding sentiments of moderation and justice, we may reasonably hope that the same blessing will shortly be diffused throughout the world. For information upon this point we must, however, await the result of the negotiations carrying on at Ghent ; in full confidence that the persons entrusted by the British Government with that important mission, possess both the talents and firmness requisite to procure peace on such terms, as, in the estimation of Britons, shall be considered just and honorable. But, should any insurmountable obstacles present themselves to the attainment of this desirable object, there can be little doubt that the whole force and resources of Great-Britain will be employed, to put an end to a war, unprovoked in its commencement, and in its continuance strongly manifesting the arrogance, injustice and obstinacy, of an implacable Enemy. You cannot have been insensible to the many blessings this favored Province has enjoyed, during the long and arduous contest in which our Mother Country has been engaged for the freedom of Europe ; nor can you have viewed the miseries inflicted on Upper Canada, by the system of desolation pursued there by the Enemy, without gratefully acknowledging your own exemption from such evils.

I am happy to inform you, that no events have occurred since we last met, to render it necessary for me to call out the Militia, excepting a few small Detachments for the defence of some of the most exposed parts of the coast, in their own immediate neighbourhood. And it is with pleasure I add, that our Commerce has flourished, and the Provincial Revenue increased beyond my most sanguine expectations. Whilst I rejoice with you in our present prosperity, I am not unmindful of the possible occurrence of adverse circumstances, which may call upon the people of this Province to defend those blessings they have hitherto enjoyed in security ; and I feel the most perfect confidence that, in obeying this call, they will prove themselves worthy of the favor of their Sovereign, and deserving of that Constitution which experience has taught them to consider as the best Inheritance of their Ancestors.

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

The Public Accounts of the last Year, with the Estimate for the Civil Establishment and other Services required for the present Year, will be laid before you by the proper Officers. From the satisfactory experience I have hitherto had of
your

your liberality and prudence, in the management of the pecuniary affairs of the Province, I have the firmest reliance on your granting such further supplies as the exigencies of the Country may require.

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

A ready communication with the Capital, being evidently a matter of so much convenience to the Country at large, I feel it my duty again to call your particular notice to the Main Roads and Bridges of the Province. I must, likewise, request your attention to another object of very great importance to the Community—I mean, the present state of the Police of Halifax; which, from the great increase of population, and other causes, appears to require some further regulation. The whole Province is interested in the prosperity of the Capital; and nothing is more likely to ensure that prosperity, than a proper attention to the regularity and general good order of the Community, and to the religious and moral conduct of the individuals which compose it.—You may rely upon my taking a zealous part in these, or in any other measures, which may be thought conducive to the benefit of the People over whom I have the honor and the happiness to preside. When I enforce my accustomed recommendation for the dispatch of business, I feel it but justice to assure you, that, since I first had the honor of meeting you in General Assembly, each succeeding Session has afforded me more convincing proofs of the zeal and integrity with which you fulfil your Legislative Duties.

Ordered, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Pryor, be a committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Wells, be a committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a committee of His Majesty's Council; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

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

Ordered, That no Petition of a private nature, be received after Friday the 24th instant.

John Cunningham, Esq. returned duly elected as a Member for the County of Sydney (in the room of Samuel Hood George, Esq. deceased) 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, His Majesty's Solicitor General, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Friday,

Friday, 10th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pyke, (Quarter-Master-General of Militia) delivered to the House :—

An Account of the Carriage and Repair of Arms for the Militia, between the 13th May, 1814, and 1st February, 1815, amounting to 14l. 8s. 3d.

An Account for Victualling and Lodging Detachments of Militia, when on their march, to 15th February, 1815, amounting to 91l. 9s. 3d. ; also,

A general Account of the cost of Arms and Accoutrements, purchased for and issued to, the Militia, up to the 27th March, 1814, amounting to 20,587l. 2s. 2½d.

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

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

Saturday, 11th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pyke presented to the House, an Account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all Monies received by him into, and Payments by him made from, the Provincial Treasury, between 1st January and 31st December, 1814.

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

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

*To His Excellency Lieutenant-General
Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,
Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-
Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His
Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its
Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same,
&c. &c. &c.*

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

May it please Your Excellency ;

HIS Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of the Loyal People of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

We

We congratulate your Excellency upon the successful termination of the most eventful contest in which Great-Britain ever was engaged; and amidst our rejoicings for the restoration of peace in Europe, we gratefully acknowledge that the wonderful events by which it was produced, could only have been caused by the immediate interference of a superintending Providence.

We hope, that the disposition discovered by our Parent State to end the war with America, upon just and honourable terms, may meet with corresponding sentiments on the part of the enemy; but, should our reasonable expectations be disappointed, we trust that so much of the power of the British Empire will be employed, as shall be sufficient to inflict due punishment upon the authors of a war, unprovoked in its origin, and in its progress exhibiting features of barbarism, disgraceful to the government of a country claiming to rank amongst civilized Nations.

The system of rapine and desolation, pursued by the enemy in Upper Canada, and the miseries inflicted upon the defenceless part of its population, must add to the many proofs the inhabitants of Nova-Scotia before possessed, of the peculiar felicity of their own condition; sensible as they have always been of the many blessings this Province has enjoyed, during the war so long waged for the freedom of the world.

Happily exempted as we have been from the calamities of war, we yet are taught by the vicissitudes of human affairs, that our present prosperity is liable to interruption; should adverse circumstances call the people of Nova-Scotia to defend their rights, and the inheritance of their Ancestors by arms, we assure your Excellency, that, deeply conscious of the value of that inheritance, and proud of the descent through which it is derived, they will endeavour to deserve the favour of their Sovereign, and to prove themselves not unworthy of that paternal care, by which talents and experience, accustomed to a more brilliant theatre of action, have been selected for their defence.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts, and Estimate for the Civil Establishment and other Services, to be laid before us, and will most willingly grant such supplies as shall be requisite for these services, and for the Main Roads and Bridges of the Province.

Having the most perfect reliance upon your Excellency's zealous co-operation in such measures as shall be calculated to regulate the Police of Halifax, we will take the subject into our serious consideration, and endeavour to make such alteration in the existing Laws, as may be considered necessary to remedy the evils now experienced.

The satisfaction your Excellency has expressed with the fulfilment of our Legislative duties, affords us most sincere pleasure; and we beg you to believe, that the performance of these duties is rendered grateful to us, by our entire conviction of your Excellency's strong desire to promote the happiness of the people committed to your government.

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

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

A Petition of Leonard Maxiner, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying payment of the sum of sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence, by him expended in the year 1803, in reducing the Tanner Hill (so called) on the main road in Windsor, under a contract with John Clarke, Esq. the commissioner for expending the sum of 50l. granted for that service.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency with their Address, pursuant to the resolution of this day.

And being returned,

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

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

I THANK you for this Address. Your ready promise of providing the necessary Supplies, and of taking into your consideration the objects to which I have called your attention, demands my acknowledgements, and cannot but ensure my approbation.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

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

Monday, 13th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Robie, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of that part of his Excellency's Speech which relates to the present state of the Police of Halifax.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed, by the House, to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to take into consideration that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the Police of Halifax.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Pryor and Mr. Halifax, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolution of the Committee of the whole House ; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Petition of John McLeod and others, Freeholders of the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Robie, and read : setting forth, That at the late Election for a Member to represent the said County, in the Legislature of this Province, the Poll was opened as usual, at Guylborough, on the 18th day of May, when John Cunningham and Simon Frazer, Esquires, appeared there as Candidates. That the Petitioners were given to understand, that the Poll would be adjourned from Guylborough to Country Harbour, but to their surprise it was concluded at Guylborough : John Cunningham, Esq. being there returned and declared, by the Sheriff, duly elected, although the Petitioners are informed, and have every reason to believe, that a Requisition was made on the first day of the Poll to the Sheriff for such adjournment ; and it will appear, that the Sheriff, in consequence thereof, posted up, on the evening of that day, notices to that effect, which the Petitioners believe, through the undue and unjust influence of a certain person or persons with the Sheriff, were afterwards by him pulled down. That the Petitioners, finding themselves unjustly deprived, by the conduct of the Sheriff, of the dearest rights which, as British Subjects, they possess, to wit, the right of voting for a Member to represent them, as well as the rest of the County, in this Honorable House ; and aware from it alone they can look for redress, humbly pray that the House would take the subject of their Petition (together with the several affidavits accompanying it) into consideration, and grant such relief in the premises, as that the Petitioners may be restored to the full exercise and enjoyment of their just and constitutional rights.

Mr. Robie also delivered to the House the following Papers referred to in the foregoing Petition, viz.

An Affidavit of Lewis Joppe, and John Campbell; also,

An Affidavit of Alexander Cumming; and also,

An Affidavit of Alexander Rattray; and thereupon,

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

A Petition of Simon Fraser, Esq. was presented by Mr. Robie, and read: setting forth, That at the late Election for a Member to represent the County of Sydney in General Assembly, the Petitioner, at the request of a majority of the Freeholders of the County, offered himself as a Candidate, by public advertisement, and appeared upon the Hustings at Guyborough at the opening of the Poll, as will appear by the affidavit of the Petitioner, and the affidavits of Henry Newton and Alexander Cumming. That John Cunningham, Esq. the Candidate opposed to him, the Petitioner, was, through corrupt and undue influence, declared duly elected, by the Sheriff refusing to adjourn to Country Harbour and Antigonishe as the law directs. That the conduct pursued at the Election was highly unconstitutional, and that Thomas Cutler, Esq. and Mr. Alexander Cumming, who were chosen Inspectors, were not sworn. That the former Gentleman took the most active part, and seemed to influence the conduct of the Sheriff entirely—and praying the House would be pleased to take the merits of the Petition into consideration, and direct an application to be made to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for a new Writ, or grant such other relief in the Premises as to the House may seem meet.

Mr. Robie also presented to the House the following Papers referred to in the foregoing Petition, viz.

An Affidavit of Simon Fraser; also,

An Affidavit of Alexander Cumming; and also,

An Affidavit of Henry Newton; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petition and Papers do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 14th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

The House met, and adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 15th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the appointment

appointment of a Comptroller of the Public Accounts; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal the first clause of an Act; made in the 28th year of his Majesty's reign, for establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grift Mills in this Province; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A petition of Alexander Scott, and others, inhabitants of the Nine Mile River Settlement, in Douglas, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid for the improvement of their road.

A petition of William Jenkins, and others, inhabitants of the back settlements in the townships of Rawdon and Douglas, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid for opening and improving a road to the same.

A petition of James Scott, and others, inhabitants of the Gore Land (so called) in the township of Douglas, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid to improve the road in that settlement.

A petition of James Higgins, and others, inhabitants of the North District of Rawdon, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid for the improvement of their road.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a committee of the Honourable Mr. Stewart, and Judge Hutchinson, to meet the committee of this House, on the subject of the present state of the Police of Halifax.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Dewolf, the petition of John M'Leod, and others, Freeholders of the County of Sydney; and also the petition of Simon Frazer, complaining of an undue election for the said County, together with the several affidavits touching the same, were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *Ordered*, That the Sheriff of the County of Sydney be notified to attend at the Bar of this House without delay, and that the Clerk do summon him to attend accordingly.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave, presented a Bill to regulate Markets in the town of Halifax; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, 16th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorise the appointment of a Comptroller of the Public Accounts; also,

A Bill to repeal the first clause of an Act, made in the 28th year of His Majesty's reign, for Establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grift Mills in this Province; and also,

A Bill to regulate Markets in the Town of Halifax, were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of Andrew Fursner, of Ramflog, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Purdy, and read, praying for the repayment of the sum of £17 3 0; being the amount of a Judgment obtained against the Petitioner, as Commissioner of Roads, at the suit of Anthony Fillmore, a Contractor, and also for Counsel Fees paid by the Petitioner.

A Petition of Wentworth Taylor and others, Settlers on the Rivers of Antigonishe and St. Mary's, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Cunningham, praying an aid to improve their Roads.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Ritchie delivered to the House an Account from the Commissioners for erecting the Province Building, of their Expenditures for said Building between 1st January, and 31st December, 1814, amounting to £3044 9 1; also,

An Abstract of Demands for the said Building, to 31st December, 1814, amounting to £839 14 6½.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to repeal the first clause of an Act, made in the 28th year of His Majesty's reign, for Establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grift Mills in this Province; and had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Cogswell delivered to the House, by order of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, an Estimate of the Expense for the Support of the Civil Establishment of his Majesty's Government for the year 1815; and thereupon,

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

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

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved,* That a Supply be granted to his Majesty.

Ordered, That the Estimate of the Expense for the Support of his Majesty's Government, be referred to a Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Friday, 17th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue, alter and amend, an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, was read a second time.

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

A petition of Thomas Ellis, and others, inhabitants of Douglafs, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid for building a bridge over the River Shubenaccadie, near Patrick Carrol's, and for making a road of communication from thence to the main road leading from Truro to Halifax.

A petition of Benjamin Barnard, and others, inhabitants of the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, was presented by Mr. Pool, and read, praying an aid for

for the road from the Lower Tusket Falls to the head of Lake Vaughan, at Raynerd's Mill.

Ordered, That the Petitions 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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue, alter and amend, an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House : and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

A Bill to repeal the first clause of an Act, made in the 28th year of His Majesty's reign, for Establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grift Mills in this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to repeal the first clause of an Act, made in the 28th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, made in the 24th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made in the 10th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for Establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grift Mills in this Province.

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

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

Saturday, 18th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A petition of the Rev. Alexander M'Donald, and others, inhabitants of the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth : That the petitioners, and also the County at large, suffer great inconvenience from the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace being at present held

at

at Guyborough ; and also labour under many disadvantages from the want of the Sittings of the Supreme Court being extended to the said County ; and praying the House would take the premises into consideration, and establish by Law a Circuit of the Supreme Court to be held annually at Antigonishe, and likewise change the Sitting of the said Inferior Court and General Sessions to the said place.

A petition of T. W. Hierlihy, and others, the Magistrates of the County of Sydney, in behalf of themselves and others the inhabitants of Dorchester, and places adjacent, with the settlements along the Gulf Shore in the said County, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth : That the petitioners labour under great disadvantages and inconvenience for the want of a more speedy administration of Justice, owing to their remote situation from the County Town where the Courts are now held, being forty miles distant from Dorchester, and from some more remote Settlements upwards of sixty miles, so that frequently a person will suffer loss and damage, rather than seek for justice at so much fatigue and expence ; owing to the same cause, criminal actions, such as breaches of the peace, &c. are dropped, and compromised, to the detriment of His Majesty's Government, and the peace of his subjects. That the District or part of the County to which the petitioners refer, doth, in their opinion, contain nearly two thirds of the population of the whole County, and the petitioners humbly conceive, that it would not only be for their interest, but for the good of the Government, if the Circuit Courts were to be held at Dorchester, at stated periods ; and praying that the House would take the premises into consideration, and grant relief therein.

A Petition of Walter Bromley, Superintendant of the Royal Acadian School in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read : praying, an aid to enable him to extend the system of the Acadian School, throughout the Province, and as a compensation for his services in establishing that School.

Ordered, That the petitions 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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had 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 a message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the said message to the House.

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

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

The Small Pox, last Autumn, made its appearance in an alarming manner, at Dartmouth, at which place, and in the adjacent Township of Preston, there were many persons who, from extreme poverty, and not having been inoculated, were exposed to the attacks of that dreadful disease.—As the services of a Physician could not be obtained there, without great expence, I authorized Mr. Seth Coleman, who was recommended to me as a proper person for the purpose, to vaccinate all poor persons requesting it at those places. His exertions have been successful : upwards of four hundred persons have received the benefit of his services ; with such medicines and other articles as their necessities required.

The accounts and papers relating to this subject, I submit to the consideration of the Assembly, and earnestly recommend them to grant such sums as may be sufficient to discharge the expence which has already been incurred, or may still be necessary to prevent the spreading of that fatal contagion, together with a reasonable compensation to Mr. Seth Coleman, for his services.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House the accounts and papers referred to in his Excellency's message ; and thereupon,

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

A petition of James Eager, was presented by Mr. Harris, and read : praying, for an aid for the road beginning at the Annapolis Road, between the Farms of Obadiah Morse and Robert Nuly, and from thence leading to the fourth Mountain in the Township of Annapolis.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, 20th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Lawrence Van Buskirk, and others, inhabitants of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, praying an aid for the improvement of the road, from Ryarson's Mills, leading to the public road in the New-Canaan Settlement.

A petition of T. W. Hierlihy, and others, Magistrates and Inhabitants of Dorchester in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read,

read, praying an aid to build a bridge over the River Antigonishe, at the Indian Gardens.

A petition of Valentine Troop, and others, Inhabitants of Granville, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying an aid for the road leading from the main road in said Township to Parker's Cove, on the Bay of Fundy.

A petition of William Freeman, Joshua Newton, and Nathaniel Smith, late Commissioners for erecting a Light-House on Coffin's Island, at the entrance of the harbour of Liverpool, was presented by Mr. Parker, and read, praying for the repayment of the sum of 107l. 2s. 11½d. by them expended for the use of the said Light-House; and also a compensation for their services as Commissioners.

A petition of Joseph Fennel, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read, praying for a drawback of the duties on 485 gallons of Rum, exported from Antigonishe to Prince Edward Island, in September, 1813, amounting to 43l. 15s.

A petition of Hugh Denoon, and others, Inhabitants of the town of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying that the provisions of the several Acts relating to the appointment of Firewards, may be extended to the Town of Pictou.

A petition of John Burton, and others, Inhabitants of the town of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, setting forth: That the petitioners are members of the several Presbyterian Congregations residing in the District of Pictou, and have provided themselves with places of Worship, and Ministers for the celebration of Divine Ordinances according to their religious principles; and praying the aid of the House to enable them to make such regulations by Law as may be necessary for carrying into effect the original designs of the said Congregations.

A petition of Alexander Henry, and others, Inhabitants of the middle and upper Settlements of Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for an aid to improve their roads.

