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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

1818.



PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

THE RIGHT HONORABLE

GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

*Baron DALHOUSIE, of Dalhousie Castle,
Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honor-
able Military Order of the Bath, Lieu-
tenant-Governor and Commander in
Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province
of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies,
&c. &c. &c.*

DALHOUSIE.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Wednesday the 21st day of January next :—

I have thought fit, further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, until Thursday, the 5th day of February next, *then to meet for the Dispatch of Business*; of which all persons concerned are desired to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 11th day of December, 1817, in the 58th year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

HENRY H. COGSWELL.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Thursday, 5th February, 1818.

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

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

WHEN I called you together for the Dispatch of Business, I had flattered myself with the hope of meeting you this day under circumstances the most joyful ; but different, indeed, are those circumstances now ; with the deepest sorrow, I must announce to you the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales, on the 6th November last. This most melancholy event, carrying in it consequences of the highest interests to the Empire, has plunged the Royal Family, and the whole Nation, in universal grief.

Distant, though we are in this Province, from the sad scene in the Parent State, you will not the less, on that account, deplore this great National Calamity ; and I am confident that you will sincerely sympathise in this most heavy affliction of the Royal House, in all its Illustrious Branches.

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Among the various subjects which will occupy you in the course of this Session, I have it in Command from His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to call your attention to the state of the Militia of this Province; with the view of adopting such measures as may place that Establishment on a more efficient footing.

I recommend to your early consideration, the state of the Agriculture of the Province, and of the Fisheries on the Coast:—These are sources of prosperity of the highest importance to this Country; they are capable of great improvement, and the present times of settled tranquility in the Political World, are peculiarly favourable to the advancement of a system tending to animate, encourage, and direct, that industrious disposition which prevails in all parts of the Province.

I also recommend to your further consideration, the Law which was passed in 1816, to regulate the export of Gypsum; and, if experience has shewn that there are material defects in it, I have no doubt you will think proper to remove them.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly :—

I have ordered the Public Accounts to be submitted to your inspection. Nearly the whole of your liberal Grants of the last Session have been applied to the purposes for which they were made: I trust the Expenditure will be found to have been judicious; and that the Province will experience the beneficial effects of it.

Having cause to apprehend considerable diminution in the Revenue this year, our views in the Appropriation for the Public Service, must, necessarily, be restricted.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I have no doubt that your special attention will still be directed to the improvement of the Roads throughout the Province; and I feel a confident hope, that the unanimity which has hitherto so happily prevailed in your Legislative Proceedings, will continue to facilitate the dispatch of Business; and enable me, at an early period, to release you from your attendance. On my part, you will find an anxious desire to co-operate with you in every measure which may promote the prosperity of the Province.

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

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

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

Ordered, That no Petition, of a private nature, be received after Saturday, the 28th instant.

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

Friday, 6th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of James Ferguson was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying that he may be allowed a credit on certain Bonds given for the Excise Duty on a quantity of British Merchandise imported into the Province by the Petitioner, and afterwards unfortunately consumed by fire, in October, 1816, amounting to 140l. 10s.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

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

Saturday,

Saturday, 7th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

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

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honorable GEORGE, Earl of DALHOUSIE, Baron DALHOUSIE, of Dalhousie Castle, G. C. B. 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 most dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of this loyal Province, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

The Sorrow so universal and so deep felt by the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales, affords to your Excellency the melancholy assurance that though distant from the sad scene of domestic affliction and national grief, they do not the less deplore this great calamity to the British Empire; and we owe too much to the paternal goodness of our beloved Sovereign not to sympathise most sincerely with all the Branches of His Illustrious House on this most melancholy occasion.

We will direct our early and serious attention to the state of the Militia, and will proceed to the consideration of that important subject with a disposition to make every improvement the situation of the Province will authorise.

We thank your Excellency for having recommended the state of the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province to the consideration of the Assembly: we are well aware that these sources of wealth are capable of great improvement, and we shall avail ourselves of the tranquillity which now prevails in the political world, to promote their prosperity, and thereby animate and encourage the industrious disposition of the Inhabitants of the Country.

The Act, which was passed in the Session of 1816, to regulate the exportation of Gypsum from this Province, having failed to produce the beneficial effects which were contemplated by the Legislature at the time of its enactment, we will take that Law into our early consideration, and adopt such measures as may be most conducive to the interest of the Province.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be submitted for our inspection, at so early a period, and we have the fullest confidence, that the monies granted in the last Session, have been carefully applied to the purposes for which they were intended.

The great advantage already experienced, from the improvement of the Roads throughout the Province, will induce the House to persevere in granting such Sums of Money, for that beneficial service, as the Revenue of the Country will afford.

We assure your Excellency that nothing shall be wanting on our part to promote that harmony which has hitherto so happily existed among the different Branches of the Legislature; and that we shall proceed with diligence and attention to dispatch the business of the Session.

The zealous disposition manifested by your Excellency, on all occasions, to promote the interests of the Country, and the liberal relief afforded by your Excellency to very many of the Inhabitants, who had been distressed by the failure of their Crops, demand our warmest thanks, and leave us no doubt of your Excellency's concurrence in every measure which may lead to the prosperity of the Province.

Resolved,

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

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Mortimer, 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 David Dundas, Distiller, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for the Declaration of the House, whether it is the intention and meaning of the Revenue Act, that Rum, which has already paid the Provincial Duty, should be subject to the payment of a further Duty upon its being manufactured into a different liquor.

A Petition of John Rolf, and others, Inhabitants and Freeholders residing on the Shore District of the Man of War's Land and Petit, in the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying they may have the right of Voting in the Township of Newport for the electing of a Representative for the said Township; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise persons, duly qualified, and having Freehold Estates on the Shore District of the Man of War's Land and Petit, to Vote in the Township of Newport for a Representative for the said Township; which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative; and the said Bill was presented accordingly, and read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. Pryor, *resolved*, that an Humble Address of Condolence, be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the late most melancholy occurrence of the Death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales.

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Marshall, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, 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:

IT shall be the object of my unremitting attention to study the welfare of this Country, by every means in my power; and I am well aware that the best mode to accomplish it, is to merit that confidence which you now express, and which I have already experienced in all your proceedings since I have had the honor of acting with you.

DALHOUSIE.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration

consideration His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

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

Monday, 9th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Benjamin Dewolf, Sen. Esq. and others, Inhabitants of the County of Hants and also a Petition of John Walker and others, Inhabitants of the said County, were severally presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read : praying for the repeal of the Act of the General Assembly, passed in the Year 1816, to regulate the Exportation of Plaster of Paris or Gypsum from this Province.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion the House proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech : and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris otherwise called Gypsum : which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative ; and the said Bill was presented accordingly and read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of John Patterfon was presented by Mr. Lawson and read : setting forth, that a difference has arisen between the Commissioners of the Streets in the Town of Halifax and the Petitioner, respecting the Boundary Line of a certain Lot of the Petitioner, and praying relief therein ; as it appears, under the present Law relating to Streets and Highways, there is no mode pointed out for settling and determining the Lines of Streets in case the Commissioners should be mistaken.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the relief of Persons imprisoned for Debt under Mesne Process, and for the more equitable distribution of the Effects of Insolvent Debtors : 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 have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Lawson presented to the House an account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace of all Monies received by him into, and Payments by him made from, the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1817.

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

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

Friday,

Tuesday, 10th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Papers following, v. z.

A Letter from Scrope Bernard Morland, Esq. the Agent of the Province, to Mr. Speaker, dated London, 2d April, 1817, tendering his resignation as Agent.

A copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker to the Agent of the Province, dated 17th May, 1817, transmitting certain Resolutions of the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Instance Court.

A Letter from Mr. Morland and Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. dated London, 1st July, 1817, to Mr. Speaker and the Committee of the House. Also a copy of a Letter from the said Gentlemen to Earl Bathurst, dated London, 27th June, 1817, on the subject of the Instance Court.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to Mr. Speaker and the Committee of the Assembly, dated London, 12th June, on the said subject.

A copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker and the Committee to Mr. Atcheson, dated 19th November, 1817, in answer to his Letter of the 12th June.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, dated London, 1st July, 1817, to the President of His Majesty's Council and Mr. Speaker, enclosing copies of divers Acts of Parliament, &c.

A copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker to Mr. Atcheson, dated 29th November, 1817, in answer to Letters received from Mr. Atcheson.

A Letter from the Secretary of the Province to Mr. Speaker, dated 21st October, 1817, relative to the Congratulatory Addresses of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

A copy of a Letter from Earl Bathurst to His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, dated Downing-street, 14th June, 1817, on the subject of the said Addresses.

A copy of a Letter from the President of His Majesty's Council and Mr. Speaker, dated 24th April, 1817, to His Excellency Sir J. C. Sherbrooke, enclosing the Congratulatory joint Address of the Council and Assembly to His Excellency.

A Letter from His Excellency Sir J. C. Sherbrooke to the President of the Council and Mr. Speaker, in answer to their Letter.

A copy of a Certificate granted by Mr. Speaker to the Supreme Court, on the arrest of Isaiah Shaw, Esq. the Member for Granville.

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

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

A Bill to repeal the Act, entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum, was read a second time.

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

A Petition of James Leishman, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying to be relieved from the payment of a certain sum of money due by the Petitioner to the Province for Excise Duties, as surety for one David Dundas, who has failed in business, and become unable to pay the same, and thereby involved the Petitioner and his family in great distress.

A Petition of Encom Sanford and others, Inhabitants of the Shore District of the Man of War's Land and Petit, in the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Allison, and read, praying for the repeal of the Act of the General Assembly, passed in the year 1816, to regulate the exportation of Plaster of Paris or Gypsum from this Province.

A Petition of John Dugwell and Matthew Taplin, Commissioners, appointed to superintend the erection of a Public Fish-Market in Upper Water-street in Halifax, was presented by

by Mr. Lawfon, and read, praying payment of the sum of 40l. 12s 9½d, incurred by the Petitioners in erecting and completing the said Market, over and above the grant of the Legislature for that service.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

Cereno U. Jones, Esq. returned duly elected as a Member for the County of Annapolis, in the room of Peleg Wifwall, Esq. (whose Seat has been vacated by his appointment as an Associate Circuit Judge of the Supreme Court) 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 Richard John Uniacke, His Majesty's Attorney-General, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill to authorize persons, duly qualified, and having Freehold Estates on the Shore District of the Man of War's Land and Petit, to Vote in the Township of Newport for a Representative for the said Township, was read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty: and thereupon,

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Kent took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum of 200l. should be granted towards the temporary relief of a number of transient, distressed, and labouring Poor now in the Town of Halifax: the same to be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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.

The House having been informed, by a Member in his place, that Jacob Van Buskirk, Esq. one of the Members of this House, and a Representative for the County of Shelburne, had been arrested by the Deputy-Marshall of the Court of Vice-Admiralty and is now restrained of his liberty and in custody of the Deputy-Marshall; thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that a committee of Privileges be appointed.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Marshal, Mr. Wells, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Kent, be a Committee of Privileges accordingly.

Ordered, That the committee of Privileges report to the House, within two days, the nature of the process upon which the arrest of Mr. Buskirk was made, and the time when he was arrested.

Isaiah Shaw, Esq. a Member of this House, and Representative for the Town of Granville, having, in his place, informed the House, that he had been recently arrested at the suit of an individual (not for a breach of the Peace,) from which arrest he had been discharged by His Majesty's Supreme Court, in consequence of his being a Member of this House; but that he had been treated with great indignity by the person executing the Process, and in taking him to the common Jail; thereupon,

Ordered, That the foregoing complaint and breaches of the Privileges of this House, be referred

referred to the committee of Privileges, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon 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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to authorise persons, duly qualified, and having their freehold estates on the Shore District of Man of War's Land, and Petit, in the County of Hants, to Vote in the Township of Newport for a Representative for the said Township, to this day three months. That the committee had gone through the Bill to repeal the Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum; and that they 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 Bills which stood committed; which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

The said Messages were severally read by Mr. Speaker, and are as follow:

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

The distress of the Emigrants which have lately arrived in this Province, from Newfoundland chiefly, and other places, was so pressing, that I was induced to advance to the Committee appointed to attend to their relief the sum of fifty pounds out of the Arms' Fund; and, that being expended, and the distress continuing to an alarming degree, I was induced, by advice of Council, to advance, for their immediate relief from starvation, from the Provincial Treasury, the further sum of one hundred pounds; since which the Committee employed in that service have made a report of the situation of the Poor under their care, which I now transmit for the consideration of the Assembly, and for such further assistance as they may deem it proper to afford.

DALHOUSIE.

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

I have received a Petition from a committee of the Merchants of Halifax, on the subject of the Fisheries, which I submit to the consideration of the Assembly, agreeably to the prayer thereof.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Cogswell also delivered to the House, by His Excellency's command, A Report of the Committee appointed to attend to the relief of distressed Emigrants lately arrived in the Province; also,

A Petition of the Merchants of Halifax, on the subject of the Fisheries; and also, An Estimate of the Expence for the Support of the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government of Nova-Scotia for the year 1818.

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

Ordered, That the Estimate for the Support of His Majesty's Government be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, [the Petition of the committee of the Merchants of Halifax, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—That the Petitioners have taken the Trade of the Province into consideration, and are impressed with feelings of great apprehensions from the present situation of the Fisheries in particular, on the success of which the Revenues and general prosperity of this Colony have ever been mainly founded. That the Petitioners are now experiencing a state of great depression arising from an increased population, without the means of affording it employment: a rivalry at every Market to which they resort; themselves left destitute, whilst those against whom they have now the misfortune to contend, are supported by the most liberal policy of their respective Governments, being assisted by ample Bounties upon those Fisheries which a few years since were in a state of complete ruin, but are now reviving with a vigour proportioned to the encouragement received; under such a contrasted state existing between Foreigners and the Petitioners, their utmost efforts must prove unavailing, unless supported by other aid than is within their individual power to afford.

That there are two points, which, after the most deliberate attention, your Lordship's Petitioner's have fixed upon as those which they conceive to be essentially necessary to accomplish the objects they have in view: an encouragement to the Merchant to import Salt, so as to furnish a steady supply of that article, and an offer of some adequate Bounty in order to promote a better mode of Fishing than is now practised in this Province. That the Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Lordship will be pleased to lay their case before the Honourable Assembly, and to recommend that they will be pleased to take the premises, as more fully stated in the annexed Memorial, into their consideration, at as early a period as the public business will allow. That there may be granted an eventual Bounty on Salt so limited as to price and extended as to time that the Merchant may be certain to receive a reasonable profit on the importation. That a Bounty may be given on the tonnage of Fishing Vessels, above a fixed burthen, fishing upon shores or otherwise, upon the Banks or the Labrador; and, in order to establish the confidence which at this distressing period can ensure success, that the time limited for the existence of the said Bounties be not less than four years.]

On motion the Letter from His Excellency Sir J. C. Sherbrooke to the President of His Majesty's Council and Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

GENTLEMEN,

BY the last Halifax Mail, I was honored and much gratified by the receipt of a joint Address from His Majesty's Council, and the House of Representatives, of Nova-Scotia, convened in General Assembly, congratulating me upon my advancement to the Chief Command in His Majesty's North-American Dominions, and expressing their approbation of my conduct during the period I had the pleasure of administering the Government of that Province, to which is added the very gratifying assurance that the sentiments of respect and affection which were so generally felt, and expressed for me, whilst I resided in Nova-Scotia, remain undiminished.

As the Legislature of Nova-Scotia is not at present in Session, I have to request, Gentlemen, that you will do me the favor when it next meets, to convey to the Houses in which you respectively preside, my warmest thanks, and most grateful acknowledgments, for this very flattering and affectionate Address: Be good enough to inform them, that to have obtained their approbation of my conduct, during my residence in the Province, and to be assured, by their unanimous vote, that I still continue to retain their regard and good opinion, is most gratifying to my feelings, and a distinction of which I shall ever retain a lively remembrance, as I am fully sensible of its value.

The warm interest I shall ever take in all that relates to Nova-Scotia, leads me to rejoice sincerely in the paternal solicitude evinced by His Royal Highness the Prince REGENT, for the

the welfare of that Colony, by the appointment of its present distinguished Governor, under whose fostering care I have no doubt that the prosperity of the Province, and the happiness of its Inhabitants, will be augmented and ensured.

However solicitous I may have been to merit the good opinion of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, I feel sensible that the partiality manifested towards me by that respectable Body, has induced them, on the present occasion, greatly to overrate the value of my services;— This circumstance, however, will, I trust, operate as an additional motive for my perseverance in the same principles which obtained for me their approbation, and from which I hope I shall never deviate.

Permit me to express my sincere and ardent wishes for the advancement of the prosperity of Nova-Scotia, and for the welfare and happiness of its loyal, virtuous and industrious, Inhabitants.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

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

Wednesday, 11th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to repeal the Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris otherwise called Gypsum, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to repeal the Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred: and had come to a resolution thereupon, which 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 be recommended to the House to appoint a committee to prepare a representation and statement of the injurious effects that would result to the Commerce of His Majesty's North-American Colonies, either by a reduction of the Duties now payable upon Foreign Timber imported into Great-Britain, or by the imposition of a Duty upon Colonial Timber imported into that Country.

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

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a conference be desired with His Majesty's Council, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Jones, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolutions of this House on the subject of an Humble Address

Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the late most melancholy occurrence of the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales, and have appointed a committee accordingly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum—without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House for granting two hundred pounds for the relief of transient and distressed Poor.

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 conference.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

Mr. Haliburton moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of His Excellency's Speech : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eleven ; against it, seven : so it passed in the affirmative ; and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of His Excellency's Speech.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum of twenty-five thousand pounds, should be applied to the service of Roads and Bridges the present year, and that it be recommended to the House to refer the resolution to the Committee of Supply.

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

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Mortimer reported that the Managers had been at the conference with the Committee of Council on the General State of the Province ; and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

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

Thursday, 12th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act, passed in

the thirty-fourth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of the Honourable Charles Morris, and others, Trustees of the National School on the Madras System of Education, in the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, setting forth, that the said School has been established in the Town of Halifax, under the protection and bounty of the venerable Society incorporated for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. That in the Fourteen Months which have elapsed since the first opening of the School, no less than two hundred and eighty-eight boys have been admitted. That in consequence of the great benefits arising to the community at large, and the increase of scholars, the Trustees have erected a Building capable of accomodating six hundred children of both sexes, and upon which they have expended the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, and praying the aid of the House towards completing the same.

A Petition of the Grand Jury for the District of Picou, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying, that the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, for the Summary Trial of Actions, may be continued, with an amendment to enable a single Magistrate to decide upon actions for Debt to the amount of three pounds.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee of Privileges on the subject of the arrest of Mr. Buskirk and Mr. Shaw; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

That the Committee having considered the subject to them referred, report:—That on the 30th day of November, 1809, an Attachment issued from the High Court of Appeals in Prize Causes, against the said Jacob Van Buskirk, and sundry other persons named in the said Writ, as the owners of the private Ship of War Nelson, for their contumacy and contempt in not answering the Monition issued from the High Court of Appeals, requiring them to pay into the Registry of the said Court, the proceeds of a certain ship called the Bat, and her cargo; which ship was captured by the Nelson, and condemned in the Court of Vice-Admiralty at Tortoli, and sold under the Decree of the said Court, which Decree was reversed on an appeal. That on the second day of January last, the said Jacob Van Buskirk was arrested under the said Writ, by the Deputy Marshal of the Court of Vice-Admiralty, the command of which Writ is to attach and arrest the said Jacob Van Buskirk, and others, or cause them to be attached and arrested, and them so attached and arrested to keep under safe and secure arrest until they shall have obeyed the Monition issued against them by paying into the Registry of the High Court of Appeals, the remainder of the proceeds of the ship Bat, and her cargo, as appears to the committee by the said Writ, which Writ still remains in force, the requisition thereof not being complied with, as appears also to your committee, from an examination of the Deputy Marshal, and his Return to the said Writ; and the committee respectfully submit to the House, whether, under those circumstances, the said Jacob Van Buskirk is not entitled to his discharge from the said arrest and detention, by virtue of his Privilege as a Member of this House.

The committee further report, that Isaiah Shaw, Esq. a Member of this House, having declined to proceed against the person who arrested him in the improper manner stated to the House, the committee submit to the House whether any report upon this subject is required; and thereupon,

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

A Bill for the relief of Persons imprisoned for Debt under Mesne Proceſs, and for the more equitable diſtribution of the Effects of Insolvent Debtors : was read a ſecond time.

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

Scrope Bernard Morland, Eſq. the Agent of the Province, having written a Letter to the Speaker of the Houſe, ſignifying his deſire to reſign his ſituation as Agent.—

Resolved, That the Houſe do accept of the reſignation of the ſaid Scrope Bernard Morland, and that the Speaker be requeſted to inform him thereof ; and, at the ſame time, make known to that Gentleman the high ſenſe which the Houſe entertains of the many ſervices rendered by him to the Province, and to expreſs to him the thanks of the Houſe for the ſame.

