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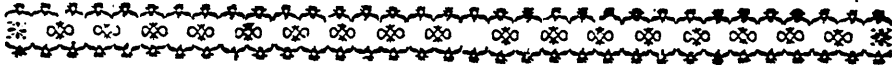
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## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

*Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA.*

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Monday 6th June, 1791.

**T**HE House met agreeable to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Proclamation.

House met.

The Speaker took the Chair.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, commanding the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Message from His Excellency.

The Speaker and the House attended accordingly, And being returned.

The Speaker reported, that they had attended upon His Excellency, and that he was pleased to make a Speech; a Copy of which he read, and is as followeth;

GENTLEMEN of the Council and House of Assembly.

“ **T**HE Wisdom of the Measures pursued by His Majesty, for  
 “ securing to His Dominions Tranquility, having providential-  
 “ ly succeeded, by a Pacific Conclusion of the Differences with Spain ;  
 “ You are now at Liberty to profit by the Advantages, which the  
 “ Blessings of Peace offer ; And to take under your Consideration  
 “ the means whereby the Condition of this Province may be further  
 “ improved, and the Progress to a flourishing State promoted.

His Excellency's Speech.

“ Besides the important Objects of Agriculture and the Fisheries,  
 “ the State of the Revenue must claim your particular Attention ;  
 “ inasmuch as they are become inadequate to the Exigencies of Go-  
 “ vernment, and to the Demands of the Publick Creditors.

“ This matter, Gentlemen, requires your most serious Consideration ;

“ tion : That the Persons who have relied on the Faith of this Pro-  
“ vince may have no further reason to complain, and may rest satisfied  
“ with the Security You shall provide for the Discharge of their  
“ Claims.—On this Occasion, so important, I cannot urge You too  
“ strenuously : And I shall rely on Your utmost Exertions for a pur-  
“ pose so pressing and necessary for Your own Credit, Welfare and  
“ Prosperity.

“ In the course of Your Session the Revival of expiring and neces-  
“ sary Laws, with all the requisite Amendments and Explanations  
“ of the Laws in General, will come under your Consideration.

“ The Proper Officers will lay before You all Papers necessary  
“ for Your Inspection and Information.—Unanimity in Your Delibera-  
“ tions will much forward the Dispatch of Your Transactions and  
“ will leave You at Liberty to follow Your other necessary Pur-  
“ suits and Avocations.

“ My Wishes, Gentlemen for Your Welfare are earnest, and You  
“ cannot afford me any thing more grateful, than the means of pro-  
“ moting it.”

Committee appoin-  
ted to prepare an  
Address.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Fillis*, be a  
Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to His Excellency's  
Speech.

Committee appoin-  
ted to examine pub-  
lic accounts.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *James*, Mr. *Sherlock*, Mr. *Leckie*, Mr. *Wat-*  
*lace*, and Captain *White*, be a Committee of this House, to join a  
Committee of His Majesty's Council for the purpose of examining  
the public Accounts, and reporting thereon.

Council appoint a  
Committee on pub-  
lic accounts.

A Message from the Council acquainting the House, that they had  
appointed a Committee for the purpose of examining the public Ac-  
counts jointly with a Committee of this House.

Order thereon.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Putnam* acquaint the Council, that the House  
has appointed a Committee for the above purpose, and that they will  
be ready to meet their Committee at such Time as the Council shall  
appoint.

*Resolved,* That no Petition of a private Nature, be received after  
Wednesday the Fifteenth Instant.

Resolution to con-  
sider System of Re-  
venue and State of  
Provincial Funds.

*Resolved,* That this House will on Thursday next resolve itself into  
a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the pre-  
sent System of Revenue, and State of the Provincial Funds.

The House then adjourned until To-Morrow at half past Nine of  
the Clock.

Tuesday 7th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do lay before this House all the Accounts and Papers respecting the State of the Provincial Revenue and Funds.

Treasurer to deliver accounts and papers to the House.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported a Draft, which being twice read, was agreed to unanimously; ordered to be engrossed, and is as followeth.

Address reported.

To HIS EXCELLENCY

J O H N P A R R, Esq.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the Same, &c. &c. &c.

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Commons of the Province of Nova-Scotia, in General Assembly convened; return your Excellency our sincere Thanks for your Speech, at the opening of the Session.

We are thoroughly sensible of the inestimable Blessings of Peace, and gratefully acknowledge the Wisdom of his Majesty's Conduct, and his Paternal Attention to his Subjects, in having, under such unfavorable Circumstances, hitherto preserved it, and we earnestly Hope for the general Happiness of the Empire, as well as the particular Interest of this Colony, that it may be long uninterruptedly continued.

The Time of Peace, is the Season of Improvement, and we assure your Excellency, that as we most earnestly and zealously wish for the Advancement and Prosperity of this Colony, so our most strenuous Endeavours, shall be exerted to the Accomplishment of them.

It is with singular Satisfaction, that we now at last, see, not Commerce only, but Agriculture and Science beginning to rear their Heads:—To cherish and advance these to the utmost, must ever be the Object of a wise Legislature, and under the Blessing of Heaven, we know of Nothing equal to that Effect, but Unanimity, Steadiness, and Virtue.—Wise, wholesome and well executed Laws, and an efficient, well regulated Revenue, that will enable them to Act upon every Occasion, with Ease, Confidence, and Energy.

“ We

“ We beg leave therefore, to assure your Excellency, that as our  
“ Minds are deeply impressed with a Sense of these Truths, so we  
“ shall not be wanting on our Parts, to endeavour, by every means  
“ in our Power to bring them forth into Effect.

“ The several important Matters recommended to us by your  
“ Excellency, we shall take into our most serious Consideration.”

Correspondence  
with the Provincial  
Agent communi-  
cated.

The Speaker communicated to the House, his Correspondence on  
the Business of the Province with the Provincial Agent Mr. *Cumber-*  
*land*, and Col. *Lawrence*.

*Ordered*, That it do lie on the Table.

Bill for establishing  
a Charity School in  
*Halifax*, read a first  
time.

Pursuant to leave given Mr. *Pyke* presented a Bill, *for establishing a*  
*Charity School in the Town of Halifax*, and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Accounts & Papers  
received from the  
Treasurer.

Pursuant to Order, the Treasurer presented to the House the Ac-  
counts and Papers respecting the State of the Provincial Revenue and  
Funds.

*Ordered*, That they do lie on the Table for the inspection of Mem-  
bers.

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow at half past One of the  
Clock.

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Wednesday 8th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Letter from *John*  
*Day*, Esq; Repre-  
sentative for *New-*  
*port*, read.

The Speaker communicated to the House a Letter from *John Day*,  
Esq; Representative for the Township of *Newport*, informing him,  
that he has accepted the Appointment of Sheriff for the County of  
*Hants*, which requiring his constant Attendance in the County, he  
therefore hopes the House will not subject him to the Inconvenience  
of attending this Session, but will allow him to resign his Seat as Re-  
presentative for the Township of *Newport*, and thereupon,

Resolution thereon.

*Resolved*, That his Seat be declared vacant, and that the Speaker  
be desired, to request His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, would  
be pleased to cause a new Writ to be issued for the Election of a Mem-  
ber for the Township of *Newport* in the Room of *John Day*, Esq.

A Message from the Council to acquaint the House, that their  
Committee, appointed to examine the public Accounts, was ready to  
meet the Committee of this House on that Business in the Council  
Chamber To-Morrow at Ten o’Clock,

*Ordered*, That the Committee do attend accordingly.

House wait on his  
Excellency with  
their Address.

The Address being engrossed,  
The Speaker informed the House, the Governor was ready to re-  
ceive the same at the Government House,

The Speaker and the House attended accordingly,

And being Returned,

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The Speaker resumed the Chair, and *reported*, that the House delivered the Address to His Excellency, who was pleased to give the following Answer Thereto :

GENTLEMEN,

“ THE due Sense you entertain of the Sources whence the Welfare of this Province is to proceed, gives me great Satisfaction and the Disposition you manifest to profit of every Advantage that may offer, assures me of the Success of your Endeavours.”

His Excellency's Answer.

The House then adjourned until To-morrow at half past Nine of the o'Clock.

Thursday 9th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Pyke* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*; and also to alter and amend, an Act passed in the first Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for repairing and mending Highways, Bridges, Streets &c.* And the same was read a first Time,

Bill for laying Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*, read first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

On Motion, the Order of the day for taking into Consideration, the State of the Revenue and Funds, was adjourned until Monday next the 13th Instant.

Order of the Day adjourned.

The *Bill for establishing a Charity School in the Town of Halifax*, was read a second time.

Bill for establishing a Charity School in *Halifax*, read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do lie on the Table, to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, ordered, that Major *Barclay*, Major *Millidge*, Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *McMonagle*, be a Committee for the Purpose of preparing and bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the *Act for regulating and Maintaining a House of Correction or Work House within the Town of Halifax*, and for binding out Poor Children.

Committee appointed to prepare a Bill to extend work House Act.

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

Friday 10th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *John Lawson*, was presented by Mr. *Hill*, and reading setting forth that the Petitioner imported Ten Puncheons of Rum from the West Indies in May last, and praying he may be relieved from paying the Impost Duties demanded thereon, for Reasons offered in the Petition.

Petition of *John Lawson*, presented.

Petition of *Michael Wallace*, presented.

