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THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

1805.





PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, BARONET, L. L. D.

*Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-
Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

WHEREAS, the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province, stands prorogued to
Thursday the Fourteenth day of November next:

*I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, further
to prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY, to Thursday the Twenty-eighth day of
November next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business: of which, all persons
concerned, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.*

*GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 25th day of October, 1805, and
in the 46th year of His Majesty's Reign*

J. WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command,

B. WENTWORTH.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 28th November, 1805.

Thursday, 28th November, 1805.

THE following Members having assembled agreeably to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Proclamation hereunto annexed, viz.

Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Robie,	Mr. Lovet,	Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Tonge,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Marshall,	Mr. Pool,	Mr. Barfs,	Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Pyke,	Mr. Fulton,	Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oxley,	Mr. Allifon,	Mr. M'Monagle,
Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. Crane,	Mr. Monk,	Mr. Lyon.

The Clerk acquainted the said Members that he had received a letter from the Speaker, dated Halifax, the ninth day of November last, addressed to him; which letter the Clerk, by their direction, read, and is as follows:

“SIR,

“My private affairs requiring my presence in England, and Ireland, after an absence of so many years, I felt under the necessity to apply to the Lieutenant-Governor, for leave of absence, which he has been pleased to grant me, for six months.

I feel great regret, that the time appointed for the meeting of the General Assembly, will put it out of my power to attend my duty on that occasion. The uniform favor that I have experienced from the House of Assembly, during the many years I have belonged to it, flatters me with the hope, that the House will view this temporary absence from duty, on my part, with the same kindness, that it has on all other occasions, excused the various errors and failings, that must have appeared, during the great length of time, which I have filled the high and honorable station, which the partiality of this, as well as former Houses of Assembly, has induced them to place me in. I have taken the liberty through you to announce to the House, my departure from the Province, with his Excellency's permission, and my fixed determination, to return to the Province, and to resume the duties of my station, with the utmost expedition, and I most sincerely hope, that the House, when it considers, that I have never before been absent for a single day from my duty, during the numerous Sessions that I have attended, upwards of two and twenty years, that the House will excuse my absence the present Session, and will select, from amongst the great number of able and experienced Members, which at present belong to it, a proper person to discharge the high office of Speaker until my return. The only consolation I experience for the sincere regret with which I feel the unavoidable necessity of my absence, arises from the conviction, that the House will be able to supply my place, without inconvenience; and I beg you to assure the House, that however I feel the pressure of private concerns, I should not have been absent on this occasion, if I had supposed that any serious inconvenience would have been felt by the House.

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I hope the House is sufficiently satisfied, how extremely I feel interested in the affairs of this Province, to make it unnecessary for me to assure it, that my utmost exertions shall be made while I am at home, to forward and promote its best interests; and should the House deem it necessary, to honor me with any commands, I shall consider it my first duty to comply with its wishes, and by every act in my power, to convince the House, how highly I value its favor, and how grateful I feel the remembrance of its extraordinary kindness and favor towards me.

The public concerns trusted to me, and of which, through you, I beg to give the House some information, consists of only two objects, the one the continuance of the correspondence with the Provincial Agent, which, since the last Session, has consisted merely of common intercourse, and formal communication, as the engagement of His Majesty's Ministers in the weighty concerns of the nation, had suspended any particular attention to Colonial Affairs; but I flatter myself with the hope that my being on the spot will give activity to measures so highly important to the interests of the Province: and, I beg the House to believe, that no pains or diligence shall be wanting on my part to convey to His Majesty's Ministers a just and impartial statement of the present situation of the British Colonies, and the absolute necessity there is for the eye of Government to be turned towards objects so very important.

The Publication of the Province Laws has been at length effected, and the work will be ready to lay before the Legislature at its next meeting: the difficulties I have experienced in perfecting a laborious undertaking of the greatest public importance, have been very great, but should it merit the approbation of the Legislature, and be of use to the Province, I shall consider myself amply rewarded."

A message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Gautier, the Deputy-Secretary, commanding the attendance of the Members in the Council Chamber:

Accordingly the Members went up to the Council Chamber, when the President of His Majesty's Council said,

*Gentlemen of the Council, and
Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

I am commissioned, by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to declare to this General Assembly that it is his Excellency's pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Saturday next, then here to meet for the dispatch of business—and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Saturday next.

Saturday, 30th November, 1805.

The following Members having assembled, agreeably to the Prorogation declared by the President of His Majesty's Council on Saturday last, viz.

Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Lyon,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Fulton,	Mr. Monk,	Mr. Pool,
Mr. Marshall,	Mr. Oxley,	Mr. Mortimer,	Mr. Moody,
Mr. Pyke,	Mr. Crane,	Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. Lovet,	Mr. Sargent,	Mr. Bolman,
Mr. Robie,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Wollenhaupt,
Mr. Tonge,	Mr. Barfs,	Mr. M'Monagle,	Mr. M'Curdy.

Jacob Van Buskirk, Esq. returned, duly elected, as a Representative for the County of Shelburne, in the room of James Cox, Esq. deceased, took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual declaration, in the presence of the Honorable John Butler Butler, one of His Majesty's Council, (the Master of the Rolls being ill, and unable to attend.)

After which a message was delivered from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Honorable John Butler Butler, desiring the House of Assembly would proceed to the choice of a Speaker in the room of Richard John Uniacke, Esq. who had gone to England

England on his private affairs, by his Excellency's leave, and to present the member chosen for his Excellency's approbation.