Ordered, That the said petitions 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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the

first clause of an Act, made in the 28th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, made in the 21st year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made in the 10th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for Establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grist Mills in this Province, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House on the subject of the Small Pox, and the several Papers which accompanied the same, were read by the Clerk; and thereupon

Resolved, That the said Message and Papers be now referred to a Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That the sum of seventy-nine pounds twelve shillings and six-pence, should be granted to the Secretary of the Province, to defray the expense incurred for Medicines, and other articles, furnished to fundry poor persons Vaccinated at Dartmouth, Preston, &c. agreeably to an Abstract thereof referred to in his Excellency's Message to this House on Saturday the 18th instant.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That the sum of one hundred and five pounds and fifteen shillings, should be granted to Seth Coleman, in full for his services for Vaccinating four hundred and twenty-three poor and distressed persons at Dartmouth and Preston, being at the rate of five shillings for each person.

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

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

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the account from the Commissioners of the Province Building, be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts.

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On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to communicate with his Excellency on the subject of continuing the communication by Post through the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Wifwall, be a committee for the above purpose.

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

TREASURER OF THE PROVINCE.

His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; there is a Balance in his hands of..... £.11,100 1 8

COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE:

HALIFAX—His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; Balance of Bonds in his hands for Collection £.117,360 4 6
Ditto in the hands of the Attorney-General..... £.867 5 5

118,227 9 11

LUNENBURG—No Account Current of Duties for the general support of Government has been received; he is still accountable for the Balance reported last year..... £.1731 8 0

By the Treasurer's Account it appears he has since paid the sum of..... 1253 9 4

£.477 18 8

By his Quarterly Returns it appears he has secured the sum of..... 462 7 9

His Accounts of the Appropriated Duties have been received, and are correct; he has, in Bonds and Cash, the sum of..... 345 19 5

1286 5 10

SHELBURNE—His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he has bonds in his hands for Collection.....

1521 13 10½

LIVERPOOL—No Accounts have been received from the former Collector, he is therefore accountable for the balance as reported last year of £.5869 6 8
It appears by a Letter from the present Collector to the Treasurer, that he has received from him, in Bonds, the sum of..... 4128 11 1½

Leaving him still accountable for £.1740 15 7½

No Account Current has been received from the present Collector: by returns for March and June Quarters, he has secured the sum of..... £.1758 12 6

Amount of Bonds received from former Collector... 4128 11 1½

£.5887 3 7½

It appears by the Treasurer's Account he has paid the sum of..... 1161 4 7

Leaving him accountable for 4725 19 0½

6466 14 8

YARMOUTH—His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he has Bonds in his hands for Collection of.....

2713 12 10

ANNAPOLIS—His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he has Bonds in his hands for Collection of.....

621 11 6

WINDSOR—His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he has Bonds in his hands for Collection of..... £.59 18 2
Since closing the Accounts he has paid the Treasurer the sum of 16 4 5

67 2 7

Carried forward, £.142,034 12 10½

Amount brought forward, £.142,004 12 10½

KING'S COUNTY—His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he has paid the Treasurer, since closing his Account.....	£.200 0 0	
And has a balance of Bonds in his hands.....	63 12 3	
		283 12 1
PICTOU—It appears by the late Collector's Accounts, that he is accountable, after deducting commissions and other charges, the sum of....	£.22 19 4	
The present Collector's Accounts have been received, and are correct; he has Bonds in his hands for Collection of.....	218 14 5½	
		241 13 9½
		<u>£.142,529 18 10</u>

ISLE OF SABLE.

The Commissioner's Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he has a balance remaining in his hands of.....		106 8 1½
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LIGHT-HOUSES.

HALIFAX—The Collector's Accounts are correct, he has paid the Treasurer the sum of.....	£.1795 16 7	
SHELBURNE—The Collector's Accounts are correct; he has paid the Treasurer the sum of.....	£.26 0 7	
LIVERPOOL—The Collector's Quarterly Returns have been received for three Quarters, ending in September, the proceeds of which he has paid the Treasurer, amounting to.....	£.62 4 11	
He has also paid the Treasurer, for the Quarter ending the 31st December, 1813, the sum of.....	£.14 15 3	
YARMOUTH—The Collector's Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; he has paid the Treasurer, the sum of.....	£.31 17 8	
SCISSABOU—No Accounts or Returns have been received.		
The Commissioner's Accounts to the 31st December last are correct; he has paid into the Treasury the Balance due by him, the sum of.....		2212 0 8

PUBLIC MARKETS.

Out of the balance due by the former Commissioner of £634 12 3 he has paid the present Commissioner the sum of £.120, leaving him still accountable for the sum of.....	£.514 12 3	
An Account has been received from the present Commissioner, by which it appears there is a balance due of.....	31 8 5	
		546 0 8
His Account is to 16th February, 1815, he states that for want of some Accounts he has not been able to make a correct Return.		

The Quarter-Master-General of Militia has rendered an Account for Victualling Militia on their march, which is correct; balance of Vote remaining in his hands.....		13 10 6
Ditto, for the transportation of Arms, by which there appears a balance due the sum of.....	£.1 18 9½	
An Account has been received from the Adjutant-General, of the expenditure of Vote for apprehending Deserters, which is correct; there is a balance remaining in his hands of.....		16 3 11
An Account has been received from the Deputy Quarter-Master-General, for Victualling Troops on their march, which is correct; there is a balance due of.....		21 4 9

BOUNTY TO SEAMEN.

The Commissioner's Account to the 31st Decr. last has been received. Balance in his hands of.....		90 16 8
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RIVER SHUBENACCADIE.

The Commissioner's Account has been received, and is correct; he has expended over the sum voted, and due him, the sum of.....	£.63 0 6½	
		<u>£.145,536 4 1½</u>

PROVINCE NOTES.

The following Province Notes, called in, have been examined and destroyed, Viz :

<i>Issued under the Act of 1812</i> —Notes of £.1 0 0 each						871	£. 871	0	0		
	2	10	0	424	1060	0	0				
	5	0	0	154	770	0	0				
	12	10	0	22	275	0	0				
	50	0	0	6	300	0	0				
								£.3276	0	0	
<i>Issued under the Act of 1813</i> —Being torn, and otherwise defaced:											
Notes of £. 1 0 0 each						2076	£.2076	0	0		
	2	0	0	618	1236	0	0				
								3312	0	0	
								Total....	£.6588	0	0
The following Notes remaining in circulation the 31st December last, viz.											
<i>Act of 1812</i> —Notes of £.1 0 0 each						74	£74	0	0		
	2	10	0	43	107	10	0				
								£.181	10	0	
<i>Act of 1813</i> —Notes of £.1 0 0 each						11730	£.11730	0	0		
	2	0	0	3515	7030	0	0				
								18760	0	0	
								Total in Circulation	£.18941	10	0

Committee-Room, Halifax, 20th February, 1815,

THOMAS N. JEFFERY,	}	<i>Committee of Council.</i>
JOHN BLACK,		
WILLIAM LAWSON,	}	<i>Committee of the House of Assembly.</i>
WM. ALLAN CHIPMAN,		
JONATHAN CRANE,		
JOHN WELLS,		
JOHN PRIOR.		

Dr. The Province of Nova-Scotia,

Contra,

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1814, Dec. 31—To the following Sums appropriated, and not yet drawn from the Treasury, viz.

Roads and Bridges, per abstract.....	£ 990	0	3
Balance of Vote for Knapsacks.....	250	0	0
for Transportation of Arms.....	115	0	0
Bounty for Seamen.....	350	0	0
Philadelphia Grant.....	33	6	8
Emigrant Vote.....	7	14	7
Douglas Grant.....	50	0	0
Post Communication, 1813 and 1814	193	5	0
Province House.....	1250	0	0
For the extra pay of the Militia, and for the defence of the Province	79870	0	0
Light-House on Coffin's Island.....	400	0	0
Staff Adjutants of Militia.....	100	0	0
Light-House on Cranberry Island.....	400	0	0
Stone Magazine.....	180	0	0
Plan of the Province.....	30	0	0
Slovers for the House of Assembly.....	30	0	0
Settlers on the East Branch of St. Mary's.....	30	0	0
Brian Island, for cutting Wood.....	12	0	0
Salt Bounty claims.....	112	2	6
Surveyor-General, for running Lines.....	20	0	0
Joseph Langley.....	20	0	0
Settlers at Delap's Cove.....	50	0	0

Balance of Provincial Notes in circulation the 31st Dec. last, under Act of 1812

Do. 1813.....	£ 78553	9	0
Do. 1818.....	181	10	0
This sum borrowed on Loan, payable with Interest.....	18760	0	0
Amount of Arms issued since the 31st December, 1811....	5000	0	0
Due Quarter-Master-General for Transportation of Arms....	6535	6	10
Due the Commissioner for River Shubenacadie.....	1	18	9
	63	0	6½

THOMAS N. JEFFERY, }
JOHN BLACK, }
Committee
of Council

£108,095 5 1½

1814, Dec. 31—By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer.....

Do. Commissioners of the Isle of Seabie	£ 1110	1	8
Do. Quarter-Master General of Militia	106	8	1½
Do. Adjutant-General.....	13	10	6
Do. Deputy Quarter-Master-General	16	3	11
Do. Commissioner for Bounty to Seamen	21	4	9
Do. The from the Military Chest.....	10,000	0	0
Do. Commissioners of Light-Houses....	2,212	0	8
Do. Market Houses.....	516	0	8
By Securities in the hands of Collector } £118227 9 11			
of Impost and Exercise, Halifax }			
Deduct for probable Drawbacks....	48227	9	11
	79000	0	0

Securities in the hands of the Out-Port Collectors, viz.

Lamchar5.....	£ 1286	5	10
Liverpool.....	6466	14	8
Shelburne.....	1621	13	10½
Yarmouth.....	2713	12	10
Annapolis.....	621	11	6
Windsor.....	67	2	6
King's County.....	283	12	1
Pictou.....	241	13	9½

Deduct for probable Drawbacks

£13202 7 1
6202 7 1

By Balance to be provided, in case all the sums hitherto voted are required.....

7000 0 0
6973 18 2

Committee Room, Halifax, 20th February, 1815,
WILLIAM LAWSON,
JOHN PRYOR,
W. A. CHIPMAN,
JONATHAN CRANE, }
JOHN WELLS, }
Committee of
the House of
Assembly.

£108,095 5 1½

The following Sums remaining undrawn the 31st December, 1814, on account of Roads and Bridges :

Vote, 1813—Herne's to Hawkins's Point.....	£.25	0	0
Gut of Annapolis.....	10	0	0
Balance, King's County to New Canaan.....	10	0	0
1814—Economy Bridge to Robert Thompson's.....	40	0	0
Dartmouth to Sackville.....	25	0	0
Spryfield to Herring Cove.....	40	0	0
Cole Harbour to the Eastern Battery.....	25	0	0
Herring Cove to Ketch Harbour.....	40	0	0
Nathan Hoeg's to Franklin Manor.....	25	0	0
Barronsfield to Parrsborough.....	20	0	0
New Canaan to Annapolis.....	20	0	0
Silas Rand's to Aylesford Church.....	20	0	0
Cogmagun to Rainy Creek.....	60	0	0
Building Bridge over Avon River.....	25	0	0
Balance, Musquodoboit by Way of Chisencook	15	0	0
Doughty's to Cole Harbour,.....	25	0	0
Brinley's Farm to Preston.....	25	0	0
George Thompson's to Windsor Road	25	0	0
Walker's Bridge to Leonard's Tavern	26	0	3
Wardrobe's to Nine Mile River.....	5	0	0
Contingent Vote.....	484	0	0
Total.....	£.990	0	3

Committee-Room, Halifax, 20th Feb. 1815.

THOMAS N. JEFFERY,	} Committee
JOHN BLACK,	
WILLIAM LAWSON,	} of Council.
W. A. CHIPMAN,	
JONATHAN CRANE,	} Committee of
JOHN WELLS,	
JOHN PRYOR,	
	Assembly.

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

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

Tuesday, 21st February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Philip Sparling, was presented by Mr. Robie, and read, praying for a Drawback of the duties on a certain quantity of Rum exported from the Province.

A petition of Peter M'Nab, and others, inhabitants of the Eastern Passage and Cole Harbour, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying that the original road of communication between the said Passage and Harbour may be kept

kept open and improved, in place of the road from Horne's to Mundy's.

A petition of Lydia Collins and James Barfs, the Administratrix and Administrator to the Estate of the late George Collins, of Liverpool, deceased, was presented by Mr. Wiswall, and read, praying payment of the sum of £297 14 1½, for fundry articles supplied by the said George Collins for the use of the Light-House at the entrance of the Harbour of Liverpool.

A petition of the Sessions, Grand Jury, and Overseers of the Poor, for the District of Picton, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying : that the provisions of an Act passed in the first year of his Majesty's reign, for preventing Trespasses, may be extended to the town of Picton.

A petition of Alexander M'Lean, and others, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying an aid for the Road between Hugh Frazer's and Hector M'Kenzie's, on the East side of the East River of Picton.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made further progress in the business to them referred : and 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 :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty-five 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.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That the sum of one hundred and forty pounds should be granted for the service of the Great Public Roads of the Province (in addition to the sum of four hundred and eighty four pounds, being the balance of five hundred pounds granted last year, and remaining at present in the Treasury.) to be expended in the manner prescribed by the Appropriation Act of the last year.

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

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

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to two Resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz :

105l. 15s. to Seth Coleman.

79l. 12s. 6d. to the Secretary of the Province to defray certain demands.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Wiswall, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expenditures already made upon the Windsor and Cobi-quid Roads, and to ascertain and report to the House, such measures as ought to be adopted in order to render the future expenditure of money on these Roads more beneficial ; and also that the said Committee have power to send for and examine the Supervisors of these Roads, if necessary.

Ordered, That Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Archibald, be a committee for the above purpose.

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

Wednesday, 22d February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robie delivered to the House an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Licence Duties by the Commissioners of the Highways for the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1814.

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the Table.

A Petition of William Nix, and others, Inhabitants of Rawdon, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying an aid to improve the road leading from the main road in said Township, from Wood's Farm.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds should be granted, and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be by him applied in such manner as his Excellency shall deem most effectual to prevent the spreading of the Small-Pox, by promoting Vaccination throughout 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 a Supply: which report the House agreed to.

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

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

Mr. Lawson delivered to the House a Report of the Auditor of Public Accounts, upon the Expenditure of Monies granted for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province in the Year 1814.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

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

500l. to prevent the spreading of the Small Pox.

140l. for repairing Bridges on the Great Public Roads.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution passed in the House this day, for granting the sum of Five Hundred Pounds to prevent the spreading of the Small-Pox.

Ordered, That Mr. Creighton, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Pyke, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

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

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

I recommend to your favorable consideration, the accompanying Petition, which has been addressed to me by the Commissioners appointed for the better management and relief of the Poor of Halifax: They state the existence of
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many difficulties which they experience from the insufficiency of the Funds placed at their disposal, for the maintenance of Transient Persons requiring eleemosynary support. You will observe, that one cause of their pecuniary embarrassment, has arisen from their having erected a Building for the reception and accommodation of Lunatic Persons from all parts of the Province, for the expence of which they are greatly in arrears: Under these circumstances I feel it my duty to call your attention to this Petition, in full confidence that your humanity will induce you to consider the same favorably, and extend such relief to the Petitioners as will extricate them from their embarrassments, enable them to continue their meritorious services, and provide for the unfortunate Paupers under their care.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

Mr. George also delivered to the House the Petition of the Commissioners of the Poor, to his Excellency, referred to in the foregoing Message.

The said Petition was read by the Clerk, setting forth, That the Petitioners laboured, for the last three or four years, under the increase of great, and many pecuniary embarrassments, and notwithstanding they have made every possible exertion, they find it impossible to extricate themselves; it is, therefore, with great concern they feel bound in duty to state to his Excellency, that, after the most careful investigation of the accounts relative to the Establishment under their management, they are unable any longer to provide for the support of the Poor committed to their care.

That the Petitioners have been obliged to borrow, on the personal security of some of their Members, a sum of Six Hundred Pounds, which sum is now due with an arrear of Interest; and in addition to which, upon adjusting the accounts up to the end of the last year, they find themselves indebted in a further sum of at least One Thousand Four Hundred Pounds.

That the present support of the Poor depends altogether on the personal credit of the Petitioners; and the daily expence is nearly doubled, as the Petitioners are unable, for want of money, to lay in the Fuel and other Necessaries at proper seasons of the year, when the same may be purchased at reasonable rates. That it is easy to point out the causes which have thus involved the Petitioners in debt, and they beg leave to call your Excellency's attention to the three following facts, which, without pointing to any others, are more than sufficient to demonstrate the cause of their present difficulties:

First—That his Excellency, our late Lieutenant-Governor, Sir George Prevost, deemed it expedient to recommend to the Legislature to provide a suitable Building for the reception of Lunatic and Deranged Persons; and the General Assembly, in consequence of such recommendation, granted the sum of One Thousand Pounds for that purpose; and the Petitioners were authorised to conduct said Building, which they have completed at an expence exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds. Secondly—

Secondly—That the vast increase in the numbers of sick Seamen, Fishermen, and distressed objects of different descriptions, since the American War, which have been received into the Poor-House, together with a proportionable increase of the Town Poor, has more than doubled the numbers of Transient and Town Poor within a few years.

Thirdly—That the vast increase of the price of every article wanted for the Establishment, justifies the Petitioners in stating, that their expenditures have been nearly doubled from that cause alone.