A Petition of *Michael Wallace*, was presented by Mr. *Hill*, and read, setting forth that the Petitioner imported Twenty Eight Funcheons of Rum from the Island of *Grenada* in 1787, and praying he may be relieved from paying the Impost Duties demanded thereon, for Reasons offered in the Petition.

*Ordered*, That the Petitions do severally lie on the Table.

Bill for laying a Duty on Wheel Carriages read a second Time.

The Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*, &c. was read a second time, and thereupon.

Resolution thereon.

Mr. *Hill* moved, that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, which being put, passed in the Negative.

Committee appointed upon the Subject of Petitions to His Majesty.

On Motion of Major *Barclay*, *Ordered*, That Major *Barclay*, Mr. *Wilkins* and Mr. *Jessen*, be a Committee to wait upon his Excellency, to request he would be pleased to inform the House, whether he has received any Answers to the several Petitions from this House to his Majesty in their last Session, and which were transmitted by his Excellency.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at half past nine of the Clock.

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Saturday 11th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Resolution for Attendance of Members.

On Motion of Major *Millidge*, *Resolved*, That the Speaker do in the Name of the House command the immediate Attendance of all those Members, who have not yet appeared in the House this Session.

On Motion of Mr. *Wilkins*, leave was given to bring in a Bill to remedy the Inconveniencies, that have arisen in Consequence of the Appropriation Bill of the last Session, not having passed into a Law, and thereupon,

Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for appropriating Supplies, granted in last Session.

*Ordered*, That Major *Barclay*, Mr. *Wilkins*, and Mr. *Belcher*, be a Committee for the Purpose of preparing, and bringing in a Bill accordingly.

House resolve itself into Committee, on Charity School Bill.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the Bill for *Establishing a Charity School in Halifax*.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Col. *Tonge*, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and agreed to the same with Amendments, which report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday.

Order thereon.

Major

Major *Barclay*, reported to the House that the Committee had waited upon his Excellency upon the subject of the several Petitions from this House to his Majesty in the last Session, and that his Excellency was pleased to inform them, he had transmitted to his Majesty's Ministers the several Petitions and Papers delivered to him by the House, in their last Session, and had received two Letters from his Majesty's Secretary of State, acknowledging he had received the same, and that they had been laid before his Majesty, and that his Excellency had received no further Answer to such Petitions.

Report from Committee on subject of Petitions to His Majesty.

Major *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for preventing the Introduction of indigent and dissolute Persons into this Province, which are, or may be likeley to become Chargeable to the same, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill for preventing Introduction of indigent Persons into this Province, read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

Mr. *Jessen*, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill in Addition to and Amendment of an Act made in the 28th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for the better Establishment of Fees, &c. as regulated by the Governor and Council at the request of the House of Assembly, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill in Addition to Act for Establishment of Fees, read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned until Monday at half past Nine of the Clock.

Monday 13th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for Establishing a Charity School, or Schools in the Town of Halifax, being engrossed, was read a third time and passed.

A Bill for establishing a Charity School or Schools in the Town of Halifax. Sent to the Council

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Morris* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. *Morris* reported, That he had delivered the Bill to the Council.

A Petition of *Alexander Cocken* was presented by Mr. *Leckie*, and read, setting forth : that he has been appointed Keeper of the Light House on *M'Nutts* Island, by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and praying some allowance for his services.

Petition of *Alexander Cocken*, presented.

*Ordered*, That it do lie on the Table.

Major *Barclay*, reported from the Committee and presented a Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year 1790, and for appropriating such part of the supplies granted in the said Year 1790, as now remain unappropriated, which was read a first time,

Bill for appropriating Supplies granted in 1790, read a first Time.

On Motion the said Bill was read a second time, committed, *Ordered* to be engrossed and read a third time.

Order thereon.

On



Order of the Day  
adjourned.

On Motion, the Order of the Day for considering the State of the Revenue and Funds, was adjourned until Wednesday next.

Bill for preventing  
introduction of In-  
digent Persons into  
this Province, read  
a second time.

The *Bill for preventing the Introduction of indigent and dissolute Persons into this Province*, which are or may be likely to become chargeable to the same, was read a second time, and

House resolve itself  
into Committee.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the above Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again upon the further Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

Committee appoin-  
ted to examine into  
the State of Poor  
House.

On Motion of Major *Barclay*, Ordered, That Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Belcher*, Major *Crane*, Major *Millidge*, and Mr. *Schwartz* be a Committee to examine into the present State of the Poor House at *Halifax*, and report to the House, what Number of Persons have been bound out, removed, or Died since the 6th of *March* 1790, who were maintained and supported out of the General Funds of the Province.

Petition of *Jonathan*  
*Prescott*, and others  
presented.

A Petition of *Jonathan Prescott*, *James Green* and *Thomas Thomson*, was presented by Mr. *Morris* and read, setting forth that the Petitioners have expended nearly to the Amount of Fifty Pounds for making the road leading from *Chester* to *Windsor*, and praying they may be reimbursed the same.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Bill for appropriat-  
ing Supplies grant-  
ed in 1790.

The *Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year 1790, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies in the said year 1790, as now remain unappropriated*, being engrossed, was read a third time, and passed.

Sent to the Council

Ordered, That Mr. *Bulkeley* do carry the above Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. *Bulkeley*, reported, That he had delivered the Bill to the Council.

Committee appoin-  
ted on expiring  
Laws.

Ordered, That Major *Barclay*, Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Wilkins* be a Committee to prepare, and bring in a *Bill for the purpose of continuing the several Laws, which are nearly expiring, and necessary to be continued*.

Mr. *Jessen* by leave, withdrew the Bill in Amendment of the Act for the Establishing of Fees, &c.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

Tuesday 14th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Philip Van Courtland*, and *Jonatban Tremain*, was presented by Major *Millidge* and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners imported a Quantity of Rum from the Island of *Dominica*, upon which the Impost Duties have been demanded, and praying they may be relieved from paying the same for reasons stated in the Petition.

Petition of *Philip Van Courtland* and *Jonatban Tremain*, presented.

A Petition of *Philip Van Courtland*, was presented by Mr. *Wilkins*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner imported a Quantity of Rum from the Island of *Grenada*, upon which the Impost Duties have been demanded, and praying he may be relieved from paying the same, for reasons Stated in the Petition.

Also Petition of *Philip Van Courtland*, presented.

Ordered, That the Petitions do severally lie on the Table.

Order thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Leckie*, Mr. *Schwartz*, Mr. *Woollenhaupt*, Mr. *Wallace* and Mr. *Cochran*, be a Committee for the Purpose of examining into the present State of the Light Houses, on *Sambro* and *M<sup>c</sup>Nutt's* Island, and also to prepare, and bring in a Bill to provide for the Support of the same.

Committee appointed on subject of Light Houses on *Sambro* & *M<sup>c</sup>Nutt's* Island.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, resolved, That his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be addressed to permit by Proclamation after the 18th *November* next ensuing, the Importation only, of Scantling, Planks, Staves, Heading Boards, Shingles, Hoops or squared Timber of any Sort; Bread, Biscuit, Flour, Pease, Wheat, Rice, Oats, Barley or Grain of any Sort, and to prohibit the importation of every other Article whatever from the *United States of America*.

Resolution respecting Importation of Articles from the United States.

Ordered, That Major *Barclay*, Col. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Belcher*, be a Committee to prepare an Address accordingly.

Order thereon.

A Petition of *Benjamin Bridge*, was presented by Mr. *Morris*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has been appointed Captain of the Fire Engine Company in *Halifax*, and praying, that the Law relating to said Establishment may be amended, to enable him to execute his Duty more fully, and advantageously, to the Public.

Petition of *Benjamin Bridge*, presented.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at half past nine of the Clock.

Wednesday 15th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, with the Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the services of the year 1790, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in the said Year 1790, as now remain unappropriated, agreed to by the Council.

Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in the last Session. Agreed to by the Council.

Address to his Excellency reported.

Major Barclay, reported, from the Committee appointed Yesterday, to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Importation of certain Articles from the *United States of America*, and presented a Draft of an Address to his Excellency, which was twice read and is as follows :

To HIS EXCELLENCY

J O H N P A R R, Esq.

*Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

The humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Province of *Nova-Scotia* in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*May it please your Excellency,*

“ **T**HE *House of Assembly* having seriously considered the present  
“ Situation of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, and being perfectly  
“ ly convinced, that the Resources of the Province, are now fully  
“ adequate to the supply of its Inhabitants, in many of the Articles  
“ hitherto permitted by your Excellency to be imported from the  
“ *United States of America*, earnestly request your Excellency will be  
“ pleased, from and after the Eighteenth Day of *November* next, to  
“ permit the Importation only of Scantling, Planks, Staves, Heading  
“ Boards, Shingles, Hoops, Bread, Biscuit, Flour, Pease, Wheat,  
“ Rye, Rice and Indian Corn, and prohibit the Importation of all  
“ other Goods and Commodities whatever, which your Excellency  
“ may be authorized to permit, in, and by an *Act of Parliament* passed  
“ in the *Twenty eight Year* of His Majesty's *Reign*, intituled, “ An Act  
“ for regulating the Trade between His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations  
“ in *North-America*, and in the *West-India* Islands, and the  
“ Countries belonging to the *United States of America*, and between His  
“ Majesty's said Subjects, and the Foreign Islands in the *West Indies*.”

*Ordered*, That the Address be engrossed.

A Petition of *William Lawlor* presented.

A Petition of *William Lawlor*, was presented by Mr. *Morris*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has at a very heavy Expence, erected a Mill and Presses for making linseed Oil, and praying he may be allowed a Bounty on the Oil so manufactured by him.