Resolved, That a conference be deſired with His Maſteſty's Council, upon the ſubject of the appointment of an Agent, and that the Clerk do requeſt the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Pryor, do manage the ſaid conference.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. Cogſwell ;

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference as deſired by the Houſe, on the ſubject of the appointment of an Agent.

The Council requeſt a further conference with this Houſe on the ſubject of the Duties payable on Timber.

And then the Meſſenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers appointed to confer with the Council on the ſubject of an Agent, 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. Haliburton reported that the managers had been at the conference, and ſtated the ſubſtance of the conference to the Houſe.

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

And the Names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a further conference be deſired with the Council on the ſubject of an Agent, and that the Clerk do requeſt the ſame.

The Clerk acquainted the Houſe that the Council had agreed to a further conference, as deſired by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the conference.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Friday, 13th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill, in addition to an Act, paſſed in the thirty-fourth year of His late Maſteſty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners of Sewers, was read a ſecond time.

Resolved,

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

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

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of Benjamin Cole, of Liverpool, in Queen's County, Tailor, was presented by Mr. Parker, and read, praying a compensation for Clothing and other Necessaries furnished by him to one Daniel Huntley, while confined in the said Jail, for Burglary, during a period of fourteen months.

A Petition of Eldad Nickerson and others, Inhabitants of Liverpool, was presented by Mr. Parker, and read, praying an aid from the House for clearing out the obstructions, by rocks, in a Brook leading from a certain Saw Mill, near Herring Cove, to the Pond upon which said Nickerson's Mill is erected in the said Township.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to facilitate the opening and working His Majesty's Mines with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Lands in this Province: and the same was read a first time; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Pool, and that they do examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon on or before Friday the 20th instant.

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. Marsters took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of His late Majesty's reign, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, 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 said amendments were read, throughout, a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Saturday, 14th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of His late Majesty's reign, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, 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 thirty-fourth year of his late Majesty's reign, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

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

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at night; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter from Deputy-Commissary-General Damerum, to His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, and by His Excellency recommended to the consideration of the Legislature, on the subject of a Drawback of the Duties paid on certain quantities of Rum purchased for, and issued to, His Majesty's Troops under His Excellency's command; and the same was read by the Clerk.

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

A Petition of Samuel Hardiman, and others, Poor Debtors confined in the Jail at Halifax, was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, praying for relief.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Bill to alter the times of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle: was read a second time.

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

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to revive and continue an Act, entitled, 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. Archibald, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject of appointing an Agent, and that the Clerk do request the same.

Resolved, That the Committee of this House do state, in conference, that the House have it in contemplation to nominate Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. Agent for the Province.

Mr. Ritchie delivered to the House, a Report from the Auditor of Public Accounts, upon the Expenditure of Monies granted for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges in the year 1817.

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

The Clerk acquainted the House that the Council had agreed to the conference, as desired by the House.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the conference.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

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

Monday, 16th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night; also,

A Bill to revive and continue an Act, entitled, An 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. Lawson reported from the committee appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council, to examine the Public Accounts; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows:

Treasurer of the Province:

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance in his hands, (after taking Credit of balance of Arms' Money £5,535 6 10)

Amount brought forward: L.100 16 0½

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 - - - - - L.28,830 16 10
Ditto in the Attorney-General's hands - - - - - 7,627 8 10

36,458 5 8

Lunenburg :

The Administrators of the late Robert Bethel remain accountable for the Balance as reported last year - - - - - L.137 19 8

An Account Current has been received from the Administrators of the late Robert Bolman ; they have delivered to the present Collector, Bonds to the amount of L261 8 7, and remain accountable for the sum of - - - - - 143 1 9½

The present Collector's Account Current and Returns have been received, and are correct. Bonds in his hands for collection - - - - - 474 0 4

755 1 9½

Shelburne :

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; he has Bonds in his hands for collection - - - - - L.198 19 11

He has placed Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General for collection to the amount of - - - - - 309 1 3½

508 1 2½

Liverpool :

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; he has Bonds in his hands for collection - - - - - L.3,058 9 3

He has Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General for collection, to the amount of - - - - - 283 8 0

Leaving him accountable for - - - - - L.3,341 17 3

The former Collector, as appears by the Treasurer's Account, has paid him L291 9 8, leaving a balance still due of - - - - - 1,976 9 7

5,318 6 10

Yarmouth :

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance therein stated - - - - - L.877 18 11

Error in casting Commissions - - - - - 1 10 0

Makes him accountable for - - - - -

879 9 11

Annapolis :

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

1436 6 10

Windsor :

His Accounts to 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance in his hands - - - - - L.360 4 7½

Bonds remaining in his hands on account of Plaster Paris Duty - - - - - 4,477 12 6

4,837 17 1½

King's County :

No Accounts or Returns. By the Report of last year he was accountable for L.278 7 1

He has since, as appears by the Treasurer's Account, paid him - - - - - 120 0 0

Leaving him accountable for - - - - -

158 7 1

Colchester :

No Accounts or Returns. He remains accountable for the Balance reported last year - - - - -

337 10 0

Pictou :

The former Collector, by the Report of last year, was accountable for L.514 0 11½

He has since paid, as appears by the Treasurer's Account, the sum of - - - - - 330 0 0

Leaving him accountable for - - - - - L.184 0 11½

The present Collector's Accounts have been received, and are correct. He has Bonds in his hands for collection - - - - - 206 1 2

390 2 1½

Cumberland :

No Account Current has been received. A return for duties has been received for the last year ; amounting to - - - - - L.44 14 7½

He has paid the Treasurer - - - - - 35 0 0

Carried forward L.9 14 7

Carried forward, L.51,180 4 7½

By the report of last year he was accountable for a balance of	-	L299 18 1		
He has since paid as appears by the Treasurer's Accounts	}	-	25 8 1	
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The Treasurer reports that since closing his Accounts he has received the sum of	-	-	-	-
				274 10 0
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				L.9 14 7½
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				TOTAL L.51,464 9 3

Isle of Sable :

The Commissioner's Accounts have been received to the 31st December last, and are correct ; there is a balance due him of	-	-	-	L.13 8 0
He reports that there still remains due to the Superintendent and Servants, one year's wages ; amounting to	-	-	-	200 0 0
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				L.213 8 0

Light Houses :

HALIFAX.—The Collector's Accounts have been received to 31st December last, and are correct ; he has paid the Treasurer	-	-	-	L.854 10 6
SHELBURNE.—Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	53 16 6
LIVEPOOL.—Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	95 13 10½
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				L.1004 0 10½

CRANBERRY ISLAND.—An Account Current has been received from the Commissioner, by which it appears that in addition to the Grant of L400 0 0, he has received from the Treasurer the balance remaining in his hands on account of Light Houses, for the last year of L.232 13 4, he has expended a further sum of L.260 5 4, balance of his Account ; the amount of which is now due him. It appears by an estimate produced, it will require the sum of L.590 0 0 to complete the Building. The Commissioners Accounts have been received to the 31st December last, for repairs and supplies of Light Houses, amounting to L.1754 6 7. A balance remains due to them

L.456 15 7½

Province Notes :

Balance in circulation the 31st December, 1816,	-	-	-	L.13,477 0 0
Delivered by the Commissioners to the Treasurer last year	-	-	-	16,450 0 0
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				L.29,897 0 0
There have been examined and destroyed	-	-	-	5,177 10 0
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Leaving in circulation 31st Decr. last	-	-	-	L.24,719 10 0

Provincial House :

The Commissioners Accounts have been received to the 31st December last, and are correct. There is a Balance in their hands unexpended of L 506 15 4. They report that there is now due to sundry persons for Materials and Workmanship, the sum of L.3,833 19 8. They further state that it will require (including the above sum) to complete the Building and Iron Railing L.10,833 19 8.

Committee-Room, Halifax, 16th February, 1818.

(Signed) CHAS. HILL, } Committee of
JOHN BLACK, } Council.

(Signed) WM. LAWSON, }
WM. A. CHIPMAN, } Committee of the House of As-
JOHN PEYOR, } sembly.
EDW. MORTIMER, }
JOHN ALLISON, }

The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA.

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1817.

Dr.		Cr.	
Decr. 31. By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer			
Ditto Commissioners of the Province House		L100 16 0½	
Ditto ditto Bounty to Seamen		503 15 4½	
Ditto ditto Copper Coinage		90 16 8	
By Securities in the hands of the Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax		583 6 8	
Deduct probable Drawbacks		L36,458 5 8	
By Securities in the hands of Out-Port Collectors, Viz:—		5,258 5 8	
Lunenburg		L,755 1 9	
Shelburne		508 1 2½	
Liverpool		5,318 6 10	
Yarmouth		879 9 11	
Annapolis		1,436 6 10	
Windsor		4,837 17 1½	
King's County		158 7 1	
Colchester		337 10 0	
Pictou		390 2 1	
Cumberland		284 4 7½	
Deduct probable Drawbacks		L,14,905 7 6½	
		4,905 7 6½	
		10,000 0 0	
		L,42,481 14 9	

Committee-Room, Halifax, 16th February, 1818.

(Signed) CHARLES HILL, } Committee of
JOHN BLACK, } Council.

(Signed) WILLIAM LAWSON,
WILLIAM ALLAN CHIPMAN,
JOHN PRYOR,
EDWARD MORTIMER,
JOHN ALLISON. } Committee of the House of Assembly.

Abstract of Sums undrawn the 31st December, 1817, on account of Roads and Bridges, viz.

VOTE.

1813.—Horne's to Hawkins' Point	L.25 0 0
Gut of Annapolis	10 0 0
Balance of King's County to New Canaan	10 0 0
1814.—Musquodobit, by way of Chisencooke	15 0 0
1815.—Round Hill, Annapolis Road	25 0 0
Cape Negro to Shelburne	60 0 0
1816.—Lahave Ferry	30 0 0
Balance Cornwallis Bridge	1,000 0 0
Ditto Lower Road to Musquodobit	9 10 0
1817.—Beaver Bank, towards Rawden	60 0 0
George Thompson's, towards ditto	10 0 0
From Johnson's to Economy	10 0 0
From Pipe's to the Post Road near William Black's	15 0 0
Peter Woodward's to Aylesford Church	10 0 0
Road from new Bridge over Salmon River	75 0 0
Andrew Harvey's Tan-Yard to Isaac Fisher's Farm	50 0 0
Balance Peter Reed's to bounds of King's County }	83 6 8
Ditto Macan River to River Herbert }	
Ditto Baronsfield towards Patridge Island }	
Ditto Macan to River Philip }	29 18 7
Ditto Macan to Five Islands }	
Ditto Remsheg to John Tuttle's	23 6 8
Ditto Fox Harbour to Amherst	23 6 8
Ditto On the Gulf Shore between Pugwash and Fox Harbour	23 6 8
Ditto From Petit to Salter's	20 0 0
Ditto To rebuild the Bridge over Allen's Creek	12 16 8
Ditto Hammond's Plain to Annapolis	100 0 0
Ditto Casualty Vote	262 8 3

L.1993 0 2

Committee-Room, Halifax, 16th February, 1816.

(Signed) CHARLES HILL, } Committee of
JOHN BLACK, } Council.

(Signed) WM. LAWSON,
W. A. CHIPMAN,
JOHN PRYOR,
EDWARD MORTIMER, } Committee of
JOHN ALLISON, } the House of
Assembly.

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

A Petition of John Carrol, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying to be allowed a Drawback of the Duties on a certain quantity of Rum exported by him from Halifax to the Island of Cape-Breton, in the year 1816.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Shaw, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to suppress the multiplicity of Dogs, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to raise a sum of Money, not exceeding thousand pounds, for building a Bridge over the River Avon, between Windfor and Falmouth, in the County of Hants, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton reported, that, pursuant to the resolution of yesterday, the Managers had held a further conference with a committee of the Council on the subject of an Agent for the Province, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee to whom the Bill to facilitate the opening and working His Majesty's Mines, &c. was referred; and accordingly presented to the House, certain alterations and amendments, which in their opinion were expedient to be made to the said Bill; and the same having been read by the Clerk; thereupon,

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time, and the same was read accordingly.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first 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 for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night ; and also the Bill, to alter the times of holding the Inferior Court, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, and had made several amendments to the said Bills, respectively, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

A Petition of the Merchants, and other persons in Trade, within the Town of Halifax, interested in the Fisheries of the Province, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying that a Bounty may be granted on Salt, and also a Bounty on the Tonnage of Vessels fishing upon Shares or otherwise, upon the Banks, or the Labradore.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 17th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to suppress the multiplicity of Dogs ; and, also, a Bill to raise a sum of Money, not exceeding thousand pounds, for building a Bridge over the River Avon, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the County of Hants, 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. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to prevent the multiplicity of Dogs ; also of the Bill to raise a sum of money not exceeding thousand pounds, for building a Bridge over the River Avon, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the County of Hants, to this day three months ; and that the committee had also deferred the consideration of the Bill to revive and continue

an Act, for the summary trial of Actions, until Thursday next the 19th instant, which report the House agreed to.

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.

Mr. Shaw, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the lighting of Water-Street, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of George Robertson, Pound Keeper at Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying that certain regulations may be made respecting Pounds.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Wednesday, 18th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the lighting of Water-Street was read a second time; and thereupon,
Resolved, That the further consideration of the Bill be postponed to this day three months.

An engrossed Bill, to alter the times of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, 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 fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, in the County of Shelburne.

An engrossed Bill for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night.

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

Mr. Pryor presented to the House, a Statement from the Commissioners of the Poor, of the probable expense of the Poor-House at Halifax for the present year, amounting to 2716l. 14s 4d, and also of the ways and means to meet that expense, and the same was read by the Clerk.

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

A Petition of Jared I. Chipman, was presented by Mr. Parker, and read, praying a compensation for his services in prosecuting Criminal Offenders in the Supreme Court at Liverpool, in July Term, 1817.

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 several Bills which stood committed.

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 made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed, which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Chipman moved, That the House do come to the resolutions following, viz. :

Resolved, That the Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions be referred to a committee to report thereon, and that the said committee report to this House on Saturday next, the 14th inst.

Resolved, That in the said Bill power be given to one Justice of the Peace, to try and give judgment in all causes where the sum demanded does not exceed three pounds; and that power be given in the said Bill to two Justices of the Peace to try causes where the sum demanded shall be more than three pounds, and not more than five pounds.

Resolved, That in the said Bill power be given to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to appoint one or more fit and proper persons in every Township in the Province, who shall have jurisdiction in all causes where the sum demanded shall not be less than five pounds, nor more than ten pounds.

Resolved, That the committee be instructed to prepare and report the necessary clauses to be added to the said Bill, for the carrying into effect the aforesaid resolutions, which being seconded, thereupon, it was moved, that the third resolution be not agreed to by the House, which, being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seven; against it, twenty-one.

For the Motion,

Mr. ARCHIBALD
Mr. CRANE
Mr. MARSHALL
Mr. FREEMAN
Mr. PARKER
Mr. HALIBURTON
Mr. RITCHIE

Against the Motion,

Mr. DIMOCK	Mr. CHIPMAN	Mr. FLEMMING
Mr. KENT	Mr. PYKE	Mr. JONES
Mr. WELLS	Mr. ROACH	Mr. BISHOP
Mr. CUNNINGHAM	Mr. MARSTERS	Mr. PURDY
Mr. BAKER	Mr. MANNING	Mr. POOLE
Mr. PRYOR	Mr. ALLISON	Mr. HARRIS
Mr. MORTIMER	Mr. SHAW	Mr. LAWSON

So it passed in the negative.

The said resolutions were then severally put, and agreed to by the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow, further consider His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, *resolved*, That this House will on Friday next take into consideration the Bill for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt, under Mesne Process; and for the more equitable distribution of the effects of Insolvent Debtors.

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

Thursday, 19th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A petition of the Chairman and Members of the General Committee of the Acadian School in the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying an aid towards the support of that Establishment for the present year.

A Petition of Eunice Forsyth, Widow and Executrix of the late Caleb Forsyth, of Horton, deceased, was presented by Mr. Crane, and read, praying for the payment of £ 31. 15s. expended.

expended by her late husband in repairing the causeway near the Half-way River, on the Road leading to Horton, in December, 1815,

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, the report of the Committee of Privileges, of Thursday, the 12th inst. was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Jacob Van Buskirk, a Member of this House, and Representative for the County of Shelburne, who has been arrested, and is now in custody, upon the Writ of Attachment in the said report mentioned, is entitled to his discharge from the said custody, by virtue of his privilege as such Member.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Council, on the subject of the Timber Trade, and the General State of the Province; that the joint committee had drawn up an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the said trade; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon,

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

The order of the day being read,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Friday, 20th of February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Charles Bacon was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying payment of the sum of 3l. 7s. 6d. for the carriage of three directing Stones for the Post Road from Halifax to Windsor.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of His Excellency's Speech.

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 follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient to encourage the Agricultural interest of the Community, by appropriating part of its Revenues, to the payment of a Bounty upon Bread Corn raised on New Land.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting such Bounty or Bounties as may hereafter be agreed upon.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that one of the modes by which it is expedient to encourage the Fisheries of the Province will be by granting a Bounty upon the importation of Salt.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the other mode for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province will be by granting a Bounty upon the Tonnage of Vessels employed in the Fisheries.

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.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Lawson delivered to the House, an account from the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, under an Act passed in the last session, of the cost and distribution of Provisions and Grain imported by them from the United States of America, for the use of Settlers within the Province who were in indigent circumstances owing to the failure of crops, amounting to 7929l. 12s. 5½d. and the same was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the said account be referred to the committee of this House, who were appointed to examine the Public Accounts; and that they do examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Order of the day being read; thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow take into consideration the Bill for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt under Mesne Process; and for the more equitable distribution of the Effects of Insolvent Debtors.

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

Saturday, 21st February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Elizabeth Roy of Margomithe, Widow, was presented by Mr. Cunningham and read, praying compensation for an injury she has sustained in consequence of a Public Road having been laid out through part of her improved land.

A Petition of the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of King's County, was presented by Mr. Crane and read, praying that a Law may be passed for establishing a Paper Currency within the Province, in consequence of the great scarcity of circulating specie.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the committee to whom the Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions was referred, and accordingly delivered the said Bill to the House, amended by the committee agreeably to the several resolutions passed by the House on Wednesday, and the same was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of 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 several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum of 25,000*l.* should be granted for the repair of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province for the present year, to be appropriated and applied in such manner as shall hereafter be agreed upon by the Legislature.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the undermentioned Bounties should be paid on Grain raised upon New Lands, in the year 1819, viz. :

One shilling per bushel on Wheat,
Ten pence per bushel on Rye,
Ten pence per bushel on Barley.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding 2,500*l.* should be granted for paying a bounty on Salt, to be imported into the Province within the year 1818.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding 2,500*l.* should be granted for paying a bounty upon the Tonnage of Vessels to be employed in the Fisheries of the Province, within the present 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 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. Ritchie moved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to carry into effect the three foregoing Resolutions, for granting bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province ; which, being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen ; against it, eleven.

For the Motion,

Mr. Wells
Mr. Chipman
Mr. Crane
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Dimock
Mr. Purdy

Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Harris
Mr. Marsters
Mr. Baker
Mr. Flemming
Mr. Pool
Mr. Jones
Mr. Manning
Mr. Allison.

Against the Motion,

Mr. Lawson
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Pryor
Mr. Parker
Mr. Shaw
Mr. Roach
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Mortimer
Mr. Pyke

Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Kent.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Allison, be a Committee accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, *resolved*, That the consideration of the said Order be postponed until Monday next.

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

Monday, 23d February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Matthew Johnson and Abraham Newcomb, in behalf of themselves and the Presbyterian Congregation of Upper and Middle Sewack; and also a Petition of Samuel F. Archibald and David Archibald in behalf of themselves and the Presbyterian Congregation of Upper and Middle Musquodoboit, were severally presented by Mr. Kent, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to secure to the said Congregations, respectively, a legal Existence and Succession on certain conditions as stated in the Petition.

A Petition of James Archibald, Alexander Kent, and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation of Truro, was presented by Mr. Kent, and read, praying that an Act may be passed to oblige every person resident within the said Township, attending public worship in the said Congregation, to contribute for the support of the same, as far as their abilities will allow, in proportion to others.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *ordered,* That the resolution for granting the sum of 25,000l. for the service of Roads and Bridges, be sent to the Council by the Clerk for concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, in the County of Shelburne; without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night; with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Petition of Lawrence Hartshorne, Thomas Boggs, and Lawrence Hartshorne, Jun. was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a reduction of the duties on a certain quantity of Low Wines, imported by the Petitioners from the Mediterranean in the year 1816.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution for granting 25,000l. 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 M. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Roach, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr.