That the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds is now assessed and collecting from the Town of Halifax for the support of the Poor, chargeable on the Town only for the present year. That formerly when the General Assembly allowed the sum of Four Hundred Pounds yearly for the support of the Transient Poor, the proportion for the expence of the Town Poor required only an annual assessment on the Town for the sum of Four Hundred Pounds. That the Petitioners beg your Excellency to cause their Accounts to be examined by fit and proper persons, and the whole economy of their Establishment to be inspected and examined, as the Petitioners feel particularly anxious to shew, that they have made every possible exertion to conduct the business trusted to them, with prudence and humanity; and it is but justice due to their characters to have an opportunity of shewing, that the present difficulties have not proceeded from any fault or neglect on their part. That the Petitioners have estimated what Monies will enable them to pay off their present debts, and conduct the business in future upon those terms of advantage which past experience has proved, and this can only be accomplished with command of ready money. The Petitioners are prepared to shew that it will require a sum of ready money to discharge the debts, now remaining due, up to the first of January last, of Two Thousand Pounds, and that an addition of Two Hundred Pounds at least, to the usual Grant of Four Hundred Pounds, allowed for the support of the Transient Poor, is necessary. That the Petitioners have cheerfully devoted much of their time to discharge the various painful and disagreeable duties which their office requires them to perform: they seek no compensation for themselves, and would be greatly rejoiced could your Excellency find any persons competent to discharge the duties of the Commission. But, in the present state of the Establishment it is totally out of their power to conduct it any further. The Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Excellency to take such measures as, in your wisdom, you may deem expedient to preserve an Establishment, that common humanity requires, and which cannot be continued unless means are provided.

Ordered, That the foregoing Message from his Excellency, and the Petition, do lie on the table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *ordered,* That the Auditor of Public Accounts do furnish this House with a Return of the names of such Commissioners of
Roads

Roads and Bridges as have not accounted for the several Sums of Money appropriated for that service since the year 1806, with the amount of the several sums in one Schedule.

Mr. Shaw, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the Plaister of Paris or Gypsum Trade, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Thursday, 23d February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Alexander Henry, and others, was presented by Mr. Lawton, and read, praying an aid for building a Bridge over the River Musquodoboit.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Creighton reported from the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Resolution for granting Five Hundred Pounds to prevent the spreading of the Small Pox: that the committee had waited on, and presented the said Resolution to, his Excellency, who was pleased to express his approbation of the Grant; and further, desired the committee to inform the House, that he would endeavour to carry their wishes into effect.

Mr. Robie delivered to the House, an Abstract of the Expenditures for Repairs, &c. on the Government-House for the year 1814.

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

On motion of Mr. Pryor, *ordered*, That Mr. Lawton and Mr. Mortimer, be added to the committee of this House, appointed to join a committee of the Council on the subject of the Police of Halifax, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A petition of William Smith, and others, Inhabitants of Rawdon, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying an aid for altering and improving the main road in said township.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

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

Friday, 24th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

DURING the recess of the General Assembly, many families, principally people of colour, have arrived in this Province from the United States of America. They have fled from the calamities of War, and the misery which they were suffering in their native Country, to seek an asylum under the protection of the British Government, and have indulged the hope that they will be admitted as free settlers in this Province. A great proportion of these people, active, healthy, and enured to labour, have gone to the interior of the Province, affording, I trust, a large accession of useful labour to the agriculture of the Country. But there are some instances of decrepid age, helpless infancy, and unavoidable sickness, which require relief; considering the manner in which they left their native Country, this was naturally to be expected, and I have the satisfaction to add, that public assistance and private charity have hitherto been extended to these people in proportion to their wants; but they appear to be more properly the objects of Provincial care: I therefore recommend this subject to your consideration, and request that you will make provision for the assistance of the distressed among these people, and to facilitate the settlement of the residue upon the forrest lands of the Province.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the foregoing Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A petition of Stephen Dimock, and others, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying an aid to repair the Old Ardoise Road leading from Windfor to Halifax.

A petition of W. F. Bonnell, and others, Inhabitants of Digby, was presented by Mr. Warwick, and read, praying an aid for the road from the Town-Plot of Digby to Rogers's Point at the entrance of the Basin of Annapolis.

A petition of Joseph Fellows, and others, Inhabitants of the Middle District of Granville, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read, praying an aid for the road in the said District.

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A petition of Henry Taylor, distiller, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying for a reduction of the Duties on Rum, and other Spirituous Liquors, manufactured within the Province.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, the 1st March, take into consideration the several Private Petitions now before the House.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, *ordered*, That the Commissioners of the Poor for the Town of Halifax, do lay before this House,

An Account of the several Sums assessed and collected for the support of the Poor of the said Town, for the years 1811, 1812, 1813 and 1814, together with an Account of the Expenditure thereof; and, also,

An account of the expenditure of the several sums of money granted in the said years for the support of the Transient Poor, and for the erection of a House in the said Town, for the reception of Lunaticks.

Ordered, That the Clerk do furnish the Commissioners of the Poor with a copy of the foregoing order.

A petition of Samuel Prescott, was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, praying an aid for the road leading from the ferry to the South East Passage, in the Township of Dartmouth.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Petition of Walter Bromley.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Mortimer 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 they had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House: and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is not expedient to extend Acadian Schools throughout the Province, but in consideration of the unwearied exertions of Walter Bromley, Esq. in establishing the Acadian School in Halifax, and the great benefits derived to the Province from his exertions, it be recommended to the House to grant him a compensation for his services in founding and effectually establishing that School in this Province.

Mr.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie moved that the Report of the Committee be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

Ordered, That the Resolution be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Saturday, 25th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Robie, *ordered*, That the Abstract and Vouchers for the repairs of the Government House, in the year 1814, be referred to Mr. Chipman, Mr. Robie, and Mr. Pyke, who are to examine into the same and report thereon to the House.

A Petition of Donald Fraser, and others, Inhabitants of the East River of Picou, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying an aid for the road from Abercrombey's Point to the Old Meeting House on the West side of the said River.

A petition of Edward Rivers, and others, inhabitants of Rawdon, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid for the road from the Church by Bond's Mill to Halifax.

A petition of Henry Van Buskirk, and others, inhabitants of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, praying an aid for the road under the North Mountain, through the said Township.

A petition of Nathan Randal, and others, inhabitants of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying an aid for the road from John Ruggles's to Peter Barns's on the Bay of Fundy, in said Township.

Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table.

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

Monday, 27th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read :

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of his Excellency's Message of Friday last, the 24th inst.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Commissioners of the Poor of Halifax, should be desired to cause an exact account to be taken for the information of the House, of the number of Blacks recently from the United States of America, who are now in the Town of Halifax, and its Environs, with the particular state of each family, as to age, sex, occupation, &c. and that this House will pay the expence of such information.

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 furnish the Commissioners of the Poor with a copy of the foregoing Resolution.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Tuesday, 28th February, 1815.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of opening the Coal Mines in this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Roach, be a committee for the above purpose.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolution to the Council, for concurrence.

A Petition of Lewis Ettinger, and others, formerly Soldiers in the late 84th Regiment, and Settlers in Douglas under the Grant made to the late Lt. Colonel Small, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying that the Titles to their Land may be made good to them without expence.

A Petition of Samuel Morfe and others, Inhabitants of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying an aid to enable them to build a Bridge over the Annapolis River, at the head of the Tide.

A petition of James Charlton and others, Inhabitants of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying an aid to improve a Road running eastward, along the foot of the North Mountain, in said Township.

A petition of Phineas Lovett, Jun. and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Harris, and read, praying an aid for the road near Round Hill, in the said Township.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the undermentioned letters received by him during the recess of the House, on the affairs of the Province, addressed to the President of His Majesty's Council, and Mr. Speaker. viz :

Two letters from the Agent of the Province, Scroope Bernard Morland, Esq. one dated London, the 7th April; and the other dated the 8th July last; also,

A letter from Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. dated London, the 2d November last.

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

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred; and 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:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient to encourage the Fisheries of the Province by Bounties, and that it be recommended to the House to adopt measures accordingly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient to encourage the Agriculture of the Province, by granting a Bounty for that purpose.

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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 business to them referred; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Mr. Haliburton moved, That a conference be desired with the Council, by committee, on the state of the Province; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, sixteen; against it, ten; so it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do request the said conference.

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Pryor, do manage the said conference.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker;

The Council have appointed a committee of the Honourable Michael Wallace and Charles Morris, to join the committee of this House, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of opening the Coal Mines in the Province.

The Council agree to the conference, as desired by the House, immediately, in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And they went to the conference.

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

Wednesday, 1st March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A petition of David Whidden, and others, Inhabitants of Douglafs, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying an aid for the road between the mouth of the Shubenaccadie River and Paul Woodworth's Farm, in said Township.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Samuel Head and William Anderson, Surgeons; and the same was read, praying an aid towards the completion of a Hospital, lately established by them for the reception and accommodation of Merchant Seamen, and others, which is found to be of great utility.

A petition of Henry Van Buskirk, and others, Inhabitants of Aylesford,

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was presented by Mr. Crane, and read, praying an aid for the road leading from the Post-Road to the settlement called Morristown in said Township.

A petition of Alexander Walker, and others, Inhabitants of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Crane and read, praying an aid to build a Bridge over the Annapolis River on the road leading from the Annapolis road to the South Mountain.

A petition of William Sabatier, and others, the Committee of Persons interested in the Trade, Fisheries and Agriculture, of the Province, was presented by Mr. Pfyör, and read, setting forth, That the Fisheries, on which this Province most essentially depends for support, have greatly suffered during the last season from a scarcity of Salt, which obliged many of the persons engaged in that important branch of business, to abandon their intended voyages, to the manifest injury of their families. That the small quantity of that article at market was so very high in price during the last Spring and Summer that not only many of the Fishermen were deprived of their accustomed occupations, but eventually, the West-India supply became much less than it would otherwise have been, and thereby, in consequence of a limited exportation, the Merchants fell short, also in the amount of their imports, from whence the Provincial Revenue principally arises. That it is almost superfluous to observe to this Honourable House, that when the Fisheries and the attendant Commerce flourishes, the effects circulate beneficially through every branch of industry, and that the farmer, the woodsman, and the mechanic, all therefrom receive an immediate and general impulse; but the remote consequences to this, and the other British Provinces, will be in all probability, either adversely or prosperously incalculably great: for should the West-India Islands suffer from a deficient supply, when the whole trade is confessedly in possession of British Subjects, the consequence would prove as injurious to these Provinces, as a plentiful supply at this period would become beneficial to them, by offering to those who have the controul of British Commerce, an undeniable proof of the incompetency or the competency of these Colonies in time of Peace, to furnish what may be required without the intervention of Foreign vessels and traders. That the article of Salt is of a bulky nature, compared with its price, and can only be imported free from loss, under circumstances which are liable to great fluctuations. That to apply a remedy to this intonveniency, the wisdom of the Legislature of this Province gave a proportionate bounty on Salt, when that article was below a certain fixed price, by which policy the importation became at any rate a certainty, and induced the Merchants in England and Scotland, without hazard, to employ their Capitals partly in this branch of trade, which not only supplied the Fisheries directly, but the Timber trade also partook of the other part of their Capitals, which furnished shipping for a return voyage, and thus the freight out and home was put upon two articles, instead of becoming

ing an over burthen upon one ; which at times, by reason of low prices of Timber at home, ceased altogether, to the ruin of the woodsman, the fruits of whose winter labour often found no customers in the spring and summer. That certainty being confessedly the best friend of Commerce, the providence of the wisest Legislators has, at all times, afforded to it their aid and support, where favorable opportunities presented themselves, nor can a more unquestionable means of nourishing the Fisheries of this Province occur, than that of renewing a Bounty on Salt, so extended in its duration as to place the distant Merchant in security. And praying that the House would be pleased to take their Petition into consideration, and grant to the Fisheries and Commerce of this Province the aid and support which to them may, at this important period, appear best calculated to answer the purposes set forth in the Petition.

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

The Order of the Day being read : thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Private Petitions before the House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Marsters 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 Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

The petition of Leonard Maxiner, was read and considered ; and thereupon,
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 16l. 13s. 4d. should be granted to the petitioner.

The petition of Andrew Fufhner, was read and considered ; and thereupon,
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the petition should be dismissed.

The petition of William Freeman and others, and also the petition of Lydia Collins and James Barfs, were read and considered ; and thereupon,
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the said petitions should be referred to a committee to be appointed by the House, to examine into the merits of the same respectively, and report thereon to the House.

A petition of Joseph Fennel, was read and considered ; and thereupon,
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the prayer of the petition should be granted.

A petition of Philip Sparling, was read and considered ; and thereupon,
Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That the petition should

be referred to a committee to be appointed by the House, to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

A petition of Samuel Head, and William Anderson, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That the consideration of the petition should be deferred to this day three months.

The petition of Louis Ettinger and others, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That it should be recommended to the House, to present an humble Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, setting forth, the claims of the petitioners, and the circumstances of the Escheat of the Douglass Grant; and praying His Excellency to cause the petitioners to be confirmed in their titles, without expence to the petitioners, agreeably to the engagement made to them at the time of Escheat.

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

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

Ordered, That the petition of William Freeman and others, and also the petition of Lydia Collins and James Barfs, be referred to Mr. Pryor, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Barfs, agreeably to the report of the committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the petition of Philip Sparling, be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Warwick, agreeably to the report of the committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Robie and Mr. Wiswall, do prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Douglass Grant, agreeably to the report of the committee of the whole House.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, That the committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as before-mentioned, do state in the said Address, the situation the Proprietors of the Philadelphia Grant are placed in, and request that His Excellency would be pleased to confirm the said Proprietors in their titles.

On motion of Mr. Roach, *ordered*, That Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Robie, be added to the committee appointed to confer with the committee of His Majesty's Council on the State of the Province, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, 2d March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Richard Cunningham and others, Magistrates and Inhabitants of Windfor, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying an aid of one hundred pounds, to reduce the Tanners' Hill, on the main road in said township.

A Bill to regulate the Plaister of Paris or Gypsum Trade, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Kent, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of an Act to enable the Proprietors to repair the Meeting-House at Truro, &c. and the same was read a first time.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Wifwall reported, That the Managers, pursuant to the Order of Saturday last, had held a conference with the Committee of His Majesty's Council on the State of the Province; and he stated the substance of the said conference to the House; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Haliburton moved, That the Committee of this House, appointed to join a Committee of the Council, on the subject of the Police of Halifax, have power

power to send for persons, papers and records: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, eighteen; against it, six—so it passed in the affirmative.

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

Friday, 3d March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of an Act to enable the Proprietors to repair the Meeting House at Truro; also,

A Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries; also,

A Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of new Land; and, also,

A Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Importation of Salt: 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. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Saturday, 4th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

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. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

the Bill to encourage the fitting out Vessels for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment : and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

Monday, 6th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Harris delivered to the House a Survey and Plan of a proposed main Road from Annapolis to Halifax, through the Interior of the Province ; and also a Report from the Surveyor-General of Lands to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, respecting the same : and thereupon,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to regulate the Plaister of Paris or Gypsum Trade : and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

Mr. Pool then moved that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, fourteen ; against it, eighteen :

For

For the Motion,

Mr. Crane,	Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Athson,	Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Marsters,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Welts,	Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Pool,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Dewolf,	Mr. Kent.

Against the Motion,

Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Pryor,
Mr. Wiswall,	Mr. Kouck,
Mr. Marshall,	Mr. Moltmer,
Mr. Barss,	Mr. Warwick,
Mr. Shaws,	Mr. Parker,
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Purdij,	Mr. Rucolf.

So it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Robie reported from the joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Police of Halifax, 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 enquired from certain of the Magistrates of the County of Halifax, and the Clerk of the Peace, into the state of the Police of that Town, and think it expedient that the Legislature should make provision for procuring the daily attendance of one Magistrate in some Public Office in Halifax, for managing the Police of the Town, and one Peace Officer to attend on him. That the committee recommend that some measures should be adopted by the Legislature to cause the Magistrates to sit in rotation, one of them daily in such Public Office; and that the sitting Magistrate should be allowed per day, on each day of his sitting, and that a Peace Officer should attend the sitting Magistrate daily, and be paid per day for his attendance and services.

That the committee are further of opinion, that if a Bridewell were provided in the County of Halifax, to which offenders could be committed for correction, and the Laws already enacted were duly enforced, the Police of Halifax, under the regulations above recommended, may be rendered efficient in all respects.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the committee had directed him

him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same; which report the House agreed to.

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

Tuesday, 7th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pryor reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Lydia Collins and James Barfs; and also the Petition of William Freeman 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 is as follows:

That although the Account rendered by the Petitioners, Lydia Collins and James Barfs, is not so properly vouched as the Committee could have wished and some of the articles are charged, at high rates, yet the committee feel satisfied the money has been expended by the late Commissioner, George Collins, deceased, and therefore recommend to the House the payment of the sum of 297l. 14s. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. agreeably to the prayer of the Petition.

That it appears to the committee, that the Petitioners, William Freeman, Joshua Newton, and Nathaniel Smith, have expended the sum of 107l. 2s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. over and above the sums granted by the Province, and by them drawn from the Treasury; the committee therefore recommend to the House the payment of that sum. With respect to the charge of commissions by the Petitioners, the committee are of opinion three per cent. (amounting to 45l.) if any, would be a sufficient allowance for their services.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the table.

Mr. Chipman reported from the committee to whom the Accounts of Expenditure for the Repairs, &c. on the Government House the last year, 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 Accounts are correct; and, including the balance of 202l. 2s. 4d. due last year, and the charge for carpets for the Drawing and Dining Rooms of 216l. 1s. 8d. amount to the sum of 973l. 15s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. which leaves a balance due over the grant of the last year, of 178l. 0s. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. That there appears due to H. H. Cogswell, for his commissions on the sum of 973l. 15s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. as noted at the bottom of the account, at 5 per cent. 48l. 12s. But the committee submit to the consideration of the House, whether he is entitled to that amount, or what sum should be allowed to him for his services.

That Estimates for the sums necessary to be expended upon the Govern-
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ment House, during the present year, have been laid before the committee, and are as follows :

To keep the House, Out Houses, Drains, &c. in repair	£ 150	0	0
Painting, Whitewashing, &c.	60	0	0
For copper Nails, Rivits and Solder, to cover the center flat of the Roof with Copper, there being sufficient Copper on hand	149	12	0
	£.359	12	0

And should the Assembly think proper to have the flat parts of the north wing of the building covered with Copper, the cost of Copper, copper Nails, Rivits, Solder, and other Materials, together with Carpenters', Masons' and Labourers' Work, will amount to the further sum of - - - £.360 0 0

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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread-Corn, and the clearing of new Land ; also, the Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Importation of Salt : and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment ; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

The chairman also reported, that the committee had gone through the Bill in amendment of an Act to repair the Meeting House at Truro, &c. and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House : and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments. in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

Ordered, That the several Bills as reported by the committee of the whole House, be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Wiswall, the Report of the joint committee of the Council and this House, on the subject of the Police of Halifax, was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon, On

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Report.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Roach took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The Clerk delivered to the House the undermentioned Returns, received by him from the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, pursuant to the Resolution of this House on the 27th instant, viz.