Mr. Millidge then proposed to the House, John George Pyke, Esq. member for the town of Halifax; and Mr. Morris proposed William Cottnam Tonge, Esq. His Majesty's Naval Officer, and member for Newport, for their Speaker: and the choice of the House having fallen upon William Cottnam Tonge, Esq. he stood up in his place, and, expressing the honor proposed to be conferred on him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Charles Morris, and James Moody, Esquires, and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly, and thereupon Mr. Speaker elect addressed the members as follows:

GENTLEMEN,

I FEEL this to be the most honorable day of my life, the exalted station in which your favorable opinion has placed me, has long been an object, and I trust a laudable object, of my ambition, but to succeed, as I have done, without intrigue, without personal solicitation or the influence of party, by the voice of so great and respectable a majority, is highly gratifying to my feelings. Gentlemen, I am fully conscious of wanting numerous qualifications necessary for filling worthily the honorable seat you have given me, but I trust, my exertions to promote the honor of the House, and support its just rights, and my strictly impartial conduct, may prove me in some measure worthy of the distinguished mark of confidence you have conferred on me, so that those who have favored me with their voices may not repent their choice, and those who have not, may be finally satisfied with that which is made.

A message was delivered from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Deputy Secretary, commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker elect was presented to his Excellency by Mr. Northup, upon which his Excellency approved of the choice the House had made.

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

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

May it please your Excellency,

Your gracious approbation of the choice of the House, confers on me the highest honor, and demands my most grateful acknowledgements, which I humbly request your Excellency to accept.

Your Excellency having, at the first Session of this Assembly, confirmed to the House and its Members all their ancient and accustomed privileges, I have, at this moment, nothing to ask in their behalf.

For myself, I have to solicit from your Excellency a large share of candid and indulgent consideration: deeply conscious of my deficiency in those qualifications necessary for filling with dignity, and public advantage, the exalted station in which I am so honorably placed, I trust that my zealous and loyal attachment to my Sovereign and His Government, and the warm interest I have in the welfare of this my native country, may compensate, in part, for that deficiency, and that in your Excellency's goodness I shall find excuse for the rest.

Relying on this, I expect, with humble confidence, a favorable construction of my conduct, that it may be attributed to those pure and upright motives which shall ever direct it, and that any errors I may fall into, may be considered merely as such, and not as proofs of any design to do wrong.

Finally, I beg your Excellency to receive my solemn assurance, that in my present important office it will be my pride, as I feel it my duty, to promote, with the utmost of my ability, the honor of His Majesty's Government, the ease of your Excellency's

Administration, the general welfare of this Province, and to advance and maintain that harmony which ever ought to exist between the different branches of the Legislature.

Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Gautier, the Deputy-Secretary :

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned :

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :

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

I HAVE deferred calling you together until this season, in order to meet the general convenience of the Members, and from a consideration, that the Laws passed at your last Sessions contemplated a recess until this time.

HAVING nothing, special, in command from His Majesty to lay before the Legislature, I have only to recommend your attention to the revival of such Laws as may be near expiring, and for making a suitable provision for the support of His Majesty's Government, and such public services as may be deemed necessary.

IN all your discussions you will naturally recollect that the Legislature being deliberative Bodies, independent of each other, it is of the utmost importance to avoid every thing which may occasion irritation between them, and to exercise, towards each other, such moderation as may tend to conciliate harmony, and manifest a determination to unite together in promoting the public welfare, without which the business of the country must be retarded, and the end and object wished for often wholly defeated. On my part you may rely on a readiness to concur in every measure which shall appear to be conducive to the interest and honour of His Majesty's Government and People.

I SHALL direct the proper Officers to lay the public Accounts before you; and whatever special business may occur in the course of the Session for your consideration, shall be communicated by particular message.

I HAVE great satisfaction in congratulating you on the reports received from every part of the Province, of its general prosperity: For the blessings of health, and of a plentiful harvest, for the increase of the fisheries, and the manifest improvement of our agricultural concerns, we have abundant reason to be thankful to the Author of all good.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Morris, Mr. Robie and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Crane, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Wollenhaupt, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts jointly with a Committee of His Majesty's Council; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Pyke and Mr. Cochran, be a Committee to report what Laws are near expiring, and for preparing and bringing in a Bill for continuing the same.

Resolved, That no petition, of a private nature, be received after Thursday the twelfth day of December next.

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

Monday,

Monday, 2d December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

Mr. M^cMonagle, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for applying certain monies for services therein mentioned; and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for altering the time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for King's County; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until one of the Clock, P. M.

The House met agreeably to the adjournment.

A message from the Council, acquainting the House that they had appointed a Committee, to join a Committee of this House, on the examination of the Public Accounts.

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

Tuesday, 3d December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Pyke, be Committee for the purpose of revising the standing Rules of the House, and reporting any alterations that may to them appear expedient to be made to the same.

The order of the day being read,

A Bill for applying certain monies for services therein mentioned, was read a second time, and thereupon, Mr. M^cMonagle moved, that the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fourteen. Against the motion, fourteen.

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the motion.

So it passed in the negative: and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the committal of the said Bill be deferred until the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts be received by this House.

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

Wednesday, 4th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

A sufficient number of members not appearing to make a quorum of the House at the hour of adjournment from yesterday, Mr. Speaker, thereupon, adjourned the House until twelve of the clock.

The House met agreeably to the adjournment.