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

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

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 deferred the consideration of the Bill for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt, under *Mefne Procefs*; and for the more equitable distribution of the effects of Insolvent Debtors, to this day three months.

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.

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

Tuesday, 24th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Moses M'Elman was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for relief, in consequence of having had one of his legs broke, and the loss of a horse of the value of 30*l.* when employed in riding post from Truro to Sackville, in the years 1814 and 1815.

A Petition of Robert O'Brien and others, Inhabitants of Noel, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying for the Establishment of Schools in that District, in consequence of the increased number of its Inhabitants.

A Petition of Donald M'Kay, of Shelburne, Labourer, was presented by Mr. Freeman, and read, praying relief, in consequence of having, by an accident, been deprived of the use of his hands, while employed in opening a new road from Liverpool to Snelburne in the last summer.

A Petition of Charles Baker and others, Magistrates and Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Purdy, and read, setting forth that the scarcity of Specie now prevalent in the Province, occasions great distress and embarrassment, and praying relief.

A Petition of Matthew Archibald and others, Inhabitants in the District of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying that the Law now in force for the establishing and supporting Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts of the Province may be continued.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with His Majesty's Council, on the subject of the resolution for granting 25,000*l.* for Roads and Bridges, and that the Committee of this House, appointed to manage the conference, do state, in conference, to the Committee of His Majesty's Council, that the House are of opinion, that the Funds of the Province are sufficient to enable the House to appropriate the above sum for that service, and also to state what those Funds are.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That two recent publications in the Acadian Recorder, in which the name of Edward Mortimer, Esq. one of the Representatives for the County of Halifax,

is mentioned, contain matter highly improper, and in its nature and tendency injurious to the feelings and character of that Gentleman, and that the same is a contempt of this House.

Resolved, That Anthony H. Holland, the Printer of that Paper, be forthwith directed to attend at the Bar of this House, to answer for his conduct in this behalf.

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 for the Summary Trial of Actions; and also, the Bill to facilitate the opening and working His Majesty's Coal Mines, with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Land in this Province, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the said Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

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

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

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

I deem it proper to communicate to the Assembly the Letter which accompanies this, from the Right Honorable Earl BATHURST, dated, Downing-Street, the 12th March last, on the subject of the Militia, and I recommend to the Assembly the consideration of it, with a view to meet the wishes of His Majesty's Government in such way as may promote the general superintendance of the Militia.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell also delivered to the House the Letter from Earl BATHURST to His Excellency, referred to in the foregoing Message, and the same was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

The Clerk acquainted the House, that the Council do agree 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 that they do state on the conference the substance of the Resolution passed this day.

And the Names of the Managers were called over,

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported that the Managers had been at the conference; and also stated that the Managers had on the conference communicated to the Committee of the Council the substance of the resolution passed in the House this day, pursuant to their order.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill on the subject of Bounties to encourage Agriculture and the Fisheries, and accordingly presented

presented a Bill for granting certain Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province, 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.

Wednesday, 25th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing a Watch at Night; and the same were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the House do agree to that part of the amendment which proposes leaving out the Preamble; also, that part which proposes the inserting the words "disobedience of this Act, or" and that a conference be desired with the Council on the subject matter of the said amendments, and that the managers do confine their conference to the first clause proposed by the Council.

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

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and amend the Act concerning Bail, 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 agree to the conference, as desired by the House, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Pyke, 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.

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

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act more effectually to prevent Trespasses in the enclosed Fields at Dartmouth and Preston, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The Council request a further conference, by committee, on the subject matter of the last conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time: and thereupon,

Resolved,

Resolved, That as the said Bill contains clauses by which pecuniary penalties are imposed, this House will not proceed to the consideration of the said Bill, it being the exclusive right of this House, that such Bills should originate in this House alone.

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

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference. And the Names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference.

A Bill for granting certain Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province, was read a second time.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of His Excellency's Speech; and also of His Excellency's Message of yesterday, on the subject of the Militia.

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 a resolution thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that, in the present situation of this Province, it is not expedient to make any alteration in the Militia System now in force.

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

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an address in answer to His Excellency's Message on the subject of the Militia.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Archibald be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of Arthur Cain and Patrick O'Sullivan, Measurers of Coals in the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that One Shilling per Chaldron may be allowed for measuring of Coals.

A Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation of the West River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to secure to them a legal existence and succession, on certain conditions.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable persons at whose Suit any person charged in Execution shall die, to have new Execution against the lands, Tenements, Goods, and Chattles, of the person deceased, 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, 26th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to enable Persons at whose Suit any Person charged in Execution shall die, to have

have new Execution against the Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattles, of the Persons deceased; and also,

A Bill to alter and amend the Act concerning Bail, were severally read a second time.
Resolved, That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of Thomas Donkin was presented by Mr. Baker, and read, praying compensation for a loss sustained on a contract made by the Petitioner for opening a road from the River Philip to the River Macan.

A Petition of the Magistrates of the Town of Halifax was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, praying the grant of a sum of money in aid of the Inhabitants of the said Town, for the liquidation of the debt due by the Bridewell; and also that the House would take into its consideration the propriety of making the Bridewell a Provincial Establishment.

A Petition of John Prescott, John Owen and Thomas Hofterman, Executors of the late Samuel Prescott, of Dartmouth, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for the payment of Four Years Rent, due for a certain Property at Chester, belonging to the said John Prescott, and Samuel Prescott, and held by Government under Lease, amounting to 40l.

A Petition of James Creighton and John Skerry was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that each of the Petitioners have been in the possession of a Ferry, at Dartmouth, for a number of years, which have been kept up and maintained at a considerable expence, that the petitioners are likely to be much injured in consequence of the Steam-Boat Company being about to employ Boats of a small description in conveying Passengers, &c. across the harbour of Halifax, and praying relief in the premises.

A Petition of John Moody in behalf of himself and Alexander Stewart and Joseph Prescott Boyle, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a drawback of the Excise Duties on certain quantities of Merchandize and other articles exported from the Province by the petitioners.

A Petition of the Magistrates of the Town of Halifax was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, praying that a Law may be passed for the better improvement and regulation of the Common of the said Town; for the benefit of the Inhabitants thereof.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Haliburton reported further from the Committee of Privileges, 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, upon looking into precedents and proceedings which have been observed in analagous cases, the committee find that, for a great length of time past, the House of Commons in Great-Britain has pursued one or other of two modes in order to procure the enlargement of persons in custody under Execution, who were entitled to be discharged from such custody, by virtue of the privilege of that House, relative to arrests and imprisonments. In some cases the Speaker has issued his Warrant directed to the Clerk of the Crown, commanding him to make out and issue a Writ of *Habeas Corpus* directed to the person or persons in whose custody such privileged party is held, who must thereupon be brought to the Bar of the House, there to be dealt with as the House shall direct. The other mode has been for the Speaker to direct his Warrant to the Lord-Keeper, requiring a Writ of Privilege to issue out of the Court of Chancery in favor of the privileged person. That the Committee, upon fully considering all the circumstances of the case of Jacob Van Buskirk, the Member of this House, who is in custody, are of opinion, that the best mode to be pursued for procuring his discharge from the custody in which he is now held, is for the Speaker, by Letter, to request His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, who is the Chancellor in this Province, to cause a Writ of Privilege to issue, in the usual form, in favour of the said Jacob Van Buskirk.

That the Committee cannot forbear expressing to the House an opinion, that it is expedient to pass an Act similar to the English Statute of the 1st of James the First, chapter 13, which authorises the issuing of new Executions, where persons shall be delivered out of custody by privilege of Parliament; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the Speaker of this House do write a Letter to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Chancellor of the Province, requesting him to direct a Writ of Privilege, in the usual form, to issue out of the Court of Chancery, in favour of the said Jacob Van Buskirk, directing his discharge out of the custody in which he is now held, and that the Speaker enclose in his Letter a copy of the Resolution of this House, by which the said Jacob Van Buskirk is declared entitled to such discharge, and that the Speaker do send to the Registrar of the Court of Chancery, copies of such process and documents as may be necessary to be referred to, or recited, in the said Writ of Privilege.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum of 20,000l. 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.

An engrossed Bill to facilitate the opening and working of His Majesty's Coal Mines, with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Lands in this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to facilitate the opening and working of His Majesty's Coal Mines, with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Lands in this Province.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference, by committee, on the subject of the resolution of this House for granting the sum of 20,000l. 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. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Roach, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of an Act for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water : 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 have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 20,000*l.* for the service of Roads and Bridges.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill more effectually to prevent Trespasses, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Friday, 27th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill more effectually to prevent Trespasses ; and also,

A Bill in amendment of an Act for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water, were severally read a second time.

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

Edward James, Esq. returned duly elected as a Member for the County of Lunenburg, in the room of Lewis Morris Wilkins, Esq. (whose seat has been vacated by his appointment as an Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court,) 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 Honourable James Stewart, a Justice of the Supreme Court, and one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the General Distribution of the Sum of 20,000*l.* to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, for the present year ; and thereupon,

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

For the main road from the Windfor Road to M'Keen's Mill in Truro	£2000
From the Sackville Bridge to the north side of Bishop's Bridge	2000
District of Halifax	1450
Colchester	1375
Pictou	1415
County of Cumberland	1360
Sydney	1600
King's County	1440
Annapolis	1800
Hants	1480
Queen's	1360
Lunenburg	1360
Shelburne	1360

£20,000

Or

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

The Representatives of the County of Shelburne being absent; thereupon,
Resolved, That Mr. Pool, and Mr. Parker, be appointed to act in their stead, as far as respects the foregoing resolution.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the same were read throughout a first and second time: and thereupon,

It was moved, that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the several amendments marked number two, four, five and six, and disagree to the remainder of the said amendments: which, being seconded, thereupon,

It was moved, that the said resolution do not pass, as far as it relates to the agreeing to the amendment marked number two; to leave out of the Bill the words following, viz. "And if the sum demanded shall be more than Three Pounds but does not exceed Five Pounds, to cause such debtor to be summoned to appear before any two Justices of the Peace of the County or District where the Debtor shall dwell:" which, being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twelve; against it, seventeen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Wells
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Chipman
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Parker
Mr. Pyke
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Crane
Mr. Marshall

Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Creighton
Mr. Harris

Against the Motion,

Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Jones
Mr. Marsters
Mr. Pryor
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Dimock
Mr. Rouch
Mr. Allison.

Mr. Baker
Mr. Mortimer
Mr. Kent
Mr. Pool
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Shaw
Mr. Flemming
Mr. Manning.

So it passed in the negative.

The resolution was then put, and agreed to by the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution respecting 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 postponed the consideration of the Bill to alter and amend the Act concerning Bail, to this day three months, which report the House agreed to.

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 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 facilitate the opening and working of His Majesty's Coal Mines, with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Lands in this Province, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council do not adhere to their amendments to the Bill for the Summary Trial of Actions, further than is agreed to by this House.

And

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Ritchie presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for roads in the County of Annapolis, viz.

A Petition of John Croskill and others, Inhabitants of Granville.

A Petition of Sylvanus Snow and others do do.

A Petition of Abel Beal and others do Annapolis.

A Petition of John Baker and others ; a Petition of John Ruggles and others ; a Petition of David Bent and others—Inhabitants of Wilmot.

Mr. Shaw presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of Abel Wheelock and others ; a Petition of Benjamin Dodge and others ; a Petition of Robert Bath and others ; a Petition of William Court and others—Inhabitants of Granville.

Mr. Mortimer presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of John James Archibald and others ; a Petition of Alexander Frazer and other—Inhabitants of Picou. A Petition of James Skinner and others, of New Glasgow and Mergomish. A Petition of James Glencroft and others, of New Caledonia.

Mr. Dimock presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of Jacob Withrow and others, of Rawdon. A Petition of Donald Grant and others ; a Petition of James Grant and others ; a Petition of John M'Phee and others ; a Petition of Archibald Frazer and others ; a Petition of John Grant and others ; a Petition of John M'Dougald and others ; a Petition of Alexander Scott and others—of Douglas.

Mr. Jones presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of Joseph Dunbar, Sen. and others, of the south side of Scissabou River. A Petition of John Morehouse, Sen. and others, of Digby. A Petition of Bartholomew Harris and others, of Long-Island, Township of Digby.

Mr. Flemming presented to the House a Petition of Thomas Carr and others, of Londonderry, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Archibald presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of Adam Archibald and others, of Musquodoboit. A Petition of John Yuil and others, of Truro. A Petition of Samuel B. Archibald and others, of Musquodoboit and Sheet Harbour.

Mr. Lawson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of Alexander Henry and others ; a Petition of Alexander M'Dougal and others—of Musquodoboit.

Mr. Parker presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for roads, viz.

A Petition of William Chandler and others, of Liverpool. A Petition of James Nelson and others, of Clyde River, County of Shelburne.

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

A Petition of John Dickie and others, of Falmouth. A Petition of John O'Brien and others, of Petit.

Mr. Kent presented to the House a Petition of Robert Pollock and others, of Lower Sewack, and the Shubenaccadie River, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Marsters presented a Petition of Robert Morrison and others, Inhabitants of Onslow, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Cunningham presented several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :

A Petition of Donald M'Neil and others, of Antigonishe. A Petition of David Balline and others, of Cape George, County of Sydney.

Mr. Marshall presented two Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :

A Petition of Robert Lawrie and others, of the Gut of Canso. A Petition of Wentworth Taylor and others, of St. Mary's, County Sydney.

Mr. Chipman presented two Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :

A Petition of Nathaniel West and others, of Cornwallis. A Petition of Henry V. Buskirk and others, of Aylesford.

Mr. Warwick presented two Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.:

A Petition of John Roop and others; a Petition of the Rev. Roger Viets and others—of Digby.

Mr. Roach presented a Petition of Martin Bent, and others, of Amherst and Fort Lawrence, praying aids for Roads.

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

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

Saturday, 28th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Upon reading the proceedings of yesterday,

Mr. Mortimer moved, that the General Distribution of the Sum of £20,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges, so far as the same relates to the District of Pictou, be re-considered, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The Sergeant at Arms having reported that Anthony H. Holland, the Printer of the Acadian Recorder, refuses to attend at the Bar of the House pursuant to the order of the House.

Resolved, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Sergeant at Arms, to take into his custody the said Anthony H. Holland, and bring him forthwith to the Bar of this House to answer for his conduct.

The before named Anthony H. Holland, the Printer of the Acadian Recorder, having attended at the Bar of the House, and there offered an excuse for his not giving such attendance agreeably to the order of the House.

Resolved, That the excuse so offered by him is satisfactory to the House.

The said Anthony H. Holland having acknowledged himself to be the Printer of the Acadian Recorder, and having expressed his regret for the publications in that Paper, in which the name of Edward Mortimer, Esq. one of the Representatives of the County of Halifax was improperly used, and which was deemed a contempt of this House.

Resolved, That, in consideration of the regret expressed by the said Anthony H. Holland, the House is inclined to be more favourable to him, and therefore, further

Resolved, That the said Anthony H. Holland be called to the Bar and reprimanded and admonished by Mr. Speaker for his conduct in that particular, and forthwith discharged from the custody of the Sergeant at Arms.

The said Anthony H. Holland appeared at the Bar, and was reprimanded and admonished by Mr. Speaker, and discharged from the custody of the Sergeant at Arms, pursuant to the foregoing Resolution.

A Petition of Jonathan Randall, of Digby, was presented by Mr. Jones, and read praying compensation for an injury sustained by him in consequence of the Building of a Stone Bridge on the Public Highway adjoining his property.

A Petition of John Simpson, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for an alteration in the Law for the establishing of Firewards so far as respects the Sweeping of Chimnies in the said Town.

A Petition of the Reverend James Robson, William Black, and others, Ministers of the

the Protestant Religion, not connected with the Church of England, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth : that the Petitioners are connected with Protestant Congregations in various parts of this Province, and are employed by them for the celebration of Divine Ordinances, according to the usages of the Reformed Churches. That the Petitioners also, as Ministers of Religion, enjoy the sanction of the Legislature of this Province, which has legalized their connection with their respective Congregations, and likewise the several parts of their Official Duty. That, under the sanction of Law, the Petitioners have been accordingly in the regular practice of instructing their Congregations, dispensing the Sacraments, and performing the Ceremony of Marriage, when required by those under their inspection, and that Marriages celebrated by the Petitioners have been always admitted to be good and valid in Law. That the Petitioners, however, would beg leave to state to the House, that, upon the subject of Marriage, a practice has been introduced into this Province, which the Petitioners conceive to be an infringement of the rights secured by the Legislature to them, and the Congregations under their inspection. That the House is aware, that in this Province the Ceremony of Marriage may be performed by the Petitioners, either after a certain prescribed publication of the intention of the parties, or, where this is omitted, by a special Licence from the Governor, for that purpose. According to the former of these modes the Petitioners have uniformly officiated in their Congregations. But when the latter mode is adopted, both the form of such Licences, and the restrictions under which they are issued, interfere with the Official Duty of the Petitioners, and are repugnant to that Law which secures to the Petitioners and their Congregations the enjoyment of the Rites and Ceremonies of the particular Churches to which they belong. That it is known to the House, that these Licences direct that the Ceremony of Marriage shall be performed according to the Rites of the Church of England ; when issued from the Secretary's Office also, they are addressed only to Ministers professing an adherence to that Church. That the Petitioners and their Congregations are thus excluded from that use of Licences which the Law allows them. But that the Petitioners apprehend that the same Law which has secured to the Members of the Church of England their usual forms, secures also to the Petitioners the free exercise of every part of their Official Duty, and, consequently, authorises the Governor of this Province to accommodate the form and address of such Licences to the intention of the Law ; and praying that the House would take the subject under consideration, and adopt such measures, as to their wisdom shall appear most expedient, for procuring a redress of the grievance.

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. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the Bill more effectually to prevent Trespasés ; 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 which stood committed, which report the House agreed to.

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

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

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

Monday,

Monday, 2d March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the opening and working of His Majesty's Coal Mines, &c. and the same was read throughout a first and second time; thereupon,

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

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

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Ritchie, 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; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to all of the amendment made by the Council to the said Bill from the beginning as far as the word "Act," in the third line of the second page, and disagree to all the remainder of the said amendment; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. James, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Town of Lunenburg, and the same was read a first time.

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

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, the 4th instant, take into consideration the several Private Petitions now before the House.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately 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 repeal the Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Trade of the Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum.

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle.

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. Pool took the Chair,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to enable Persons at whose Suit any Person charged in Execution shall die, to have new Execution against the Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattles, of the Persons deceased, to this day three months.

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.

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the Improvement of the Common of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be Printed.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday the 9th instant, take into consideration the said Bill.

Mr. Marshall reported further from the Committee of Privileges, and accordingly presented a Bill for new Executions to be sued against persons who shall hereafter be delivered out of Execution by Privilege of either House of the General Assembly, and for discharge of them out of whose custody such persons shall be delivered, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a copy of a Circular Letter of Instructions, dated 22d April, 1817, addressed by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to such Commissioners of the Roads as have been appointed to expend sums above £50; and also the Reports made by such Commissioners, on the state and condition, &c. of the respective Roads under their direction, in obedience to the said Instructions.

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

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

Tuesday, 3d March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for new Executions to be sued against persons who shall hereafter be delivered out of Execution by Privilege of either House of the General Assembly, and for discharge of them out of whose custody such person shall be delivered; also,

A Bill to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly; and also,

A Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Town of Lunenburg, were severally read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the Bill to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly; and also, the Bill for new executions to be sued against persons who shall hereafter be delivered out of Execution by Privilege of either House of the General Assembly, and for discharge of them out of whose custody such persons shall be delivered; and that they had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Wednesday, 4th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend an Act, passed in the 44th year of His Majesty's Reign, as far as the same respects the carriage of Plaster of Paris on the Roads within the Township of Windsor, to every Township and Settlement within the Province; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.

An engrossed Bill for new Executions to be sued against persons who shall hereafter be delivered out of Execution by privilege of either House of the General Assembly, and for discharge of them out of whose custody such persons shall be delivered, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the title be, An Act for new Executions to be sued against persons who shall hereafter be delivered out of Execution by Privilege of either House of the General Assembly, and for discharge of them out of whose custody such persons shall be delivered.

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

A Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation at Antigonishe, was presented by Mr. Cunningham, and read, praying, that a Law may be passed to secure to the said Congregation a legal existence and succession on certain conditions as stated in the Petition.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read : and thereupon,
Resolved, That this House will to-morrow take into consideration, the several Private Petitions now before the House.