A Return of the Numbers and Description of the Blacks, and People of Colour, recently arrived from the United States of America, and resident in Halifax :

A Return of ditto, resident on the Windsor Road ;

A Return of ditto, resident at Dartmouth and Preston ;

A Return of ditto, resident at Mr. Fairbanks' Estate at Porter's Lake.

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

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

Wednesday, 8th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

The Bill to regulate the Plaister of Paris or Gypsum Trade, being engrossed : thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved that the third reading of the said Bill be postponed to this day Three Months : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, eleven ; against it, twenty-one :

For the Motion,

<i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>	<i>Mr. Allison,</i>
<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>	<i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>
<i>Mr. Marsters,</i>	<i>Mr. Pool,</i>
<i>Mr. Flemming,</i>	<i>Mr. Robie,</i>
<i>Mr. Manning,</i>	<i>Mr. Kent.</i>
<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>	

Against the Motion,

<i>Mr. Crane,</i>	<i>Mr. Shaw,</i>
<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>	<i>Mr. Wiswall,</i>
<i>Mr. Barss,</i>	<i>Mr. Chipman,</i>
<i>Mr. Cunningham,</i>	<i>Mr. Rouch,</i>
<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>	<i>Mr. Pryor,</i>
<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>	<i>Mr. Radolf,</i>
<i>Mr. Harris,</i>	<i>Mr. Marshall,</i>
<i>Mr. Ritchie,</i>	<i>Mr. Creighton,</i>
<i>Mr. Mortimer,</i>	<i>Mr. Warwick,</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>	<i>Mr. Parker,</i>
<i>Mr. Purdy,</i>	

So it passed in the negative.

On motion, the said Bill was read a third time ; and thereupon,

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Mr. Robie moved, that the following enacting clause be tacked to the Bill as a Rider, viz :

“ *Provided always, and be it further enacted,* That nothing in this Act contained shall be of any force or effect until the Legislature of New Brunswick shall impose a similar duty upon all Gypsum exported from the Ports of that Province ; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to regulate the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris or Gypsum, and to prevent contraband trade arising from the landing that article at or near the boundary line of the United States of America.

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

An engrossed Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Importation of Salt, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Importation of Salt, and also for regulating and imposing a Duty on the Exportation of the same article ; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the Bill be now sent to the Council for concurrence : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, twenty ; against it, twelve :

For the motion,

Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Rudolf,	Mr. Wells,
Mr. Bishop,	Mr. Pryor,
Mr. Shaw,	Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Parker,	Mr. Pool,
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Robie,
Mr. Roush,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Creighton,
Mr. Wiswall,	Mr. Barss,

Against the motion.

Mr. Ritchie,	Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Daliburton,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Kent,	Mr. Marsters,
Mr. Cranc,	Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Flemming,	Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Warwick,

So it passed in the affirmative ; and thereupon,

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a present Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of £25,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of £25,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Report of the joint Committee of the Council and this House on the subject of the Police of Halifax.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Roach took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it will be expedient to erect an House of Correction in the Town of Halifax ; and that it be recommended to the House to grant some pecuniary aid to the said Town, to enable them immediately to build such House of Correction.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor should be enabled to pay the Senior Magistrate for his daily attendance in some convenient place in the Town of Halifax,

Halifax, and also Peace Officers to attend him, and that it therefore be recommended to the House to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for that purpose.

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 Mr. Witwall, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Shaw, do prepare and bring in a Bill, conformably to the foregoing resolutions of the committee of the whole House.

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

Thursday, 9th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk delivered to the House the undermentioned Papers received by him from the Chairman of the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, pursuant to the resolution of this House on the 24th instant, *Viz* :

An Account of the Sums assessed and collected for the support of the Poor of the Town of Halifax, for the years 1811, 1812, 1813, and 1814.

A general Abstract of Expenditures by the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, for the years 1811, 1812, 1813, and 1814, amounting to 7454l. 7s. 6d.

A general Abstract of the Sums expended for the Lunatic House in the year 1812, amounting 2294l. 11s. 10½d.

A Return of the numbers and description of the Transient Poor supported in the Poor House in the year 1814.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie on the table, to be perused by the Members of 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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a present Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill for granting a Bounty on Salt. And

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Dewolf, and Mr. Archibald, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

Mr Haliburton reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Douglass and Philadelphia Grants, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Noble Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

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

May it please Your Excellency;

WE, the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal Subjects, the People of Nova-Scotia, in General-Assembly convened, beg leave to lay before your Excellency, the case of certain Settlers of long standing in the Township of Douglass, who are at this time inecure in the titles to their Lands.

These settlers are disbanded soldiers of the late 84th regiment, who began to improve on a large tract of Land granted in trust for them and others to Lieut. Col. Small in the year 1783. Owing to an error in this Grant, and to the subsequent absence and death of Col. Small, many of them had no separate titles given through him so intended; and after the lapse of some years, and after improvements made on those lands, under circumstances of peculiar difficulty and hardship, it was found that many had not their lands definitely bounded, nor any legal titles to them. The discontents arising from this discovery, occasioned some settlers to withdraw from the Country, who had not been discouraged by the difficulties attendant upon improving a wilderness, but those settlers, in whose behalf we now address your Excellency, as are such, as implicitly confiding in the faith and the engagements of Government, at the time of their settling, that they should have good titles to their

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respective quota of land free of expense, have continued to improve their lands, until at length, grown uneasy from repeated disappointment and long delay, they have petitioned the House of Assembly for relief.

The Grant before-mentioned made to Col. Small, covering much more land than those settlers laid claim to, Government some years ago caused the said grant to be escheated, engaging with the settlers aforementioned, that their interest should not be affected by it ; in consequence of which engagement they acquiesced in the escheat.

In pursuance of recommendations from His Excellency Sir John Wentworth, late Lieutenant-Governor, the Assembly of this Province took the proper steps, at the expense of the Province, to have the lands of the settlers, now under consideration, surveyed, and designated, so as that a grant to confirm them in their respective possessions, might pass without injury, and nothing stands in the way of perfecting such grant but the demand for fees by the officers of His Majesty's Government.

From the pledge given by Government, as above-mentioned, as well as from what is due to the simplicity and generosity of those settlers (who are poor and illiterate men) in submitting, without security, to a general escheat, it does not seem just that they should pay any fees ; but that they should be confirmed in their possessions agreeably to the expectations they were authorized to entertain when they first settled in the Province—the present defect in their title proceeding from no default on their part.

We therefore humbly pray, in their behalf, that these settlers, to the number of forty-one (whose names are hereunto annexed) may be confirmed in their possessions, and that your Excellency will be pleased to direct the necessary measures to be adopted for that purpose.

We also humbly beg leave to state to your Excellency, that the proprietors of land within the limits heretofore covered by the new Philadelphia Grant, lately escheated under peculiar circumstances, are without any legal title to those lands, and that it seems equitable that a grant or grants should pass to them in such a way as not to occasion expense, agreeably to a former undertaking by His Majesty's Government.

Having the fullest confidence in your Excellency's disposition to favor the industrious and poorer classes of loyal Settlers in this Province, and more especially the disbanded and worn out Soldiers who have fought an atylum in our Forests, we feel fully satisfied, that what is proper will be directed by your Excellency in their behalf.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Mortimer, be a committee for the above purpose.

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

Friday,

Friday, 10th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

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

The Council request a present Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Plaster of Paris or Gypsum Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Purdy, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Archibald, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

A Bill in amendment of an Act to enable the Proprietors to repair the Meeting House at Truro, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors to repair the Meeting House at Truro, and also to enclose the Burying Place belonging to the same, and also to assess Monies for defraying the expenses thereof; and to extend the provisions of this Act, and of the Act of which this is in amendment, to the Meeting House and Burying Places in the Township of Londonderry.

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

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Edmond & Bedel, and John Robinson, of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick, Merchants, and the same was read, praying for a remission of the Duties secured on a certain quantity of Tea, and sundry other articles, shipped for the Petitioners, in London, on board the ship Monmouth, Robert Quelch, master, landed at Halifax in February, 1814, and afterwards forwarded to New Brunswick, via Windsor, agreeable to the original destination of said articles.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Mortimer moved, that a further conference be requested with the Council on the subject of the Plaster of Paris Bill, and that the managers on the part of the House, be instructed to bring back the said Bill to the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, twelve.

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For the motion,

<i>Mr. Chipman,</i>	<i>Mr. Roach,</i>
<i>Mr. Creighton,</i>	<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>
<i>Mr. Parker,</i>	<i>Mr. Warwick.</i>
<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>	<i>Mr. Ritchie,</i>
<i>Mr. Wells,</i>	<i>Mr. Marshall,</i>
<i>Mr. Wiswall,</i>	<i>Mr. Barss,</i>
<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>	<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>
<i>Mr. Shaw,</i>	<i>Mr. Harris,</i>
<i>Mr. Cunningham,</i>	<i>Mr. Purdy,</i>
<i>Mr. Mortimer,</i>	<i>Mr. Crane,</i>

Against the motion.

<i>Mr. Kent,</i>	<i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>
<i>Mr. Pool,</i>	<i>Mr. Robie,</i>
<i>Mr. Manning,</i>	<i>Mr. Marsters,</i>
<i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>	<i>Mr. Flemming,</i>
<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>	<i>Mr. Pryor,</i>
<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>	<i>Mr. Allison,</i>

So it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Clerk do request a further conference with the Council, on the subject of the Bill above-mentioned.

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

Saturday, 11th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wiswall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in aid of his Majesty's Courts of Common Pleas, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Tuesday the 14th inst.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address of this House on the subject of the Douglafs and Philadelphia Settlers; that the committee had waited upon and delivered the said Address to His Excellency, and that His Excellency was pleased to say he would communicate further with the House on the subject of the Address.

Mr. Pryor moved that the period for granting a Bounty on Salt be extended to the first day of July. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, seventeen; against it, ten:

For the Motion,

<i>Mr. Robie,</i>	<i>Mr. Roach,</i>
<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>	<i>Mr. Wells,</i>
<i>Mr. Barss,</i>	<i>Mr. Cunningham,</i>
<i>Mr. Mortimer,</i>	<i>Mr. Parker,</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>	<i>Mr. Shaw,</i>
<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>	<i>Mr. Warwick,</i>
<i>Mr. Pryor,</i>	<i>Mr. Chipman,</i>
<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>	<i>Mr. Wiswall,</i>
<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>	

Against the Motion,

<i>Mr. Kent,</i>	<i>Mr. Allison,</i>
<i>Mr. Pool,</i>	<i>Mr. Harris,</i>
<i>Mr. Flemming,</i>	<i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>
<i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>	<i>Mr. Manning,</i>
<i>Mr. Marsters,</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>

So it passed in the affirmative.

A Bill to continue, alter and amend, an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, was read a third time.

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

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

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a further Conference on the subject of the Plaister of Paris Bill, agreeably to the Resolution of yesterday.

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

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wiswall reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and also obtained from the Committee of the Council the said Bill, which he delivered to the House.

Mr. Lawson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Edmond & Bedel, of St. John, in the Province of New-Brunswick, and the same was read, praying for a Drawback of the Excise Duty on a quantity of British Merchandise purchased by the Petitioners from Messrs. Bowie and Deblois, of Halifax, and by them exported to New-Brunswick, *via* Windsor.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the several Petitions, requiring aids for Roads and Bridges, now before the House, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Monday, 13th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to facilitate a passage across the Harbour 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. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred; and that the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and

he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty-four thousand nine hundred and fifty 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.

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

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

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business to them referred; and that the committee had come to 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, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it will be expedient to pay the sum of Money borrowed for the Defence of the Province, amounting to Five Thousand Pounds, together with the Interest thereon, by the 30th September next ensuing.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it will be expedient to reduce the duties on Rum imported into this Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it will be expedient to reduce the duties on Wine, Brandy and Gin, imported into this Province.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they

they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it will be expedient to raise a Revenue for the service of the present Year, by imposing the following Duties, viz.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Upon all Rum imported into this Province, purchased with the Produce of the Province, one shilling per gallon.

Upon all Rum distilled within the Province, ten pence per gallon.

Upon all Brandy imported into this Province, one shilling and sixpence per gallon.

Upon all Gin one shilling and sixpence per gallon.

Upon of all Champagne, Madeira, Port, Claret, Lisbon, or Sherry Wines, one shilling and three pence per gallon.

Upon all other Wines, nine pence per gallon.

Upon all Brown Sugar, three shillings and six pence per cwt.

Upon all Coffee, one penny per pound.

Upon all Molasses, one penny per gallon.

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Upon all Rum, three pence per gallon.

Upon all Sugar, two shillings and six pence per cwt.

Upon all Molasses, one penny per gallon.

Upon all Coffee, one penny per pound.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Pryor do prepare and bring in a Bill, conformably to the foregoing resolution ; and

Also, Bills to continue severally : The Act for imposing a duty on articles to be imported from the United States of America. The Act for raising a duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province. And also, the several Acts to repair the Roads throughout the Province.

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

Tuesday, 14th March, 1815.

PRAEYRS.

A Bill in aid of his Majesty's Courts of Common Pleas, was, pursuant to the order of Saturday last, read a second time.

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

Mr. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to and a amendment

ment of an Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to, and an amendment of an Act for appointing Firewards, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to examine the Commissioners of the Province Building, and report the probable sum, which in their opinion, will be required to complete the same, and to obtain such further information as the Committee may think necessary.

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Allison, be a committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Wiswall reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill on the subject of the Police of Halifax; and accordingly presented a Bill for the better regulating the Police within the Town of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker having acquainted the House that the Sheriff of the County of Sydney was in attendance on the House, pursuant to the Order of the House on Wednesday the 15th February last; thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Marshall, *resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Sydney do attend, forthwith, at the Bar of this House; that the several Petitions presented to the House complaining of an undue election of a Representative for the said County, be read in the hearing of the Sheriff; and that the said Sheriff be called upon to answer to the charges made against him therein; and also that he be examined respecting the proceedings which took place at the said election.

The Sheriff for the County of Sydney having been called to the Bar of the House, and there examined, pursuant to the foregoing Resolution; and the House having also fully considered all the evidence touching the late election for the said County; thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, unanimously, that the several Petitions, complaining of unfair proceedings at the said Election, be dismissed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Pyke, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion of Mr. Wiswall, the Report of the Surveyor-General of Land, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to a Survey and Plan of a proposed Main Road from Annapolis Royal to Halifax, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the opening a road through the interior of the Province, from Halifax to the town of Annapolis, in the nearest practicable route, and through the greatest extent of ungranted land which the nature of the country will admit of, would be beneficial, and conducive to the encouraging the settlement of the Province.

Mr. Wiswall moved, That a further enacting clause be inserted in the Plaister of Paris Bill, in the words following, *Viz* :—

“ *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the publication hereof, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to load or ship in this Province, any Plaister of Paris or Gypsum in or on board any decked ship or vessel for the purpose of exporting the same in such ship or vessel, until the master of such ship or vessel, or the owner or shipper of such Plaister of Paris or Gypsum, shall have obtained from the Collector of Impost and Excise for the County or District where such shipment is about to be made, a permit or sufferance authorising such shipment, and specifying therein the name and the amount of the registered tonnage of the vessel on board which such Plaister of Paris or Gypsum is intended to be shipped; and if any Plaister of Paris or Gypsum shall be laden or shipped before such permit shall have been obtained as aforesaid, or if any ship or vessel shall depart this Province, having on board any Plaister of Paris or Gypsum, to the amount of one ton or upwards, before payment or security given for the payment of the duties by this Act herein-after imposed, the master or owners of such ship or vessel for the time being, shall forfeit and pay ten shillings for each and every ton of the registered tonnage of such ship or vessel; to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any Court of Record within this Province, one half to be paid into the Treasury of this Province, to be appropriated as herein-after directed, and the other half to him, her or them who shall sue for the same; and it shall and may be lawful for the person or persons prosecuting for the said forfeiture, upon filing an information, declaration, or other process under this Act, and making affidavit that such information is substantially true, to hold the vessel (in which such

Plaster of Paris or Gypsum was so illegally shipped) or the master or owner of such ship or vessel, to bail for the amount of such forfeiture."

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-one; against the motion, eleven.

For the motion,

Mr. Harris,
Mr. Creighton,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Purdy,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Wiswall,
Mr. Warwick,
Mr. Bishop,

Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Pryor,
Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Freeman,

Against the motion,

Mr. Kent,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Allison,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Marsters,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Pool,
Mr. Robie,
Mr. Archibald.

So it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

The Clerk, by order of the House, inserted the foregoing clause in the Bill, which, after being thrice read, was, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee on the subject of the Revenue Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue an Act for imposing a duty on articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same; also,

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

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

A Bill to continue an Act, passed in the 48th year of his Majesty's reign, for granting to his Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. and also for granting to his Majesty additional duties upon certain articles in the said Act mentioned: and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Wednesday, 15th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to direct in what cases Writs of Attachment shall hereafter issue; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Shaw moved, That a further conference be requested with His Majesty's Council, by committee, on the subject of the Plaister of Paris Bill, and that the committee of this House be directed to take back the said Bill (as amended) to the committee of the Council; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, twelve.