A Petition of Robert Fitz Randolph and John Ruggles, Commissioners for building a Bridge over the Annapolis River, at Hick's Ferry, was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read,

read, setting forth, that the said Bridge has been built and completed in a substantial and workmanlike manner ; but that the sum granted by the Legislature, and the amount of the subscriptions of the inhabitants, have fallen short of the cost thereof, 127l. 13s. and praying relief.

A Petition of Benjamin Hicks, and also a Petition of Ann Dodge and Sarah Leonard, Innkeepers in the Townships of Annapolis and Wilmot, were presented by Mr. Millidge and severally read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have sustained a loss of upwards of 37l. each, by subsisting His Majesty's Troops when on a march, at sundry times, under the Act of the Province, and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Morris, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech, and presented an Address accordingly ; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, BARONET, L. L. D.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES in General Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Nova-Scotia, beg your Excellency to accept our thanks for your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session.

Individually obliged, as many of us are, to your Excellency, for consulting our convenience in calling us together at this season ; yet we cannot but regret that an attention to our personal comfort should have caused the meeting of the House to be so long deferred, as the Revenue Laws were extended to an unusual time, in the full confidence that an appropriation of the Monies raised by them would have taken place.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we will take into our early consideration the Laws that are now near expiring ; that we will not fail to make suitable provision for the support of His Majesty's Government, and such services as may be deemed necessary : and that every means, in our power, shall be used to promote harmony, and a good understanding between the different Branches of the Legislature—being well convinced that nothing will tend so much to promote the public good, as a fair and dispassionate exercise of the deliberative powers with which each Branch of the Legislature is, by our excellent Constitution, invested.

When the Public Accounts are laid before us, your Excellency may be assured that we will give them our serious consideration : that we will lose no time in bringing the business of the Session to an early conclusion ; and that we shall, at all times, take great pleasure in attending to any message from your Excellency ; and we rely, with confidence, upon your Excellency's assurance of your ready concurrence in every measure that may conduce to the honor of His Majesty's Government, and the happiness of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province.

We sincerely unite in your Excellency's congratulations upon the reports received from every part of the Province of its general prosperity ; resulting from the enjoyment of health, and a plentiful harvest, and the manifest improvement of our agricultural concerns—Blessings for which we feel humbly thankful to the Author of all Good.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait on his Excellency, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Mr. Millidge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for altering the time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Annapolis; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Crane presented to the House an Account, from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all Monies received by him into, and payments by him made from, the Province Treasury, commencing the 1st January, 1804, and ending 31st October, 1805.

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the table, to be perused by the members of the House.

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

Thursday, 5th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk reported that he had, pursuant to order, waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House: and that his Excellency had appointed To-morrow, at twelve of the clock, at the Government House.

A Petition of Daniel Wood, William Sabatier, and others, Magistrates and Overseers of the Highways, resident on the road leading from the Town of Halifax to Windfor, within the Township and Parish of Sackville, was presented by Mr. Lyon, and read, setting forth the ruinous state of the said road, and praying the aid of the Legislature to repair the same.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

A Bill for altering the time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for King's County; and, also,

A Bill for altering the time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Annapolis, were, severally, read a second time.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Wilkins be of the Committee on the Public Accounts, in the room of Mr. Wollenhaupt, who is indisposed, and unable to attend the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Morton, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the expenditure of all monies voted for roads and bridges, which have not yet been accounted for to the Legislature; and, also, to consider the amount of the compensation to be allowed to the respective Commissioners for expending the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Millidge, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Morton, Mr. Pool, and Mr. Chandler, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

Friday, 6th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk communicated to the House a letter received this morning, from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, addressed to him, as follows :

SIR,

I request you to inform the honorable the Speaker, for the information of the House of Representatives, that I must defer receiving their Address until next Monday noon, instead of to-day, as was before proposed.

J. WENTWORTH.

Resolved, That this House will attend his Excellency on Monday next, at noon.

A petition of David Archibald, the 7th, was presented by Mr. Robie, and read, praying a compensation for services performed by him as Adjutant of Militia between the 1st March, 1804, and 1st March, 1805.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Sargent took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Saturday, 7th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of George Hinkle was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read, praying compensation for services performed by him as Health-Officer for the Port of Annapolis, since the 14th August, 1799.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for altering the time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for King's County, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed, which report the House agreed to.

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

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

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

Monday,

Monday, 9th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Richard Thorne was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read, praying payment of the sum of Seventeen Pounds, being a balance which remains due on the sum of 40l. granted by the Legislature for repairing the road in Granville.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

Mr. M^cMonagle, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating the exportation of Plaster of Paris, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of Andrew M^cKimm was presented by Mr. Fulton, and read, praying some encouragement from the Legislature, as a settler at the foot of the great Mountain, on the road leading from Londonderry to Cumberland, where he has opened a House for the accommodation of Travellers which is highly beneficial to the public.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker, and the House, attended his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with their Address pursuant to the resolution of Saturday last.

And being returned :

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

GENTLEMEN,

THE assurances you give of your disposition to expedite the public business, to provide for the support of his Majesty's Government and other Services, and to promote harmony, and good understanding, between the different Branches of the Legislature, afford me sincere pleasure ; and I flatter myself that a temperate investigation of every subject connected with the prosperity of the Country, will furnish fresh satisfaction as well to the House of Assembly, as to its Constituents in every part of the Province.

J. WENTWORTH.

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

Tuesday, 10th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Thomas Goudge was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, praying for a drawback of the Duties on 2,390 gallons of Rum, imported from Grenada in the year 1804, amounting to 29l. 17s. 6d.