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Bill to authorize Justices of Supreme Court to take Bail from Persons removing Causes from Inferior Courts, read a first time.

Major *Barclay* pursuant to leave, presented a *Bill to empower His Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court, to require and take Bail from Persons removing, or bringing up Causes from Inferior Courts to the Supreme Court*, and the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill do lie on the Table, to be read a second time.

Major

Major *Barclay*, moved, That the House should come to the following Resolution.

Motion relative to the Justices of the Supreme Court.

(“ WHEREAS *Elisba Lawrence*, Esq; Agent for this House, has communicated to us, that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct and order, that the Articles of Impeachment, by this House sustained, against the Honorable *Isaac Deschamps*, and *James Brenton*, Esquires, the two Puisne Justices of the *Supreme Court*, should be heard and determined before his Majesty in Council, and whereas, the said *Isaac Deschamps*, and *James Brenton*, have by their Solicitor obtained Permission to examine, and take Evidence in the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, for their defence.”)

Resolved therefore, That *Thomas Barclay*, *Jonathan Sterns*, and *Foster Hutchinson*, Junr. Esquires, be, and are hereby appointed Agents for the purpose of attending such Examination, and taking of Evidence, and cross examining the same, on due Notice being given the said Agents, by the aforesaid Justices of the *Supreme Court*, or their Solicitor or Attorney, and that the said Agents, transmit such Examination and cross Examination to the Agents of this House, to be by them used on the Trial of the said Justices, which being put, the House agreed to the same.

Resolution thereon.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Yarmouth* and *Argyle*, was presented by Mr. *Poole*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners suffer great Inconvenience from being obliged to attend the *General Sessions of the Peace* at *Shelburne*, and praying relief.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Yarmouth* and *Argyle*, presented.

A Petition of *David Seabury*, and others, was presented by Major *Barclay*, and read, setting forth; that they have been appointed Commissioners for superintending the Building a Bridge over *Allen's Creek*, near *Annapolis Royal*, and praying the Aid of the Legislature to enable them to carry it into effect.

A Petition of *David Seabury*, and others presented.

Ordered, That the Petitions do severally lie on the Table.

Order thereon.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, being engrossed, was read a third time, and thereupon.

Captain *Howe*, moved, That the Speaker and the House should present the same to His Excellency, which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Twelve, against it Ten.

Motion respecting the Address to His Excellency.

Resolved, That the House will attend his Excellency accordingly, at such time as he shall be pleased to appoint for that Purpose, and that the Speaker acquaint him therewith.

Resolution thereon.

A Petition of *John Nevil*, Goaler (recommended to the Consideration of the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor) was presented, and read, setting forth; that he was appointed to that Office in 1777, at £20. per annum, and praying payment of his Account annexed, amounting to £56. 3s.

A Petition of *John Nevil* presented.

A Petition of *Timothy Folger*, presented.

A Petition of *Timothy Folger* was presented by Mr. *Hill*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner imported from the Island of *Grenada* in *October* 1788, a Quantity of Rum, and Sugar, upon which the Impost Duties have been demanded, and praying he may be relieved from paying the same, for reasons stated in the Petition.

A Petition of *James Kavanagh*, and others, presented.

A Petition of *James Kavanagh* and others, was presented by Mr. *Morris*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners sent to the Island of *Cape Briton* in 1785, large Quantities of Dutiable Articles for the Use of their Fisheries, and praying they may be allowed the Amount of the sunk Duty paid by them thereon, for reasons stated in the Petition.

Ordered, That the Petitions to severally lie on the Table.

Resolved, That the House will on Saturday next the 18th Instant, go into the Consideration of private Petitions.

Order of the day adjourned.

On Motion, the Order of the Day, for taking into Consideration the State of the Revenue and Funds, was adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House then adjourned until To-morrow at half past Nine of the o'Clock.

### Thursday 16th June, 1791.

#### PRAYERS.

The Speaker read an Apology from *Jeremiab Northup*, Esq; for his Non-Attendance, which was accepted by the House.

Bill for regulating Marriage and Divorce, &c. read a first Time.

*Major Bartley*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating Marriage and Divorce, and for preventing and punishing Incest, Adultery and Fornication, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill in Amendment of Act for rating and levying Expences attending Writs of Partition, read a first Time.

Mr. *Poole*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to and Amendment of an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for Rating and levying the Expences attending the Executing Writs of Partition, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bills do lie on the Table, to be read a second Time.

Bill to empower Justices of Supreme Court, to take Bail from Persons removing Causes from Inferior Courts, read a second Time.

The Bill to empower His Majesty's Justices of the *Supreme Court*, to require and take Bail, from Persons removing or bringing up Causes from *Inferior Courts*, to the *Supreme Court*, was read a second Time.

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

Bill in Addition to Act for Establishing times of holding Inferior Courts, &c. at *Yarmouth*, read a first Time.

Mr. *Poole*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to an Act, for Establishing the times of holding an Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the Township of *Yarmouth*, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do lie on the Table, to be read a second Time.

The Committee of His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, made a report, which was read, and is as followth viz.

Committee on public Accounts Report.

- The Treasurer's Accounts to the 26th of May 1791, are Exact well Stated and properly Vouched.
- Collectors of Impost and Excise Accounts at Halifax:* The Collector's Accounts of Excise and Impost for the District of *Halifax*, to the 31st *March* 1791, are Exact well Stated, and properly Vouched (except £.53. 3. charged by them for Stationary from 1st *September* 1782, and 30th *August* 1787) and have paid to the Treasurer. £.6385. 5. 6.
- Shelburne:* The Collector of Excise and Impost has rendered his Accounts to the 31st *Dec.* 1790, but from their imperfect State the Committee recommends that an Audit should be appointed at *Shelburne*, and Transmitted to the Treasurer at *Halifax*, and that he has paid to the Treasurer to the 15th *March* last. 682. 4. 5½
- Annapolis:* The Collector of Excise and Impost has rendered his Accounts to the 31st *December* last, which are regular and Remittances made by him to the Treasurer previous to the 26th *May* last 733. 1. 1.
- His Accounts to the 31st *March*, are also come to hand, but too late to be included in the present Report.
- Windfor:* The Collector of Excise and Impost has rendered his Accounts to the 31st *December* last, well Stated and Correct and has paid to the Treasurer. 105. 6. 11½
- Guyborough:* The Collector of Excise and Impost has rendered his Accounts to the 31st *December* last, and paid into the Treasurer previous to the 26th *May* last, (the Accounts wants an Explanation.) 74. 16. 5½
- Liverpool:* The Collector of Excise and Impost has rendered his Accounts to the 31st *December* last, Correct, and well Stated and the Balance to be Accounted for by him is 209. 10. 3.

Colchester,

- Colchester :** The Collector of Excise and Impost has rendered his Accounts to the 1st *January* 1790; and the Balance which appeared due at that Period, still remains unpaid and the Account itself is not Satisfactory. - £ 55. 19. 9.
- Cumberland :** No Accounts or Remittance.
- Lunenburg :** No Accounts has been laid before the Committee.
- Cornwallis :** The Accounts came too late to be included in the Treasurers Statement, but it appears to the Committee that previous to this Date, the Balance has been paid to the Treasurer of 281. 3. 8.
- Licensed Houses :** The Collector has rendered his Account to the 30th *April* last, which with the Balance of last Years Account Amount to £.865. 7. 3. but of this Sum it appears he has paid to fundry Persons £.427. 3. 8. which has been expended for Repairs on Roads, the Balance Remaining in his hands unaccounted for is 396. 3. 9.
- Transient Poor House :** It appears by the Treasurer's Accounts, that no less a Sum than £1834. 0. 4. has been paid by him towards the Support of the transient Poor since the 30th of *June*, 1790, and the Sum of £229. 11. 6½. has likewise been paid since that Period, for the Support of the Poor of the Town of *Halifax*, out of the *Ten per Cent* Duty. No particular Vouchers for the Expenditure has been before the Committee.
- Sämbro Light-House :** The Collector's Accounts to the 31st of *March* last are found correct, and the Revenue productive, from the Mode of Collection, the Gross Sum collected to the above Period, is 334. 12. 10
- Bonds :** On examining the List of Bonds delivered the Attorney General, the Committee finds a Ballance due of £565. 3. 8½. on Judgments, and are fully of Opinion that the Bond given for £234. 2. 6. (Mr. *Wallace's* for Stock accounted for) and still remaining in his Hands, was only for

for the Decrease of Stock, and from the fullest Investigation Your Committee are of Opinion should be cancelled and given up, and it appears the Attorney General, has paid into the Treasury previous to the 26th May, £808. 19. 4<sup>1</sup>.

And since that Period a further

Sum of - - - - - £224. 8. 8.

That there remains in the Hands of the Attorney General, Bonds amounting to £669. 19. 3. the Major Part of which is not recoverable, and the Residue under such Circumstances that no Benefit can be ever expected from them.

There appears in the Hands of the Attorney General a transfer of Stock made him by *Phineas Lovett*, on Account of the Debt due from the late Collector Mr. *Winniett* of *Annapolis*, which Amount the Committee are of Opinion should be paid into the Treasurer.

It appears to Your Committee, that the Revenue Accounts from some of the Out Ports are very incorrect and deficient, and upon a retrospect to the Investigation of Your Committee for last Sessions some appear incorrect at that Time, and still remain unrectified.