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

Thursday, 5th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to extend an Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, as far as the same respects the carriage of Plaster of Paris on the Roads within the Township of Windsor, to every Township and Settlement within the Province ; was read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for new Executions to be sued against persons who shall hereafter be delivered out of Execution by Privilege of either House of the General Assembly, and for discharge of them out of whose custody such persons shall be delivered ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the last Sessions of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly ; severally without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Order of the day being read ; thereupon,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the several Private Petitions now before the House.

The Petition of James Ferguson was read, and thereupon,

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

The Petition of David Dundas was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of John Patterfon was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Haliburton, who are to report upon the Highway Laws, and if any and what amendment is necessary to give relief to persons so situated.

The Petition of James Leishman was read, and thereupon,

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

The Petition of John Dugwell and Matthew Taplin was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That Mr. Lawson have leave to withdraw the said Petition.

The Petition of the Trustees of the National School was read, and thereupon,

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

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, consider further of the several Private Petitions now before the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do not adhere to their amendment to the Bill to facilitate the opening and working His Majesty's Coal Mines, &c. further than as agreed to by the House.

And

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Friday, 6th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Mortimer delivered to the House an Abstract of the expenses incurred for repairs to the Government House in the years 1816 and 1817, under the direction of the Commissioner; and thereupon.

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

On motion of Mr. Shaw, *resolved,* That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration the Bill for granting Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of this Province.

The Order of the Day being read, thereupon,

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the several Private Petitions now before the House.

The Petition of Eldad Nickerson and others, was read, and thereupon,

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

The Petition of Benjamin Cole was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Parker have leave to withdraw the said Petition.

The Petition of John Larroll was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Crane, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Lawson, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Jared I. Chipman was read, and thereupon,

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

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

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

The Petition of Eunice Forsyth was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, by authorising the Commissioner for expending 240l. from Pineo's to the North end of Bishop's Bridge on the Road to Horton, to pay the sum of 13l. 15s. to the Petitioner out of the said money.

The Petition of Lawrence Hartshorne and others was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Crane, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Lawson, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Moses M'Elman was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Archibald, have leave to withdraw the said Petition.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Noel, and also the Petition of the Inhabitants of Colchester relative to Schools, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petitions be referred to the committee on the expiring Laws.

The Petition of Donald M'Kay, and also the Petition of Charles Bacon, were severally read, and thereupon,

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

The Petition of Patrick Sullivan and Arthur Cain was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of Thomas Duncan was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of John Prescott and others was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Lawson have leave to withdraw the said Petition.

The Petition of James Creighton and John Skerry was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Marshall, who are to prepare and bring in a Bill in explanation of the Act for establishing and regulating the Steam Boat Company.

The Petition of John Moody was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Crane, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Lawson, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of John Simson was read, and thereupon,

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

The Petition of Jonathan Randall was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petition be granted, by allowing a compensation to the Petitioner out of the Money granted for Roads and Bridges within the County of Annapolis, in the present Session.

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

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General The Right Honorable

GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

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

The Humble Address of the House of Representatives, in General Assembly,

May it please Your Excellency:

THE House of Assembly have proceeded to the consideration of your Excellency's Message relative to the Militia, and have given to the subject the dutiful and serious attention they owe to all communications made to them, by the commands of his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and humbly beg leave to state to your Excellency that when the Laws now in force for the government of the Militia were enacted, particular regard was had to the circumstances of the Province and the state of the Population. These Laws have been reviewed in several subsequent Sessions of the Assembly, but without any material alterations being made in them, and the Inhabitants of the Country having now become acquainted with the regulations they contain, any change in them might be attended with inconveniences that would more than counterbalance any immediate advantages a change would introduce.

THE House of Assembly assure your Excellency that they entertain a grateful sense of the disposition manifested by His Majesty's Government, for the protection of this most favoured Colony, and for the anxious desire shewn by your Excellency upon all occasions to promote its interests.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Freeman, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the opening and working His Majesty's Coal Mines, with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Lands in this Province, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Petition of David Whidden and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of Douglafs, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to authorise the Sheriff of the County of Hants, to remove the Poll to some convenient place in said Town, in future Elections for the said County.

Resolved, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Edmund Hickey, and the same was read, praying payment for his services as Master of the Grammar School at Lunenburg, for six months, ending the 7th January, 1817, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Pryor, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act for the appointment of Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Pursuant to Order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House, a scale of sub-division of the several sums appropriated for Roads and Bridges, in the respective Counties and Districts of the Province, viz :

Mr. Lawson, for the District of Halifax ; Mr. Archibald for the District of Colchester ; Mr. Mortimer, for the District of Pictou ; Mr. Roach, for the County of Cumberland ; Mr. Cunningham, for the County of Sydney ; Mr. Crane, for King's County ; Mr. Ritchie, for the County of Annapolis ; Mr. Haliburton, for the County of Hants ; Mr. Freeman, for Queen's County ; Mr. Pool, for the County of Shelburne ; Mr. Creighton, for the County of Lunenburg.

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

Resolved, That the sum of £4000 appropriated for the service of the Great Roads of the Province, be applied as follows, viz :

From the Sackville Bridge to Blair's Farm	£.160	0	0
From Blair's Farm to Lacey's, at the Half-Way-House	400	0	0
From Lacey's to Mount Uniacke	200	0	0
From Mount Uniacke to the River St. Croix	400	0	0
From the River St. Croix to the Road leading to Windsor, near Loran Dewolf's	100	0	0
From the Road leading from Loran Dewolf's to the North end of Avon Bridge	350	0	0
From the North end of Avon Bridge to the end of Bishop's Bridge and Causeway, 240 <i>l.</i> of which to be expended between Pineo's and the North end of Bishop's Bridge aforesaid ; and also including the payment of 13 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> due to the Estate of the late Caleb Forsyth, for work done in December, 1815, in repairs to the Causeway, near the Half-Way-River	390	0	0
From the Windsor Road to Fletcher's, on the Road leading to Truro	500	0	0
From Fletcher's to Key's, on the said Road	500	0	0
From Key's to Gibbons's, on the same Road	500	0	0
From Gibbons's to M'Keen's Mill in Truro	500	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £1450, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Halifax, be applied as follows, viz :

For the Road from Kennedy's to the Cobequid Road East of Fletcher's Bridge	£.150	0	0
For the Road from Dartmouth to Sackville	85	0	0

For

For the Road from Chizencook Bridge at the head of the Harbour to Scott's, in addition to the sum of 15l. undrawn on Vote 1814.	} L.100 0 0
For Building a Bridge, and improving the Road from Gibraltar, on the Musquodoboit, to the Main Road leading to Halifax by way of Chizencook	} 50 0 0
For the Road leading from Truro Road three miles beyond Hall's, and terminating at the Farm formerly Geddes's	} 50 0 0
To aid the Settlers to open a Road on the West side of the Shubenaccadie Lake, from Langley's to Thomas M'Gorey's.	} 50 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants to improve the Road from the Bridge near Johnson Calbeck's leading to John Lindsey's, from thence to M'Heffey's upper line	} 80 0 0
For the Road from Fultz's to Beaver Bank	} 30 0 0
For the Road from Beaver Bank Bridge towards Rawdon, in addition to the sum of 60l. remaining undrawn	} 50 0 0
For the Road from Horn's, in the Eastern Passage, to Munday's at Cole Harbour, in addition to the sum of 25l. remaining undrawn from Horn's to Hawkins's Point	} 50 0 0
For the Road from George Bissett's at Cole Harbour, to Munday's	} 30 0 0
For repairing Salmon River Bridge, and for improving the Road from thence to Porter's Lake	} 50 0 0
For the Road from Thompson's to Marshall's Farm, at Hammond's Plain	} 150 0 0
For the Road from the Forks to Prospect	} 40 0 0
For the Road from the Ferry at Dartmouth, to Horne's in the Eastern Passage	} 30 0 0
For the Road from Black Rock Road to Shubenaccadie River	} 50 0 0
For the Road from the Main Road leading to Spry Field, from Iron Hill to the North-West Arm, above Letson's Mill	} 50 0 0
For the Road from Five Bridges to Oak Hill, towards Margaret's Bay	} 40 0 0
For the Road from Salmon River at Cole Harbour, towards Lawrence Town	} 50 0 0
For the Road from Hall's to the Shubenaccadie, towards Nine Mile River	} 40 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants of Musquodoboit, to open a Road from John Cruckshank's to Wm. Cook's, at Gay's River	} 50 0 0
For the Road from Moore's at Gay's River, to Johnson Calbeck's	} 80 0 0
For the Road from the Forks of Herring Cove and Ketch Harbour, to Bear Cove	} 20 0 0
For the Road from the East River of St. Mary's through the Settlement of New Caledonia, towards Musquodoboit	} 75 0 0

Resolved, That the Sum of £1375, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Colchester, be applied as follows :

For the Road from Johnson Calbeck's through the Musquodoboit Settlement	} 50 0 0
For the Road from David Dickie's to Upper Sewack	} 50 0 0
For the Road from Upper Sewack to Musquodoboit	} 20 0 0
For the Road from Truro to Sewack, by Brookfield	} 20 0 0
For the Road from Fort Ellis to Robert Polluck's	} 10 0 0
For the Road from the South Branch of Sewack River, to the Halifax Road, near the Boar's Back, including the Bridges	} 50 0 0
For the road from the Black Rock in Truro, to Polly's on the Halifax Road	} 30 0 0
For the Upper Road from Upper Sewack to Pictou, by Ellis's	} 10 0 0
For the road from Gay's River to the Shubenaccadie Meeting House	} 20 0 0
For the road from Shubenaccadie Meeting House to David Dickey's	} 20 0 0
For the road from Brookfield to the Halifax Road, near Oughterson's	} 10 0 0
For the road from Creelman's Mill to Dean's, in Musquodoboit	} 10 0 0
For the road from the Halifax Road to Musquodoboit, by Sibley's	} 20 0 0
For the road from the Halifax road to Musquodoboit, by Dewoll's	} 20 0 0
For building a new Bridge over the Salmon River in Truro on the Post Road, to Cumberland & Pictou	} 200 0 0
For the road from Christie's in Truro, to the District line of Pictou	} 100 0 0
For the road from the Lower Village in Truro, to the old Barns, New Road	} 40 0 0
For the road from the Settlement on Onslow Mountain, to Pictou road near Christie's	} 10 0 0
For the road from John Dickson's, on Onslow Mountain, to the Cross road by Samuel Blair's, leading to Truro	} 10 0 0
For the road from Christie's Mills in Truro, to Greenfield	} 10 0 0
For the road from the Onslow Meeting-House, to John Barnhill's by Crowe's Mills	} 25 0 0
For the road from John Barnhill's, to the Remshieg Road including Two Bridges	} 40 0 0
For the road from the Remshieg Road, to Asa Clarke's on the Cumberland Road	} 15 0 0
For the road from Asa Clarke's to the New Road leading from Bass River, to the River Philip	} 25 0 0
For the road from Thomas Crowe's, to the Cumberland Road by M'Lelland's	} 10 0 0
For the road from Londonderry, to Folly Lake on the Remshieg Road	} 40 0 0
For the road from Bass River, to the River Philip Bridge	} 15 0 0
For the road from Economy, to the River Philip	} 15 0 0
For the road from the Great Village in Londonderry, to the line of Cumberland County	} 50 0 0
For the road from the Great Village Bridge, to Portipique River Bridge	} 25 0 0
For the road from Portipique Bridge to Economy River, including a new Bridge over the same	} 100 0 0
For the road from Economy River, to the line of King's County	} 15 0 0
For the road from Onslow, to Tatamagoushe	} 40 0 0
For securing the Pier of the New Bridge on the North River in Onslow	} 10 0 0
For aiding the Inhabitants to build a Bridge over the North River in Onslow near David M'Callum's, jr.	} 20 0 0

For

For the road from Lower Village in Truro, to the Forks on the Halifax road	£40	0	0
For the road from the Tatamagushe road to Samuel Reed's by Linton's	15	0	0
For the road from Hamilton's in Onslow on the New Road, to the Mass Town Village	90	0	0
For the road from the main road in Onslow, at the entrance of Baird's Lane, to Jas. Crowe's Mill	10	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants to build a Bridge over the Salmon River near Captain Handley's in Truro, in addition to the Money subscribed for the same	50	0	0
For the road from the line of Pictou District to the line of Cumberland County on the Tatamagushe Shore	15	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £1415, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Pictou, be applied as follows, viz :

For the road and bridges from the line dividing Pictou and Colchester, to the Solid Bridge	200	0	0
For the road from Logan's on the Pictou road, to the river John	100	0	0
For the road from the river John, to Tatamagushe	20	0	0
For the road from Blanchard's on the West river of Pictou, to the East river of Pictou, to be expended by one Commissioner on the line of road hereafter to be pointed out by a return of a Jury to be settled as the Law directs	200	0	0
For the road from New-Glasgow, to the Pine Tree Gut	50	0	0
For the road and bridges from the Pine Tree Gut, to the line of the County of Sydney, including 20/ to be paid to the Widow Elizabeth Roy for damage done to her cleared Land	150	0	0
For the road from Charles Browne's, to the road leading to Fisher's Grant	30	0	0
For the road from Charles Carmichael's on Fisher's Grant towards New Glasgow	50	0	0
For the road from the Old Meeting-House on the East river of Pictou, to Abercrombie's Point	25	0	0
For the road from the Middle River Mills, to the Black Point	10	0	0
For the road from the Black Point towards the Little Island on the West side of the Middle River	10	0	0
For the road from the Old Meeting House on the East river to James Cameron's on the West branch of the said river	50	0	0
For the road from James Cameron's, on the West branch of the East river, towards Musquodoboit usually called Sir John Wentworth's road	50	0	0
For the road from New Glasgow to Alexander Grant's (Peter's-Son) on the East side of the East river of Pictou	50	0	0
For the road from Alexander Grant's, on the East side of the East river, up the said river, and on towards St. Mary's	50	0	0
For the road from Blackie's to the Widow M'Gill's, on the West River of Pictou	20	0	0
For the road from the Meeting House on the middle river of Pictou towards the Stewack settlement	20	0	0
For the road from David Marshall's to John Marshall's on the middle river of Pictou	20	0	0
For the road and bridges from the West Branch of the river John, to the Saw-Mill by And. Macara's	40	0	0
For the road from the Halifax road towards Rogers's Village	20	0	0
For the road from Little Harbour leading to the East river of Pictou by William Fraser's	20	0	0
For the road from Mr. Denoon's towards Caribou by Lowden's Farm	30	0	0
For the road from Green Hill towards the West River by William Matheson's	15	0	0
For the road from the Green Hill towards New Larwick by David M'Couls	20	0	0
For the road from And. Marshal's towards the East branch of the East river by Alex. Fraser's	25	0	0
For the road from the East river of Mergomishe bridge, to the line of the Co. of Sydney by J. M. Donalds	25	0	0
For the road from George Ives's to Little Harbour, by Boat Harbour	50	0	0
For the road from Scotch hill towards Cape John, by way of Carribou	40	0	0
For the road from the Meeting House on the lower settlement of the East river of Pictou towards St. Mary's	25	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £1600, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney, be applied as follows, viz :

For the road from the District line of Pictou, to Malignant Cove	50	0	0
For the road from Malignant Cove, to the Village in Dorchester	200	0	0
For the road from the Village in Dorchester to Daniel M'Pherson's, on the Main Road to Guysborough	250	0	0
For the road from Daniel M'Pherson's to James Keys'	80	0	0
For the road from James Keys', to Gusbrough Church	70	0	0
For the road from Gusbrough Church to John Sullivan's, on the road to St. Mary's	60	0	0
For the road from John Sullivan's, to the entrance of the Cross Road leading to Country Harbour	50	0	0
For the road from the head of the tide at St. Mary's, to the bridge on the East Branch	30	0	0
For the road from Morris's Mill in Country Harbour, to the Main Road leading from Gusbrough to St. Mary's	30	0	0
For the road from Gusbrough, to Crow Harbour	20	0	0
For the road from Crow Harbour, to Cause	20	0	0
For opening and improving the road from Salmon River, to New Harbour	30	0	0
For the road from the head of Milford Haven, to Traccadie	60	0	0
For the road from Antigonishe, to Traccadie	40	0	0
For the road from Traccadie, to Harbour Bushee	20	0	0
For the road from the Harbour of Antigonishe, to Dorchester Village	80	0	0
For the road from Dorchester Village, to the Ohio Settlement	50	0	0
For the road from the Ohio Settlement to St. Mary's	40	0	0
For the road from the Harbour of Antigonishe, round Cape George, to Malignant Cove	50	0	0

For the road from Donald McNeil's, on the East side of Antigonishe Harbour, to the main road to Guysborough, near Alexander Chisholm's	L.40	0	0
For the road from the South river bridge, to the Upper Settlement on the South river	40	0	0
For the road from the Upper Settlement on the South river, to Country Harbour	80	0	0
For the road from Manchester to the Gut of Canso	60	0	0
For the Shore road from Manchester to Red Head, South entrance of the Gut of Canso, including the bridges and causeways	30	0	0
For the road from Red Head, along the Shore of the Gut of Canso, to Cape Porcupine	60	0	0
For the road from Dorchester Village to the East river of Mergomishe	60	0	0

Resolved, That the Sum of £1360, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road and bridges from the bounds of Londonderry, to Alpheus Morse's on the main post road	300	0	0
For the road and bridges from John Stuart's in Amherst, to the bounds of King's County on the road to Partridge Island	120	0	0
For the road from Macan, to the river Hebert at Franklin Manor	20	0	0
For the road from Manudee and Barronsfield towards Partridge Island	60	0	0
For the road from Macan Settlement, to the river Philip	60	0	0
For the road from Macan towards the Five Islands	20	0	0
For the road from the Head of Amherst, commencing at Le Planche or Berry's Brook, to Shinimcas river, including the bridge over said river, carried away the last Autumn by heavy rains	60	0	0
For the road from Shinimcas bridge, to Martin Hunter's, at Goose river	20	0	0
For the road from Hunter's, at Goose river, to the mouth of the river Philip, at or near the Indian Settlement, being a continuation of the same road	30	0	0
For the road from the Head of Amherst, commencing at the Cross roads near Shinimcas called the Tidnish road, to Peter McElmon's on the Gulf of St. Lawrence	35	0	0
For the road from Gabriel Purdy's to Bebee's, on the Remsheg River.	50	0	0
For the road from Bebee's to the harbour of Remsheg, near the Meeting House, being a continuation of the said Road.	60	0	0
For the Road from Remsheg River near John Rindress's through the Settlement towards Tatamagushe	50	0	0
For the road from Daniel Tid's on Remsheg river towards Folly Lake, being on the road leading to Londonderry	40	0	0
For the road from Daniel Tid's, to the Harbour of Pugwash	50	0	0
For the road from the Town Plot of Remsheg, to the road leading from Andrew Fushner's, to Amherst, by John Tuttle's	30	0	0
For the road from Fox Harbour to the above road leading to Amherst	30	0	0
For the road from the Scotch Settlement on the Gulf Shore, to the road leading to Amherst	30	0	0
For the road from the Harbour of Pugwash, to the road leading to Amherst near Ripley's, at the river Philip	30	0	0
For the road through the Settlement of Black river, to John Morse's on the river Philip	20	0	0
For the road from John Morse's on the river Philip, to the Head of Remsheg Harbour near Fushner's	90	0	0
For the road from river Philip to Economy	10	0	0
For the new road from Bebee's on the Remsheg river to Tatamagushe	20	0	0
For the road from the Partridge Island road, to the main post road near Wm. Chapman's	25	0	0
For the road from Pipes's on the Napan, to the main post road near Wm. Black's	15	0	0
For the Leicester or New road, commencing on the main post road near Wm. Black's towards the river Philip, in addition to a sum of 28l. 5s. subscribed by the Inhabitants	35	0	0
For the opening a new road from the bridge on Remsheg river near Peter Angevine's, to the road leading to Pugwash Harbour	30	0	0
For the aiding the Inhabitants of Amherst and Fort Lawrence, to build a bridge over Le Planche Creek on the road called Eddy road being the pent road from Fort Lawrence to Amherst, near John Bent's, in addition to the sum of 22l. 10s. subscribed by the Inhabitants	10	0	0
For the opening the Road from the river Philip, to Bass river in Londonderry	10	0	0

Resolved, That the Sum of £1440, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of King's County, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road from the Falmouth line, to the North side of the lower Gaspereau	100	0	0
For the road from the West bound of Horton on the Nictaur road, leading to upper Gaspereau Bridge	25	0	0
For the road from the lower Gaspereau bridge, to the Stone bridge	06	0	0
For the road from Jordan's to Pittsburg	20	0	0
For the road leading from Windsor road, to Jediah Jordan's by J. Kinn's	25	0	0
For the road from Benjamin's bridge to the road leading to New Canaan, past N. Davidson's	30	0	0
For the road from Scotfield's bridge, to New Canaan road	20	0	0
For the road near where John Ward is settled to Graham's, South of the Court House in Horton	12	0	0
For the road from the Windsor river near John Armstrong's past Fuller's Mill, to Simon Fitch's, Esq.	50	0	0
For the road from Fitch's Bridge to the Half-way River, middle road	10	0	0
For the road from Jacob Benjamin's to Samuel Brown's, towards New Canaan	20	0	0
For the road from New Canaan to Samuel Brown's, towards J. Benjamin's	20	0	0