A petition of John Pryor, and Rufus G. Taylor, was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, praying for a drawback of the Duties on 2,765 gallons of Rum imported from Grenada in the year 1804, amounting to 34l. 11s. 3d.

Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of an Act, passed in the thirty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill for regulating the exportation of Plaster of Paris, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill for altering the time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in King's County, was read a third time. *Resolved*,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be **An Act for altering the time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the Counties of Annapolis, and King's County.**

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

Mr. Pyke reported from the Committee on the subject of the Laws which are near expiring, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill for regulating the exportation of Plaister of Paris.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Public Accounts, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee beg leave to state that they have gone through the Accounts, and that they find them correct, so far as relates to the general statement, but further report that the balance of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-One Pounds, Nine Shillings and Eight Pence, which the Treasurer acknowledges to have in his hands to be accounted for, does not appear to be satisfactorily accounted for—the Committee state they applied to the Treasurer for an account of that sum, who informed the Committee that he would not render a particular account of the same, but that he had money, or money worth, to the amount, which he will be ready to pay when called for ; the Committee, therefore, beg leave to be advised by the House as to the passing the said Accounts.

Mr. Wilkins also delivered to the House a General Statement of the Accounts above mentioned, which were read by the Clerk, and are as follows :

Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Public Accounts.

Treasurer of the Province.

His Accounts have been received to 31st October, properly stated, and all charges regularly vouched for ; there appears a balance to be accounted for of

£13,631 9 8

Collectors of Impost and Excise Halifax District.

Their Accounts to 30th September last have been received, are properly stated, and correct ; there remained in their hands, as stated by them, Bonds, for collection, subject to the usual drawbacks on articles exported, to the amount of

£11,161 7 0

It also appears by their Accounts, that, at that period, there were bonds in the Attorney-General's hands, and which are to be accounted for, amounting to

£2,194 12 3

Making together

13,355 19 3

Lunenburg

Linenburgh District.

The former Collector's Accounts have been received to June, 1804, there appears a balance due by him of £18 0 4
 By a return from the present Collector, for the quarter ending 30th September last, there appears duties secured amounting to 42 4 6

Liverpool.

By a statement made by the Treasurer it appears there is a balance due by the Collector of that District, amounting to 902 11 4

Annapolis.

The old balance due by the former Collector still appears to remain unpaid, amounting to 301 5 2

An account has been received from the Executors of the late Collector Robert Dickson, by which there appears a balance due from that Estate (exclusive of Bonds transferred to the present Collector of £290 4 1) the sum of 620 5 1

The present Collector's Returns from 1st January, to 30th September last, have been received, and are correct: the duties secured by him during that period amount to £157 13 5½

To which add amount of Bonds delivered him by Executors of the late Collector 290 4 1

£447 17 6½

Of which it appears by the Treasurer's Account he has received 50 0 0

There remains to be accounted for 397 17 6½

Shelburne.

The late Collector's Accounts have been received, and are correct, the balance due by his Executor amounts to 116 18 7½

The present Collector's Accounts have been received to the 31st December 1804, and his Quarterly Returns to 30th September last, by which there appears to remain to be accounted for by him 1040 3 5

Yarmouth.

The Collector's Accounts, to 30th September last, have been received, which are very correct: the balance in his hands to be accounted for is 199 3 2½

Cumberland.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to 7th November last: there remains in his hands 9 14 3½

Colchester.

No Returns.

Sydney.

There is a Return for March Quarter, 1805, by which there appears duties secured by the Collector amounting to 484 1 10

King's County.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to 22d November last; they are incorrect; there appears duties secured by him, to be accounted for amounting to 199 4 6

Hants.

The Collector's Returns have been received to September last ; there appears duties secured by him to be accounted for, amounting to 99 5 11½

Picou.

No Returns have been received ; the Collector has remitted to the Treasurer 59 11 3

LIGHT HOUSES.

Halifax.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 30th September last, and are correct, the amount of which has been paid into the Treasury, being 701 16 1

Shelburne.

The late Collector's Accounts to the 4th June have been received and are correct. The present Collector's Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; there appears a balance due by him at that time of 15 15 0

Liverpool.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to 30th June last, and are correct ; the amount has been remitted to the Treasurer 50 3 2

Yarmouth.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 1st April, 1805, and are correct, amounting to 10 14 10 and which the Treasurer has accounted for.

The Treasurer's Account Current for Light Houses from 1st July, 1804, to 31st October last, has been received and is correct ; there appears a balance due to him of 65 8 9

*Committee-Room, Halifax, Nova-Scotia,
10th December, 1805.*

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The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA,

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1805. To the following Sums appropriated, but
September 30. not yet drawn from the Treasury, viz.

Roads and Bridges £.533 13 4

Purchase of Hemp Seed 180 0 0

Balance of Emigrant Vote 224 18 7

Ditto, of Echeat of Philadelphia Grant 66 13 4

Ditto, on Survey of Douglas Grant 50 5 0

To Balance due the Treasurer on Light House Accounts

To Balance

1,055 10 3

65 8 9

22,482 4 11

£.23,603 3 11

1805. By Balance due by the Treasurer
September 30. £.13,631 9 8

By Securities in the hands of Collectors of Impoft and Excise at Halifax, and the Attorney General £.13,355 19 3

Deduct for probable Drawbacks 5,800 0 0

7555 19 3

By Balances unremitted and Securities in the hands of Out-Port Collectors 4,430 16 9

Deduct for probable Drawbacks 2,030 16 9

2,400 0 0

Due from the Collector of Shelburne Light House 15 15 0

£.23,603 3 11

Committee-Room, Halifax, Nova-Scotia, 10th December, 1805.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, *resolved*, That the Committee of Public Accounts of this House, do not pass the said Accounts, until the further order of the House.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a copy of the foregoing report of the Committee of Public Accounts, and humbly to request his Excellency will be pleased to give such order as may procure the satisfaction requested by the House.