Your Committee therefore recommend, that such Accounts as have been found erroneous, either at the present Time, or former Sessions, should without Delay be adjusted with Accuracy, and the Delinquents (if any) should be ordered to transmit others more correct to the Treasury with such Balances as may be found due by them.

And they further submit to the Consideration of the House, the Propriety of directing, that all Collectors of the Revenue for the Out Ports shall in future make punctual Returns, immediately at the End of each Quarter, whether any Transaction have occurred or not in their District.

Your Committee begs leave to recommend to the *House of Assembly*, that the Collectors of the Revenue at the Out Ports should only be intitled to their Commissions on the Net Sum they collect either in Cash or Warrants.

And they further recommend, that all those delinquent Collectors now standing indebted as appears by the general Statement of the public Accounts should be prosecuted as the Law directs.

N. B. The Vouchers for the Poor House Accounts have come in since this Report was drafted and a Balance appears due to the late Overseers for the Year 1790, (if their Accounts are found correct) of £.158.



Dr. The State of the Provincial Fund of NOVA-SCOTIA, to the 26th May, 1791.

1790.		1791.	
Dec. 31st.	To the Amount of the Funded Debt Demands on the Province with the Interest on the Funded Debt to 30th June, 1791.	£.17,784	2. 7½.
	The Town of Halifax, on Account 10 per Cent Duty	5,700.	0. 0.
		382.	2. 7.
			£.1355. 12. 2.
			565. 3. 8.
HENRY NEWTON, THOMAS COCHRAN, CHARLES MORRIS,	} Committee of Council.	Balance of Bonds in the Hands of the Attorney General	
BENJAMIN JAMES, MICHAEL WALLACE, GIDEON WHITE, ALEX. LECKIE, G. W. SHERLOCK,		} Balance in the Hands of the Public Ac- comptants	
	Collectors of Excise and Impost at Halifax £.3000.		2. 2.
		30 Dec. 1790. Do. Liverpool	209. 10. 3.
		30 Jan. 1790. Do. Colchester	55. 19. 9.
		Do. Guyborough uncertain do. <i>Sobelburne</i>	nothing
		Do. <i>Annapolis</i>	nothing
		Do. <i>Cornwallis</i>	do.
			3255. 12. 2.
		Licence Duty Collector (Gautier)	396. 3. 9.
		Balance in the Hands of the Treasurer	89. 19. 0.
		By Balance due the Creditors of Government	18,203 14. 5½.
			£.23,866. 5. 2½.
	Whole demand on Government		

According to the Order of the Day.

The House on Motion resolved itself into a Committee to take into Consideration the State of the Revenue and Funds.

House in Committee on the state of the Revenue and Funds.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Col. *Tonge* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again To-Morrow on the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Report.

On Motion of Major *Barclay*, ordered, that Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Leckie* and Mr. *James*, be a Committee to obtain from the Treasurer, and the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, the Dates of the several Bonds in their Hands, and the Times when the same did or may become respectively due, agreeable to a List thereof laid before the Committee of public Accounts.

Committee appointed on subject of Bonds due to Government.

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

Friday 17th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Major *Barclay*, moved, That the House should come to the following Resolution, *Whereas it is necessary that Council should be retained in England, for the purpose of Managing and carrying on before His Majesty in Council, the Impeachment sustained by the Commons of Nova-Scotia, against the Honorable Isaac Deschamps, and James Brenton, Esquires, the two Puisne Justices of the Supreme Court. Resolved*, that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, be transmitted to *Richard Cumberland* and *Elisha Lawrence*, Esquires, Agents, for the said Commons of *Nova-Scotia*, to be by them applied for the Purpose of retaining Council as aforesaid, and for the Payment of other Charges, that already have, or hereafter may be incurred, in carrying on the said Impeachment, which being seconded, thereupon,

Resolution to grant £200. to the agents of the House in England.

Captain *Howe*, moved, That the Consideration of the above Motion, be deferred to the next Sessions, which being put, and having passed in the Negative.

Major *Barclay's* Motion was then put, and carried in the Affirmative.

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

Order thereon.

The Bill, intituled, *an Act for regulating Marriage and Divorce, &c.* Also,

Bill for regulatsng Marriage and Divorce, read a second time.

The Bill in addition to, and amendment of an Act, made in the 13th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act, for rating and levying the Expences attending the executing Writs of Partition*, were severally read a second time.

Bill in amendment of act for rating and levying expences attending Writs of Partition read second time.

*Resolved*, That they do lie on the Table, to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

House attend his Excellency with Address.

The Speaker having informed the House, That the Governor was ready to receive their Address.

The House waited upon His Excellency accordingly.

And being returned,

The Speaker *reported*, that he had delivered the Address to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would take the same into Consideration, and give an Answer thereto.

House in Committee on Bills.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the several Bills, which stand committed.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, to empower His Majesty's Justices of the *Supreme Court*, to require, and take Bail, from Persons removing, or bringing up Causes from the *Inferior Courts*, to the *Supreme Court*; And also the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of the Act, made in the 13th Year of his Present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act, for rating and levying the Expences attending the executing Writs of Partition*, and had agreed to the same, with Amendments. That they had made some progress, in the Bill, *for regulating Marriage and Divorce*, &c. and prayed leave to set again, on the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bills as passed in the Committee were ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time To-morrow.

Order of the Day adjourned.

On Motion the Order of the Day for Considering the State of the Revenue and Funds, was adjourned until To-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

### Saturday 18th June, 1791.

#### PRAYERS.

Bill to empower Justices of *Supreme Court*, to take Bail from Persons removing Causes from *Inferior Courts*, Also

*The Bill to empower His Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court to require and take Bail from Persons removing or bringing up Causes from the Inferior Courts to the Supreme Court*, Also,

Bill in addition to Act for rating and levying expences tending Writs of Partition.

The Bill in addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the 13th Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for rating and levying the Expences attending the executing Writs of Partition*, being engrossed, the same were read a third Time, and passed.

Sent to the Council.

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

The Petition of *Robert Archibald* and others.

The Petition of the Freeholders of the District of Colchester.

Also, the Petition of *Jonathan Prescott* and others, were by leave of the House severally withdrawn.

The

The Order of the Day being read ;

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Consideration of private Petitions,

House resolve itself into Committee on Private Petitions.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, as follows :

The Petition of *Philip Van Courtland*, and *Jonathan Tremain*, being read, and the Petitioners having been examined on Oath, in support of the same, and the Committee having also considered their several Vouchers.

Resolved, That the Petitioners are entitled to Relief, and that the Collectors of Impost and Excise, should therefore, be ordered to cancel their Bond for the Impost Duties, on a certain Quantity of Rum, received by them from the Island of *Dominica*, in the Sloop *Catherine*, *Lemuel Little*, Master.

The Petition of *Philip Van Courtland*, was read, and the Petitioner having been examined on Oath in Support of the same, and the Committee having also considered the Petitioners several Vouchers.

Resolved, That the Petitioner is entitled to Relief, and that the Bond given by him for the Impost Duties, on a Quantity of Rum, imported from the Island of *Grenada*, in the Sloop *Betsy*, *John Shields*, Master, should be cancelled.

Report.

The Petition of *Michael Wallace*, was read, and the Petitioner having been examined, on Oath, in Support thereof, and the Committee having also considered the Petitioner's Vouchers.

Resolved, That the Petitioner is entitled to Relief, and that the Bond given by him for certain Impost Duties, on a Quantity of Rum, imported from *Grenada*, in the Schooner *St. John's Packet*, *Malachy O'Laughlan*, Master, should be cancelled.

The Petition of *John Lawson* was read, together with the several Vouchers accompanying the same, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petitioner is entitled to Relief, and that the Bond given by him, for certain Impost Duties on a Quantity of Rum, imported from *Grenada*, in the sloop *Betsy*, *John Shields*, Master, should be cancelled.

The Petition of *Timothy Folger*, was read, and the Petitioner having been examined on Oath in Support thereof, and the Committee having also considered the Petitioner's Vouchers.

Resolved, That the Petitioner is entitled to relief, and that the Bond, given by him for certain Impost Duties, on a Quantity of Rum and Sugar, imported in the year 1788, from the Island of *Grenada*, in the Brigantine *Somerset*, *Benjamin Swift*, Master should be cancelled.

The Petition of *James Kavannagh*, and others, was read, and thereupon.

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed, it appearing to the Committee, that the Merits of the Petition have been decided upon by the House, on the 1st December 1787.

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The Petition of *John Nevil*, Goaler, was read and thereupon,  
*Resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed, it appearing to the Committee, that as Goaler of the County of *Halifax*, he can have no Claim upon this House, and if he has been put to any Expence for the Support and Maintenance of Prisoners, not in particular appertaining to the County of *Halifax*, that his Application must be to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who is authorized to draw by Warrant on the Treasury, for such Contingencies.

The Chairman also prayed leave for the Committee to set again, on the further Consideration of the several Petitions to them referred; which Report being read, and the Resolutions of the Committee being also put severally to the House, they agreed to the same.

Order thereon.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the several Resolutions, for granting Money; to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Order of the Day adjourned.

On Motion, the Order of the Day for considering the State of the Revenue and Funds, was adjourned, until Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday at half past Nine of the Clock.

## Monday 20th June, 1791.

### PRAYERS.

Committee report on present State of the Poor House at *Halifax*,

Mr. *Wilkins*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the present State of the Poor House at *Halifax*, and presented to the House several Accounts and Papers respecting the same; which were read, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That they do lie on the Table for the Information of the Members.