For the road from the upper Gaspercau Bridge to the road near the Halfway River, leading to the Avon Bridge	L. 77	0	0
For the road from James Brown's to New Canaan	15	0	0
For the road from the middle road near Fitch's Bridge, to the road leading to Avon Bridge	60	0	0
For the road from William O'Leary's to Annapolis road, past Hugh Putsey's	10	0	0
For the road from Partridge Island to the Northernmost Bridge over the River Hebert, near James Fullerton's, including the Bridge	40	0	0
For the road from the said Bridge to the bounds of Cumberland County	14	0	0
For the road from Dickenson's on the road leading from Partridge Island, towards Cumberland, to the road that leads from Macan towards Swan Creek	10	0	0
For the road from James Jenks's on the Cumberland road to the Westward to the road that leads from Wm. Henry's towards the Coal Mines	10	0	0
For the road near Wm. Henry's towards the Coal Mines	40	0	0
For the road leading from Partridge Island towards Fox river	15	0	0
For the road from Fox river towards Apple river, in addition to the sum of 40l. not drawn from the Treasury, granted in the year 1816	20	0	0
For the road from Daniel Knowlton's in Parrsborough towards Lieut. Fraser's	12	0	0
For the road from Lieut. Fraser's towards Luther Morris's	12	0	0
For the road from the road leading from Partridge Island road towards Economy	60	0	0
For the road from Five Islands towards Macan	15	0	0
For the road from the road near Jesse Lewis's towards Macan	18	0	0
For the road leading to Annapolis from the West bounds of Horton, to the West bounds of Cornwallis	60	0	0
For the road from Silas Rand's by Condon's Mill, to the Annapolis road	25	0	0
For the road from Little Lake on the road leading to Aylesford Church, to the West bounds of Cornwallis and Easterly, past J. H. Chipman's	35	0	0
For the road from Black Rock, to James Condon's	20	0	0
For the New Canaan road Westwardly from the English road, and for the road from the Annapolis road, by William Ward's and past Joel Inglis's to the New Canaan road	25	0	0
For the road leading from the main road near Strong's, to the Annapolis road near Sharp's	20	0	0
For the road near Condon's mill, past Abner Woodworth's leading to Aylesford Church	15	0	0
For the road from Ely Newcomb's to Fuller's mill and Hall's Harbour; and for the road from Randal Hsie's to the Bay of Fundy and for the cross road to Hall's Harbour	40	0	0
For the road leading from Hall's Harbour road near Stephen Porter's and Abraham Masters' past John Woodworth's and Noah and Samuel Rockwell's Farms, to the main road leading to Aylesford Church by Little Lake	20	0	0
For the road leading from Benjamin Foxe's by Wilmot Osborne's, from Robert Foot's by Luther Porter; from Charles Finche's, by William North's; from near the Burges' farm to the Black Rock road; and for the road leading from the Aylesford Church road, by Benjamin Burges's farm, past Earl Newcomb's or Bear Brook to the Black Rock road; and for the road from Amos Kinsman's to Harris's	40	0	0
For the road and bridges near Peter Woodworth's and James Burbidge's, being on the main road leading to Aylesford Church by Little Lake, in addition to 10l. granted last Sessions and not expended	20	0	0
For the road from Little Lake passing Nathan West's, to the road leading to Black Rock	20	0	0
For securing the Sea Bank from John Bigalow's, to Joseph Marian's in Cornwallis	25	0	0
For the road from Silas Wickwire's by Huntley's, to the Bason near White Waters	20	0	0
For the road leading from Pero road over the Dyke by Benjamin Weaver's, and the Settlement at Bass Creek leading Westwardly, to the road leading to Pero	22	0	0
For the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis	25	0	0
For the road from Baxter's Harbour to Sheffield's	16	0	0
For the road near Patrick Lyon's farm under the mountain, Easterly, by Cyrus Webster's, to Daniel Sanford's	16	0	0
For the main road through Aylesford to Annapolis from the West bounds of Cornwallis	15	0	0
For the following roads from Clermont in Aylesford Northerly to the Bay: for the road leading from the main road, Northerly, past the School House near the farm of Thomas Tupper, late Wm. Randal's, to the Bay, and for the road leading from the Morden road, Westwardly under the Mountain, to or near Thomas Tupper's	30	0	0
For the road from the Ormsby road leading Northerly, on or near the line of William Parker's and John West's land	20	0	0
For the road and bridges leading Southerly from the Annapolis road near John Patterson's over Annapolis river	15	0	0
For the New Canaan road through Aylesford near Joseph Orpin's, Easterly towards New Canaan, in addition to a balance of a Vote for 10l. passed in 1813, and undrawn from the Treasury	20	0	0
For the road from the West bounds of Cornwallis to Aylesford Church	20	0	0
For the road from Ryarson's Mill to the New Canaan road	10	0	0
For the Morden road from Francis Tupper's, to the Bay	15	0	0
For the road near Samuel Parker's, Southwardly to the New Canaan road	15	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £800, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road from the main Post road in Wilmot, near the Aylesford line to the Bay of Fundy	20	0	0
For the Post road from the hollow at Woodberry's farm towards the bounds of the County, Eastward	30	0	0

For

For the road from Ruggles's to the Bay of Fundy, called General Ruggles's road	L.20	0	0
For the road from the main road near Foster Woodberry's to the Bay of Fundy.	25	0	0
For the road on the North side of the North mountain, from Stronack's road to the road called General Ruggles's road	20	0	0
For the road at the foot of the mountain from the Stronack road to General Ruggles's road	20	0	0
For the road from the main road near the Wilmot Church, towards the Bay of Fundy	20	0	0
For the road from Leonard's to the road under the mountain and from thence to the Bay of Fundy by Andrew Marshall's farm	45	0	0
For the road on the top of the North mountain, from Granville line to Delong's corner, at the Henly settlement	25	0	0
For the road at the foot of the north mountain from the head of the Henly settlement to the cross road from Woodberry's to the Bay of Fundy	20	0	0
For the road leading to Liverpool, on that part which lies between the brook running out of Trout Lake, to the half-way tree	130	0	0
For the new road from Abel Beal's farm to the Liverpool road	20	0	0
For the road from Shafner's house to Mr. Chipman's farm.	60	0	0
For improving and altering the road from the General's bridge to Digby that lies between where the Waldeck line intersects that road and Bear man's farm	85	0	0
For the road from the main road in Clemments by Ditmar's farm to the Hessian line	35	0	0
For the road on the East side of Bear river, from the ferry to the bridge	15	0	0
For the road from the main road in Granville, by Sander's farm, to the road at the foot of the mountain, and thence Eastward to the Granville line	20	0	0
For discharging a balance due to the Commissioners for the repair of the great bridge over the Annapolis river, at Hicks's ferry	55	6	0
For the road from Chute's cove, at the Bay of Fundy to the Granville line	39	14	0
For that part of the road from the main road in Granville to Chute's cove that lies between the main road and the foot of the mountain	20	0	0
For the road from Chute's cove, leading westward, to the cross road, by Phinney's farm	35	0	0
For the road from the main road in Granville to the Bay of Fundy, by Phinney's farm	20	0	0
For the road from the main road in Granville to Young's cove, on the Bay of Fundy	20	0	0
For the road on the North side of the North mountain from the cross road leading to Young's cove to the road to Parker's cove	35	0	0
For aiding the inhabitants of Granville to open a road from the main road to the Bay of Fundy, beginning at the farm of the late George Shaltner	50	0	0
For the road from the bridge at Edward Thorne's, Esq. to the battery at the Gut of Annapolis	20	0	0
For the road from the West end of Bear river bridge to the top of Break-Neck hill towards Digby	30	0	0
For the road from Break-Neck hill to Lee's mills, and for the lower road from the ferry towards the mills, including £7 10, to be paid to Jonathan Randall for the injury done his premises, by erecting a stone bridge adjoining the same	60	0	0
For the road from Lee's mills to the head of St. Mary's Bay, including the forking of the road towards Digby	50	0	0
For the upper gut road, between the farms of Ross Fanning and Joseph Beman	40	0	0
For the road from the South side of Patrick Condon's farm to the Light House	15	0	0
For the road from Gulliver's Hole across the mountain to the main road down the Peninsula, partly expended the last year	20	0	0
For the road from Digby to the sea wall	50	0	0
For the road from the sea wall to the Petit passage	50	0	0
For the road through Long Island	40	0	0
For that part of the Shelburne road, (so called) from Litche's barn to the North range	25	0	0
For the road from Charles Tucker's to the North range	25	0	0
For aiding the inhabitants of the Town of Digby to secure the banks of such part of the public streets as end on the Basin, as the Justices in their General Sessions shall direct, in addition to a sum granted from the Licence fund.	60	0	0
For the South road from Bear River bridge to Scissabou falls	100	0	0
For the road from Scissabou lower falls towards Yarmouth	90	0	0
For the road on the South side of Scissabou river, from the Yarmouth road to the bridge	40	0	0
For aiding the inhabitants to open a road from the South side of Scissabou river to the new settlement by Charles Dowsett's farm	30	0	0
For aiding the inhabitants to build a bridge over Winchester creek, at the head of St. Mary's Bay	60	0	0
For the cross road from St. Mary's Bay to the North range	30	0	0
For the new road on the East side of Salmon River	40	0	0
For the new road on the West side of Salmon River	40	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £1480, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Hants, be applied as follows, viz.

For the main road through Douglas, from the mouth of the Noel road to the line of the Township of Newport	70	0	0
For the Noel old road	25	0	0
For the shore road from Noel to Petit	40	0	0
For the shore road from the East side of Noel village to Salter's head towards Shubenaccadie	40	0	0
For the road up the Shubenaccadie from the Five Mile river to Barwick's brook	40	0	0

For

For the road up the Shubenacadie from Barwick's brook to the bridge near Wardrobe's	£40	0	0
For the road from Wardrobe's to the Nine Mile River road	25	0	0
For the road from Ellis's mills to the Nine Mile River road, near Tagart's	25	0	0
For the Nine Mile River road from the bridge over the Shubenacadie near Hall's, to the bridge over the Nine Mile River in Douglas	40	0	0
For the Nine Mile River road, from the Nine Mile River bridge to Welch's farm	50	0	0
For the new road from Campbell's to Rawdon road near Liswell's	10	0	0
For the road from the Nine Mile River road near Chisholm's to Douglas Church	30	0	0
For the new road from the mouth of the Noel road towards Beaver Bank	40	0	0
For the main road through Douglas, from the North of the Shubenacadie river to the Douglas Church	90	0	0
For the main road through Rawdon from Lawrence's to Fenton's	130	0	0
For the road from Fenton's to James Stevens	40	0	0
For the road from Bond's mill to Wood's farm on the Rawdon road	15	0	0
For the road from Rawdon Church to Newport line, near Walker's	20	0	0
For the road from Landerkin's to James Higgin's in Rawdon	20	0	0
For the road from Barrow's to Tagart's on the Nine Mile River Road	40	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants in the Upper Settlement of Rawdon to open a road from the said Settlement to the Nine Mile River Road near Jacob Withrow's	15	0	0
For the road from Francis Parker's in Newport, towards Haley's in Rawdon	20	0	0
For the new road in Newport, from the Church Hill to the Halifax Road	75	0	0
For the new road at Lockhart's and the Causeway near Barron's	50	0	0
For the road from Wilcox's Ferry, to Tonge's Ferry	25	0	0
For the road from Parker's Mill, to Lawrence's	60	0	0
For the road from James Stevens's to the New main road	20	0	0
For the road from James Harvie's to Francis Parker's	10	0	0
For the road from Rines's Settlement to Lacey's farm	15	0	0
For the road from Ritchie's clearing to John Smith's	15	0	0
For the road from Alexander Smith's to Parker's Mill	20	0	0
For the road from Hugh Smith's to the Douglas line	20	0	0
For the road from the South side of Cockmagun river on the Shore District, to Fulton's on the road to Petit	35	0	0
For the road from Petit to Salter's	35	0	0
For the road and to gravel the causeway from the New Church, to Peter Shaw's in Falmouth	20	0	0
For the Old road from Falmouth to Horton line	12	0	0
For the road from the Old road leading to Horton, to the post road near Knowles's	10	0	0
For the New road from the Church, to John Smith's, Esq. in Falmouth	10	0	0
For reducing the Hill and finishing the Causeway at Mount Denson	10	0	0
For repairing the Bridge over the West Branch of the River Avon	12	0	0
For repaying to John Dickie, Commissioner, for Money expended on the half-way River Bridge near Mount Denson, over the sum granted for that service in the last Session	12	0	0
For the road from Dewolf's Brook at the Three-mile Plain on the Halifax road, to Godfrey's Tau House in Windsor	85	0	0
For the road leading from Windsor to Chester, from Long's Farm to the line of the Township of Falmouth	64	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £1360, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg, be applied as follows, viz :

For the road from Chester, to Hammond's Plains	100	0	0
For the road from Chester to Windsor	75	0	0
For the road from Lunenburg to Chester, and to repair the Bridges on the said Road	300	0	0
For the road from Lunenburg to Lehave River on the Main road to Liverpool	40	0	0
For the road from Pernet's to Petite Reviere	50	0	0
For the road from Petite Reviere Bridge, towards the line of Queen's County	100	0	0
For the road from the Corner of Leonard Jung's Farm to John Wensel's	60	0	0
For the road from John Wensel's to Hertie's Mill on Lehave river	80	0	0
For the road from William Rudolf's to the falls of Lehave river	45	0	0
For the road from Henry Koch's Mill to the German Settlement	50	0	0
For the road from Lehave River to Brookfield	150	0	0
For the road from Old Longuille's to the Head of Lehave River	50	0	0
For the road from Mush-a-Mush to Burgoyne's Mill	30	0	0
For the road from Gold river to Lieutenant Ross's in the New Settlement of Sherbrooke	50	0	0
For the road from Melcher Zwickler's towards Lunenburg Town Plot, including the repairs of bridges and causeways	50	0	0
For the road from the carrying place to Rose Bay	40	0	0
For the road from Clear Land, to Ham's 300 acre Lot	30	0	0
For the road from Hysenhaur's bridge, Northwest Range, to Bleysteiner's farm	60	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £1360, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows, viz :

For

For the road from the bounds of Queen's County to Sable River	£. 200 0 0
For the road from Sable River to Shelburne	60 0 0
For the road from Shelburne to Clyde River	100 0 0
For the road from Clyde River to Mill Brook in Barrington	72 0 0
For the road from the bridge over the river Jordan, to Ragged Islands, and from thence to Little River	40 0 0
For the road from Mrs. Brown's in Barrington, to Coleman's Pond in the same Township	280 0 0
For the road from Owen's, to John Nickerson's	34 0 0
For the road from John Nickerson's, to John Kenney's including the necessary repairs of the } bridges on the said road	150 0 0
For the road from Jacob Hatfield's, to Reynard's Mill	30 0 0
For the road from Cyrus Parry's to the line of the County of Annapolis	80 0 0
For the road from Jonathan Corning's at Beaver river, to the road leading from Robert Durkie's } to Scissabou	30 0 0
For the road from Thomas Brown's to High Head	20 0 0
For the road from John Kenney's to Seth Johnson's	20 0 0
For the road from Jacob Fedford's, to Salmon river bridge	34 0 0
For the road from Jacob Killain's to John Vickery's	30 0 0
For the road from Robert Durkie's, to the North line of Yarmouth	80 0 0
For the road from the North line of Yarmouth, to Still Water, on a branch of Tusket river	100 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of £1360, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in Queen's County, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road from the Eastern bounds of Queen's County on the main road towards Liverpool	100 0 0
For the main road to Lunenburg, where Mr. Smith left off last year, towards Mill Village	250 0 0
For the main road from Herring Cove bridge towards the Falls	60 0 0
For the road, to commence where Nathaniel Tupper left off last year, towards Shelburne	40 0 0
For the road from Great River towards Shelburne	50 0 0
For the road from Port Mutton on the main road towards Shelburne	100 0 0
For the road from the Falls at Liverpool towards Annapolis	300 0 0
For the road from the North bounds of Queen's County from Annapolis towards Liverpool	60 0 0
For the road from Herring Cove bridge, to the Beach Meadows	50 0 0

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

On motion, the Letter of Deputy-Commissary-General Damerum to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of a Drawback of the Duties, was read, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Letter be referred to Mr. Lawson, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Marshall, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the other 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 extend an Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, as far as the same respects the carriage of Plaster of Paris on the Roads in and about the Township of Windfor, to every Township and Settlement within the Province, 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 Bills to them referred, which report the House agreed to.

The amendment 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.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of James Ferguson was referred, 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 :

That from the evidence produced on the part of the Petitioner, the Committee are satisfied that the Property, as set forth in the Petition, was consumed by Fire, the Duties secured thereon amounting to the sum of one hundred and sixteen pounds ten shillings.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, 9th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of the Act for the appointment of Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, &c. and also,

A Bill for the Improvement of the Common of Halifax, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Pryor reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of John Simson was referred, 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 :

That on the examination of the Laws respecting the Sweeping of Chimnies, and from other information, it does not appear to the Committee there is any necessity for an alteration of the present Law.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a conference, by committee, on the subject of the several resolutions of this House, for applying Monies for the Service of Roads and Bridges, 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.

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

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee on the subject of the Acts establishing and regulating the Steam Boat Company, and accordingly presented a Bill in explanation of the Act, entitled, An Act to facilitate the passage across the Harbour of Halifax; and also, the Act in amendment thereof, 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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. Wells took the Chair,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the Improvement of the Common of Halifax; and also, the Bill in amendment of the Act for the appointment of Firewards, and that they had directed him to report the said Bills, severally, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Ordered, That Mr. Dewolf, Member for the Town of Windsor, have leave to return to his home, in consequence of ill health.

Mr. Speaker pursuant to leave given, presented to the House a Petition of John Stalker of Shelburne, and the same was read, praying payment of the sum of 10l. being so much expended by him on the Road from Clyde River to Barrington Mill-Brook, in the year 1816, in consequence of a mistake in his Commission for the said Road.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 10th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in explanation of the Act, entitled, An Act to facilitate the passage across the Harbour of Halifax; and also the Act, in amendment thereof, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill to extend an Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, as far as the same respects the Carriage of Plaster of Paris, on the Roads in and about the Township of Windsor, to every Township and Settlement within the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend an Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, as far as the same respects the Carriage of Plaster of Paris on the Roads in and about the Township of Windsor, to every Township and Settlement within the Province.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will appropriate the sum of £6000 of the monies due to the Province from the several Counties and Districts for Provisions, as part of the sum of £20,000 granted in the present Session, for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the same proportions, that those provisions were supplied to the several Counties and Districts.

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

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage Persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved,

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 for granting certain Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province, and also, the Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Town of Lunenburg, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with 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 said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to extend an Act passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, so far as the same respects the carriage of Plaster of Paris on the Roads in and about the Township of Windsor, to every Township and Settlement within the Province, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to twelve Resolutions of this House, for specifically applying the sum of 20,000*l.* for the service of Roads and Bridges, within the several Counties and Districts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, 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 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.

Ordered. That the Clerk do prepare and bring in Bills for continuing severally :

The Act for imposing a Duty on articles to be imported from the United States of America ; also,

The Acts for raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise ; also,

The several Acts for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province ; also,

A Bill for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar ; and also,

The several Acts for granting to His Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors.

A Petition of J. W. Thorne and others, Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read, praying that a Law may be passed for establishing a Paper Currency within the Province, in consequence of the great scarcity of circulating specie.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Wednesday, 11th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the improvement of the Common of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the improvement of the Common of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill more effectually to prevent Trespasses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act more effectually to prevent Trespasses.

An engrossed Bill for granting certain Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of this Province, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Mortimer moved, that the Bill be re-recommended, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, twenty-two.

For the Motion,

Mr. Pryor
Mr. Mortimer
Mr. Roach
Mr. Shaw
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Keat
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Lawson

Against the Motion,

Mr. Rudolf	Mr. Parker	Mr. Marsters
Mr. Creighton	Mr. Purdy	Mr. Crane
Mr. Flemming	Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Baker
Mr. Bishop	Mr. Manning	Mr. Freeman
Mr. Chipman	Mr. Wells	
Mr. Dimock	Mr. Warwick	
Mr. James	Mr. Pool	
Mr. Allison	Mr. Jones	
Mr. Marshall	Mr. Harris	

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for granting certain Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee on the Expiring Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts in this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

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

A Bill to continue an Act for granting a drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar; also,

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

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors; and the said Bills were read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time:

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Cogswell 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,

The Institution of an Academy at Pictou, appears to me to promise advantages of Education highly valuable to the whole Eastern part of the Province, and I therefore recommend the accompanying Petition of the Trustees for that Academy to your favorable consideration.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Cogswell, also delivered to the House, by His Excellency's Command, the following Papers, viz.