Mr. Speaker proceeded to the nomination of the Committee as above mentioned, and having named Mr. Monk as one, thereupon Mr. Monk, standing in his place, begged to be excused from that duty, and offered his reasons to the House in support of the same: and the sense of the House being taken whether his excuse be received, it passed in the affirmative, and he was excused accordingly, and Mr. Campbell appointed in his place; and, thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Lyon, be a Committee accordingly.

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

Wednesday, 11th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

A sufficient number of members not attending to make a quorum of the House, at the hour of adjournment from yesterday, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to twelve of the Clock, M.

The House met agreeably to the adjournment.

An engrossed Bill for regulating the exportation of Plaister of Paris, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for regulating the exportation of Plaister of Paris.

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

A Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a second time.

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

A petition of Thomas Dobson and Co. was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, praying for a drawback of the duties on a certain quantity of Rum, and Molasses, imported from Tobago in the year 1805, amounting to 13l. 14s. 10d.

A petition of Samuel Hart was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying for a drawback of the duty on 3,326 gallons of Rum, imported from Jamaica in the year 1804, amounting to 41l. 11s. 6d.

A petition of Theophilus Chamberlain was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying a compensation for his services as a Commissioner in expending 450l. granted at different times by the Legislature for opening a road from the Musquodoboit River, to Salmon River in Preston; and, also, the payment of the sum of 15l. for expences incurred for surveying the said road.

A Petition of David Archibald was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, setting forth, that he has expended the sum of 111l. in building a Bridge over the French river in Margomithe, which exceeds the sum granted for that service by the Legislature, to the amount of 49l. and praying relief.

A Petition of Hugh Ald, was presented by Mr. Fulton, and read, setting forth, that

he has, at a considerable expence, erected a Salt Work, in the settlement on the River Sewiack, and manufactured upwards of sixty bushels of Salt; and praying the aid of the Legislature to enable him to pursue so beneficial a Manufactory to the public.

A Petition of Hugh Graham, and others, Inhabitants of Sewiack, was presented by Mr. Fulton, and read, setting forth the state of their Roads in that settlement, and praying the aid of the Legislature for the service of the same.

Mr. Roach moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill for applying certain monies for services therein mentioned, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Eighteen; against the motion, Ten.

For the motion :

Mr. Moody,	Mr. Monk,
Mr. Millidge,	Mr. M ^c Monagle,
Mr. Chandler,	Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Roach,
Mr. Fulton,	Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Lyon,	Mr. Lovet,
Mr. M ^c Curdy,	Mr. Dixon,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Dimock,

Against the motion :

Mr. Barfs,
Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Buskirk,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Bolman.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And, thereupon, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Lovett took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. M^cMonagle, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the expenditure of public monies granted for Roads, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Thursday, 12th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Monk presented an Account of George Bishop, for repairing of Bridges, on the Road from Falmouth to Horton, which were impassable for Travellers, amounting to 10l. 5s.

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the table.

A Petition of Alexander Mitchell was presented by Mr. Lyon, and read, praying for a drawback of the duties on a quantity of Rum, and Sugar, by him exported to Newfoundland, in the year 1805, amounting to 15l. 17s. 6d.

A Petition of Robert Hall was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, (setting forth,) that the public Road leading from Cobequid, to Douglas, runs one hundred and twenty two rods through the cleared land of the Petitioner, by which the whole of his land is laid open as a common, and praying relief.

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A petition of John F. Gschwind was presented by Mr. Moody, and read, setting forth, that the petitioner has rendered services to the public as Health-Officer for the port of Halifax, for which he has not been compensated, and praying relief.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill for applying certain monies for services therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Lovett took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's table, where the amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

The said Bill for applying certain monies for services therein mentioned, being engrossed, Mr. Mortimer, thereupon, moved, that the third reading of the Bill be postponed until to-morrow, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for applying certain monies for services therein mentioned.

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

A Petition of Alpheus Palmer, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, setting forth, that he has sustained an injury by the Commissioners of the Shelburne Light House refusing to accept his tender (being the lowest offer) for a Contract for lighting the said Light House, and praying relief.

A petition of Henry Rutherford was presented by Mr. M'Monagle, and read, praying for a drawback of the duty on 2,084 gallons of Rum, imported from Grenada in the year 1799, amounting to 26l. 1s.

Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a copy of the report of the Committee on the Public Accounts, agreeably to the resolution of Tuesday last, that they had waited upon, and delivered the same to, his Excellency accordingly, and that his Excellency was pleased to say to the Committee, that he had the highest opinion of the integrity, uprightness and honesty, of the Treasurer, but that he would make such order, without loss of time, as would afford this House every satisfaction.

Mr. Dimock presented a Petition of John Dill, and David Dill, setting forth, that the sum of 22l. 11s. 3d. is due to them as Contractors for making a Road round Salt Hill, near Windsor, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

A Bill in amendment of an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, &c. And,

A Bill to regulate the expenditure of public monies granted for roads, &c. were, severally, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

A petition of Rufus Fairbanks was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying for a compensation to John Emerson, Richard Cunningham, and the Petitioner, for their services as Commissioners in expending the sum of 800l. in the year 1799, in repairing the road between Pence's Farm, and the Three Mile Plain, near Windsor; and also, the repayment of four pounds paid by the Petitioner to Inspectors appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to examine the said Road.