Committee on subject of Bonds in the hands of Collectors report.

Mr. *Wallace*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine into, and obtain the Dates and Times of Payment of the several Bonds in the Hands of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, and presented a Statement of the same, which was read,

*Ordered*, That it do lie on the Table for the Information of the Members.

Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency on subject of Bill for limiting Duration or Continuance of the *General Assemblies*, &c.

On Motion of Major *Barclay*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting information, whether his Excellency has received any Directions from His Majesty, relative to a Bill for limiting the Duration or Continuance of the *General Assemblies*, which passed this House and his Majesty's Council in the last Session, also that the Committee should request His Excellency to furnish the House with the Names of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency to take under their Management the Poor of the Province, agreeable to an Act passed in the last Session for that Purpose, and that the Accounts of those Commissioners may be laid before this House, Likewise that His Excellency be requested to direct the proper Officers to lay before this House  
 a List

a List of the several Securities taken for the Treasurer of the Province, the different Collectors of the Impost and Excise, the Collectors of the Licence and Light Duties, and the Sheriffs, specifying the Names of the Securities and the Amount.

Ordered, That Major *Bartley*, Mr. *Wilkins*, and Captain *Howe* be a Committee for that Purpose.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to request the Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of *Halifax* to furnish this House with an Account of the several Articles subject to the Provincial Excise Duty imported from *Great-Britain*, and which have been entered at the Custom House between the 1st *January* 1790, and the 31st *March* 1791.

Committee appointed on subject of articles imported from Great Britain, liable to the Provincial Excise Duty.

Ordered, That Mr. *Putnam*, Mr. *Leckie* and Mr. *Schwartz*, be a Committee for that purpose.

The Petition of *Benjamin Bridge*, also

The Petition of *William Lawlor*, were by leave of the House withdrawn.

On Motion the House Resolved itself into a Committee on the further Consideration of private Petitions.

House resolve itself into Committee on private Petitions.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and delivered a Report as follows.

Report.

The Petition of *Alexander Cocken*, was read, and considered and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed, the Governor being authorized to draw for such Monies as are necessary for the Light House at *Shelburne*, out of the Monies collected for the Support of the same.

The Petition of *David Seabury*, and others was read, and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted to the Inhabitants of *Annapolis*, for the purpose of completing the Bridge over *Allen's Creek*, and the Causeway adjoining, and as the Situation of the Province will not admit of the said Sum of £.100. being immediately paid, resolved, That the Commissioners be authorized to fund the said Sum, and that the Interest be allowed thereon until paid; which report being read, and the Resolutions as passed in the Committee separately put, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the above Resolution for granting Money to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Order thereon.

Mr. *Belcher*, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill, in Amendment of an Act passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty

Bill in amendment of Act for confirming Titles to Lands &c. read first time.

jeſty, entitled, *an Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Poſſeſſions.*  
*Reſolved*, That the Bill do lie on the Table, to be read a ſecond time.

House reſolve itſelf into a Committee on Revenue and Funds.

On Motion the Houſe *reſolved* itſelf into a Committee on the further Conſideration of the State of the Revenue and Funds.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Col. *Tonge*, took the Chair,

The Speaker reſumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and prayed leave to fit again to Morrow, which Report the Houſe agreed to.

Report.

Then the Houſe adjourned until To-morrow at half paſt nine of the Clock.

Tuesday 21<sup>ſt</sup> June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Reſolution relative to Petitions.

On Motion of Major *Millidge*, *reſolved*, That all Petitions to be exhibited to this Houſe in future for Demands on the Province ſhall be accompanied with an Affidavit from the Petitioner or Petitioners, ſetting forth, that the Contents of the ſame are juſt and true.

Bill in Amendment of Act for confirming Titles to Lands &c. read ſecond time.

The Bill in Amendment of an Act paſſed in the 32<sup>d</sup> Year of His late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for confirming Titles to Lands, and quieting Poſſeſſions*, was read a ſecond Time.

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

House reſolve itſelf into Committee on Revenue & Funds.

On Motion the Houſe *reſolved* itſelf into a Committee on the further Conſideration of the State of the Revenue and Funds.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Col. *Tonge*, took the Chair,

The Speaker reſumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progreſs in the Buſineſs to them referred, and prayed leave to fit again, which Report the Houſe agreed to.

Report.

Major *Barclay*, *reported*, from the Committee appointed Yeſterday to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; That his Excellency informed them he had tranſmitted to His Majeſty's Secretary of State, a Copy of the Bill, for limiting the Duration or Continuance of the *General Aſſemblies* but that he has received no Directions thereupon from His Majeſty. That there has been no Commiſſioners appointed by His Excellency, to take under their Management the Poor of the Province, agreeable, to the Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion, as His Excellency, could not prevail on any Perſons in *Halifax*, to take that Burthen upon them. That the Overſeers of the Poor, for the Town of *Halifax*, who had executed the Truſt, had not furniſhed His Excellency, with the Account of Expenditures, but that

Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency on the ſubject of Bill for limiting duration of the *General Aſſemblies*, &c. report.

that he had directed the Overseers, to lay the Accounts before the Committee of Public Accounts. And that His Excellency, would direct the proper Officers, to lay before the House a List of the several Securities taken for Public Officers, as requested by the House.

Major *Barclay* also by desire of His Excellency, delivered to the Speaker His Excellency's Answer, to the Address of the House, on the subject of Articles, imported from the *United States of America*, which was read, and is as follows :

GENTLEMEN,

“ HAVING taken into Consideration in Council, the Address of  
“ the *House of Assembly*, on the Subject of continuing to allow  
“ the Importation of horned Cattle from the *United States of America*,  
“ I take an early Opportunity, to assure you, that if at the Period  
“ mentioned, the Circumstances of the Country should not require  
“ the further Allowance of such Importation, I shall most willingly  
“ regulate the Trade, agreeable to the request of the *House of Assem-*  
“ *bly.*”

His Excellency's Answer to the Address of the House on subject of Articles imported from *United States.*

Mr. *Dight*, pursuant to Leave given, presented a Bill, for altering the Time appointed for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Cumberland, in the Spring of the Year, and the same was read a first Time.

Bill for altering time of holding Inferior Court, &c. in the County of Cumberland, read first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do lie, on the Table, to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned untill To-morrow at half past Nine of the o'Clock.

Wednesday 22d June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Hill*, presented an Affidavit from *William Taylor*, Merchant stating his reasons for not presenting a Petition (which Mr. *Hill*, now offers to the House) within the time limited by the House for receiving Petitions, and the same being read, and the House satisfied with its Contents thereupon,

Affidavit of *William Taylor*, read.

Resolved, That the Petition be received.

Mr. *Hill*, then presented a Petition from the said *William Taylor*, which was read setting forth that the Petitioner in July 1790, received from the Island of *Grenada*, a quantity of Rum, and praying he may be relieved from paying the Impost Duties demanded thereon, for reasons Stated in the Petition.

Petition of *William Taylor*, presented.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Order thereon.

Mr. *Leckie*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Light Houses, on *Sambrô* and *McNutt's* Island, and presented a Bill in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33d Year of his late

Committee appointed to examine into the Light Houses, report.



Bill for regulating and maintaining Light House on Sambrö Island, &c. read first and second time.

*Majesty King George the Second's Reign, for regulating and Maintaining a Light House on Sambrö Island, and also for extending the Provisions and Clauses in this Act contained, to the Light House at Shelburne, and the same was read a first Time.*

On Motion the said Bill was read a second Time.

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

Bill to Amend Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters, read first time.

Mr. Hill, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to Amend the Act passed in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters*, and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved, That the Bill do lie on the Table to be read a second Time.*

Bill in Addition to Act for establishing times of holding Inferior Courts, &c. at Yarmouth.

The Bill in Addition to *an Act for Establishing the time of holding an Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in the Township of Yarmouth*, was read a second Time and thereupon.

Mr. Wilkins moved, that the Bill be dismissed which being put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Eighteen, against it Nine.

Dismissed.

Bill for altering time of holding Inferior Courts, &c. in the County of Cumberland. Also Bill to Amend the Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters, read second time.

The Bill for altering the Time appointed for holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cumberland*, Also

The Bill to Amend *an Act, passed in the 6th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters*, being severally read a second Time.

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

Mr. Bulkeley moved, that the Resolution of this House of the 1st Dec. 1787, upon a Petition presented by *James Kavannagh*, and others, should now be rescinded which being put, passed in the Negative.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the several Bills which stand committed.

House resolve into Committee on Bills.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to Amend *an Act passed in the 6th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, concerning Schools and Schoolmasters*, Also, the Bill for altering the time appointed for holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cumberland*, in the Spring of the Year. Also, the Bill in Amendment of *an Act passed in the 33d Year of His late Majesty King George the Second's Reign, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Sambrö Island, and also for extending the Provisions and Clauses in this Act contained to the Light House at Shelburne*, and agreed to the same without Amend-

ment : That the Committee had also gone through the Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled, an *Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions*, and had agreed to the same with Amendments, and that they had deferred the further Consideration of the Bill for regulating Marriage and Divorce, &c. to the next Sessions, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bills as passed in the Committee were *Ordered* to be engrossed, and read a third time To-morrow.

A Message was received from the Council with the *Bill to Impower His Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court, to require and take Bail from Persons removing or bringing up Causes from Inferior Courts to the Supreme Court, agreed to.*

Also the Bill for establishing a Charity School or Schools in the Town of *Halifax*, and the Resolve in Favor of *Richard Cumberland*, and *Elisha Lawrence*, Esquires, the Agents of this House, not agreed to.