For the Motion,

<i>Mr. Pryor,</i>	<i>Mr. Barss,</i>
<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>	<i>Mr. Wells,</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>	<i>Mr. Cunningham,</i>
<i>Mr. Shaw,</i>	<i>Mr. Warwick,</i>
<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>	<i>Mr. Chipman,</i>
<i>Mr. Roach,</i>	<i>Mr. Mortimer,</i>
<i>Mr. Purdy,</i>	<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>
<i>Mr. Marshall,</i>	<i>Mr. Rudolf,</i>
<i>Mr. Crane,</i>	<i>Mr. Parker,</i>
<i>Mr. Creighton,</i>	<i>Mr. Wiswall,</i>

Against the Motion,

<i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>	<i>Mr. Allison,</i>
<i>Mr. Robie,</i>	<i>Mr. Kent,</i>
<i>Mr. Ritchie,</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>
<i>Mr. Flemming,</i>	<i>Mr. Marsters.</i>
<i>Mr. Pool,</i>	
<i>Mr. Harris,</i>	
<i>Mr. Manning,</i>	
<i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>	

So it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Clerk do request a conference with the Council accordingly.

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, an Act for appointing Firewards; also,

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of; an Act to restrain Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen; also,

A Bill to facilitate a passage across the Harbour of Halifax; also,

A Bill for the better regulating the Police within the Township of Halifax; also,

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

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

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

A Bill to continue an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's reign, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. and also for granting to His Majesty additional Duties upon certain articles in the said Act mentioned—were severally read a second time.

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

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

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

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

I have, this day, received Official Information, that a Treaty of Peace and Amity, between Great-Britain and the United States of America, has been concluded, ratified and exchanged.

I give you the earliest notice in my power of this important event, as the information may probably be useful, to enable you to regulate some Branches of Legislative Proceedings, which may be under your consideration during the present Session.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

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

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference, as requested by this House, on the subject of the Plaister of Paris Bill : and thereupon,

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

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wiswall reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and also delivered the Bill to the Committee of the Council, on the Conference, pursuant to the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Importation of Salt, and also for regulating and imposing a Duty on the Exportation of the same article ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Trade of this Province in Plaister of Paris or Gypsum, and to prevent contraband trade arising from the landing that article at or near the boundary line of the United States of America.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the fitting out of Vessels in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of New Land ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue, alter and amend, an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled,

An

Act to enable the Proprietors to repair the Meeting House at Truro, &c. with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of £24,950, for the service of Roads and Bridges; and also,

On the Resolution for paying the sum of £5000, borrowed for the Defence of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the Conference, as desired by the Council, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Thursday, 16th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to direct in what cases Writs of Attachment shall hereafter issue; was read a second time.

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

Mr. Rudolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the Cod Fishery; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that he would

be pleased to direct the proper Officer to communicate to this House, the nature and extent of the Security given by the Treasurer of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Haiiburton, Mr. Pyke and Mr. Cunningham, be a committee accordingly.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province; and also, the Bill to continue an Act, passed in the 48th year of his Majesty's reign, for granting to his Majesty an additional duty upon certain articles in the said Act therein mentioned: and that they 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 several Bills to them referred; which Report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

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

Friday, 17th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

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

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

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's reign, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, &c. and also for granting to His Majesty additional Duties upon certain articles in the said Act mentioned.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the 48th year of his Majesty's Reign, for granting to his Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors,

Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of his Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries of this Province; and also for granting to his Majesty additional Duties upon certain articles in this Act mentioned.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the resolution for granting the sum of 24,950*l.* for the service of roads and bridges; and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk acquainted the House, 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 the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

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.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of £24,950, for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province; without any amendment.

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The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House, for paying the sum of £.5000 borrowed for the service of the Province.

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Revenue Bill, now before the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

Ordered; That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Pryor, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the forty-eighth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty, certain duties on Wine, Rum, Molasses, Coffee and brown Sugar, for the support of his Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries of this Province, and also for granting to his Majesty additional duties upon certain articles in this Act mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Saturday, 18th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency

Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Resolution of this House, on the subject of the Security given by the Treasurer of the Province, that the committee had waited upon and delivered to His Excellency a Copy of the said Resolution, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would comply with the wishes of the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, to enable the Proprietors to repair the Meeting House at Truro, &c. and the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the amendments made by them to the said Bill.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors to repair the Meeting House at Truro, and to enclose the Burying Place belonging to the same, and also to assess Monies for defraying the expenses thereof—without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Wiswall, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for imposing a duty upon Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, conformable to the report of the committee of the whole House, on the 13th instant.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Wiswall, and Mr. Pryor, be a committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Secretary George, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, delivered to the House a Copy of the Security given by the Treasurer of the Province, dated 5th October, 1805.

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

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

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

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

NOT being sufficiently acquainted with the facts alluded to in your Address to me of the 9th instant, nor of the pledge stated to have been given to the settlers, under the grant made to the late Lieut. Col. Small, of Lands in Douglafs, I deemed it expedient to ask the advice of his Majesty's Council on the subject, and I now submit to your consideration, the report made to me, by a committee of the Council, and approved of by them, relative thereto.

By this report it appears : That the claims of the settlers under Lieut. Col. Small, to have their titles made good, result from the interest which the Assemblies have felt, and the aids which they have at different times afforded, for the purpose of accomplishing this desirable object ; and not from any pledge given on the part of the Executive Government. As, however, common justice seems to require, that such of these settlers as belonged to the late 84th Regiment, and had an interest in the Escheated Grant to Lieut. Col. Small, should have their titles, under that Grant, made good to them without expence. I hope the Assembly will be disposed to complete the good work they have began, by granting the further aid which, by the report, appears to be necessary, and no endeavours on my part shall be omitted, in the application of it to the purposes intended.

I feel it my duty to state further, that the Royal Additional Instructions, under which Grants of Lands are now made, limiting the number of acres to five hundred for each settler and his family ; I should not feel myself authorized to exceed that amount in any case, without the special leave of his Majesty's Government, for which, in the case of the settlers under the Philadelphia Grant I have particularly applied ; and should such permission be obtained in that case, I should have no difficulty in extending the same indulgence to the aforementioned settlers at Douglafs.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House the report of a Committee of his Majesty's Council, to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, referred to in the foregoing message, and the same was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon,

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

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary George.

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber. And

And being returned,

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

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors to repair the Meeting House at Truro, and to enclose the Burying Place belonging to the same, and also to assess Monies for defraying the expenses thereof.

An Act to repeal the first clause of an Act, made in the 28th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, made in the 21st year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made in the 10th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grift Mills in this Province.

An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the Importation of Salt, and also for regulating and imposing a Duty on the Exportation of the same article.

An Act to regulate the Trade of this Province in Plaister of Paris, or Gypsum, and to prevent contraband trade arising from the landing that article, at or near the boundary line of the United States of America.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool 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 imposing Duties on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, 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.—The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills to them referred; which Report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

Monday, 20th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the Cod Fishery, was read a second time.

Resolved,

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee on the subject of the Revenue Bill ; and accordingly presented a Bill for granting to his Majesty certain duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government ; and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a committee of the whole House ; and thereupon the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Paol 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 said 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. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having directed the Report and Survey made respecting the navigation of the River Shubenacadie, to be laid before the Council, and the Gentlemen employed in the Survey being now in attendance on that business, the Council request a conference with this House, by open committee, on the measure.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Payor, Mr. Wiswall and Mr. Robie, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for imposing Duties on Articles to be imported from the United States of America.

An engrossed Bill for granting to his Majesty certain duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved,

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter received by him from the Chairman of the Committee of Trade, dated Halifax, the 19th instant, on the subject of the commercial concerns of the Province, and the said Letter was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House, a Petition of the Grand Jury for the County of Halifax, and the same was read, setting forth: That frequent Petitions having been presented to the Grand Inquest of the County by the Inhabitants of Water-Street, in the Town of Halifax, soliciting the interference of that Body in procuring assistance from the Legislature towards paving the said Street in such manner as may render it less exposed to its frequent inconveniences. That the Petitioners did petition His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in their official capacity in the year 1812, which Petition was most promptly laid before this Honorable House, with His Excellency's very particular recommendation: the Grand Jury, therefore, formed the most flattering hopes that as this Petition has also been favorably considered and received by this Honorable House, some assistance would have been granted towards effecting a Work they consider of such high importance to the comfort and interests of the Inhabitants of Halifax, and so advantageous to the Province at large. That the Petitioners are under the necessity again most respectfully to solicit the attention of this House to their Petition; and as the Reply of the House to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in March, 1812, promised a further consideration of the subject: the Petitioners, therefore trust that the House will be pleased to consider the same, and grant such assistance,

assistance, and under such regulations for the furtherance of so essential an object, as in their wisdom they may think fit.

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

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

Tuesday, 21st March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ritchie reported further from the committee on the subject of the Revenue Laws ; and accordingly presented a Bill to repeal the several Acts of the General Assembly hereinafter mentioned ; and also,

A Bill for granting a Drawback on certain Articles therein mentioned ; and the said Bills were severally read a first time, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bills be now read a second time ; and the same were read a second time accordingly.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Bills accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bills to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to report the 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.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of this Province, without any amendment.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide an easier method than is now used for Barring Estates Tail in Land, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

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

the Bill for imposing Duties on Articles to be imported from the United States of America.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Allison and Mr. Mortimer, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to provide an easier method than is now used, for Barring Estates Tail in Land, was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool 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, an Act for appointing Firewards: 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.—The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills to them referred; which Report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, 22d March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to provide an easier method

method than is now used for Barring Estates Tail in Land, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill for granting a Drawback on certain Articles therein mentioned, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for granting a Drawback on certain Articles therein mentioned.

An engrossed Bill to repeal the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province herein after mentioned, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to repeal the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province herein after mentioned.

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

Mr. Wiswall laid before the House the two following accounts from the Surveyor-General of Land, viz.

An account of the expence incurred in the employment of a Deputy-Surveyor, in surveying, making and planning a line, designed for a new road from Annapolis to Halifax, amounting to

£152 15 0

An account of Ditto, for running the Division Line between

Lunenburg and Queen's Counties

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£207 5 0

Ordered, That the accounts do lie on the Table.

A Bill to amend and continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, was read a second time.

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

On motion, of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the Bill for imposing Duties on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

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

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

Pursuant to leave given, a Petition of Christian Muller, Sheriff for the County

County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying an allowance for his expenses in coming from Manchester, and attending at the Bar of the House on the subject of the late election for the said County, pursuant to the Order of the House.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the Bill following, Viz :

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Petition of William Harding, Lieut. in the 22d Battalion of Nova-Scotia Militia, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by his Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House, and the same was read, setting forth : that the Petitioner while in the discharge of his duty as a Militia Officer, received a severe wound in the leg, by the accidental discharge of a musquet, by which he has been put to great expence, and rendered a cripple for life ; and praying the House would take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief therein as to them should seem meet.

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

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

Thursday, 23d March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, in addition to, and amendment of, an Act for appointing Firewards, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire.

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

Mr. Cunningham, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Sydney, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Bill for granting a Drawback on certain articles therein mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Lawson, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a further 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. Pryor reported, That the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Whereas

Whereas a resolution of this House for granting the sum of £24 950 for the service of Roads and Bridges, and agreed to by His Majesty's Council on the 17th instant, is found to be not sufficiently explanatory of the intention of the House, as to the particular application of that sum :

Resolved therefore, That the said sum of £24,950 be distributed according to the following Schedule, and the House agree that his Majesty's Council may consider each sum in the said Schedule as a separate Resolution, Viz :

SUPERVISORS' ROADS.		
For the Main Road between the Sackville Bridge and the Western end of Ardoise Hill	£.1500	
For the Main Road between the Western end of Ardoise Hill and the Northern end of Avon Bridge, including the repairs of the said Bridge	700	
For the Main Road from the Northern end of Avon Bridge to the Half-Way River in Horton	300	
For the main road from the Windsor road to Keys's	1500	
From Keys's to M'Kean's Bridge at the entrance of Truro	1000	
COUNTY OF HALIFAX.		£.5000
DISTRICT OF HALIFAX.		
MAIN ROADS.		
From the ferry at Dartmouth, leading to the forks of the road leading to Cole Harbour	70	
From Salmon River Bridge, in Preston, over Lake-Porter to the Mill at Musquodoboit	200	
For opening a Road from the Mill at Musquodoboit to the head of the tide at St. Mary's, leading to Guysborough	270	
From the Nine Mile Rizer towards Margaret's Bay	300	
From the head of the North-West Arm to Spryfield Bridge	50	
For repairing Spryfield Bridge and improving the Road leading from thence to the Forks of said Road which divide the Prospect and Margaret's Bay Roads	50	
For the Road from the Forks leading to Margaret's Bay	80	
For the Road from the Forks leading to Prospect	50	
For the Road from John Hemlow's at Margaret's Bay, leading to the Main Road at the head of said Bay	70	
		1140
CROSS ROADS.		
For assisting the Inhabitants at Dartmouth to open a Road from Mrs. Floyer's to the Shubenaccadie River	50	
For the Road from the Black Rock Road to the Shubenaccadie River	50	
For the road from Bisset's, at Cole Harbour, to Munday's, at Green Bay	30	
For the road from Samuel M'Keen's, on the east branch of St. Mary's River, to the district line of Pictou	70	
For the road from David M'Keen's, at the west branch of St. Mary's River, leading to Musquodoboit, through the Settlement of New Caledonia	60	
For the road beginning at George Thompson's, to the Beaver Bank, leading to the main road	50	
For the road from the forks above Herring Cove to Bear Cove	50	
For the road from Ketch Harbour to Halibout Cove	30	
For the road from James Bottelier's, Sen. to the main road leading to Halifax	50	
For the road from Cole Harbour to Lawrence Town	30	
For the road from Keys' to John M'Dougal's, at Lower Musquodoboit	60	
For the road from the Ferry, leading to Horne's in the Eastern Passage	50	
For the road from the road near the head of the N. W. Arm through Dutch Village	30	
		610
DISTRICT OF COLCHESTER.		
MAIN ROADS.		
From Hamilton's, in Onslow, to the Chiganoise River, and from thence to the main road, being the new road as altered by the Sessions; and for building a Bridge across the said River, being on the main road leading to Cumberland	400	
From Vance's, in Londonderry, to the bounds of the County of Cumberland, on the Main Road	100	

For the Repair of the Salmon River Bridge, in Truro, on the Main Road	£.50	
For the Repair of the North River Bridge, in Onslow, on the Main Road leading to Cumberland	20	
From Christie's in Truro, to the Line of the District of Pictou	300	
From Moore's, at Gay's River, to Musquodoboit	160	
From Dickie's, on the Halifax Road, to Upper Sewack	95	
From Onslow to Tatamagushe	40	
From the Great Village, in Londonderry, on the Main Road leading to Parrsborough	40	
From Economy, on the said Road to Parrsborough	40	
CROSS ROADS.		
From Upper Sewack to Musquodoboit	25	1245
From Coxes' in Truro to Sewack	100	
From Sewack to Truro by Brookfield	35	
From Norres' at Fort Ellis to Robert Püllack's	25	
From Dickie's to the Meeting House on Shubenaccadie	20	
From Moore's at Gay's River to Shubenaccadie Meeting House	30	
From the Halifax Road to Musquodoboit, by Dewolf's	25	
From the Old Barns in Truro, to Shubenaccadie	40	
From Sandison's, in Truro, to Phillipps' on the Shubenaccadie	25	
From the Black Rock, in Truro, to Polly's, on the Halifax Road, by Burns's	25	
From the settlement on the Onslow Mountain, to the cross Road leading from Truro to Onslow by Blairs'	15	
From the settlement at the head of the North River, to David M'Cullum's, junr.	20	
For the Bridge at Solomon Road's	20	
From Londonderry to Folly Lake, on the Road to Remsheg	40	
From the settlement on the Onslow Mountain to the Pictou Road, near Christie's in Truro	10	
From the District of Pictou Line, to the Cumberland Line, by Point Brule	40	
For assisting the Inhabitants of Greenfield to make their Road from Christie's Mill, in Truro, to that settlement	10	
DISTRICT OF PICTOU.		
MAIN ROADS.		
For the Road and Bridges from the Pictou District Line, to the Gut Bridge	450	
From Logan's on the Pictou Road to the River John	200	
From the River John towards Tatmagushe	20	
From the Bridge at M'Connell's to the Middle River at Marshall's	25	
From Marshall's on the Middle River towards the East River	125	
For rebuilding the Bridge over the East River of Pictou	135	
From the East River Bridge to the Pine Tree Gut	50	
From the Pine Tree Gut, (including the expense of the Bridge to be built over the said Gut) to the Line of the County of Sydney	350	
CROSS ROADS.		
From Charles Brown's to the Road leading to the Road from Fisher's Grant to the East River	20	
From Carmichael's on Fisher's Grant, towards New Glasgow	100	
From Abercrombie's Point, to the Old Meeting House on the West side of the East River	50	
From Donald M'Kay's, senr. to James Cameron's, on the West Branch of the East River	50	
From Alexander Fraser's, in the lower settlement, to Duncan Cameron's, on the upper settlement on the East side of the East River	100	
From Blackie's to Anthony Smith's on the West River	25	
From the East River Meeting House, to John Fraser's, on M'Lehan's Brook	25	
From the Upper Settlement of Middle River towards the Sewack Settlement	20	
From Marshall's to old M'Donald's on the Middle River	25	
From M'Cara's towards the Saw Mills	30	
COUNTY OF SYDNEY.		
MAIN ROADS.		
From the County Line to Malignant Cove	50	
From Malignant Cove to the Indian Gardens at Antigonishe	300	
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From the Indian Gardens to Guysborough	- £.500
From Guysborough to the East Branch of St. Mary's	- 100
From the Indian Gardens to Mergomishe	- 100
For Building a Bridge over the West River of Antigonishe, on the Main Road from the Indian Gardens to Guysborough	- 200

CROSS ROADS.

From Guysborough to Crow Harbour	- 30
From Crow Harbour to Canso	- 60
From Manchester to the Gut of Canso	- 90
From Colin M'Nair's, in the Gut of Canso to Harbour Buché	- 25
From Milford Haven to Traccadie	- 90
From Traccadie to Antigonishe Harbour	- 50
From Antigonishe Harbour to St. Mary's	- 140
From M. Mahony's, at the entrance of Antigonishe Harbour, round Cape Louis, to Donald Smith's	- 100
From the Head of the Tide at St. Mary's to the Bridge over the East Branch of said River	- 100
From Malignant Cove to the South Lake	- 35
From Morris's Mill, at Country Harbour, to the Main Road leading from Guysborough to St. Mary's	- 30

£1250

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

MAIN ROADS.