A Petition of Andrew Murdoch, and others, Debtors, confined in the Goal of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lyon, and read, setting forth, that from their long confinement, and extreme poverty, they are destitute of the common necessaries of life, and praying relief.

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

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

Friday, 13th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *ordered,* that the petition of Andrew Murdoch, and others, debtors confined in the jail of Halifax, be referred to Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Pyke and Mr. Lyon, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report to the House the best means in their opinion to be adopted for affording relief to the petitioners.

Mr. M'Monagle presented to the House an account from James Ratchford, for repairing a bridge near Fullerton's, on the road leading from Patridge Island to the River Meacan, amounting to 25l. 5s. And, also,

An Account of Ludwick Hunter, and Nathaniel Smith, for repairing (by order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor) two Bridges on the road leading from Halifax, to Windsor, amounting to 8l.

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

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill in amendment of an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licenced to keep public houses, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. M'Monagle took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table, where the said amendment was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Rutherford presented a Petition of Edward Whitman, and others, Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis, and the same was read, setting forth, that they experience great inconvenience from the scarcity of a circulating medium, by being cramped in their commercial and agricultural pursuits; and praying relief; and thereupon

On motion of Mr. Millidge, *ordered*, that the said Petition be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Morton, Mr. Millidge, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Rutherford, who are to take the same into consideration, and report their opinion on the subject matter thereof to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the several private petitions now before the House.

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

Saturday, 14th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, in amendment of an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act made and passed in the 39th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, or shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors, and for regulating such public houses and shops.

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

Mr. Millidge presented to the House a petition of John Balcomb, the contractor for building a Bridge over Hicks's Ferry, and the same was read, praying to be reimbursed the sum of 106l. 15s. 11d. which the petitioner alleges he has expended on the said bridge, over and above the amount of his contract for the same, exclusive of any allowance for his own services on said work.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Chipman, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Allison, and that they do examine into the subject matter thereof, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

Mr. Millidge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the further regulation of Surveyors of Highways, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr.

Mr. Secretary Wentworth, also delivered to the House, by order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, an Estimate of the Expence for the support of the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government for one year from 1st July, 1805.

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

GENTLEMEN,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having removed into the new Government-House, thinks it proper to acquaint the Council and Assembly therewith, that they may take such measures with the old Government-House and Ground, as may be deemed necessary to carry into effect the Fifth Section of the Act of the 39th year of His present Majesty, relative thereto.

The said Estimate was also read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

On Motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inspect into the present state and condition of the old Government-House, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Chipman, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Dimock, Mr. M'Monagle and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a present Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill, entitled, an Act for applying certain Monies for services therein mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. M'Monagle, Mr. Monk and Mr. Wilkins, do manage the said Conference.

Resolved, That the Managers be instructed to receive from the Council such propositions as they may offer on the said conference, and report the same to the House for their consideration.

The managers went to the conference accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. M'Monagle reported, That the managers had been at the conference with the Committee of Council, and that they had received from the said Committee a written paper, which he read in his place, and is as follows :

The Committee are directed to state, that the sum of five hundred and thirty pounds, granted in the last Session (July 1804), for the support of Light Houses at Sambro and M'Nutt's Island. Also, the several votes for the repairs of Roads and Bridges amounting to three thousand two hundred and seventy pounds, and the sum likewise of two thousand five hundred pounds towards completing the new Government House, are omitted in the Bill, although they were passed and agreed to by both Houses of Assembly. The Council think that if a Bill of Appropriation should now be passed to sanction the payment of the monies granted in the last session, such Bill should contain all the sums which were agreed to by both Houses, that every appearance of partiality or undue preference may be obviated. With respect to the grant of Eight Hundred Pounds to defray the contingent expences of the House of Assembly, the Council request to be furnished with an abstract or particular of those expences, without which they can form no judgment of the propriety of concurring in such grant.

On motion, *resolved*, that the above Report of the Committee of Conference be considered on Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at Eleven of the clock.

Monday, 16th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

The orders of the day being read,

Mr. Roach thereupon offered to the House the draft of an answer to the written paper received from the Council on the conference on Saturday last, for the consideration of the House, and the same having been read by the Clerk.

Mr. Monk moved, that the consideration of the said draft be deferred until to-morrow, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nineteen ; against it ten ; so it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Chipman reported from the Committee to whom the petition of John Balcomb, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have examined the said petition, and find the sums therein properly and carefully added, but many of the charges appear to the committee to be extravagant.

Ordered, That the report do lie on the table.

On motion, the House, (agreeably to the order of the day) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of private petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Sargent took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The Petition of Robert Fitz Randolph and John Ruggles, was read, and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one hundred and twenty-seven pounds thirteen shillings be granted and paid to the Petitioners to enable them to discharge the sum due for building a Bridge over the Annapolis river, at Hicks's ferry, in addition to the sum heretofore granted by the Legislature for that service.

The Petition of Benjamin Hicks, and also the Petition of Ann Dodge and Sarah Leanard, were severally read and considered, and, thereupon,

Resolved, That is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to prepare and bring in a Bill, to amend the Act, which relates to the billeting of Soldiers, &c.