Also the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the 13th Year of his present Majesty, intituled, an *Act for rating and levying the Expences attending the Executing Writs of Partition*, with Amendments.

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

Order thereon.

Message from the Council with Bill to empower Justices of the Supreme Court to take Bail from Persons removing Causes from Inferior Courts, agreed to. The Bill for establishing Charity School in Halifax, and resolve in favor Richard Cumberland and Elisha Lawrence not agreed to. Also, the Bill in Amendment of Act for rating expences attending writs of Partition, with Amendments.

Thursday 23d June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

The Speaker read an Apology from Mr. *Gurdon Dennison*, for his Non-Attendance, which was accepted by the House.

The House having considered the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill respecting Writs of Partition, agreed to the same, and thereupon, the Bill was amended and passed.

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

Amendments to Bill relative to Writs of Partition considered

Order thereon.

The Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an *Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters.*

*The Bill for altering the time appointed for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cumberland in the Spring of the Year*

Also the *Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the 33d Year of his late Majesty King GEORGE the Second's Reign for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Sambrô Island, and also for extending the Provisions, and Clauses in this Act contained, to the Light House at Shelburne,*

And also the Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled, an *Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions*, being engrossed, were severally read a third time, and passed,

Bill to amend the Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters, &c.

Bill for altering time of holding Inferior Court, &c in the County of Cumberland.

Also, Bill for regulating and maintaining Light House on Sambrô Island, &c.

Also Bill in Amendment of Act for confirming Titles to Lands, &c.

Sent to the Council.

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

Committee appointed to confer on subject of resolve in favor of *Richard Cumberland* and *Elisba Lawrence*, Esq's.

*Major Barclay*, moved, that a Committee be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Subject of the Resolve in Favor of *Richard Cumberland* and *Elisba Lawrence*, Esqrs ; which being put, passed in the Affirmative, and thereupon.

*Ordered*, That *Major Barclay*, *Major Millidge*, *Mr. Wilkins*, *Mr. Hill* and *Mr. Collins*, be a Committee accordingly, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Committee of public Accounts to examine Accounts relative to the Poor House in *Halifax*.

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to examine the public Accounts, do examine the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and the Keeper of the Poor House at *Halifax*, between the 1st *January* and 31st *December* 1790, and report thereon to the House.

*Mr. Putnam*, reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Collector of his Majesty's Customs at *Halifax*, on the Subject of Articles imported from *Great Britain*, liable to the Excise Duties, which Report the House agreed to.

Council appoint a Committee to confer with Committee of the House.

A Message was received from the Council acquainting the House, that agreeable to their Request they have appointed a Committee to confer forthwith with the Committee of the House, respecting the two Hundred Pounds, voted for *Richard Cumberland* and *Elisba Lawrence*, Esquires,

Order thereon.

*Ordered*, That the Committee do attend accordingly.

Committee report substance of conference with Council.

*Major Barclay*, reported, from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, and stated the Reasons given by said Committee, why the Council did not agree to the Resolution, in Favor of *Richard Cumberland*, and *Elisba Lawrence*, Esquires, which are as follows viz.

That whatever ground there may be hereafter, for a Resolution of the *House of Assembly*, to be concurred in by the Council, for defraying such Expences as shall have been incurred in maintaining the Prosecution of the Judges by the *House of Assembly*, the Council cannot concur in the Resolution now proposed by them.

FIRST, because they have as yet no Information of which they can take Notice of any Expence having been actually, or being likely to be incurred respecting the said Prosecution.

And SECONDLY, because if they had they have never concurred in appointing *Richard Cumberland*, and *Elisba Lawrence*, Esqrs ; or either of them, for carrying on the same.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

Friday 24th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

The House being met, and no Business before the House.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at half past Nine of the o'Clock.

Saturday 25th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Major Millidge pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court and Justices of the Courts of Common Pleas to issue Commissions for examining of Witnesses out of the Province.*

Bill to enable Justices of Supreme Court &c. to issue commissions for examining Witnesses.

Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given, presented, a *Bill for uniting the two Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, established within the County of Shelburne, and the said Bills were read a first Time.*

Also, Bill for uniting Inferior Courts in the County of Shelburne, read first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bills do lie on the Table to be read a second Time

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee, on the further Consideration of the Revenue and Funds.

House Resolve itself into a Committee on Revenue and Funds.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Col. Tonge, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council with

Message from the Council with The Bill in Amendment of Act for rating expences attending executing Writs of Partition, also, Resolve in favor of David Seabury and others agreed to.

The Bill in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, made in the 13th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for rating and levying the Expences attending the Executing Writs of Partition*, Also, the Resolve in favor of *David Seabury* and others, agreed to.

Also, the Bill to amend an Act passed in the 6th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters*, and Also,

Also, Bill in Amendment of Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters, and

The Resolve in Favor of *Michael Wallace*.

The Resolve in Favor of *Timothy Folger*.

The Resolve in Favor of *John Lawson*.

The Resolve in Favor of *Philip Van Courtland*.

The Resolve in Favor of *Philip Van Courtland* and *Jonathan Tremain*, not agreed to.

Resolves in favor of *Michael Wallace, Timothy Folger, John Lawson, Philip Van Courtland, and Jonathan Tremain*, not agreed to.

The House resolved itself into Committee again.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Col. Tonge, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Report of Committee.

through part of the Business to them referred, and had prepared and Agreed to a Bill to provide for the Support and Maintenance of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by Amending and continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue herein after mentioned. And that the Committee also prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee, was read a first and second Time.

Order thereon.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday at half past Nine of the Clock.

Monday 27th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

The Bill to provide for the Support and Maintenance of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by Amending and continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue hereinafter mentioned being engrossed, was read a Third time, and passed.

Bill to provide for support and maintenance of His Majesty's Government, &c.

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Major Barclay, reported, from the Committee, and presented a Bill for continuing in force the several Acts herein mentioned, and the same was read a first and second time. And ordered, to be engrossed and read a Third time.

Bill for continuing in force the several Acts herein mentioned, read first and second time.

Ordered, That Mr. McMonagle, Mr. Belcher and Major Crane, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to continue and Amend the several Acts for suppressing Unlicensed Houses, and for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed.

Committee appointed to prepare Bill to continue License duty acts.

The Bill for uniting the two Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, established within the County of Shelburne, Also,

The Bill for uniting two Inferior Courts in the County of Shelburne, also,

The Bill to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court and Justices of the Courts of Common Pleas, to issue Commissions for the examining of Witnesses out of the Province, were severally, read a second time.

The Bill to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court, &c. for examining Witnesses, read second time.

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

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave, presented a Bill to enable the Grand Juries in the District of Colchester, to assess Monies for the purpose of erecting a Court House and Goal in said District, and for ascertaining the said Boundaries for the District of Colchester, and the same was read a first time.

Bill to enable Grand Juries in District of Colchester, to assess Monies, &c.

Col. Tonge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent the growth and increase of Thistles on the Lands in this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Bill to prevent growth and increase of Thistles read first time.

Resolved,

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do lie on the Table, to be read a second time.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the further Consideration of the Revenue and Funds.

House resolve itself into Committee.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council, with the Bill intituled an Act, for altering the time appointed for holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace*, in the County of *Cumberland*, in the Spring of the Year, agreed to.

A Message from the Council with the Bill for altering the time appointed for holding *Inferior Court*, &c. in the County of *Cumberland*, agreed to.

Also, a Bill intituled an Act, for altering the times of holding the *Supreme Court*, in the County of *Annapolis*, *King's County* and County of *Hants*, for Concurrence, and the same was read a first Time.

Also, a Bill for altering times of holding *Supreme Court* for Concurrence.

On Motion, the Bill was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do lie on the Table, to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolution thereon.

The Speaker pursuant to the desire of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House, the Government Estimate for the Year 1791, and thereupon,

Government Estimate for the Year 1791 received.

*Resolved*, That the House will take the same into Consideration To-morrow, in a Committee of the whole House.

Resolution thereon.

The House resolved itself again into a Committee.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progress in the Business to them referred, and had prepared, and agreed to a Bill, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of Paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first day of *July* next, the Funded Debt only excepted; and prayed Leave to sit again, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee, was read a first and second Time.

Report of Committee on Revenue and Funds.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time To-morrow.

Order thereon.

Mr. *McMonagle*, reported from the Committee, and presented a Bill for continuing and Amending the several Acts for suppressing Unlicensed Houses, and for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed; and the same was read a first, and second Time.

Bill for continuing and amending Licence Duty Act, read first and second time.

*Resolved*, that the Bill be committed to the Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of the Revenue and Funds.

Resolution thereon.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at half past nine of the Clock.

Tuesday 28th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

The Bill for continuing in force the several Acts herein mentioned, also  
The Bill to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off Debts, &c.

The Bill intituled an Act, for continuing in force the several Acts herein mentioned, Also,

The Bill intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the First Day of July next; the Funded Debt only excepted; being engrossed, were severally read a third time, and passed.

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the above Bills to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence no the same.

House resolve itself into Committee on Revenue and Funds &c.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the further Consideration of the Revenue and Funds, the Government Estimate, and also the Bill for continuing and amending the several Acts relative to the Licence Duties.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for continuing and amending the several Acts for suppressing Unlicensed Houses, and for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed, and agreed to the same with Amendments, and that they prayed leave to sit again To-morrow, on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time To-Morrow.