For the Road and Bridges from the bounds of Loudonderry to Alpheus Morse's, in Amherst	- 560
For the Road and Bridges over the Marsh from Amherst, to the Boundary Line of New-Brunswick	- 240
For the Road and Bridges from Amherst to the Bounds of King's County, on the Patridge Island Road	- 200

750

CROSS ROADS.

From Macan River to Franklin Manor	- 20
For Road and Bridges from Macan Settlement to River Philip	- 60
For Road and Bridges from Macan Settlement to the Five Islands	- 30
For Road and Bridges from the head of Amherst to Goose River by the River Shimcas	- 80
For Road and Bridges from Gabriel Purdy's to Remsheg Harbour	- 100
For Road and Bridges from the Settlement on Black River to the Mouth of Remsheg River, by Richard Thompson's, on the River Philip	- 100
For Road and Bridges from Amherst to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, at Tidmish River	- 50
For the Road from Miller's, at Folly Lake to Daniel Tidd's, at Remsheg River	- 40
For the road from Daniel Tidd's, to the harbour of Pugwash, by Andrew Fushner's,	- 40
For the road for Curry's, in Tatamagushé, to John Rhendress's at Remsheg River, in addition to the sum granted last year	- 30
For the Road from the Town Plot in Remsheg, to John Tuttle's, on the Road to Amherst	- 20
For the Road from Fox Harbour Settlement, to the Main Road leading to Amherst	- 20
For the Road from the Forks of Macan River, to the Main Road near William Chapman's	- 20
For the Road from the Harbour of Pugwash, to Ripley's on the River Philip	- 40

1000

KING'S COUNTY.

MAIN ROADS.

For the Road from the Half-Way River, to the Stone Bridge in Horton	120	} 150
From the Stone Bridge to the Judges Hill on the Road to the West Bounds of Horton	30	
From the West Bounds of Horton to Wm. Pineo's	- 40	
From Pineo's to the West Bounds of Cornwallis	- 30	
From West Bounds of Cornwallis through Aylesford	- 30	

650

For the Road from the North side of Col. Crane's Land, through Fuller's land, to the south side of the marsh on the Mount Denson Road	£10
For securing the Piers of the Gaspereau Bridge, and to aid the Inhabitants to repair the Causeway on the Marsh to the said Bridge, provided the Inhabitants will contribute one-sixth part of this sum for the said work	90
For the Road from the Gaspereau Bridge to the Main Road near the Dwelling-House of Simon Fitch, junr.	25
For the aforesaid Road leading from the Half-Way River to the Stone Bridge in Horton	25
From Patridge Island to the North Bounds of King's County	100
From Economy to the Road leading from Patridge Island towards the Cumberland Road	70
For the Road leading from Patridge Island towards Cumberland to Fox River	25
From Fox River to Lieut. Pritchard's	50
From Lieut. Pritchard's to Advocate Harbour	25
From Allison's Farm on the Half-Way River (Middle Road) and to repair the Bridges on the Cross Road to Bishop's	50
For the Main Road through Cornwallis from John H. Chipman's to Little Lake	25
From Silas Rand's and Little Lake to the West Bounds of Cornwallis	25
From the West Bounds of Cornwallis to the Aylesford Church	25
From Black Rock by Condon & Steadman's Mill to the Annapolis Road leading to the Aylesford Church	20
From the Aylesford Church Road to Condon's Mill	20
From Condon's Mill to the Annapolis road	20
From Silas Wickwire's, by Huntley's, to Minas Bason, near White Water	30
From Scotch Bay to Cornwallis	20
From Edy Newcomb's to Hall's Harbour	20
For the road from near Insley's, to the Bay of Fundy	30
For the road from Baxter's Harbour to Sheffield's	30
CROSS ROADS.	
For the Road and Bridges over the Vault near James Kinsman's, on the road leading up the Mountain, by Edy Newcomb's, to Hall's Harbour	25
From the Black Rock Road, near Seth Burges's Farm, to the road leading to Foot's	25
From Foot's, by Luther Porter's, to the road leading to Hall's Harbour	20
From Benjamin Fôxe's, by William Osborne's, to the Road leading to Hall's Harbour	25
For opening and improving a Road from Charles Finche's, westerly, near William North's to the Road leading to Hall's Harbour	30
For the Road leading from the Road by Little Lake to Aylesford Church, by Benjamin Burges's, over Bear Brook, to the Black-Rock Road	25
From Patrick Lyon's up the Mountain to William Power's	20
For improving the Road (by securing the sea bank) near James Allison's in Cornwallis	30
For improving the Morden Road from Francis Tupper's to the Bay of Fundy	20
For opening and improving a Road from the Morden Road, westerly, to the settlement near William Randel's	25
For the Road from the Main Road to Annapolis, past the school-house, northerly, near William Randel's, to the Bay of Fundy	25
For the Road from Ryarson's Mill to the New Canaan Road	20
For opening and improving a Road near Samuel Parker's, southerly, to the New Canaan Road	20
For the Road from the west bounds of King's County towards New Canaan settlement	25
From the Upper Gaspereau Bridge, near New Canaan, to the Main Road leading from Bishop's Bridge towards Avon Bridge	100
From the Upper Gaspereau Bridge towards Joel English's, on the Road leading towards Nictaur	25
From Benjamin's Bridge to New Canaan, north side of the River	30
From Jeremiah Kennie's, and Martin's Mill, to Jedediah Jordan's dwelling house, the south side of Gaspereau River	30

From J. Jordan's, to Pittsborough, on the Road leading towards New Canaan	£30.
From Benjamin's Bridge to the Road leading towards New Canaan, near Nathan Davison's	30
From Scovill's Bridge to the Upper Gaspereau Bridge, near New Canaan	25
From Ezra Reed's towards Forster's Farm, by the house of William O'Leary	30
From the Court-House in Horton, to the Road leading towards New Canaan	16
From the Windsor River, by Telegraph Hill, to the New Road leading near Oliver Lyman's, on the Road leading from Bishop's Bridge to Avon Bridge	25
From the Main Road near said Lyman's, and Joseph Allan's, on the Road leading south from Benjamin's Mill	25
From near the Five Islands towards the River Macan	25
From near George Rector's on the Cumberland Road, on a Road leading to the Cole Mines on Cumberland Bay	20
From the Macan Road, by Jesse Lewis's Land, to his dwelling-house on the Cumberland Road	15
From the said Road towards Swan Creek, and near Dickison's, near to the Cumberland Road	20
From near John Armstrong's, near Huntley's Creek, to Fuller's Mill, south side of Gaspereau River	15
From Lieutenant Fraser's, in Parrisborough to Apple River	20

COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

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MAIN ROADS.

For the Road from Annapolis to Liverpool, from the south bounds of the Township of Annapolis to the south bounds of the County	100
For the new Canaan Road, from the east bounds of King's County to Little River, in the County of Annapolis	50
For the Road in the Township of Annapolis, between the east line of the Rev. Handy Chipman's, and Shaffner's Farm, and to repair the Bridge, and reduce the Hill, at Little Nictaur River	50
For building a Bridge at Bloody Creek, and improving the alteration of the main road from the said Bridge to Corbit's Farm in the Township of Annapolis	75
For improving the alteration of the main road, near Round Hill, in said Township, in addition to the sum of 25l. heretofore granted	25
For improving the alteration made on the main road leading westward from Annapolis, by the way of the Hessian Line, from the General's Bridge	100
For finishing the Bridge on the main road near James Bray's, and for the road from the said Bridge to the Battery, at the Gut of Annapolis	40
For the repairing of the Bridge on the Annapolis road, near Colonel Bayard's	50
Towards opening the new projected road from Annapolis to Halifax, from Eason's Farm, where the said road intersects the road to Liverpool	135
For the Great Roads leading westward, from the Bridge on Bear River, and the Ferry at the mouth of said River to the junction of these roads at Lee's Mills, inclusive of the Bridges on Hollings-head Creek, and over the Vault near Sypher's Farm; also, including the sum of 21l. 12s. 3d. Expended by Stephen Jones, the Commissioner for the said Vault, in the last year, over and above the Grant of the said year for the said service	230
For the great Western Road from Lee's Mills to Velzer's Farm, inclusive of the forking of the said road which connects it with the main road from the Town-Plot of Digby to the said Farm	70
For the road leading from Velzer's Farm to the Bridge over Scissabou River	75
For the repairing the Bridge over Scissabou River	50
For the road from Montegan to Salmon River, inclusive of the Bridge over Cope Cove Marsh	120
For the Road between Digby and the Grand Passage, from the Town Plot of Digby to Sweeny's Farm	60
For the continuation of the said Road from the point where the last improvement ended, near Little River, to the Ferry at Petit Passage	50
For the road from the Ferry at Petit Passage, through Long Island, to Grand Passage	45

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CROSS ROADS.

For the Road leading from the termination of the Hessian Line, at Bear River Bridge, through the south range of the Hatfield Grant to the Falls of Scissabou River	£.100
For connecting the road leading through the Hatfield Grant, with the Main road leading from Digby to Scissabou	50
For connecting the Road passing over Bear River Bridge, with the Road passing over Bear River Ferry, by repairing and improving the road leading up and down the west bank of said river	50
For the Road leading from Digby to the place of the Light House, at Annapolis Gut	50
For the Road leading from the Annapolis Gut to Guilliver's Hole	50
For opening and improving the Road leading from Guliver's Hole across the Mountain to Post's Farm, on the Main Road leading to the Grand Passage	50
For the Road over the Mountains from Broad Cove on the Bay of Fundy towards Digby	25
For the Road from the foot of the north mountain to the head of the Racket, near the entrance of Digby	25

COUNTY OF HANTS,

MAIN ROADS.

From the line of the Township of Newport to McLean's Farm in Douglass	20
From Singer's to the Five Mile River	100
From the Douglass Church to the Nine Mile River settlement	75
From the Nine Mile River settlement to the Bridge near Hall's	50
For re-building the Bridge over the Nine Mile River	50
From James Douglas's to Barwick's Brook in Douglass	75
From Barwick's Brook on the scite of the old Bridge on the Shubenaccadie River	25
For aiding the inhabitants to re-build the Bridge on the Shubenaccadie River, the old one having been carried away by a flood	150
For the Main Road from Noel to the River Kenetcook	50
For the Main Road from Carpenter McDonald's to the Gore, in the Nine Mile River settlement, Township of Douglass	50
For aiding the subscription of the inhabitants of Rawdon to alter and improve the Main Road from Lawrence's to the Church in the said Township	300
For the new Main Road from Newport leading to Halifax	200
For aiding the inhabitants of Windsor to reduce the Tanner's Hill on the Post Road to Halifax	125
For the road from Long's, in Windsor, to the Chester Line	75
For the road from Petit, by Salter's, to the Kenetcook road, leading to Halifax	50
For the road from Parker's Mill, in Newport, to the main road in Rawdon, near Lawrence's	50
For the road and causeways from Dickie's Bridge to Loomer's Hill, near Peter Shey's, in Falmouth	50
For the old main road from the half-way River to the Falmouth Ferry	50

CROSS ROADS.

For aiding the Inhabitants of Newport to improve the main road leading to Douglas, from Hugh Smith's to the Douglas Line	20
For aiding the Inhabitants of Newport to improve the road from Hugh Smith's to Archibald Wier's, on the road leading to Lawrence's	25
For aiding the Inhabitants of Newport to improve the road from Wilcox's Ferry to the Cross Roads at Barron's	25
For the road from the Cross Road at Barron's, to the new main road leading to Halifax	15
For the road from James Harvie's to Meander River, on the road leading to Halifax, near Lawrence's	20
For the road from Ellis's Mill, through the new Settlement in Douglas, to the Nine Mile River Road at Tagart's	25
For the road from Barron's, in the upper end of Rawdon, to the Nine Mile River Road at Tagart's	50
For the road from the main road in Rawdon, by Landerkin's, to the new Settlement near Higgins's, and to build a Bridge over Deep Brook, near Parker's	25

For the Road from Cognagun Bridge, to Great Rainy Cove on the Basin of Minas	£30	
For Building a Bridge over the River Hebert, near James Stevens's, and to improve the road from thence to the Main Road in Rawdon near the Church	25	
For the Road in Rawdon, near Bond's Mill, to the Main Road at Wood's Farm	20	
For the Road from the Old Road in Falmouth, to the Main Road, near Knowles', by the way of Pysant's	10	
For aiding the Inhabitants to rebuild the Bridge over the Western Branch of Avon River, in addition to the sum of 25 <i>l.</i> granted last year, the said sum being insufficient	15	
QUEEN'S COUNTY.		£305
MAIN ROADS.		
From the Western Bounds of Lunenburg County, on the Main Road to the Bridge over Portmetway River, at Mill's Village	150	
From the Bridge at Mill's Village, to Ball's Tavern, and to repair the Bridge over Portmetway River	250	
From Smith's Tan-Yard, to the Bridge over Liverpool River, at the Falls	75	
From the Bridge at the Falls, on the Main Road to Port Mutton, and to repair the Bridges, and rebuild the Bridge over Great River	400	
From Port Mutton on the Main Road, to the Eastern Boundary of Shelburne County	150	
From the Falls at Liverpool, on the Main Road leading to Nictaur, in the County of Annapolis	350	
From Lower Portmetway Village to Herring Cove Bridge on the Main Road, and for repairing the Bridges	100	
CROSS ROADS.		1475
From Huskins's on the Western Head Road, to Peache's, on the said Road, and for repairing the Bridges	100	
From Peache's to Moreau's	25	
From Moreau's to the Main Road to Shelburne	25	
From Atwood Dean's, in Portmetway Village, to Blue-Berry Cove	25	
From Blue-Berry Cove, to the Grist Mill at the Beach Meadows	25	
From the Settlement at Port Hebere, to the Main Road leading to Shelburne	25	
COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.		225
MAIN ROADS.		
From Chester to Hammond Plains, on the Main Road to Halifax	500	
From Chester to Lunenburg, and to repair the Gold and Middle River Bridges, on the Main Road from Lunenburg to Halifax	200	
From Lunenburg to Annapolis	400	
From Lunenburg to Liverpool	90	
From Chester to Windsor	200	
CROSS ROADS.		1450
From Petit River Bridge to Broad Cove	55	
From Lehave River to Brookfield	60	
From Harris's Point to Kingsbury	40	
From Old Longuille's to the Falls at Lehave River	40	
From Blandford to Hammond Plain Road	40	
From Leonard Silver's to Lehave River	15	
COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.		250
MAIN ROADS.		
For the Road from the Bounds of Queen's County to Shelburne	350	
From Shelburne to Barrington	130	
From Barrington to John Nickerson's in Argyle	300	
From John Nickerson's to John Kenny's in Yarmouth	140	
From Salmon River Bridge in Yarmouth, to Jacob Telford's, and from thence to Salmon River in the County of Annapolis	270	
CROSS ROADS.		1190
For the Road from the West side of Cape Negro Harbour, to the Main Road leading to Shelburne	50	
For repairing and completing the Bridge over the River at the head of Cape Forshu Harbour	50	

For the Road from Robert Derkee's, in Yarmouth, to the North Line of the said To waship on the Easterly side of Lake George	- - - -	£.90
For the Road from Tusket River Bridge to Reynard's Mill	- - - -	50
For the Road from the River Jordan to the Ragged Island	- - - -	90
For the Road from Thomas Brown's, in Yarmouth, to William Stephens's, near High Head	- - - -	30
For laying out and opening a Road from the North Line of Yarmouth, to Scissabou Falls	- - - -	150
		£.510

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolution and Schedule to the Council, and desire their concurrence to 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. Pool took the Chair.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Then the House adjourned until Saturday, at eleven of the clock, the Morrow being Good-Friday.

Saturday, 25th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Sydney ; and also,

A Bill to amend and continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Kent, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue, alter, and amend, the Militia Acts now in force, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for extending to the Town of Picou, the Provisions of an Act for preventing Tretpasses ; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Pyke reported from the committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue in force the several acts therein-mentioned ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act of the 52^d year of His Majesty's Reign, in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the support of a Light-House on the South end of Coffin's Island, on the Eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour ; also,

A Bill to revive and continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors, and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to impose and appropriate an additional Duty on Wine hereafter to be imported into this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to facilitate the passage across the Harbour of Halifax ; also, a Bill for the better regulating the Police within the Township of Halifax ; also, a Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly to repair the Roads throughout the Province ; also, a Bill to regulate Markets in the Town of Halifax ; and also, a Bill in aid of His Majesty's Inferior Courts of Common Pleas : 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 several Bills which stood committed ; which Report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to provide an easier method than is now used for Barring Estates Tail in Land.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the committee had made two amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to facilitate the Passage across the Harbour of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to facilitate the Passage across the Harbour of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill for regulating the Police within the township of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for regulating the Police within the township of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill in aid of his Majesty's Interior Court, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Roach moved, that a Preamble be inserted in the said Bill to clause, in the words following, Vizt :

“ And whereas it is necessary in the present advanced state of the Province, that His Majesty's Supreme Court should be held in each and every County and District throughout the Province.”

“ And whereas in the present state of the said Court, it is found impracticable; for remedy whereof :”

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen; against it, eighteen.

For the motion,

Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Rouch,
Mr. Wells,	Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Mortimer,	Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Sargent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Pryor,	Mr. Purdy,
Mr. Allison,	

Against the motion,

Mr. Harris,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Robie,
Mr. Wiswall,	Mr. Parker,
Mr. Pool,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Bars,	Mr. Marsters,
Mr. Marshall,	Mr. Buskirk,
Mr. Haliburton,	Mr. Warwick,
Mr. Pyke,	Mr. Kent,
Mr. Archibald,	Mr. Cunningham.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Dimock then moved, that the Bill do not pass, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen; against it, eighteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Rouch,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Wells,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Mortimer,	Mr. Purdy,
Mr. Pryor,	Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Pool.
Mr. Dewolf,	

Against the Motion,

Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Cunningham,	Mr. Parker,
Mr. Wiswall,	Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Bars,	Mr. Robie,
Mr. Marshall,	Mr. Marsters,
Mr. Archibald,	Mr. Creighton,
Mr. Haliburton,	Mr. Buskirk,
Mr. Pyke,	Mr. Kent,
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Warwick.