A Petition of John Prescott and others, Executors of the late Samuel Prescott, recommended by his Excellency to the consideration of the House, praying for the payment of Rent, due for a certain property at Chester, held by Government under Lease for public purposes ; also,

A Petition of the Trustees of the Academy at Pictou, to His Excellency, referred to in the foregoing Message, and the same was read by the Clerk, setting forth : That several of the Petitioners, with various other persons, previous to making application to the Assembly for passing " An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou in this Province," had subscribed large sums of money towards founding the said Institution, but, that owing to the bad-Seasons, and failure of Crops throughout the County, between the time of making subscriptions, and that of obtaining the Royal Assent to the Law, many of the persons who had made subscriptions, are rendered unable at present to contribute the sums they had subscribed ; and as it will require a large sum of money in the first instance, to enable the Petitioners to carry the said Law into effect, and from the number of Scholars who are waiting for admission, they are desirous that as little time as possible, may be lost in founding the Institution. That the Petitioners most humbly solicit the aid of His Excellency, to a measure which they earnestly hope may prove of great public utility, and that His Excellency would be pleased to favor the Petitioners in this arduous undertaking, by recommending a grant of a sum of money, from the Public Funds of the Province, to assist them in erecting a suitable Building, or for such other purposes as may be necessary in establishing the said Academy, or that His Excellency would be pleased to promote the interest of the said Institution, by such other ways and means as His Excellency in his wisdom may deem proper and fit.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported further from the Committee on the Expiring Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill, to continue, and in amendment of, an Act for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province ; and also,

A Bill to continue an Act in further addition to the Act relative to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and the same were read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The

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.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow take into consideration, the several Petitions now before the House, on the subject of a Paper Currency.

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

Thursday, 12th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of John Patterson and the subject of the Highway Laws were referred, and accordingly presented a Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the 41st Year of His Majesty's Reign, for repairing, keeping in repair, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Haliburton reported further 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 in amendment of the Act for Establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, relating to a Militia; and the same were read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Bill to continue an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts of the Province; also,

A Bill to continue, and in amendment of, an Act for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province; also,

A Bill to continue an Act, in further addition to the Act relative to Wills, Legacies, and Executors; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the manufacture of refined Sugar; also,

A Bill to continue the Acts imposing a Duty on articles to be imported from the United States of America; 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 the 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 the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors; were severally read a second time.

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

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 Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Mortimer 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 that they had received from the committee of His Majesty's Council, a written Paper, which he read to the House, and is as follows, viz :

His Majesty's Council observing, that the Bill sent up to them, entitled, An Act for granting certain Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries in the Province, embrace three different matters, distinct and independent each of the other, and being of opinion that each should be provided for by a different Bill, that the right of the Council to deliberate on each several Bounty proposed to be granted by the Bill, may be free and uncontrolled, cannot freely deliberate on the Bill in its present shape; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That an answer be prepared to the above written Paper received from the Council.

Ordered, That the Managers who held the conference with the committee of Council, do prepare and bring in an answer accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, the Petition from King's County, the Petition from the County of Annapolis, and also the Petition from the County of Cumberland, on the subject of a Paper Currency, were severally read, and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of a Paper Currency.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient, from the present state of the Commerce and Agriculture of the Country, to emit a Paper Currency to a certain amount,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Paper so to be issued should be loaned to Individuals under the Provisions of an Act to be passed for that purpose.

The said resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved, that the said resolutions be not agreed to by the House, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion fourteen, against the motion thirteen :

For the Motion,

Mr. Warwick Mr. Mortimer
 Mr. Rudolf Mr. James
 Mr. Cunningham Mr. Lawson
 Mr. Dimock Mr. Jones
 Mr. Archibald Mr. Marshall
 Mr. Pryor Mr. Pool
 Mr. Roach Mr. Pyke,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Bishop Mr. Allison
 Mr. Chipman Mr. Freeman
 Mr. Purdy Mr. Manning
 Mr. Kent Mr. Haliburton
 Mr. Wells Mr. Ritchie
 Mr. Baker Mr. Crane
 Mr. Marsters

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Shaw, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for raising Money towards the support of the Poor in the Town of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal the several Acts made to prevent the Forestalling and Monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Kent, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for the Establishment of Religious Public Worship, in this Province, and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow take into consideration, His Excellency's Message of the 11th instant, on the subject of the Pictou Academy.

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

Friday, 13th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage Persons concerned in the Lumber Trade; also,

A Bill in further amendment of the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly; also,

A Bill, in addition to an Act, passed in the 41st Year of His Majesty's Reign, for repairing, keeping in repair, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; also,

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

A Bill to continue an Act in amendment of the Act for Establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, relating to a Militia; and also,

A Bill to repeal the several Acts made to prevent the Forestalling and Monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, were severally read a second time.

A Bill for raising Money towards the support of the Poor in the Town of Halifax, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be postponed, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve, against it thirteen; so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Charles R. Prescott and Samuel Leonard, two of the Commissioners appointed for superintending the Building of a Bridge over Cornwallis River, and the same was read, setting forth: that the Petitioners, in conjunction with the other Commissioners appointed for that purpose, did proceed to erect a bridge over the aforesaid River; that for this purpose they entered into a contract with one Nicholas Mosher and John Mosher, Jun. for the completion thereof, a

copy of which contract with the plan, and papers relating thereto, are hereunto annexed; that the said contractors having commenced and proceeded in the erection thereof, the sum of 500l. part of the Public money was advanced to them, besides other sums from private subscriptions, amounting in the whole to 950l. or thereabout; that the said contractors having declared the said bridge completed, Five suitable persons were on the 9th of January last nominated and chosen by the said commissioners and contractors to inspect the same; that the persons so chosen having made such inspection, certified, that the said Bridge was not completed according to contract, whereupon the said commissioners refused to accept thereof; that some time in the beginning of this present month, a large and material part of the work has been entirely removed, and the same now remains impassable and useless; that the said commissioners have endeavoured on their part faithfully to discharge their duty, but owing to the failure on the part of the contractors, and the non-completion of the said bridge according to contract, the said commissioners are uncertain and in doubt as to what measures ought to be adopted, and are advised that it is their duty to submit the matter to this Honorable House, for their consideration; that the Petitioners, in behalf of all the commissioners, are now in Halifax, and are ready and willing at all times to attend the commands of this Honorable House, to afford them such further information on the subject as may be required; that the Petitioners therefore on the part of the said commissioners beg humbly to represent the matter to this Honorable House, and praying that they will be pleased to adopt such measures for the prosecution of the Bonds entered into by the said contractors, and will otherwise do in respect to the said bridge, and the re-building thereof, as to them in their wisdom may seem right and proper.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Shaw moved that the House do now take into consideration the several Petitions before the House, on the subject of a Paper Currency, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to 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 a Paper Currency should be issued on loan.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Paper to be issued should be loaned under the Provisions of an Act to be passed for that purpose, provided the sum to be loaned shall not exceed 30,000l.

The said report was read a first and second time, and thereupon it was moved, that the same be received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion ten, against it fourteen; so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Managers on the subject of the conference held with a committee of His Majesty's Council yesterday, and accordingly presented an answer to the written paper received from the Council, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

The House of Assembly consider the Bill sent to His Majesty's Council, entitled, An

Act for granting certain Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province, as having but one object in view, the increasing the natural resources of the Colony; and although it grants several Bounties for the attaining what is wished, yet, neither of them is independent of the general object, nor, as relating thereto, can either of the matters so joined, be considered as connected with the others, but the whole Bill, taken together, forms one system, embracing what was recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in his Speech at the opening of the Session, the encouragement of the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province.

The House assure His Majesty's Council, that they have no wish or desire to touch or infringe upon their rights, and they cannot but be of opinion, that the Bill sent to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence is perfectly Constitutional, as it does not contain matters incoherent or improper to be joined in one Bill.

Resolved, That a further conference be desired with His Majesty's 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 this House, immediately in the committee-room of the Council.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference, and also that they do deliver to the Committee of the Council the foregoing answer to the written Paper received by them in conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and also had obeyed the order of the House in delivering to the committee of the Council, the answer of this House to the Paper received from them yesterday.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the improvement of the Common of Halifax, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act more effectually to prevent Trespasses, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the Order of the Day; also, the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Pictou Academy; and also the Petition of the Trustees of the said Academy, which accompanied the same, were read by the Clerk: and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy should be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

Saturday,

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Fireward Act, 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, made in the second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the appointment of 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.

Upon reading the amendments proposed by His Majesty's Council, to the Bill, entitled, An Act for more effectually preventing Trespasses, it appearing to the House that the amendments proposed increased the penalties and forfeitures contained in the Bill as sent to the Council, and also add others; thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will not consider the said amendments.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Petition of Charles R. Prescott and Samuel Leonard be referred to Mr. Chipman, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Ritchie, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to Trespasses: and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend the Provisions of an Act for preventing Trespasses, to the Town of Pictou: and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Petition of the Magistrates of the Town of Halifax, respecting Bridewell, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Masters took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred; and had come to a resolution thereupon, which 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 Duties on Wine, Rum, Brandy, Gin, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown sugar, imported into or distilled within this Province; and also, the Duties on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province, should remain the same as imposed the last year.

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

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the

34th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Township of Lunenburg, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the issue of Notes or Bills by any Corporate Body within this Province, for the payment of Money: to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment made by the Council, to the Bill relative to the Common of Lunenburg, and the same having been read a first and a second time, thereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with His Majesty's Council, on the subject matter of the said amendment, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill for raising Money towards the support of the Poor in the Town of Halifax; and also the Bill to repeal the several Acts made to prevent the Forestalling and Monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, to this day three months. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, relating to a Militia; and also, a Bill in amendment of the Act for Establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax; and that they had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to encourage Persons concerned in the Lumber Trade; and also, the Bill to continue an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts of the Province; and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, and also the Bills reported without amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments, and also the two other Bills as reported by the Committee, be engrossed.

Mr. Marshall reported from the committee to whom the Petition of John Carrol, the Petition of Messrs. Hartshorne, Boggs & Co. and the Petition of John Moody, were referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have enquired into the matters set forth in the Petition of John Carrol, and from an examination of the Petitioner, and also of the Master of the Vessel on board of which the Rum mentioned in the said Petition was shipped for exportation, the Committee find that the said four hundred and thirty-one gallons of Rum, were actually cleared out from the Port of Halifax, and were landed in the Gut of Canso, upon the Island of Cape Breton, and that a Certificate of such landing thereof was obtained from a person who was acting in that part of the said Island as a Deputy Collector, which Certificate was brought to the said Port, and there exhibit, edbut has since been lost or mislaid; that it has further appeared to the Committee, that after the

Janding of the said Rum in the said Island, a part thereof was there drawn off for consumption, and the Committee have not discovered any grounds to induce them to believe that any part of the said Rum was ever re-landed in this Province, or consumed therein. The Committee therefore recommend, that the Drawback upon the said Rum, which will amount to the sum of 26*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.* be allowed to the said John Carrol.

That it appears to the Committee, upon an examination of persons and documents relative to the Petition of Messrs. Hartshorne, Boggs & Co. that the Wines mentioned in the said Petition, were entered at the Excise Office, in the Port of Halifax, as Wines of the highest qualities, as stated in the Petition, and that the Duties payable upon Wines of those qualities respectively, were secured to be paid thereon. That the Committee are satisfied, that the Wine, entered as aforesaid as Port Wine, and also that which was called Sherry Wine, are not of those qualities, but come under the description of Low Wines, whereon the lowest Duty is imposed. That the Committee have caused a Guager to Guage and take an Account of the respective quantities of the said Wines, remaining in the hands of the said Petitioners unsold, from whose Certificate it appears, that they have still on hand 2518 gallons of the Wine upon which the Duty on Port Wine has been paid; and 480 gallons of the Wine which has been called Sherry Wine, and that of the latter kind the Petitioners have sold to persons within this Province, 355 gallons. That the difference between the amount of the Duties paid upon the quantities of the said Wines now on hand as aforesaid, together with the quantity which has been sold as aforesaid, and the amount of the Duty payable upon the same quantities of Wine of a low description, and whereon the lowest Duty is imposed, amounts to 83*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* which sum, the Committee, under the foregoing circumstances, recommend to the House to allow to the Petitioners. The Committee are not satisfied as to the quality of the Wine on which the duty imposed upon Madeira Wine has been paid, as set forth by the said Petitioners, and considering the prices at which it appears certain quantities of the said Wine have been sold, the Committee are of opinion, that the Petitioners are not entitled to a return of any part of the amount of the Duty paid by them thereon.

With respect to the Petition of John Moody, in behalf of himself and others, the Committee find from information afforded them by the Collector of Impost and Excise, at Halifax, that the Rum, and other articles mentioned in the Documents annexed to the said Petition, were actually entered in the Port of Halifax, and the Duties thereon secured to be paid. It has also appeared to the Committee, from the Certificate of the said Collector, that all the said articles have been shipped for exportation from this Province, as stated in the said Petition; and Certificates of the landing of some of the said articles, in the places for which they were shipped, have been produced to the Committee, under the hands of the Collectors in those Ports, the Drawbacks on which will amount to 54*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*; and the Committee are also satisfied, from the examinations of persons who have been before them, that other quantities of the articles mentioned in the said Documents, were actually landed in the Place for which they were so shipped, the Drawback on which will amount to 58*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* making in the whole the sum of 113*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* It has also been stated to the Committee, and appears probable from the papers produced to them, that the said Petitioner, and the other persons in whose behalf he has petitioned, have Exported from this Province, other articles than those referred to in the said Petition, on which it does not appear that any Drawback has been received; But the Committee do not feel authorised to report as to the propriety of allowing any such Drawback, as the same is not claimed in the said Petition. The Committee find that the said Petitioner, and the other persons in whose behalf the Drawbacks are claimed, are largely indebted upon Bonds, for Duties due by them to the Province, and the Committee therefore recommend, that if the said sum of 113*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* is allowed them as a Drawback, that the same should be credited to them upon the said Bonds.

The Committee further report, as to the fraudulent practice, which it has been stated has prevailed, of applying for, and receiving, Drawbacks upon Rum and other articles, which have been shipped for Exportation from this Province, to New-Brunswick, and to the Islands of Cape-Breton and Prince Edward, and which articles have been afterwards re-landed and consumed in this Province, that they have made particular enquiries relative to that subject, and from the examinations of persons whom they have had before them, the Committee are induced to believe, that instances of such frauds have occurred, and therefore recommend that such alterations should be made in the Revenue Laws now in force, or such Clause or Clauses added to them, relative to Drawbacks upon Rum and other Dutiable Articles, exported to New-Brunswick, and the said Islands, as may tend more effectually to prevent such fraudulent practice in future.

Resolved, That such part of the foregoing report, as relates to the granting of Drawbacks for Duties, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Monday, 16th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to prevent the issue of Notes or Bills by any Corporate Body within this Province, for the payment of Money; also,

A Bill relating to Trespasses; and also,

A Bill to extend the Provisions of an Act, for preventing Trespasses, to the Town of Pictou, were severally read a second time.

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

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

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. James 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 granting a drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar ; also, a Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province ; and that they had directed him to report the said Bills, severally, without any amendment. That the committee had gone through the Bill to continue the Act imposing a Duty on articles to be imported from the United States of America ; also, 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 Merchandise, imported into this Province ; and also, the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors ; and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, and also, the Bills reported without amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bills, with the amendments, and also the two other Bills as reported by the Committee, be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with His Majesty's Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

The Council agree to the conference, as desired by this House, on the subject of the General State of the Province ; and also, to the conference on the subject of the amendment to the Lunenburg Common Bill, immediately in the Committee-room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Chipman, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Ritchie, do manage the conference on the State of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. James, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Marsters, do manage the conference on the subject of the amendment to the Lunenburg Common Bill.

And the said Managers went to the conferences accordingly.

Mr. Haliburton reported further from the Committee on the Expiring Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the Exportation of Red Herrings, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton presented to the House, seven Affidavits relative to the resorting of American Fishermen to the Coasts of Labrador, as follows :

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| No. 1 | The affidavit | of Isaac Jeans |
| 2 | Do. | of William Milis |
| 3 | Do. | of Smith Jones |

No. 4	The Affidavit of John Gardner
5	Do. of Eli Page
6	Do. of Stephen Collins
7	Do. of John Goreham.

Ordered, That the said Affidavits 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 of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereupon, which 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 300l. should be granted to the Magistrates of the Town of Halifax, towards paying off the Debts incurred for the support of the Bridewell of the said Town.

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,

It was moved, that the same be not received by the House ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen ; against it, sixteen :

For the Motion,

<i>Mr. Crane</i>	<i>Mr. Baker</i>
<i>Mr. Marshall</i>	<i>Mr. Chipman</i>
<i>Mr. James</i>	<i>Mr. Allison</i>
<i>Mr. Bishop</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock</i>
<i>Mr. Purdy</i>	<i>Mr. Flemming</i>
<i>Mr. Manning</i>	
<i>Mr. Cunningham</i>	
<i>Mr. Ritchie</i>	

Against the Motion,

<i>Mr. Parker</i>	<i>Mr. Pryor</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman</i>	<i>Mr. Archibald</i>
<i>Mr. Rudolf</i>	<i>Mr. Jones</i>
<i>Mr. Wells</i>	<i>Mr. Kent</i>
<i>Mr. Creighton</i>	<i>Mr. Haliburton</i>
<i>Mr. Marsters</i>	<i>Mr. Pool</i>
<i>Mr. Rouch</i>	<i>Mr. Harris</i>
<i>Mr. Mortimer</i>	<i>Mr. Lawson</i>

So it passed in the negative.

The said resolution was then put and agreed to by the House.

Mr. James reported that the Managers had been at the conference, with the Council, on the subject of the Lunenburg Common Bill, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Chipman reported that the Managers had been at the conference, with the Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

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

Tuesday, 17th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the Exportation of Red Herrings, was read a second time.

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

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

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

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for granting a drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An engrossed Bill to encourage Persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, was read a third time.

Resolved, that the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to encourage Persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and authorising Courts of Sessions to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers in this Province.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend 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 the Acts imposing a Duty on 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 to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act in amendment of the Act for Establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax, 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 51st year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, passed in the 14th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, relating to a Militia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force, relating to the Militia.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts of the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts in this Province, and also the Act, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His present Majesty's Reign, in amendment thereof.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the General State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the appointment of an Agent to the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for granting a drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar, within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to the Militia; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax; also,

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors, severally, without any amendment.

The Council agree to a further conference on the subject of the General State of the Province; and also to a conference on the subject of the appointment of an Agent to the Province, as desired by the House, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pryor and Mr. Freeman, do manage the conference on the General State of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Pryor, do manage the conference on the subject of the appointment of an Agent.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that the committee be instructed to state on the conference, that this House do not deem it expedient to appoint more than one Agent.

And the Managers went to the conferences accordingly.

Mr. Chipman reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Charles R. Prescott and Samuel Leonard was referred, and presented a Bill for re-building and repairing Cornwallis Bridge, 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; 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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to prevent the issue of Notes or Bills by any Corporate Body within this Province, for the payment of Money; also, the Bill relating to Trespasses; also, the Bill to continue an Act in further addition to the Act relative to Wills, Legacies, and Executors; also, the Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the 41st Year of His Majesty's Reign, for the repairing, keeping in repair, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; and also, the Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the Exportation of Red Herrings; and that they had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment.

That the Committee had also gone through the Bill, in further amendment of the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives; also, the Bill to extend the Provisions of an Act for preventing Trespasses, to the Town of Picou; and also, the Bill in amendment of the Act for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water, and that they had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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 Bills, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the several Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Resolved, That the engrossed Bill from the Council be read a third time.

Mr. Haliburton reported that the Managers had been at the conference with the Council, on the subject of the appointment of an Agent, and that they had communicated to the committee of the Council, the resolution that this House do not deem it expedient to appoint more than one Agent, and that they had been informed by the committee that His Majesty's Council agreed with the House on the expediency of having only one Agent; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That Nathaniel Atchefon, Esq. be the Agent of the Province, resident in London.

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the committee appointed to confer with a committee of His Majesty's Council on the General State of the Province, that they had held a conference, pursuant to the order of the House; and that the committee of the Council had informed the committee of the House, that His Majesty's Council did not think it would be right to include the representation relative to the Fisheries, in the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor about the Timber Trade, but they considered it a subject of great importance, and would join the House in a representation on that subject; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council, for the purpose of preparing an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Fisheries of the Province; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Freeman, be a committee for the above purpose.