Order thereon.

Then the House adjourned until Monday at half past Nine of the Clock.

Wednesday 29th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Bill for continuing and amending Licence Duty Acts.

The Bill intituled an Act, for continuing and amending the several Acts for suppressing Unlicensed Houses, and for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed, being engrossed, was read a third time, and passed.

Sent to the Council.

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

Committee appointed to consider Bill for uniting Inferior Courts within the County of Shelburne.

On Motion of Major Millidge, ordered, that Mr. Wilkins, Major Millidge, Mr. Poole, Major Barclay, and Mr. Leckie, be a Committee to take into Consideration the Bill for uniting the two Inferior Courts of Common Pleas &c. established within the County of Shelburne, and report thereon.

House resolve itself into Committee on Revenue, &c.

On Motion the House resolved itself into Committee on the further Consideration of the Revenue and Funds, and Government Estimate.

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The Speaker left the Chair,  
Mr. Jessen took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council with the *Bill* intituled an *Act*, to provide for the Support and Maintenance of His Majesty's Government in this Province by amending and continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue herein after mentioned, agreed to. Also,

The *Bill* intituled an *Act*, in Amendment of an *Act* passed in the 32d Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, an *Act* for confirming *Titles* to Lands and *Quieting Possessions*, with Amendments.

The House Resolved itself into a Committee again,  
Mr. Jessen took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council with the *Bill* for continuing and amending the several *Acts* for suppressing *Unlicensed Houses*, and for granting to His Majesty a *Duty* on *Persons* hereafter to be *Licensed*, agreed to.

Also, the *Bill* for continuing in force the several *Acts* herein mentioned, with amendments.

The House resolved itself into Committee again,  
Mr. Jessen took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and had prepared, and agreed to a *Bill* for applying certain *Monies* therein mentioned for the services of the Year 1791, and for appropriating such Part of the *Supplies* granted in this Session of General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the *Laws* or the *Acts* of the Province, which report the House agreed to, and the *Bill* as passed in the Committee, was read a first and second time, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time To-Morrow.

The House having considered the Amendments proposed by the Council, to the *Bill* for continuing in Force the several *Acts* therein mentioned, thereupon,

Resolved, That they adhere to their *Bill* as now engrossed, and

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said *Bill* to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The *Bill* to prevent the Growth and increase of *Thistles* on the Lands in this Province, and also,

The *Bill* to enable the *Grand Juries* in the District of Colchester to assess *Monies* for the Purpose of erecting a Court House and Jail in said District, and for ascertaining the Boundaries for the District of Colchester, were severally read a second time.

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

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

Message from Council with Bill to provide for support and Maintenance of his Majesty's Government, agreed to.

Bill in Amendment of Act for confirming titles to Lands with Amendments.

Message from Council with Bill for continuing and amending Licence Duty Acts agreed to.

Bill for continuing in force Acts therein mentioned with Amendments.

Report of Committee on Revenue and Funds, &c.

Order thereon

Bill for continuing in force the Acts herein mentioned, returned to the Council.

Bill to prevent the Growth of Thistles, also, Bill to enable Grand Juries to assess Monies in district Colchester, &c.

Read second time.

Thursday



Thursday 30th June, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Bill for appropriating Supplies granted in 1791, sent to the Council.

The Bill intituled an Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year 1791, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the Laws, or the Acts of the Province, being engrossed, was read a third time, and passed.

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

House resolve itself into Committee on Bills.

On Motion the House resolved itself into Committee on the several Bills, which stand Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for altering the Times of holding the Supreme Court in the County of Annapolis, King's County, and County of Hants, and had agreed to the same without Amendment. That they had also gone through the Bill to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court, and Justices of the Courts of Common Pleas, to Issue Commissions for the examining of Witnesses out of the Province. Also the Bill to prevent the Growth and Increase of Thistles on the Lands in this Province. And also, the Bill to enable the Grand Juries in the District of Colchester, to assess Monies for the Purpose of erecting a Court House and Goal, in said District, and for ascertaining the said Boundaries for the District of Colchester. And had agreed to the same, with Sundry Amendments; which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon,

Report.

Bill for altering times of holding Supreme Court in several Counties.

The Bill intituled an Act, for altering the Times of holding the Supreme Court, in the County of Annapolis, King's County and County of Hants, was read a third time and passed.

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and inform them the House have agreed to the same, without Amendment, Also,

Ordered, That the several other Bills as passed in the Committee be engrossed, and read a third time To-Morrow.

Message from the Council with Bill to raise a Revenue &c.

A Message was received from the Council, with the Bill intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of Paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the First Day of July next, the Funded Debt only excepted;

Also Bill for continuing several Acts herein mentioned, agreed to.

Also, the Bill intituled an Act, for continuing in force the several Acts herein mentioned, agreed to.

The House having Considered and agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council, to the Bill in Amendment of an Act relating to Titles to Lands &c. thereupon,

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed as Amended and passed To-Morrow.

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On Motion of Mr. Hill, ordered, That Mr. Wilkins, Major Millidge, Mr. Pyke and Mr. Hill, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to provide for the Maintenance of the Province Poor.

Committee appointed to prepare a Bill relative to Province Poor.

On Motion of Major Millidge, ordered, That Major Millidge, Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Monagle, Mr. Belcher, Capt. White and Mr. Marchintqu, be a Committee to examine into the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Halifax, for the Year 1790, and Report to the House the best Means to be adopted for liquidating and adjusting the same, and to notify said Overseers of such mode to be adopted.

Committee appointed on subject of the Overseers of Poor.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Commanding the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

House attend His Excellency.

The Speaker and the House attended Accordingly.

And being returned,

The Speaker reported, that His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, Viz.

Bills assented to.

A Bill, intituled, an Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Services of the Year 1790, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in the said Year 1790, as now remain unappropriated.

A Bill, intituled, an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for rating and levying the Expences attending the executing Writs of Partition.

A Bill, intituled, an Act to provide for the Support and Maintenance of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by amending and continuing the several Laws for raising a Revenue herein after mentioned.

A Bill, intituled, an Act for continuing and amending the several Acts for suppressing Unlicensed Houses, and for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed.

A Bill, intituled, an Act to empower His Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court, to require and take Bail from Persons removing or bringing up Causes from Inferior Courts to the Supreme Court.

A Bill, intituled, an Act for altering the Time appointed for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cumberland, in the Spring of the Year.

A Bill, intituled, an Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the Funded Debt only excepted.

A Bill, intituled, an Act for continuing in Force the several Acts herein mentioned.

On Motion of Major Barclay, ordered, That the Clerk do furnish the Honorable Isaac Deschamps and James Brenten, Esqrs the two Puisne Justices of the Supreme Court, with a Copy of the Resolution of the

Resolution respecting the Justices of the Supreme Court.

House on the 15th Instant, respecting the Cross examining the Evidences which may be called in support of the Defence, of said Justices on the Impeachment sustained against them by the *Commons of Nova-Scotia.*

Bill in Amendment of Act for appointing Fire Wards, read first time.

Mr. *Morris*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in further Addition to and Amendment of an Act, made in the 23d Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for Punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire,* and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill, be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

Friday 1st July, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Bill in Amendment of Act for better keeping the Lords Day, read first time.

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to an Act, passed in the first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the better Observation and keeping of the Lord's Day,* and the same was read a first time.

Bill read second time.

On Motion the said Bill, was read a second time.

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

House resolve itself into Committee on said Bill.

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee on the above Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same without Amendment, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee was *ordered* to be engrossed, and read a third time.

Bill in Amendment of Act for confirming Titles to Lands, &c.

The Bill intituled, an Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of His late Majesty intituled, *an Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions.*

Bill to prevent the growth of Thistles.

The Bill, intituled *an Act to prevent the Growth and Increase of Thistles on the Lands in this Province.*

Bill to enable Grand Juries to assess Monies in District of Colchester.

The Bill intituled, *an Act to regulate the times of holding the Inferior Court, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Colchester, and to Enable the Grand Juries in the said District to assess Monies for the purpose of erecting a Court House and Gaol in said District and for ascertaining the Boundaries for the said District.* And also,

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The Bill, intituled, an Act to enable the Justices of the *Supreme Court*, and Justices of the Courts of *Common Pleas* to issue Commissions for the examining of Witnesses out of the Province, and for the Regulation of Prisons therein, being Engrossed, were severally read a third time.

Also Bill to enable Justices of the *Supreme Court*, &c. to issue Commissions for examining Witnesses.  
Sent to the Council.

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

A Petition of *James M<sup>c</sup>Donell*, of *Quebec*, (recommended to the consideration of the House by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor) was received from the Council and read, setting forth, that *Samuel Hopkins*, *Angus M<sup>c</sup>Donell*, *Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Donell*, *Christopher Carter*, and the Petitioner have invented a new and improved Method of Manufacturing Pot and Pearl Ashes, and praying the Legislature would grant to them the exclusive Privilege to carry on the said Manufactory within this Province, for a term of Years, or such other indulgences as they in their Wisdom may deem fit, and thereupon,

Petition of *James M<sup>c</sup>Donell* presented.

Major *Barclay*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to secure to *Angus M<sup>c</sup>Donell*, and others, the enjoyment of their new invented Method of making Pot and Pearl Ashes, for a limited time, leave given.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee, on the Consideration of the several Poor Persons who are now maintained at the Expence of the Province.