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in aid of His Majesty's Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to revive, alter and continue, an Act, passed in the 39th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act 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 or Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such Public Houses and Shops; also, the Act in amendment of the above recited Act; also, an Act, passed in the 41st year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of the above recited Act, and also, the Act, passed in the 45th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act, in addition to, and in amendment of the above recited Act.

An engrossed Bill to regulate Markets in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to regulate Markets in the Town of Halifax, and to repeal an Act, passed in the 39th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing or rebuilding the Market House; and regulating the several Markets in the town of Halifax; and also to revive, alter, amend, and bring into one Act, the Act for preventing frauds by Butchers and Fishmongers; and an Act, made in the 34th year of His late Majesty's Reign, for regulating and establishing a Public Market in the Town of Halifax.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the explanatory Resolution passed in the House on the 23d instant respecting the sum of 24,950*l.* granted for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Monday, 27th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the

the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Coal Mines in this Province, 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 Lieutenant-General Sir, JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, AND THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY :

May it please Your Excellency,

HIS Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, have deemed it expedient, in the present Session of the Legislature, to state to your Excellency the situation of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, who are, in many parts of it, wholly dependent for the great article of Fuel upon the uncertain supply of Coal afforded by the Island of Cape-Breton ; in the hope that your Excellency will take such measures as, in your wisdom, may appear best calculated to procure the attention of His Majesty's Government to the subject of this Address, which they deem of great importance.

The demand for Coal, which is daily increasing with the increasing population of this Country, is already so great and urgent, that the supply of that article from the Island of Cape-Breton, is not only exceedingly expensive, but wholly insufficient. His Majesty's Garrisons in this and the neighbouring Provinces, as well as the Inhabitants of Halifax, are supplied from the Coal Mines at Spanish River in the Island of Cape-Breton, which is a harbour exceedingly unsafe at the place of shipment, and quite inaccessible during the Winter Months, likewise vessels resorting to those Mines, being frequently disappointed in procuring cargoes, the demand being greater than the supply, the price, owing to delay and frequent losses of freight, has of late years become so greatly enhanced, that the poorer classes of the inhabitants cannot afford to purchase such quantity as is absolutely necessary to their comfort in this climate.

They further inform your Excellency, that Coal is to be found in great abundance, not only in the eastern and western parts of this Province, but also in several of the midland Counties, and the communication afforded by the numerous harbours, bays and rivers, would enable the Inhabitants to transport it with great facility to all the principal Towns and Settlements, and thereby afford them a regular and ample supply.

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The use of Wood for Fuel, even in those parts of the Province where it can be procured, is attended with many inconveniences. the great quantity which is consumed during the long Winters, requires the constant employment of many months in the year of the farmers, their servants and teams; in consequence of which, their attention is taken from the cultivation of the ground and all agricultural pursuits, and also a great quantity of excellent timber, of the first utility for other domestic purposes, and likewise of great value to this Colony as an article of export to the Mother Country, is annually cut down and consumed.

We make this application to your Excellency, in the earnest hope that His Majesty's Subjects in this highly-favored Colony will be allowed the privilege of opening the Coal Mines in this Province, and supplying themselves with a material of the first importance to their comfort, and which the Land they cultivate affords in the greatest abundance.

The ready attention your Excellency has ever afforded to the applications of the Legislature on former occasions, induces us to hope that your Excellency will take the earliest opportunity of recommending the subject of this Address to the favourable consideration of His Majesty's Ministers.

On motion, *resolved*; that this House doth agree to the said Address, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do communicate with the President of His Majesty's Council on the time and mode of presenting the said Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the Passage across the Harbour of Halifax; and also,

The Bill, entitled, An Act imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, severally, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Drawback on certain articles therein mentioned; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate Markets in the Town of Halifax, &c.

&c. severally, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

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. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and 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 the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of two hundred pounds should be granted and paid to Walter Brouley, Esq. the Keeper of the Acadian School, as a compensation for his unwearied exertions in founding and effectually establishing that School in this 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 a Supply : which Report the House agreed to.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon, Mr. Ritchie moved, that the Resolution 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,

<i>Mr. Ritchie,</i>	<i>Mr. Manning,</i>
<i>Mr. Wiswall,</i>	<i>Mr. Purdy.</i>
<i>Mr. Bars,</i>	<i>Mr. Musters,</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>	<i>Mr. Parker,</i>
<i>Mr. Warwick,</i>	<i>Mr. Mortimer.</i>
<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>	
<i>Mr. Buskirk,</i>	
<i>Mr. Pryor.</i>	

Against the motion,

<i>Mr. Harris,</i>	<i>Mr. Shaw,</i>
<i>Mr. Crane,</i>	<i>Mr. Roach,</i>
<i>Mr. Pool,</i>	<i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>
<i>Mr. Kent,</i>	<i>Mr. Creighton,</i>
<i>Mr. Robie,</i>	<i>Mr. Allison,</i>
<i>Mr. Marshall,</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>
<i>Mr. Chipman,</i>	<i>Mr. Rudolf.</i>
<i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>	

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolution was then put to the House and agreed to.

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

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

Tuesday, 28th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wifwall reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Commissioners

Commissioners of the Province Building, &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 Commissioners of the Province Building had been before the Committee, and informed them that the delays attendant upon the Province House Building have arisen chiefly from the difficulty of obtaining Workmen. That a hope is entertained by the majority of said Commissioners that a Supply of Workmen will arrive during the coming Summer. That there is on hand a sufficiency of Stone to employ the Workmen at present engaged, and should those expected arrive in the Spring, the Stone would be sufficient to employ them till the middle of Summer ; and a further supply could be easily obtained before that time, as the Commissioners had secured what Stone they wanted at Remshieg. That should the expected Workmen arrive in the Spring the Commissioners are of opinion that they could expend about the sum of £6000 the coming Season, in addition to the balance now in their hands, which would carry up the walls of the building to the eaves, including a cornish. That the Commissioners have already expended something more than £14,000 in materials and workmanship, in which is included much of the inside finish of carpenter's Work, &c. and are of opinion that about £6000 more will carry up the Walls, but what sum will be required for putting on a Roof, and completing the exterior of the Building, they could not inform your Committee.

That the Commissioners could not state to the Committee that they were sure of obtaining Workmen the ensuing Season, although, from the return of Peace, and the information they have sent to their correspondents in Europe, they were inclined to hope and believe that workmen will come.

That the Commissioners are at present bound by no contract except that with the Architect, at the rate of Six Pounds per week : and even this is not tenaciously held to, by the Architect, who can find other employment. Another contract is indeed open for Stone, but the contract having been broken by the person who engaged with the Commissioners is a subject before the House of Assembly. That no material injury is to be dreaded to the Building, as far as it is gone, from the delays in the finishing of it that have taken place ; and in case the work should be arrested for awhile, the whole that is done may be easily secured. That with respect to the mode of conducting the Building, the Committee are sorry to observe there is a difference of opinion amongst the Commissioners. That the zeal and integrity of all the Commissioners appear equal, but two of them are of one opinion, and one of another, respecting the best mode of obtaining proper Workmen.

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

A Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned ; also,

A Bill to continue, alter, and amend, the Militia Acts now in force; also,
 A Bill for extending to the Town of Pictou, the Provisions of an Act for preventing Trespases; also,

A Bill to continue an Act of the 52d year of His Majesty's Reign, in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the support of a Light-House on the South end of Coffin's Island, on the Eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour; also,

A Bill to revive and continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors; and also,

A Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to impose and appropriate an additional Duty on Wine hereafter to be imported into the Province; were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Lawson reported further 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:

That the Committee have examined into the expenditure of the Money voted for the New Province House, and find the accounts properly vouched; that the Commissioners have expended the last year the sum of 3664l. 9s. and had a balance in their hands, unexpended, of 104l. 7s. By their Account the sum of 1750l. remained undrawn on the 31st December last. The Treasurer included in his Account the sum of 500l. paid the Commissioners in January, leaving a balance as reported undrawn of 1250l. The Commissioners report that there remained due to James Henderfon and others, the sum of 839l. 14s. 6½d. which has since been paid.

That the Petition and Account of Andrew Mills, recommended by His Excellency Sir J. C. Sherbrooke to the committee, have been examined, and for want of further information, the Committee are unable to make a special Report thereon.

CHARLES HILL,	} Committee of His Majesty's Council.
THOMAS N. JEFFERY,	
WILLIAM LAWSON,	} Committee of the House of Assembly.
JONATHAN CRANE,	
WM. ALLEN CHIPMAN,	
JOHN PRYOR,	
JOHN WELLS.	

Ordered, That the foregoing Report, and also the Report of the Committee of this House, relative to the Province House, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the respective amendments
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made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of the Act for appointing Firewards, &c.; also to the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Drawback on certain articles therein mentioned; and also to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate Markets in the Town of Halifax, &c. and the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the several amendments made by the Council, to the said Bills respectively.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate Markets in the Town of Halifax, and to repeal an Act, passed in the 39th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing or rebuilding the Market House; and regulating the several Markets in the town of Halifax; and also to revive, alter, amend, and bring into one Act, the Act for preventing frauds by Butchers and Fishmongers; and the Act, made in the 34th year of His late Majesty's Reign, for regulating and establishing a Public Market in the Town of Halifax; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Town of Pictou the several Acts for appointing Firewards.

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. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That His Excellency's Message on the subject of the People of Colour; the Petition of Joseph Fennel; the Petition of the Commissioners of the Poor; the Petition of Christian Muller; the report of the committee on the Petition of Lydia Collins and James Bars; and the Petition of William Freeman and others; The report of the committee on the subject of repairs to the Government House; the Surveyor General's accounts for Surveys; and His Excellency's Message on the subject of the Settlers in Douglas; be referred to the Committee of Supply. Then

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

Wednesday, 29th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Drawback on Wine, and Distilled Spirituous Liquors; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, herein after mentioned, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

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

And being returned,

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

An Act to extend to the Town of Pictou the several Acts for appointing Firewards.

An Act for granting a Drawback, on Wine, and Distilled Spirituous Liquors.

An Act to repeal the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province hereinafter mentioned.

An Act to facilitate the Passage across the Harbour of Halifax.

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

An Act to regulate the Markets in the Town of Halifax, and to repeal an Act, passed in the thirty-ninth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing or rebuilding the Market House, and regulating the several Markets in the Town of Halifax; and also to revive, alter, amend and bring into one Act, the Act for preventing frauds by Butchers and Fishmongers; and the Act made in the thirty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign for regulating and establishing a Public Market in the Town of Halifax.

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Mr. Speaker also reported that the joint Address of His Majesty's Council and of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the 27th instant, on the subject of opening the Coal Mines, had been presented to His Excellency, by the President of His Majesty's Council, in the Council Chamber, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would transmit the same to His Majesty's Ministers, by the earliest opportunity, for their consideration.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it should be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to draw by Warrant on the Treasury, for a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds, to be appropriated and applied by His Excellency in paying any expenses which may have arisen under the Militia Laws of this Province since the ratification of the Treaty of Peace between Great-Britain and the United States of America, and in securing ammunition, and other warlike stores, furnished and provided for the defence of different parts of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, should be granted for the repair of the Road from M^cAlpin's towards Sackville Bridge, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioners of the Streets of Halifax.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Forty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, should be granted to Joseph Fennel, in full, for a Drawback of the Duty on 485 gallons of Rum exported from Antigonish to Charlotte Town, in Prince Edward Island, in the month of Sept. in the year 1813.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds, should be granted to defray the expense of keeping up a communication by Post, from one part of the Province to the other, to be drawn by Warrant from the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Seventy-Five Pounds should be granted to Lieut. William Harding, of the 22d Batt.

of Nova-Scotia Militia, in consideration of his having, while in the discharge of his Duty, as a Militia Officer, received a severe wound in the leg by the accidental discharge of a Musquet, by which he has been put to great expense, and rendered a cripple for the remainder of his life.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Thousand Pounds should be granted to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, to assist in paying the arrears for the erection of the Lunatick cusc, and for Debts incurred in support of the Transient Poor for the past year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Five Thousand Pounds should be granted towards erecting the Province House: to be drawn for by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, by Warrant on the Treasury, and expended under the direction of the Commissioners appointed for the said Building.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Forty Pounds, should be granted for finishing and completing the Light-House on Coffin's Island, at the entrance of the harbour of Liverpool (in addition to the sum of £460, granted for the said Light-House in the last Session, and not yet drawn from the Treasury) to be paid into the hands of such Commissioners as his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor shall appoint for that purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it should be lawful for his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to draw by Warrant, from the Treasury, from time to time as he may require it, any sum or sums of money, provided the whole sum so to be drawn, shall not exceed Four Hundred Pounds: to be applied by his Excellency in such manner as he may think proper towards the temporary relief of such old, infirm, and helpless persons, as the unforeseen events of the late war may have cast upon this Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-seven Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and One Half-penny, should be granted to Lydia Collins and James Bars, the Administratrix and Administrator to the Estate of the late George Collins, of Liverpool, deceased, in full for sundry Articles supplied, and Disbursements made, by the said George Collins, for the use of the Light-house on Coffin's Island, at the entrance of the harbour of Liverpool, per account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Eleven Pence Half-penny should be granted to William Freeman, Joshua Newton and Nathaniel Smith, late Commissioners for the Light-house on Coffin's Island, at the entrance of Liverpool Harbour, in full of the sum expended by them, over and above the monies granted by the Legislature, and for their services as Commissioners for the said Light-house.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty nine Pounds Three Shillings and Four Pence, should be paid to Christian Muller, Sheriff of the County of Sydney, for his Expences in coming from Manchester, and attending at the Bar of the House of Assembly, on the subject of the late election of a Representative for the said County.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Ten Pounds should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expence of sending a Messenger for the Sheriff of the County of Sydney.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Three Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds One Shilling and One Halfpenny, should be granted for Painting, White-washing, and other necessary repairs on the inside of the Government House; and for keeping the Out Houses, Drains, and Fences of the same in repair; and also for paying off the balance now due for repairs done, and Carpets furnished for the said Building.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred and Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings should be granted for purchasing Copper, Nails, Rivets and Solder; and to pay Carpenters, Masons, Labourers, &c. in repairing the Roof of the Government House.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty Three Pounds Five Shillings and Seven Pence, should be granted to H. H. Cogswell for superintending the Expenditure of the sum of Money granted in the last Session for the service of the Government House.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That so soon as the Settlers who were actually on the Douglas and Philadelphia Grants, claiming Titles either by purchase from the original Proprietors of the said Grants, or who were entitled to hold from their improvements as original Grantees at the time the said Grants were escheated, under a promise of His Majesty's Officers who were appointed to conduct the Escheats, that such Soldiers should be confirmed in their possessions, without any expence whatever; are confirmed in their Titles without expence—It should be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to draw by Warrant upon the Treasury for a sum of Money, not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to be applied to the payment of the Fees of the Officers of His Majesty's Government who shall so confirm the said Titles. *Provided*, The said Titles are completed on or before the thirtieth day of March next.

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. Marshall moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of £5000 for

for the Province House, 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 the Motion,

Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Wiswall,
Mr. Freeman.

Against the Motion,

Mr. Purdy,
Mr. Warwick.
Mr. Allison,
Mr. Kent,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Buskirk,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Marsters,

Mr. Pryor,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Robie,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Archibald,

Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Creighton,
Mr. Pool.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Chipman then moved, that the Resolution for granting £250, for confirming the Titles of the Settlers in the Douglafs and Philadelphia Grants, be not received by the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, six; against it, twenty.

For the motion,

Mr. Purdy,
Mr. Buskirk,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Wiswall,
Mr. Freeman.

Against the motion,

Mr. Warwick,
Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Cranz,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Kent,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Marsters,
Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Allison,
Mr. Haliburton,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Robie,
Mr. Pryor,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Creighton,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Pool,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Harris.

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions were then severally put to the House and agreed to.

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

On motion of Mr. Robie, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to inform His Excellency, that this House having taken into consideration His Excellency's Answer to their Address relative to the Douglafs and Philadelphia Grants, have placed 250l. at the disposal of His Excellency, to be applied in perfecting the Titles of the persons contemplated in their Address. But the House cannot at the same time forbear expressing their dissatisfaction at the claims for Fees that have been made by some of the Officers of His Majesty's Government, assuring His Excellency that they have granted the Money in consideration of the situation of the persons intended to be relieved, and His Excellency's recommendation, and not because the House have altered the opinion they formerly expressed of the impropriety of those claims.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, 30th March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of 200l. to Walter Bromley.

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Licence Duty Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Robie, and Mr. Crane, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

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

£. 500	for defraying expences under the Militia Laws.
250	for the road from M ^r Alpin's towards Sackville Bridge.
43 15 0	to Joseph Fennel.
450	for the Communication by Post.
75	to William Harding.
600	for the support of Transient Poor.
1000	for the Lunatick House.
5000	for the Province House.
140	for the Liverpool Light-House.
400	for the relief of Indigent Persons.
297 14 0 ¹ / ₂	to Lydia Collins and James Barfs.
152 2 11 ¹ / ₂	to William Freeman and others.
29 3 4	to Christian Muller.
10	to the Clerk of the Assembly.
388 1 0 ¹ / ₂	for the Government House.
509 12 0	for dc.
23 5 7	to H. H. Cogswell.
250	for the Douglass and Philadelphia Grants.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the Police within the Town of Halifax; and also,

The Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, alter and continue; an Act, passed in the 3^d year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, &c. severally, with amendments: to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House. 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. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Thirty-four Pounds Ten Shillings, should be granted to the Surveyor-General of Land, to discharge the balance due for expences incurred in running the division line between Lunenburg and Queen's Counties, per account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Five Shillings, should be granted to the Surveyor-General of Land, to defray the expence incurred for surveying, making and planning a line designated for a new road through the Interior of the Province, from Annapolis to Halifax, per account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted to John Gibbs, Messenger of the House of Assembly, for his services for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds, should be granted to the Commissioner of the Island of Sable (in addition to the sum now in the hands of the said Commissioner) for the support of that Establishment for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty Two Pounds Ten Shillings should be granted to John Howe and Son, for printing Forms of Prayer, per account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds should be granted to complete the Pier at Point Arifag, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Ninety Pounds, should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expence of Extra Servants, and other incidental expences during the present Session, and also for discharging sundry accounts for articles furnished, and services performed for the use of the House.