The petition of David Archibald was read, and considered, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request he will be pleased to direct payment to the petitioner for his services, whenever he shall produce, to his Excellency, a duplicate of the certificate referred to by him in his petition.

The petition of John Pryor, and Rufus G. Taylor ; the petition of Thomas Goudge ; the petition of Alexander Mitchell ; the petition of Henry Rutherford ; the petition of Samuel Hart ; and, also, the petition of Thomas Dobson and Co. were severally read, and, thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said petitions should be referred to a Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the respective claims of the petitioners, and reporting specially thereon to the House.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of private petitions.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Millidge, Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Monk, be a Committee to prepare, and bring in, a Bill to amend the Act which relates to the billeting of Soldiers; &c. agreeably to the foregoing resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Roach, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Dimock, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of David Archibald's petition, agreeably to the resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the petition of John Pryor and Rufus G. Taylor, &c. be referred to Mr. Chipman, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Marshall, agreeably to the resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made and passed in the 39th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses, &c. with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the amendment of the Council to the said Bill into consideration, and the said amendment being read throughout a first and second time, was, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Tuesday, 17th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of John Solomon, Deputy Register of Deeds and Conveyances for the County of Halifax, and the same was read, praying some yearly allowance from the Legislature to compensate him for his services in that office, as also to enable him to repair the Books of Record, which are defaced by age; and, also, to keep a Book of Record for each County, for the purpose of entering the Quarterly Returns of Deeds, &c. recorded by the respective Registers therein by law required.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Roach and Mr. Chipman, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof; and, also, the state of the Registry of Deeds and Conveyances in the Province, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Lyon moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of private petitions, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Seventeen; against it Eleven,

So it passed in the affirmative; and, thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of private petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made and passed in the 39th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses, or Shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors, and for regulating such Public Houses and Shops.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act for regulating the exportation of Plaster of Paris.

And then the messenger withdrew.

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

Wednesday, 18th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Cochran moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of private petitions, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nine; against it, ten.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Crane moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to regulate the expenditure of public monies granted for roads, &c. which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative, and, thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Chipman reported from the Committee to whom the petition of John Pryor and Rufus G. Taylor; and, also, the petition of Thomas Goudge, &c. were severally referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have examined into the claims of the respective petitioners, find the same to be just, and are of opinion the petitioners are entitled to relief.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the table.

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

Thursday, 19th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Chipman moved that the House do proceed to take into consideration the draft of an answer to the written paper received from His Majesty's Council, on the conference on Saturday last, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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On motion, of Mr. Roach, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to regulate the expenditure of public monies granted for roads, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The said amendments being read, throughout, a first and second time, Mr. M'Monagle, thereupon, moved that the House do not receive the amendment to the said Bill which enacts that "It shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of the County, or District, in which the money shall be expended, to present an additional sum for the compensation of such Commissioner as may have rendered extraordinary service by personally superintending the work done by days work: which sum, being approved by the Justices in Sessions, shall be assessed on the County, or District, in the usual manner, and paid to such Commissioner." which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen; against it, twelve.

For the motion :

Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. M'Monagle,
Mr. M'Curdy,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Fulton,
Mr. Allison,
Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Dixon,

Against the motion :

Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Lyon,
Mr. Moody,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Northup,
Mr. Barfs,
Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Monk,
Mr. Roach.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The remaining amendments to the Bill were severally put, and agreed to by the House.

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

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

Friday, 26th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the expenditure of public monies granted for roads, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to regulate the expenditure of public monies granted for the making, building or repairing, of roads and bridges throughout the Province.

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

Mr. Millidge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Justices in their Sessions, to provide for the payment of such Law Officer as may be appointed to prosecute Pleas of the Crown before the Sessions; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of an Answer to the written Paper, received from His Majesty's Council, in the conference on Saturday last.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a further conference should be held with His Majesty's Council by Committee, and that the Managers, on the part of the House, do deliver to the Committee of the Council, a written answer to the Paper received by them on the conference on Saturday last, in the words following, viz.—The Committee of the House of Assembly, appointed to confer with the Committee of His Majesty's Council, are directed to state, that in framing the Bill of Appropriation, now before the Council, the House of Assembly had no idea of taking for its basis the votes passed in the last Session, further than as they related to the remuneration of past services, and the payment of debts allowed to be due from the Province.

The House consider those votes which passed two branches of the Legislature, but were never assented to by the Governor, nor even authenticated by the signature of the President or Speaker, as the mere materials for an Appropriation Act for the Session in which they were passed.

The House having witnessed, with the greatest concern, the injurious effects arising from the want of the usual Appropriation Act, by which, during the long recess of the General Assembly, the Servants of Government have remained unpaid, the Creditors of the Province unsatisfied, the most beneficial public services suspended, and the commercial interests of the community greatly injured by the operation of duties which constantly drew out of circulation the current specie of the country; and considering that the objections to part of the Appropriation Bill of last year might still subsist in full force, or that new obstacles on similar principles might be suggested; determined at the commencement of the session to separate from every subject on which difference of opinion had existed, or might eventually arise, two grounds of appropriation, on which they conceived no disagreement could possibly occur, namely, the support of His Majesty's Government and the payment of the acknowledged debts of the Province; upon which principles only, the Bill before the Council is grounded; so, that, if unhappily, differences should still continue between the several branches of the Legislature; these essential objects might not be involved in their effects.