Ordered, That the several Affidavits, now before the House, relative to the American Fishermen resorting to the Coasts of the Labrador, be referred to the said Committee.

On motion, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Timber Trade of the Province, as reported by the committee of conference, on the 19th of February last, was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable

GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

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

The Humble Address of the House of Representatives, in General Assembly,

May it please Your Excellency :

HIS Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly have learned, that His Majesty's Government have had it in contemplation, to submit to Parliament, that a Duty should be extended to Timber, hereafter to be Imported from the British North-American Colonies, equal in amount to the additional Duty imposed on Foreign Timber in the year 1813.

We humbly beg leave to represent to your Excellency, that the recent prosperity of this and the neighbouring British Colonies, and the advancement of their commercial interests, have been chiefly owing to the judicious encouragement given by Parliament to the Importation of their Timber into Great-Britain and Ireland, and that the imposition of a Duty on that article, will inevitably affect that prosperity, and render it impossible for His Majesty's Subjects in these Colonies to contend with Foreigners in that branch of Trade.

We further beg leave to state to your Excellency, that the Export of Timber from hence to the Mother Country, greatly facilitates the importation of Salt and other articles in British Shipping, necessary for carrying on the Fisheries in these Colonies, the want of which, or any material rise in the price thereof, would prove ruinous to that essential part of our commerce.

That it would prove highly injurious to the British Ship Owners, and to those persons in Great-Britain and the Colonies, who have invested their capitals in forming establishments for supplying the Mother Country with Timber during the late War, when she wholly depended on her North American Colonies for that article, and as the Exports of these Colonies are very limited, the Importers of British Manufactures will be deprived of one of the principal means of making remittances to the Merchants in Great-Britain if this branch of the Colonial Trade should be destroyed; we therefore humbly beg, that your Excellency will be pleased to represent these facts to His Majesty's Government, and state that it is the earnest Petition of the Inhabitants of this Colony, that the Duties on Foreign Timber may be continued as established in the year 1813 without abatement, and that no additional Duties may be imposed on Colonial Timber Imported into Great-Britain and Ireland.

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

Resolved, That the Speaker do communicate with the President of His Majesty's Council,

cil, on the time and mode of presenting the said Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Wednesday, 18th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to prevent the Issue of Notes or Bills by any Corporate Body within the Province, for the payment of Money, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same without any amendment.

An engrossed Bill relating to Trespasses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relating to Trespasses.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act, in further addition to the Act relative 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 Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relative to Wills, Legacies, and Executors; and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water, was read a third time.

Resolved, that the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 that he was directed to report the said Bill without any amendment; that the committee had also gone through the Bill for rebuilding and repairing Cornwallis Bridge; and also, the Bill to continue, and in amendment of, an Act for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors practising in the Courts of Law and Equity; and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee, to whom the Account of the Commissioners

missioners for the purchase of Provisions and Grain for the use of the Settlers who were in indigent circumstances, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the committee have examined the Commissioners Accounts and find them correct, with the exception of a charge against the Province, of the Sum of 721. 16s. arising from a loss sustained on the sale of a quantity of Flour, &c. said to have been destined for the County of Lunenburg, and there appears a balance remaining in the hands of the Commissioners of 301. 3s. 6½d.

Ordered, That the 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. Deputy-Secretary Cogswell :

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, where His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following, viz.

An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

An Act for the improvement of the Common of Halifax.

An Act for new Executions to be sued against persons who shall hereafter be delivered out of Execution by Privilege of either House of the General Assembly, and for the discharge of them out of whose custody such persons shall be delivered.

An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the last Sessions of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.

An Act to facilitate the opening and working His Majesty's Coal Mines, with as little injury as possible to the Proprietors of Lands in this Province.

An Act to extend an Act, passed in the forty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, as far as the same respects the Carriage of Plaster of Paris on the Roads in and about the Township of Windsor, to every Township and Settlement within the Province.

An Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a Watch at Night.

An Act to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force, relating to the Militia.

An Act to continue an Act, passed in the 51st year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

An Act to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United-States of America, and for appropriating the same.

An Act to continue and amend 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 Act to continue and amend the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituons 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.

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for raising a Revenue to repair

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.

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

The Council request a conference by committee, on the subject of the Bill to continue an Act to establish Grammar Schools.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion of Mr. Chipman, *resolved*, That the several Counties and Districts, for which Supplies of Grain and Provisions have been furnished by the Commissioners, under the Act passed in the last Session of General Assembly, shall be accountable for the same, to the amount and in the proportions as follows, viz.

King's County	£470	16	5
Hants County	542	1	6
Annapolis	612	19	1
Colchester	429	8	0
Cumberland	439	13	4
Queen's County	202	11	11
Yarmouth	£185	2	11
Shelburne	192	18	10
Pictou	1290	15	10
Sydney	812	7	3
Halifax	623	2	5
Lunenburg	198	2	6
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A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Trespassers; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage Persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and authorising Courts of Sessions to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers in this Province—severally without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed, to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the better supplying the Town of Halifax, with Fresh Water; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting certain Bounties to encourage the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts in this Province, and also the Act, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, in amend-
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ment thereof, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have appointed a committee to join a committee of this House, for the purpose of preparing an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Fisheries.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment, made by the Council, to the Grammar School Bill, and the same was read throughout a first and second time; and whereupon, it was moved, that the House do agree to the said amendment; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen; against it, seven:

For the Motion,

Mr. James	Mr. Roach
Mr. Rudolf	Mr. Flemming
Mr. Chipman	Mr. Kent
Mr. Gunningham	Mr. Poyor
Mr. Purdy	Mr. Archibald
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pool
Mr. Marsters	Mr. Marshall
Mr. Jones	Mr. Parker
Mr. Baker	Mr. Mortimer

Against the Motion,

Mr. Freeman
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Dimock
Mr. Manning
Mr. Wells
Mr. Allison
Mr. Harris

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council and acquaint them, that the House have agreed to the amendment made by them to the same.

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. James 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

Thursday, 19th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in further amendment of the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.

An engrossed Bill for rebuilding and repairing Cornwallis Bridge, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for rebuilding and repairing Cornwallis Bridge.

An engrossed Bill to continue, and in amendment of, an Act for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend and continue an Act, passed in the 51st year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the 41st Year of His Majesty's Reign, for the repairing, keeping in repair, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, 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 41st year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the repairing, keeping in repair, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein; and also to suspend the power and authority vested in the Surveyors of Highways within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, after the first day of August next, during the operation of this Act.

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

An engrossed Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

Mr. Pryor moved for leave to bring in a Bill for granting a Bounty on Salt, for the encouragement of the Fisheries: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, twenty-three.

For the Motion,

Mr. Pyke
Mr. Mortimer
Mr. Pool
Mr. Pryor
Mr. Rouch
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Shaw
Mr. Parker
Mr. Lawson

Mr. Kent
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Baker
Mr. Creighton
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Chipman
Mr. Dimock
Mr. Allison

Against the Motion,

Mr. Manning
Mr. Wells
Mr. Marsters
Mr. Jones
Mr. Rudolf
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Warwick
Mr. Furdy

Mr. Marshall
Mr. Flemming
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. James
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Harris
Mr. Crane

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Mortimer moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Agriculture, by granting a Bounty on Grain raised on New Lands: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eight; against it twenty-two.

For the Motion,

Mr. Lawson
Mr. Pyke
Mr. Pool
Mr. Pryor
Mr. Roach
Mr. Mortimer
Mr. Shaw
Mr. Archibald

Mr. Kent
Mr. Baker
Mr. Rudolf
Mr. Creighton
Mr. Dimock
Mr. Allison
Mr. Manning
Mr. Wells

Against the Motion,

Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Marsters
Mr. Jones
Mr. Chipman
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Warwick
Mr. Purdy
Mr. Marshall

Mr. Flemming
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. James
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Harris
Mr. Crane

So it passed in the negative; and thereupon,

It was moved, that the House come to a resolution as follows, viz.

Resolved, That the reason why the House would not grant permission to bring in the above two Bills, is, because the House had already determined, that the subject matter of the same should be connected in one Bill, and therefore the House would not again consider the subject during the present Session, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-three: against the motion, eight:

For the Motion,

Mr. Creighton
Mr. Purdy
Mr. Marsters
Mr. Manning
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Chipman
Mr. Wells
Mr. Dimock

Mr. Cuningham
Mr. Baker
Mr. Flemming
Mr. Allison
Mr. Jones
Mr. Marshall
Mr. James
Mr. Haliburton

Mr. Kent
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Harris
Mr. Rudolf
Mr. Crane
Mr. Warwick

Against the Motion,

Mr. Roach
Mr. Parker
Mr. Shaw
Mr. Mortimer
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Pryor
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Pool

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Lawfon reported from the committee to whom the Letter from Deputy-Commissary-General Damerum, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was referred; 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:

That it appears to the committee, that the whole quantity of Rum purchased, was, as stated by the Deputy-Commissary-General, 37,591 Gallons, of which 1,128 Gallons were sent to Sydney, and 1,145 Gallons to Prince Edward Island, for the use of the Troops; That, in ordinary cases of Exportation to those places, the Exporter would be entitled to a Drawback of the Duties, which upon those latter quantities would amount to 113l. 13s.; That it also appears to the committee, that 326 Gallons of the Rum, sold by Messrs. Moody and Boyle to the Deputy-Commissary-General, were purchased of Mr. Mahle of Halifax, who was not a Stockholder; That the Duties on this quantity amount to 16l. 6s.; That it further appears to the committee by the certificate of Mr. Binney, the Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax, that the Duties on the whole quantity of Rum had been secured at Halifax and Liverpool. It further appears to the committee, that of the quantity of Rum sold by Messrs. Moody and Boyle, as aforesaid, 9,988 Gallons had been purchased by them from Mr. J. Barfs and Mr. S. Parker of Liverpool, as set forth in the account, but no Permits for the removal of this Stock have been furnished to the committee, except one, marked No. 27, hereto annexed; That the committee have been informed, that one other Permit for part of the Stock from Liverpool, sold to Moody and Boyle, and by them sold to the Deputy-Commissary-General, was burned or lost at the time of the late Fire in Halifax; That the committee have taken the liberty to annex to this Report, all the Documents and Vouchers with which they have been furnished, and by them it appears that the whole amount of Duties claimed to be drawn back, is 1,879l. 11s.; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Pryor, *ordered*, that the said Report be referred to the committee of Supply, that such parts of the Duties claimed by Mr. Damerum may be granted, as in the opinion of the committee he may be entitled to receive.

An engrossed Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the Exportation of Red Herrings, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend an Act, passed in the 38th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act, passed in the 2d year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Exportation of Fish and the Assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to Survey the same.

An engrossed Bill to extend the Provisions of an Act for preventing Trespasses, to the Town of Pictou, 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 Pictou, and the Town Plot of Dartmouth.

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

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

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered,

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. Mortimer reported that the Managers had been at the conference; and that they had received from the Committee of Council a written Paper, which he read to the House and is as follows:

His Majesty's Council regret, that, from the manner in which the Bill was framed, for encouraging the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province, it could not be freely deliberated upon by them. They are fully sensible of the utility of encouraging the Fisheries, by a Bounty on Salt, which, past experience convinces them, would afford a general and beneficial advantage to every branch of the Fishery, and are therefore induced to assure the House that they will cheerfully consider, with a disposition to concur in, any Bill the House may separately send up for that purpose.

They also assure the House that they have a disposition to afford such assistance to promote the Agriculture of the Province, as shall appear to them calculated to effect so desirable an object, and will give their best attention to meet the wishes of the House in that respect.

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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend an Act, passed in the 18th year of his Majesty's Reign, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating the Medical Profession in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until Saturday at eleven of the Clock, the morrow being Good-Friday.

Saturday, 21st March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for regulating the Medical Profession in the Province of Nova-Scotia, was read a second time; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the consideration of the said Bill be deferred to the next Session.

A Bill to amend an Act, passed in the 18th year of His Majesty's Reign, to prevent the Forestalling, Regrating and Monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported further from the committee on the Expiring Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint-Debtors, 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.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend an Act, passed in the 38th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to Survey the same; also,

A Bill, entitled, 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 Pictou and the Town Plot of Dartmouth; also,

A Bill entitled, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the 52d year of His 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 establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts in this Province; and also the Act, passed in the 54th year of His Majesty's Reign, in amendment thereof; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue an Act, passed in the 51st year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors practicing in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province—severally without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for rebuilding and repairing Cornwallis Bridge. And also, a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, for the appointing of Firewards, &c.—severally with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, 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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes; and that they had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment; that the committee had gone through the Bill in explanation of the Act to facilitate the Passage across the Harbour of Halifax; and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the

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

It was moved, that the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen ; against it, ten : So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill reported without amendment be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned until Seven of the Clock, Post Meridian.

The House met agreeably to adjournment.

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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors ; and that they had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to amend an Act, passed in the 18th year of His Majesty's reign, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax ; and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill reported without amendment be engrossed.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments, made by the Council, to the Bill for rebuilding and repairing Cornwallis Bridge ; and the same were read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon,

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

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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Monday, 23d March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to amend an Act, passed in the 18th year of His Majesty's Reign, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to the Acts to prevent the forestalling Cord Wood.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act, passed in the 51st year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, 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 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 explanation of the Act to facilitate the Passage across the Harbour of Halifax, and the Act in amendment thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be An Act in addition to and in explanation of an Act, passed in the 56th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to facilitate the passage across the Harbour of Halifax, and also the Act passed in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes.

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee, to whom the Petition of James Leishman was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the committee having examined evidence relative to the matters contained in the said Petition, find, that the Petitioner signed four several Bonds as Surety for David Dundas and Company, for the payment of Duties at the Impost and Excise Office ; upon which Bonds, Judgments have been entered up, amounting in all to the sum of 2,769l. cs. 10d. ; that the said David Dundas and Company, before the payment of any sum of money due on the said Bonds, failed in business, and became Insolvent, and the whole of the property of the Petitioner, except his wearing apparel, and the furniture of his house which is not of great value, has been taken and sold for the payment of the said several Judgments, which produced but the sum of 1,300l. ; but that Security had been given to the Sheriff for the appraised value of the said Goods, being 2,734l. by James Scott and Alexander McDougall, from which sum it appears to the committee they are liable to make payment, leaving the sum of 1,035l. due upon the said Judgments. The committee also find, that the Sheriff has attached property of the said David Dundas and Company, upon the same account, to about the sum of 700l. but, that claims having been set up by other persons, the Sheriff still holds the proceeds in his hands until those claims shall be settled. It further appears to the Committee, that the said Petitioner hath no means at present of making payment of the sum due upon the said several Judgments or any part thereof.

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

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill in amendment of the Fireward Act, and the same were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Resolved,

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

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

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Bishop, 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.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the conference, as desired by this House on Saturday last, on the subject of the Cornwallis Bridge Bill; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Archibald, 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 agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to 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; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Acts to prevent the forestalling Cord Wood; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the 34th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Township of Lunenburg—severally without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled An Act in addition to, and in explanation of, the Act, passed in the 55th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to facilitate the Passage across the Harbour of Halifax, and also the Act passed in amendment thereof.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the 41st year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, keeping in repair, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a conference, by committee, on the subject of the Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief to issue Treasury Notes.

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. Pryor 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 that they had received from the Committee of the Council a written Paper, which he read to the House, and is as follows:

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His Majesty's Council in considering the Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, are of opinion, that the necessities of the Province has obliged the Treasury to Issue a large sum in Paper; and His Majesty's Council observe, that the provision made for the payment of such Paper, and the Interest which might accrue thereon, is not adequate to support the credit of the Province on that firm footing which its best interests require, and although the Paper hitherto issued, has circulated without depreciation, His Majesty's Council, considering the serious diminution of the Current Revenue and the scarcity of Spécie in circulation, deem it indispensably necessary, that a more effectual provision should be made this Session, to secure to the holders of such Paper, the punctual payment of the Interest, which the law as it stands at present, entitles them to demand.

His Majesty's Council cannot agree to a further emission of Paper, unless a similar provision, as above pointed out, is provided for the payment of the Interest on such new emission, so that no distinction may be made.

The Council, before they agree to any further emission of Paper, expect that provision be first made for paying half yearly, the interest which may arise on the Paper now in circulation, as well as any which may hereafter be issued, and that at the same time a reasonable Security may be given to provide for the payment of the Principal within a reasonable time.

Then the House adjourned until Seven o'Clock, Post Meridian.

The House met agreeably to the adjournment.

On motion, the Petition of James Leishman, and the report of the Committee respecting the same, were severally read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be, and they are hereby, authorised to suspend the operation of all and every Execution and Executions which shall or may be issued upon the Judgments mentioned in the said Report or any of them, so far as regards the Person of the said Petitioner, or any Property he may hereafter acquire, until they shall be of opinion the said Petitioner is enabled to make payment of the Balance which may remain due on the said several Judgments, or until the House of Assembly shall make a further Order relative thereto.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Petition of John Slatker be referred to the Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the further consideration of the application of Deputy-Commissary-General Damerum, for a Drawback of Duties on Rum purchased and issued to His Majesty's Troops, should be deferred until the next Session for further proof.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 600*l.* should be granted for the support 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 200*l.* should be granted to the Committee of the Acadian School in Halifax, towards the support of that Establishment.

Resolved

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 400l. should be granted to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, to defray certain expences incurred by them for extra Provisions, Clothing, &c. for the use of the Poor-House, in consequence of the great increase of Transient Paupers maintained therein during the last Quarter.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 6500l. should be granted towards completing the Province House: to be drawn for by Warrant of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief on the Treasury, and expended under the direction of the Commissioners appointed for that Building.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 100l. should be granted for rebuilding the Bridge over Port Metway River, on the main road from Shelburne to Halifax, carried away by the Ice on the 9th Instant.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted to rebuild the Bridge over the Great River on the Road between Liverpool and Shelburne, the same having been carried away by the Ice.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 250l. should be granted to open and improve the road from Fletcher's to Dartmouth, in addition to 150l. granted for that service this Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 100l. should be granted for repairing the road from Mr. Shaw's House to Sackville Bridge.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 500l. should be granted to the Trustees of the National School in Halifax, in aid for completing the Building lately erected by them for that Institution.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted for opening a River, about six miles north of Herring Cove, from a Saw Mill lately erected thereon, to the Pond on which one Eldad Nickerson's Saw Mill stands, in the Township of Liverpool.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted to Edmund Hickey, for his services as Master of the Grammar School at Lunenburg, for six months ending the 7th January, 1817, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 23l. 6s. 8d. should be granted to Jared I. Chipman, for his services in prosecuting Criminals for Capital Offences, in the Supreme Court at Liverpool, in July Term, in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 75l. should be granted to Colin Campbell, Esq. of Shelburne, in trust, to be applied by him towards the support of Donald M'Kay, and his Family, and to that purpose only: the said Donald M'Kay having by an accident been deprived of the use of his hands, while employed in opening a new Road from Shelburne to Liverpool in the last Summer; the same to be paid out in small sums from time to time, as it is not the intention of this House that any further sum shall be granted for the above purpose in any future Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 3l. 7s. 6d. should be granted to Charles Bacon, for carriage of three Directing Stones, for the use of the Post Road from Halifax to Windsor, per account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 500l. should be granted to the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, to aid them to found that Institution; the said sum not to be drawn from the Treasury until the Justices of the Peace for the said District, in their General Sessions, shall certify to His Excellency the Governor, that the sum of 1000l. has been raised by Private Subscriptions, and actually applied and expended for that purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted to assist the Inhabitants of the Harbour of Traccadie, in the County of Sydney, in deepening and clearing the entrance of the said Harbour, for the more safe and ready passage

of their Fishing and other Vessels, in addition to the sum subscribed by the said Inhabitants for that purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Douglas in removing obstructions in the Kenetcook River; to be applied by a Commissioner to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for that purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum, not exceeding 500l. should be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, for the purpose of securing and taking care of the Arms and Ammunition now lodged in the Block-Houses or places of deposit, and for such other purposes as may be authorized by the Militia Law, for the more effectually carrying that Law into effect.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 175l. should be granted for the Road through the Black Settlement of Hammond Plain, to the opening of the Sherbrooke Settlement.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 150l. should be granted for the Road, from the opening of the Sherbrooke Settlement, through the same, on the Road towards Annapolis.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 100l. should be granted for the Road from the West end of the Sherbrooke Settlement, to the Liverpool Road.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 175l. should be granted for the Road from Annapolis, to the Liverpool Road through the New Settlement, now forming.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, should be authorized and directed to give credit to Lawrence Hartshorne, Thomas Boggs and Lawrence Hartshorne, Jun. on their Bonds for Duties, to the amount of 74l. 18s. 6d. being for a reduction of the Excise Duties on 2998 Gallons of Wine of an inferior quality, imported by them from Gibraltar, in the brig Two Brothers, James Rundels, Master, in the month of April, 1816.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 22l. 9s. 3d. should be granted to John Carrol for a Drawback of the Excise Duties on 431 Gallons of Rum, by him exported to the Island of Cape-Breton, in a Vessel called the George, John Arthur, Master, in the year 1816.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 116l. 10s. should be granted to James Ferguson, being the amount paid or secured by him for the Excise Duty on a certain quantity of British Merchandise, and which article was consumed by Fire in his Warehouse, in the month of October, 1816.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, should be authorized and directed to give credit to John Moody, Alexander Stewart and J. Prescott Boyle, on their Bonds for Duties, to the amount of 113l. 6s. 7d. for a Drawback of the Excise Duties on certain quantities of Merchandise and other articles, exported by the Petitioners, in the years 1814, 1815 and 1816.