House resolve itself into Committee on subject of Poor.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred and had prepared and agreed to a Bill, to provide for the future Maintenance of the Poor now maintained at the Province Expence, which Report the House agreed to, and the Bill as passed in the Committee, was read a first and second time and,

Report.

Ordered, That the Bill be Engrossed, and read a third time.

Order thereon.

Mr. *Wilkins*, reported from the Committee, that in their Opinion it was better to Postpone the Consideration of the Bill, for uniting the two *Inferior Courts*, within the County of *Shelburne*, until the next Session, which Report the House agreed to.

Committee on Bill for uniting two *Inferior Courts* in County of *Shelburne*, report.

The Bill in further Addition to and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 23d Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for appointing *Firewards*, ascertaining their Duty and for Punishing Thefts and Disorders, at the time of Fire, was read a second time and,

Bill in Amendment of Act for appointing Fire Wards, read a first time.

On Motion the said Bill, was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

Major *Millidge*, reported from the Committee on the subject of the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of *Halifax*, in the Year 1790, and thereupon,

Committee on subject of the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor for 1790, report.

Resolved,

Resolution thereon.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Leckie*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Schwartz*, and Mr. *Hill*, be and are hereby appointed Auditors to examine the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor, and the Keeper of the Poor House in *Halifax*, for the Year 1790, and to Report generally to this House, the State of the said Accounts comprehending in such Report, the reasonableness of the Charges therein contained, and what part of such Expenditure was in their Opinions necessary and fit, and what parts thereof, were unnecessary and extravagant.

Bill in Amendment of Act for appointing Fire Wards, also,

The Bill intituled, an Act in further Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 23d Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty and for Punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire*. Also,

Bill to provide for the Province Poor.

The Bill, intituled, *an Act to provide for the future Maintenance of the Poor, now maintained at the Province Expence*, being Engrossed, were severally read a third time, and passed.

Sent to the Council.

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

Message from Council with Bill in Amendment of Act for better keeping the Lords Day, agreed to.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill, intituled, an Act passed in the First Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the better Observation and keeping of the Lord's Day*. Agreed to,

Also, The Bill to regulate the times of holding Inferior Court &c. in district of Colchester.

Also, the Bill, intituled, *an Act, to regulate the times of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Colchester, and to enable the Grand Juries in the said District, to assess Monies for the purpose of erecting a Court House and Goal in said District, and for ascertaining the Boundaries for the said District*, and Also,

And the Bill to prevent the growth of Thistles, with Amendments.

The Bill, intituled, *an Act to prevent the Growth and Increase of Thistles on the Lands in this Province*, with Amendments.

The House having considered, and agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the above two Bills, the same were accordingly amended and passed.

Above Bills returned to the Council.

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

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at half past Nine of the o'Clock.

Saturday 2d July, 1791.

PRAYERS.

Bill to secure to *Angus M<sup>r</sup> Donald* and others the manufactory of Pot and Pearl Ashes read 1st time.

Major *Barclay*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to secure to *Angus M<sup>r</sup> Donell*, and others, the enjoyment of their new invented Method of making Pot and Pearl Ashes, for a limited time, which was read a first time, and thereupon,

Petition of *James Glenn*, presented.

Mr. *Dight*, by leave given, presented and read a Petition of *James Glenn* of *Quebec*, setting forth that the Petitioner with the Assistance of *Angus M<sup>r</sup> Donell*, was the first Inventor of the new and improved Method

Method of making Pot and Pearl Ashes, and praying that the Bill in favor of *Angus M<sup>c</sup>Donell*, and others, now pending before this House, may not be passed into a Law, and that the Petitioner may be also heard at the Bar by his Counsel in Support of the Petition.

On Motion, *resolved*, That Mr. *Glenny*, be heard by his Counsel, pursuant to the Prayer of his Petition, and also Mr. *James M<sup>c</sup>Donell*.

Resolution thereon.

Mr. *Glenny*, was then heard by his Counsel at the Bar, on the Merits of his Petition, as also Mr. *James M<sup>c</sup>Donell*, in support of the Bill in favor of *Angus M<sup>c</sup>Donell*, and others, and thereupon.

Petition heard by Council.

On Motion of Major *Barclay*, the Bill was read a second time.

Bill in favor of *Angus M<sup>c</sup>Donell* and others read first time.

Major *Barclay*, moved that the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, which being seconded.

Mr. *Dight*, then moved, that the Consideration of the Bill be deferred to the next Session, which passing in the negative.

The House on motion of Major *Barclay*, *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to secure to *Angus M<sup>c</sup>Donell*, and others, <sup>the</sup> enjoyment of their new invented Method of making Pot and Pearl Ashes for a limited time.

House resolve itself into Committee on the above Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council with the Bill, intituled, *an Act to prevent the Growth and Increase of Thistles on the Lands in this Province*, and also.

A Message from the Council with the Bill to prevent the growth of Thistles, also,

The Bill, intituled, *an Act to regulate the times of holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Colchester, and to enable the Grand Juries in the said District, to assess Monies for the purpose of Erecting a Court House and Goal in said District, and for ascertaining the Boundaries for the said District*, Agreed to.

The Bill to regulate the times of holding the Inferior Court &c. in the district of Colchester agreed to.

The House went again into Committee.

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman, *reported* from the Committee that they had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and recommended the further Consideration thereof, to be deferred to the next Session, which Report the House agreed to.

Committee on Bill in favor *Angus M<sup>c</sup>Donell* and others, report.

Then the House adjourned until Monday at half past nine of the Clock.

### Monday 4th July, 1791.

#### PRAYERS.

On Motion of Major *Millidge*, *resolved*, That the further Consideration of the Bill for preventing the introduction of indigent and dissolute Persons into this Province, which are, or may be likely to become Chargeable, to the same be deferred to the next Session.

A Message was received from the Council, with the Bill, intituled,

Message from the Council with Bill for appropriating Supplies granted in 1791.

*an Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Services of the Year 1791, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or the Acts of the Province.*

Also the Bill to provide for the Province Poor.

The Bill, intituled, *an Act to provide for the future Maintenance of the Poor now Maintained at the Province Expence, and also,*

Also the Bill to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court &c. to issue Commissions for examining Witnesses, agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *an Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court and Justices of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, to issue Commissions for the examining of Witnesses out of the Province, and for the Regulation of Prisons therein.* Agreed to.

Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor report.

Mr. *Leckie*, reported from the Committee appointed to Audit and examine the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor, and Keeper of the Poor House in *Halifax*, for the Year 1790, which Report was read. And agreed to by the House.

A Message from the Council with the Bill for regulating and maintaining Light House on *Sambrô Island*, &c. not agreed to.

A Message was received from the Council, with the Bill, intituled, *an Act in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33d Year of His late Majesty's King George the Seconds Reign, for regulating and Maintaining a Light House on Sambrô Island.* And also, *for extending the Provisions and Clauses in this Act, contained to the Light House at Shelburne*, not agreed to.

Auditors appointed to examine accounts of the Collector of Impost and Excise, at *Shelburne*.

On Motion of Major *Barclay*, resolved, that Capt. *Whitz*, Mr. *Thomas Braine* and Mr. *William Robinson*, be and are hereby appointed Auditors, to examine into the Accounts of the Collector of Impost and Excise at *Shelburne*, from their commencement to the 31st March last, and report thereon to this House in their next Session.

A Message from the Council with Bill in Amendment of Act for confirming titles to Lands &c. agreed to.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill, intituled, *an Act in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, an Act for confirming Titles to Lands and Quieting Possessions.* Agreed to.

Speaker to request his Excellency the Lieut. Governor to direct the Attorney General to prosecute Public Delinquents.

On Motion of Major *Barclay*, resolved, That the Speaker do request of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that he will be pleased to direct the Attorney General, to commence Prosecutions forthwith, against all such Public Accountants as have not paid the Balances due by them, agreeable to the report of the Committee of Public Accounts.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

Tuesday 5th July, 1791.

PRAYERS.

The House being met,

Message from His Excellency.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Commanding the Attendance of the House in the *Council Chamber*.

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The Speaker and the House attended accordingly, when His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, viz. House attend.

A Bill, intituled, an Act for altering the Times of holding the *Supreme Court* in the County of *Annapolis*, *King's County* and *Hants County*. Bills assented to.

A Bill, intituled, an Act to provide for the future Maintenance of the Poor now maintained at the Province Expence.

A Bill, intituled, an Act to enable the Justices of the *Supreme Court*, and Justices of the *Court of Common Pleas* to issue Commissions for the examining of Witnesses out of the Province, and for the Regulation of Prisons therein.

A Bill, intituled, an Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Services of the Year 1791, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws, or the Acts of the Province.

A Bill, intituled, an Act in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, *An Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions*.

A Bill, intituled, an Act to prevent the Growth and Increase of Thistles on the Lands in this Province.

A Bill, intituled, an Act in further Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the 23d Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire*.

A Bill, intituled, an Act in Addition to an Act, passed in the First Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the better Observation and keeping of the Lord's Day*.

A Bill, intituled, an Act to regulate the Times of Holding the *Inferior Court* and *General Sessions of the Peace* in the District of *Colchester*, and to enable the Grand Juries in the said District to assess Monies for the Purpose of erecting a Court House and Goal in said District, and for ascertaining the Boundaries for the said District.

Then the Secretary of the Province by His Excellency's Command, declared the *General Assembly*, Prorogued to Monday the 17th Day of *October* next, and the same was Prorogued accordingly. Prorogation:

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