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.

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

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

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

Friday, 31st March, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of J. H. Fleigher, Weigher and Gauger in the Revenue Department of the Province, and the same was read, praying some assistance in the execution of his office, in consequence of the increased duty he has to perform.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for establishing a Circuit Court, in several Counties and Districts within the Province: and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request His Excellency would be pleased to inform the House the probable sum that will be required to defray the expense for completing the Surveys and Plans of the several Lakes between the Shubenacadie and the Harbour of Halifax.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Pryor, be a committee for the above purpose.

On motion, the amendments made by the Council to the License Duty Bill, were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Robie, *resolved*, That the consideration of the said amendments be postponed to this day three months; and thereupon,

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to revive, alter and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue, to repair the Roads throughout the Province, &c. and the same was read a first time.

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

Resolved

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Surveys of the several Lakes between the Shubenaccadie and Halifax; that the Committee had waited on his Excellency accordingly, and that his Excellency was pleased to inform the Committee that he was of opinion that a sum of about £190 would be required for that service.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Eleven Pounds Two Shillings and Two Pence Half-penny, should be granted to Nathaniel Archeson, Esq. for his services for the present year, in soliciting and obtaining, on the part of the Province, many important commercial privileges.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be by him applied in such manner as His Excellency may judge proper to the payment of expenses incurred in the establishing and conducting the Acadian School in Halifax, up to the present time.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Eleven Pounds Seven Shillings and Sixpence should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expence of Fuel, furnished for the use of the House of Assembly during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds should be granted to the Clerk of the Council, to defray the expence of Fuel for the Council in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Fourteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Four Pence, should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly to defray the expence of Stationary furnished for the use of His Majesty's 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 report the House agreed to.

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The said resolutions were read throughout a first and second time : and thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of £200 for the Acadian School, be not received by the House : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen ; against it, nineteen ;

For the Motion,

Mr. Marsters,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Haliburton,
Mr. Kent,
Mr. Wiswall,

Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Buskirk,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Purdy,
Mr. Pryor,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Warwick.

Against the Motion,

Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Creighton,
Mr. Cumingham,
Mr. Pool,
Mr. Robie,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Marshall,

Mr. Roach,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. DeWolf,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Allison,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Rudolf,
Mr. Bishop.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Marshall moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of 1114. 2s. 2½d. to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. be not received by the House ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen ; against it, twenty. 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 to the same.

Mr. Marshall moved, that the House do come to a Resolution, as follows, *Vizt :*

“ *Resolved,* That this House feels it expedient at this time to express an aversion from any of its proceedings being construed to give to any person whatever, other than the known established Agent for this Province, power and authority to act in the capacity of such Agent ; and further to declare, that no communications which may be made to His Majesty's Government, or regulations which may be solicited respecting the general interests of the Province by any person or any body of men distinct from the several Branches of the Legislature, shall be considered to have received the sanction and approbation of this House, unless such communications or regulations so proposed, shall by this House be particularly approved of and recommended. — Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen ; against it, twenty.”

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For

For the motion,

Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Marslers,
Mr. DeWolf,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Shaw,
Mr. Kent,
Mr. Wiswall,
Mr. Bushirk,
Mr. Creighton,
Mr. Cunningham,

Mr. Pool.

Mr. Purdy,

Mr. Flemming,

Mr. Warwick,

Mr. Harris.

Against the motion,

Mr. Pryor,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Ritchie,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Robie,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Barss,
Mr. Wells,

Mr. Halibarton,

Mr. Sargent,

Mr. Mortimer,

Mr. Chipman,

Mr. Allison,

Mr. Dimock,

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Rudolf,

Mr. Bishop,

Mr. Rouch,

So it passed in the negative.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

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

£.34 10 0 to the Surveyor-General of Land.

133 5 0 to ditto

20 0 0 to the Messenger of the Assembly.

300 0 0 for the Island of Sable.

22 10 0 to John Howe & Son.

90 0 0 to the Clerk of the Assembly.

10 0 0 for Fuel for the Council.

11 7 6 for Fuel for the Assembly.

14 10 4 for Stationary for the Council and Assembly.

200 0 0 for the Acadian School.

111 2 2½ to Nathaniel Atcheson.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of 300l. for the Pier at Point Arifag.

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. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of One
 Thousand

Thousand Pounds should be granted for the purchase of a Service of Plate, or any other Testimonial, to be presented to His Excellency Sir JOHN C. SHERBROOKE, as a token of the grateful approbation entertained by the inhabitants of this Province, of the great care and economy of His Excellency in administering the Government of this Country, during the late War with the United States of America.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and ninety pounds should be granted to enable His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay for completing the Surveys and Plans of the several Lakes and Streams between the Shubenaccadie and the Harbour of Halifax.

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

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

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

On motion, the amendments made by the Council to the Halifax Police Bill, were read throughout a first time, and thereupon.

On motion, *resolved*, that the consideration of the said amendments be postponed to this day three months.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to two resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, vizt:

1000l. for the Purchase of Plate for His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

190l. for completing the Surveys between the Shubenaccadie and Halifax.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Wiswall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax; and the same was read a first time.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool 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 establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax; also, a Bill to revive, alter and continue, the several Laws to raise a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province; also, a Bill for extending to the town of Pictou, the provisions of an Act for preventing Trespasses; also, a Bill to continue an Act of the 52d year of his Majesty's reign, in further addition to an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors; also, a Bill to continue an Act for the support of the Light House on the south end of Coffin's Island, on the eastern side of Liverpool Harbour; also, a Bill to revive and continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors; also, a Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's reign, to impose and appropriate an additional Duty on Wine hereafter to be imported into this Province; and also, a Bill in addition to, and amendment of, an Act to restrain Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen: and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bills, severally, without any amendment, to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Wiswall, *resolved*, that a committee be appointed to prepare an humble Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, expressive of the sense of this House respecting the impolicy of encouraging the introduction and settlement of Negroes or Mulattoes into this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Roach, be a committee accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Robie, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Vote of this House of Friday last, for granting the sum of One Thousand Pounds for the purchase of Plate to be presented to His Excellency.

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Robie, and Mr. Haliburton, be a committee for the above purpose.

On motion, a Bill for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou; and also,

A Bill for establishing a Circuit Court in several Counties and Districts within the Province, were severally read a second time.

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

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

Saturday

Saturday, 1st April, 1815.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robie moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, Viz :

The conclusion of Peace, having, in the opinion of the House, made it no longer necessary to grant money for the apprehending Deserters, but as there may be money due for those Services, it is therefore

Resolved, That the House will provide for the payment of such sums as may now be due for the apprehending and securing Deserters : which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to revive, alter and continue, the several Acts of the General Assembly, 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 or Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An engrossed Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act to restrain Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the twenty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, not duly licensed to trade, travelling to and fro through the Country.

An engrossed Bill for extending to the town of Picou, the provisions of an Act for preventing Trespasses ; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend the provisions of an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, entitled, An Act for preventing Trespasses, to the Town of Picou.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act made in the 52d year of his Majesty's reign, in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors ; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the 52d year of His present Majesty's Reign, 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 an Act for the support of a Light-House on the South end of Coffin's Island, on the Eastern side of Liverpool Harbour ; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act for the support of a Light House on the south end of Coffin's Island, on the eastern side of Liverpool Harbour.

An engrossed Bill to revive and continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors ; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 51st year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's reign, to impose and appropriate an additional Duty on Wine hereafter to be imported into this Province ; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the 48th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to impose and appropriate an additional Duty on all Wine hereafter to be imported into this Province.

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

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to provide an easier method than is now used for Barring Estates Tail in Land ; and also, the engrossed amendments to the said Bill, were severally read a third time.

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

Mr. Wifwall reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the introduction and settlement of Negroes and Mulattoes into this Province ; 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

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

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

May it please Your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of his good people of Nova-Scotia, in General Assembly, beg leave most respectfully, to state to your Excellency, that we observe with concern, and alarm, the frequent arrival in this Province of Bodies of Negroes, and Mulattoes, of whom many have already become burthenome to the Public.

In compliance with your Excellency's humane recommendation, a sum of money is, by this Assembly, placed at your Excellency's disposal, for their temporary relief.

We are well persuaded that these poor people have been cast upon this Province by unforeseen events, not in the power of your Excellency to control : But it becomes our duty to state to your Excellency, for the information of such of his Majesty's Officers, as we have not the means of communicating with, that we are unwilling by any aid of ours, to encourage the bringing of Settlers to this Province, whose character, principles and habits, are not previously ascertained.

In the full persuasion, that our most Gracious King, in the exercise of his just prerogatives, will ever consider the interests of his faithful Subjects in this Province ; we beg leave respectfully to suggest, that the proportion of Africans already in this country is productive of many inconveniencies ; and that the introduction of more must tend to the discouragement of white labourers and servants, as well as to the establishment of a separate and marked class of people, unfitted by nature to this climate, or to an association with the rest of his Majesty's Colonists.

Relying upon your Excellency's approved zeal, in behalf of this Province, we humbly pray that your Excellency, will use your endeavours to prohibit the bringing any more of these people, into this Colony, by making such representations to his Majesty's Ministers, as your Excellency may deem proper, or taking such other measures as to your Excellency may seem expedient.

We conclude this Address, with expressing our grateful sense of the attention on all occasions, shewn by your Excellency, for applications made to you, by the Representatives of his Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and with offering our earnest wishes for your Excellency's Health and Happiness.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by a committee of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Roach, Mr. Pyke, and Mr. Barfs, be a committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the amendments made by this House to the Bill to provide an easier method than is now used for barring Estates Tail, in Land.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Marshall, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, 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 providing for a Police Office in the said Town, with proper officers to attend the same ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, alter 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 licenced to keep Public Houses or Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of an Act, passed in the 22d year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, not duly licenced, travelling to and fro through the County ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the 52d year of his present Majesty's reign, 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 ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act to provide for the support of a Light House on the South end of Coffin's Island, on the Eastern side of Liverpool Harbour ; also,

A Bill, entitled an Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 51st year

year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the 48th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to impose and appropriate an additional Duty on all Wines hereafter to be imported into this Province, severally, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, entitled, An Act for preventing Trespasses, to the town of Picou.

The Council have agreed to the first amendment, and disagreed to the second amendment, made by this House, to the Bill for Barring Estates Tail in Land.

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. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred; and had come to several Resolutions, upon which they had framed a Bill for applying certain Monies therein-mentioned for the service of the present year; and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the several Resolutions and Clauses therein contained, were severally read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question, put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On motion, the said Bill was read a first time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion, *Resolved*, that this House do not adhere to the second amendment made by them to the Bill for Barring Estates Tail in Land, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

An engrossed Bill, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the present year, 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 Fifteen, 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 to the same.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned; and also, a Bill to continue, alter and amend, the Militia Acts now in force; and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bills, severally, without any amendment. That the committee had deferred the consideration of the Bill to encourage the Cod Fishery; also, the Bill for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Sydney; also, the Bill for the founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou; also, a Bill for establishing a Circuit Court, in several Counties and Districts within the Province; and also a Bill to direct in what cases Writs of Attachment shall hereafter issue, to the next Session; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bills, as passed by the committee, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen, 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, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Monday, 3d April, 1815.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, to continue, alter and amend, the Militia Acts now in force, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue, alter and amend, the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia.

An engrossed Bill, to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned was read a third time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That this House considers its privileges infringed upon by the publisher of a paragraph, signed James Murphy, in the Acadian Recorder of Saturday last, reflecting highly upon the character of one of the Members of this House, which Paragraph is referred to the Committee of Privileges of this House, to be reported on at the next Sessions of the General Assembly of this Province, that measures may be taken by this House upon that subject; the want of time in the present Session not admitting of a proper enquiry.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned; and, also,

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue, alter and amend, the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia, severally; without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Wiswall reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeably to the Resolution on Friday last; that they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

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

May it please Your Excellency,

THE Representatives of his Majesty's dutiful and loyal People of Nova-Scotia, feel it incumbent upon them, at the close of the present Session of the General Assembly, to congratulate your Excellency upon the return of a General Peace; which, through the blessing of Divine Providence, is at length restored to his Majesty's Dominions.

We

We are happy in this Province, to have escaped, inviolate, from wars that have ravaged many, and threatened all countries; and at the close of hostilities, to find ourselves secure and prosperous, in the protection of the Parent State, and advanced in population and strength.

During the whole of the late war with America, we have felt a security and confidence, arising from the evident propriety and efficacy of your Excellency's measures; and we have had the satisfaction to find those measures carried into effect, with the smallest possible inconvenience to the Militia, and a trifling expenditure of the public money.

That such benefits may not pass without some Memorial of our estimation of them, we have voted ONE THOUSAND POUNDS, to be expended in the purchase of PLATE; which we beg your Excellency to accept, as a lasting proof of the grateful sense this Province entertains of the wisdom of those measures, by which Your Excellency at the same time provided for the security of the Country, and consulted the ease of its inhabitants.

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

Ordered, That the committee appointed to present to His Excellency the Address of this House of Saturday last, do know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House with the foregoing Address.

Mr. Dewolf reported from the committee on the subject of the expenditure of the Monies on the Windsor and Cobiquid Roads under the direction of Supervisors; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the committee have examined the accounts; and also have had the Supervisors in person before them, and likewise examined them as to the expenditure of the sums heretofore granted for the repairs of the said Roads, and it appears to the committee, that all the Supervisors, except Terence Cochrane, have allowed for extra hours, by which the wages paid to labourers in the last year, in general, amount to six shillings and six-pence per day. That there also appears charges for liquor, and extra wages to overseers, which, in the opinion of the committee, ought not in future to be allowed. That there appears also a charge in Mr. Smith's account of four pounds ten shillings for making up his accounts, which the committee are of opinion is an improper charge. That the committee consider it will be expedient to continue the expenditure of the money granted for those roads under Supervisors for the present year. That it further appears to the committee, that the Supervisors on the Eastern Road, have continued to expend more money on the particular parts of the Road, where they have made the repairs, than can be afforded, considering the extent of the Road, and recommend that in future that Road should not be made on so extensive a plan.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

On motion, *resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be humbly requested to direct the Supervisors to expend a sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds, out of the money appropriated, towards the repairing the Road leading from Halifax to Windsor, over the Ardoise Hill, for keeping the Old Road over the said Hill in a passable state.

Mr. Wiswall reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address of Saturday last, and also to know his pleasure when he would be attended by the House: that the Committee had waited upon, and delivered to, his Excellency the said Address accordingly: and that his Excellency was pleased to reply, that he would use his endeavours to carry the wishes of this House into effect, upon the subject of that Address, and would immediately open a Correspondence with His Majesty's Ministers for that purpose. And he further reported that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint this day, at half past two of the Clock, to receive the Address of this House to his Excellency (passed this day) in the Council Chamber.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following:

An Act to continue, alter and amend, the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, now in force, relating to a Militia.

An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the twenty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, not duly licensed to trade, travelling to and fro through the Country.

An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act to continue an Act, to provide for the support of a Light House at the south end of Coffin's Island, on the eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour.

An Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 51st year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors.

An Act to provide an easier method than is now used for Barring Estates Tail in Lands,

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 to continue an Act, passed in the 52d year of His present Majesty's Reign, 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 Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the 48th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to impose and appropriate an additional Duty on all Wine hereafter to be imported into this Province.

Act to revive, alter 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.

Mr. Speaker then presented to His Excellency the Address of the House to His Excellency, passed this day, congratulating His Excellency on the return of Peace to His Majesty's Dominions; and informing His Excellency of the Grant of £1000 for the purchase of Plate for His Excellency, in token of the benefits derived by the Province under His Excellency's Administration.

To which Address his Excellency was pleased to give this answer:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

IT is very gratifying to my feelings, to learn that the Sums which were from time to time placed at my disposal by the Provincial Legislature, during the late war with the United States of America, have in your opinion been managed by me with care and oeconomy.

From you, Gentlemen, who have had an opportunity of obtaining the most correct information upon this subject, such an honourable testimony in itself would have been an ample recompence for any pains I may have taken in the execution of this part of my duty.—But to these expressions of approbation you have most liberally added such a proof of your good opinion, as claims my sincere and most grateful acknowledgements. Previous, however, to my acceptance of your valuable present, I conceive it will be my duty to submit your offered kindness to the PRINCE REGENT: and, should His Royal Highness not object to my receiving it, I shall with pride and pleasure accept this distinguished mark of your esteem.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I beg leave to present to your Excellency, on the behalf of 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 said Bill following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen; and for appropriating

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,*

Since I had the honor of addressing you at the opening of this Session, a Treaty of Peace and Amity has been concluded between Great-Britain and the United States of America, the ratification of which has afforded repose, from the miseries of War, to the whole Christian World.

This happy event will I doubt not call into action the diligence and enterprise of the industrious inhabitants of Nova-Scotia : and as there is every reason to believe, that His Majesty's Government will extend its fostering care to the Commercial Interest of this rising Colony, I anticipate, with the most sanguine expectations, the prosperity to which the Province is likely to attain from the commendable exertions of her industrious and loyal population.

I thank you very cordially for the liberal arrangement you have made in aid of the various services which this flourishing and improving Province now requires from its Legislature ; and I am happy to embrace the opportunity, which your diligence and attention has afforded me, to release you from the labours of the present Sessions, and to permit your immediate return to your respective homes.

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 Twenty-second Day of June next, to be then here held ; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the Twenty-second day of June next.