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

The said resolutions were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Marshall moved, that the resolution for granting 500l. to the Pictou Academy, be not agreed to by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, four; against it, twenty-one.

For the Motion,

Mr. Marshall
Mr. Purdy
Mr. Crane
Mr. Harris

Against the Motion,

Mr. Baker	Mr. Allison	Mr. James
Mr. Jones	Mr. Dimock	Mr. Wells
Mr. Manning	Mr. Mortimer	Mr. Archibald
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Pryor	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Marsters	Mr. Rouch	Mr. Pool
Mr. Rudolf	Mr. Chipman	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Shaw	Mr. Kent	Mr. Creighton

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Dimock moved, that the resolution for granting 250l. for the Road from Fletcher's to Dartmouth, be not agreed to : which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, four ; against it twenty-three.

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock
Mr. Manning
Mr. Allison
Mr. Crane.

Against the Motion,

Mr. Baker	Mr. Rouch	Mr. Fleming
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Chipman	Mr. James
Mr. Jones	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Shaw
Mr. Purdy	Mr. Pryor	Mr. Kent
Mr. Marsters	Mr. Wells	Mr. Harris
Mr. Rudolf	Mr. Haliburton	Mr. Creighton
Mr. Pool	Mr. Marshall	Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mortimer	

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 foregoing resolutions, and also the resolution for granting 300l. for the Bridewell, at Halifax, to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Tuesday, 24th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of an Act, made in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the appointment of Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire, without any amendment.

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

£600 for the Transient Poor	
200 for the Acadian School	
400 for the expenses of Transient Poor	
6,500 for the Province House	
100 for Port Metway Bridge	
50 to Edmund Hickey	
50 for Great River Bridge	
300 for the Bridewell in Halifax	
500 for the National School	

£. 23 6 8 to J. I. Chipman	
75 to Donald M'Kay	
3 7 6 to Charles Bacon	
50 for deepening the Harbour of Tracadie	
50 for clearing out the River Kenetcook	
500 to Lieut.-Gov. for certain services	
74 18 6 to Law. Hartshorne, and others	
150 for the Road from Sherbrooke Settlement towards Annapolis	

The Council have not agreed to seven resolutions of this House for granting the following sums : viz.

£. 250 for the Road from Fletcher's to Dartmouth	
100 for the Road from Shaw's to Sackville	
50 for opening a River at Liverpool	
500 for the Pictou Academy	
And then the Messenger withdrew.	

£. 175 for the Road through the Black Settlement at Hammond Plain	
100 for the Road from the Sherbrooke Settlement to the Liverpool Road	
175 for the Road from Annapolis to the Liverpool Road	

And

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference, by committee, on the subject of the Cornwallis Bridge 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 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.

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

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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 850l. should be granted to the Commissioner for erecting Cranberry Island Light-House, to complete the said Light House, agreeably to an Estimate laid before the Committee of Public Accounts.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 200l. should be granted for the following purposes, viz.

One hundred pounds to rebuild the Bridge over Clyde River in the County of Shelburne. Fifty pounds to rebuild the Bridge over Jordan River. And Fifty Pounds to rebuild the Bridge over Sable River in the said County. The said Bridges having been carried away by a Freshet on the 10th inst.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 100l. should be granted for the main Road from Noel Village, opposite Londonderry, to Thompson's Farm on the Beaver Bank Road, leading to Halifax.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 200l. should be granted to aid the Inhabitants on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, towards finishing the Pier at Arifag Point.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 20l. should be granted in addition to 30l. already appropriated, to build a Bridge over the West Branch of the North River in Onslow, near Daniel M'Cullam's.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 20l. should be granted to Jacob Ruston, a new Settler on the New Road from Remsheg to West Chester, he being of service to Travellers on that Road, there being no Inhabitants settled within many miles of his residence.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 456l. 15s. 7^d. should be granted to pay the Balance due to the Commissioners of Light-Houses, to the 31st December last, as reported by the committee of Public Accounts.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted to assist the Inhabitants of Blandford to finish the road towards Hammond Plain Road leading from Chester to Halifax.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 50*l.* should be granted to the Settlers on the 300 Acre Farm Lots, (2d Division) at Lunenburg, where Leonard Silber and others have settled, to assist them in making a Road towards Lahave River.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 353*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* should be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to defray the expenses of taking a Census of the Province; the said sum to be paid to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, agreeably to the Schedule undermentioned, viz.

Sydney	£31 10 0
Pictou	38 7 6
Colchester	31 10 0
Hants	29 15 0
Halifax	41 15 0
King's County	31 10 0
Queen's County	23 10 0
Cumberland	21 2 6
Lunenburg	29 12 6
Annapolis	4 3 13 9
Shelburne and its District	30 7 6

£353 13 9

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 10*l.* should be granted to John Stalker, a Commissioner, in the year 1816, for the road from Clyde River to Barrington Mill Brook, being for the like sum he expended on the said road, over and above the grant of the Legislature for the said service, in consequence of a mistake in his commission.

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 severally read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Dimock moved, that the resolution for granting 200*l.* for the Pier at Arifag Point, be not agreed to by the House: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen; against it fourteen—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 resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then the House adjourned until Seven of the Clock, Post Meridian.

The House met agreeably to adjournment.

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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to several resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 10*l.* should be granted

to the Clerk of the Council, for defraying the expense of Fuel for the use of the Council in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 10*l.* should be granted to the Clerk of the Assembly, for defraying the expense of Fuel, for the use of the House of Assembly, in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 25*l.* should be granted to John Lawson, Junior, for his services in drafting and copying Bills for the Members, and the House of Assembly, in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding 20*l.* should be granted to the Clerk of the Assembly, for defraying the expense of Stationary furnished for the use of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 100*l.* should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of extra Clerks, Servants, and other incidental Expenses, during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of 34*l.* 0*s.* 6½*d.* should be granted for defraying the balance now due for materials furnished, and repairs made, to the Government House.

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

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

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

Wednesday, 25th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the payment of Monies due to the Province, for Provisions supplied to the Inhabitants, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Kent, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the encouragement of the Cod Fishery of the Province, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Mortimer pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal and alter part of the Act, for establishing and founding an Academy at Pictou, and the same was 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,

On motion, 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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to regulate the payment of Monies due to the Province for Provisions supplied to the Inhabitants. Also, the Bill for the encouragement of the Cod Fishery of the Province. And also the Bill to repeal and alter part of the Act for establishing and founding an Academy at Pictou. And that they had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr.

Mr. Lawton, one of the Commissioners of the Revenue, having laid before the House, a Letter from the Attorney-General, written to the Commissioners of the Revenue, on the subject of Prosecutions, to be commenced against the King's Debtors, and requesting directions from them relative thereto, which Letter, Mr. Lawton deemed it expedient to communicate to the House, as on a subject of so much consequence, the Commissioners of the Revenue did not feel authorized, during the sitting of the House, to give any orders.

Resolved, unanimously, that it is the sense of the House, that as His Majesty's Debts are by Law directed to be secured by Bond, with sufficient Sureties, it will not be expedient to adopt any other mode for recovering the same than that heretofore practised, which, as the Personal Estate of the Obligors can be immediately taken and sold upon Execution, affords a remedy sufficiently expeditious to enforce payment of such Debts.

Resolved, unanimously, that the Commissioners of the Revenue furnish the Attorney-General with the names of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, at the Out-Ports in this Province, who are Debtors to the Province, and with the sums due by them respectively, and to require him forthwith to proceed against them for the recovery thereof, and that the Attorney-General be directed to proceed, also, against such persons who have given Bonds for Plaster of Paris Duties as shall be particularly named by the said Commissioners on their application, and that the Commissioners shall exercise their discretion respecting the persons who shall be proceeded against.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the conference, as desired by the House yesterday, on the subject of the Treasury Note Bill.

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.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the rebuilding and repairing Cornwallis Bridge, without any amendment.

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

£ 22 9 3	to John Carrol	£ 353 13 9	for taking a Census
116 10 0	to James Ferguson	10 0 0	to Clerk of Assembly for Fuel
850 0 0	for the Cranberry Island Light-House	10 0 0	to the Clerk of Council for do.
200 0 0	for Bridges in the County of Shelburne	25 0 0	to John Lawson, Jun.
200 0 0	for Arisag Pier	20 0 0	to the Clerk of the Assembly, for Stationary
20 0 0	to Jacob Rushton	10 0 0	to John Stalker
456 15 7	to the Commissioners of Light Houses	100 0 0	to the Clerk of the Assembly
		341 0 6½	for repairs of Govt. House

The Council have not agreed to four resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums,

£. 100	for the Road from Noel, to Beaver Bank Road
20	for a Bridge in Onflow
20	for the Road from Blandford, towards Hammond Plain
50	for a Road from the 300 Acre Lots at Lunenburg.

The Council request a further conference, on the subject of the Treasury Note Bill. And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the privilege of the Members of this House from arrest, in all cases, except for Treason, Felony, or Breach of the Peace, exist during the Session of the House, and for a convenient time after every prorogation or end of a Session, and before the time of the next appointed meeting, and that such convenient time is, according to the usage of the Commons House of Parliament, forty days.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and inform His Excellency that, previous to the House receiving the Message of His Excellency of the 10th February last, relative to distressed Persons mentioned in the Message, the House had voted the sum of 200l. for their relief, and that the House will provide for the payment of the sum of 100l. advanced by His Excellency for that purpose, by a clause to be inserted in the Appropriation Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Marshall and Mr. James, be a Committee accordingly.

On motion, *resolved*, that the House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the Petition of the Reverend James Robson, William Black, and others, Ministers of the Protestant Religion, not connected with the Church of England.

An engrossed Bill for the Encouragement of the Cod Fishery of the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the Encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that the Secretary of the Province do furnish His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the names of all such Collectors of Impost and Excise, in the different Out-Ports of the Province, as have neglected to give the Security required by an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly; and that His Excellency be requested to appoint other Persons in the places of those who have so failed to give Security.

Ordered, That the Clerk do furnish the Secretary of the Province with a copy of the foregoing Resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare and bring in a Bill, for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already Appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

Thursday, 26th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to repeal and alter part of the Act for establishing and founding an Academy at Pictou, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Marshall moved, that a clause be added to the said Bill, as follows, viz.

And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be of any force or effect until His Majesty's Pleasure is known thereon—which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal and alter part of

of an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for Founding, Establishing and Maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, in this Province.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the payment of Monies due to the Province, for Provisions supplied to the Inhabitants, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to regulate the payment of Monies due to the Province, for Provisions supplied to the Inhabitants, and to apply the same to the service of Roads and Bridges.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Bills, and also the Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill in, addition to the Act for the repairing, keeping in repair, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and the same were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

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

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the conference, as desired by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Haliburton, 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 a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the payment of Monies due to the Province, for Provisions supplied to the Inhabitants, and to apply the same to the service of Roads and Bridges; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, severally without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Clerk, pursuant to order, presented to the House an engrossed Bill, for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, and the said Bill was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and also, the Petition of the Reverend James Robson, William Black, and others, and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Then the House adjourned until Seven of the Clock, Post Meridian.

The House met agreeably to adjournment.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee appointed to joint a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Fisheries of the Province; that the joint Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows :

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honourable

GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

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

The Address of His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly,

May it please Your Excellency :

THAT His Majesty's Subjects, the People of this Province, anxiously hope that His Majesty's Government will take effectual steps to prevent Foreign Fishing Vessels from resorting, under any pretence, to the harbours, rivers, creeks, and bays, on the sea coast of Nova-Scotia, and such parts of the shores of the Bay of Fundy, as are within His Majesty's Dominions, and of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton, and the Magdalen Islands, the Labrador Shore, and the Straits of Bellisle; and also, to prohibit them from taking Fish of any kind within the said harbours, bays, rivers and creeks, or upon the Banks and Shores, contiguous thereto.

Whatever right Foreigners may have to take Fish in the open waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the People of this Province conceive they cannot have a right to enter the said Gulf, through the narrow Strait or Passage which separates Nova-Scotia from Cape Breton, it being unquestionably a part of the Territory of the Crown, into which Foreigners can have no right to enter, as it is an Arm of the Sea, extending in length between both shores about twenty-one miles, and in width not more than one mile in the widest part, and about half a mile in the narrowest part; and Foreigners, if excluded from this inlet, can have no right to complain, as they have free access into the said Gulf through the open sea that lies between Cape-Breton and Newfoundland; and the People of this Province consider the Straits of Bellisle, in like manner, the exclusive property of the Crown.

That His Majesty's Subjects, the People of this Province, are of opinion that Foreigners have no more right to pass into the Gulf of St. Lawrence or into the Bay of Fundy,

for the purpose of Fishing therein, or within the line which separates the Territory of His Majesty, in the last mentioned Bay, from the Territory of the United States, than His Majesty's subjects have to pass into the Bay of Chesapeake or Bay of Delaware for the purpose of taking Fish.

That British Fishermen are in a great measure excluded from the most valuable Fisheries on the Labrador shore, under pretence of exclusive privileges which the North-West Company, and other Companies and Individuals also claim, under certain pretended Leases, made by His Majesty's Government in Lower Canada, whereby they monopolize the exclusive right of Hunting and Fishing on a vast extent of the Labrador shore; under the colour of these unjust monopolies, Foreigners obtain the liberty of Hunting and Fishing on those shores, to the exclusion of His Majesty's subjects; and the same evils arise from the improvident grants which have been made of the Magdalen Islands.

That since the last Peace with the United States of America, Foreign Fishing Vessels resort, as they did before the war, to the harbours, rivers, and creeks, on the Labrador shore, in number so far exceeding the British Fishing Vessels, that British Subjects can only Fish there at the will and pleasure of Foreigners, they being unable to resist their superior force and numbers.

That Foreign Vessels, also, resort to all the other harbours, rivers, and creeks, on the Coast of British North-America, the same as they did previous to the last war with the United States of America; which is totally subversive of the rights of His Majesty, and destructive of the best interests of his subjects.

We pray your Excellency to move His Majesty's Government, for such instructions as will clearly describe what are the rights of the Crown, as touching the premises, and the course to be pursued, to prevent Foreigners from infringing such rights, and, on the behalf of the People of this Province, we engage they will use their utmost endeavours to maintain and defend the same.

We also pray your Excellency to call the attention of His Majesty's Government, and the Governor-General of the North-American Colonies, to the destructive monopolies claimed on the Labrador Shore, and the improvident Grant of the Magdalen Islands, so that proper steps may be taken to remove all impediments to the Fishery of His Majesty's Subjects, under such rules and regulations as His Majesty's Government may think proper to establish; and we further pray your Excellency to request the Admirals Commanding in Chief on the North-American, and Newfoundland Stations, to use their best endeavours to exclude Foreigners from the Fisheries which belong exclusively to British Subjects, and to prevent every infringement of the Maritime and Territorial rights of His Majesty's North-American Colonies.

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

Resolved, That the 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.

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the Petition of the Reverend James Robson, William Black, and others.

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; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, consider further of the Petition of the Reverend James Robson, William Black, and others.

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

Friday, 27th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

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

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House for appointing Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. the Agent of the Province.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the 41st year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the repairing, keeping in repair, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein; and also, to suspend the power and authority vested in the Surveyors of Highways, within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, after the first day of August next, during the operation of this Act, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Petition of the Rev. James Robson, Wm. Black and others.

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 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 Prayer of the Petition should be granted, and that it be recommended to the House to adopt such measures as shall be necessary to effect the object sought for by the Petitioners.

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

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be requested, (in case he shall consider himself authorized by Law so to do,) to grant Licenses to Clergymen dissenting from the Church of England, authorizing them to celebrate Marriages, pursuant to the Rites and Ceremonies of their respective Churches, and that Mr. Speaker do deliver the foregoing Resolution to His Excellency.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, 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.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the resolution of this House, of Wednesday last, on the subject of his Excellency's Message to this House of the 10th February last; that they had, pursuant to the Order of the House, waited on, and delivered to His Excellency the said resolution.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform His Excellency, that this House have finished the Public Business of the Session.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Wells and Mr. Freeman, be a committee for the above purpose.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Second Volume of Province Laws be delivered to each of the Clerks of the Peace, and each of the Town Clerks, in the respective Counties and Districts of the Province; and also, that the First Volume of the said Laws be furnished to such of the Members as have not already had one.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform His Excellency that the House had finished the Public Business of the Session, that the Committee had waited on His Excellency, pursuant to the Order of the House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would be ready to prorogue the House this Day, at two of the Clock.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, viz.

An Act for the Encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province.

An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes.

An Act in addition to the Acts to prevent the forestalling Cord Wood.

An Act to regulate the payment of the Monies due to the Province for Provisions supplied to the Inhabitants, and to apply the same to the service of Roads and Bridges.

An Act relating to Trespasses.

An Act to amend and continue an Act, passed in the 51st year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province.

An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the forty-first year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the repairing, keeping in repair, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein; and also, to suspend the power and authority vested in the Surveyors of Highways, within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, after the first day of August next, during the operation of this Act.

An Act to continue an Act, passed in the 52d year of His 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 to continue an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts in this Province; and also the Act, passed in the 54th year of His Majesty's Reign, in amendment thereof.

An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the appointing of Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire.

An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act, passed in the first year of His Majesty's

ty's reign, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, entitled, An Act for preventing Trespasses, to the Town of Pictou and the Town Plot of Dartmouth.

An Act to 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 in addition to an Act, passed in the 34th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Township of Lunenburg.

An Act to prevent the Issue of Notes or Bills by any Corporate Body within this Province, for the payment of Money.

An Act to encourage Persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and authorising Courts of Sessions to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers in this Province.

An Act to continue and amend an Act, passed in the 38th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to Survey the same.

An Act for rebuilding and repairing Cornwallis Bridge.

The President of His Majesty's Council then presented to His Excellency, the Joint Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Fisheries of the Province; to which Address His Excellency was pleased to say: that he would take the earliest opportunity of transmitting the same to His Majesty's Ministers, and solicit their immediate attention to it.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows:

May it please Your Excellency:

I beg leave to present to your Excellency, on the behalf of His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Nova-Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in the present Session for the support of His Majesty's Government for the present year, and to request your Excellency's Assent to the same.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the 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 eighteen, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech:

MR. PRESIDENT, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council:

MR. SPEAKER, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—

I AM happy to have it in my power to close this Session of Assembly, at so early a period.

The various and important business which has been brought before you, has been discussed with an assiduity and attention, that claim my warmest thanks.

In giving my approbation to the measures which have passed into law, I think it my duty, candidly, to express my regret at the resolutions of the House of Assembly, on the state of the Militia.

I consider that subject of great importance to the welfare of this Province; not only as rendering more efficient the Constitutional Military Establishment, for the safety of your Coasts,

Coasts, but as calling forth an habitual exercise of that public spirit, which is essential to the prosperity of the Country.

I still recommend to your serious attention, and I will yet depend upon that support which has been long and steadily given to the Executive Government, and which has, eminently contributed to the peace, prosperity and security, of the Province.

I thank you for the liberal grants you have voted for the Public Service, they shall be applied with the utmost care, to the objects to which they have been appropriated.

As the time, limited by law, for the duration of this General Assembly, will soon expire, it will become my duty, in the course of the summer, to dissolve it, and call a new Assembly. It must be highly gratifying to you, to reflect, that this Assembly has now advanced to its latest period, in cordial and uninterrupted unanimity between the several branches of the Legislature. Your zeal, your persevering endeavours, and your liberality, in promoting objects of public interest, have been uniform in each succeeding Session.

The advantages arising from that honorable and faithful discharge of your public duties, must be widely felt, and gratefully acknowledged; to me it is most pleasing, thus to record my testimony at the close of this Assembly; and I now take my leave of you, with a fervent prayer, that happiness and prosperity may attend you all individually.

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 Eleventh Day of June next, to be then here held; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the Eleventh Day of June next.