Although the House do not consider themselves bound to assign any reasons for not making any appropriation of which they do not see the immediate expediency; yet willing to give His Majesty's Council the most convincing proofs of their conciliatory disposition, they state with candor their objections to the heads of general service suggested by His Majesty's Council as proper to be included in the present Appropriation Bill, as follows :

The vote for the Light Houses, was originally a part of the present Bill, and omitted, because the Treasurer had shewn to the Committee of Public Accounts, that the amount of the Light-House contracts was already paid, and because there is a permanent law to warrant the appropriation.

On the head of Roads and Bridges, the House observe, that many of the votes for that service which were ample at the last session, may, after the lapse of eighteen months prove very insufficient for the repairs they were granted for, that as there will now be a much more considerable sum to be applied to that service, it would be highly inconvenient to have two separate distributions; and that it is indispensably necessary, that some system of regulation should be agreed on before any appropriation is made, as the House are averse from granting any monies, which they cannot be sure will be fully accounted for.

On the vote of eight hundred pounds for the contingent expences of the House of Assembly, the House desire to observe, that it is to be applied in the usual manner, in a daily allowance of ten shillings for the expences of the members, on the certificate of the Speaker; a previous estimate of which has never been thought necessary.

The House in the last session stated to His Majesty's Council, that the sum voted, was only sufficient for that purpose, and to discharge arrearages due on that service in former sessions.

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

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

Saturday, 21st December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

The proceedings of yesterday being read; thereupon,

Mr. Monk moved, That every part of the Instructions to the Committee of Conference to be held with the Council, except the first clause, and those with respect to the Light-Houses, and the Contingent Expences of the House of Assembly, be struck out of those Instructions; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve; against it, fourteen.

For the motion:

Mr. Lovett,	Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Fulton,
Mr. Pool,	Mr. Dixon,
Mr. Monk,	Mr. M'Curdy,
Mr. Moody,	Mr. Crane,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Chandler.

Against the motion:

Mr. Buskirk,	Mr. Allison,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Lyon,	Mr. Bars,
Mr. Marshall,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Oxley.

So it passed in the negative:

On motion, *ordered*, that the Clerk do desire a further conference with His Majesty's Council, by Committee, on the subject matter of the last conference.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the conference as desired by this House, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference; and, also, deliver to the Committee of Council a copy of the instructions reported yesterday.

The managers went to the conference accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. M' Mongle reported, That the managers had been at the conference, and stated that they had delivered to the Committee of the Council a copy of the instructions given to them by the House.

A Bill to enable the Justices, in their Sessions, to provide for the payment of such Law Officer as may be appointed to prosecute the Pleas of the Crown before the Sessions, was read a second time; and, thereupon,

Mr. Roach moved that the said Bill be dismissed, which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

A Bill for the further regulation of Surveyors of Highways, was read a second time.

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

A petition of William Sabatier, James Fraser, and others; a Committee of the Merchants, and other inhabitants, of Halifax, interested in the trade to the West-Indies, was presented by Mr. Lyon, and read, setting forth, That the Merchants of Halifax, and others, interested in the West-India Trade, finding their business very much obstructed by

By means of the free trade to the Islands, permitted to the citizens of the United States of America, contrary to the true principles of the Navigation Act, the real interests of the British Empire in general, and of this Province in particular, appointed the Petitioners, a Committee, to state their situation to His Majesty's Ministers, which they accordingly did, in a Petition, and Memorial, dated the twenty-third day of March, 1804.

That the Petitioners have, since that time, received answers to their representations, which, with other circumstances, afford the most flattering prospect of success, in excluding the citizens of the United States from the Trade of the British West-India Islands; but they are concerned to be obliged to state that, from various causes, so great has been the emigration of Fishermen, and others, from this Province to the American States, that the customary offers of the Merchants, which is all they can possibly afford, have hitherto proved insufficient to draw them back again to this Province; on the contrary, during the last season, even a great many industrious families have gone to that country. This has been, in a great measure, occasioned by the encouragement by bounties held out by the Legislatures of those States, and, partly, by the burthens, expences, inconveniences and depressions, to which this Trade is peculiarly subject in time of war: and which, during this last summer, have, in one instance, at least, increased beyond any former precedent.

That the obstacles which the Petitioners have to encounter, are so great, and so numerous, that, in order to complete their share of those encouragements which the Merchants of this and the neighbouring Provinces have entered into with Government, and their fellow subjects in the West-Indies, every aid will be required: but, at the same time, so encouraging are their prospects, derived from the late measures of Government, and which have, though reluctantly, been adopted in the West-India Islands, that they are induced to proceed; well knowing the immense advantages which must necessarily result to every description of persons resident in this Province, if their efforts are finally successful; and, also, dreading the inevitable consequences of a failure, which, however unfairly used, will, assuredly, in adverse hands, furnish so unfailing an argument, as will destroy the means of every future application on this interesting subject; and praying the House would take the premises into consideration, and, from its wonted zeal for the prosperity of the Province, afford the Petitioners, and their Constituents, such aid and encouragement as lies within their power to grant.

Mr. Lyon also delivered, to the House, several papers which accompanied the said petition; and, thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, that the said petition, and papers, be referred to Mr. Lyon, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Barfs, Mr. Pool and Mr. Rutherford, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee to whom the petition of Edward Whittman, and others, was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That it appears to the Committee that the evil therein complained of, exists, throughout the Province, to an alarming degree, Merchants and Farmers are not the only sufferers by being cramped in their respective pursuits, but in many recent instances property has been attached, and sold, for one fourth of its value: and it frequently happens at a Sheriff's sale, that no person appears to offer, there being little or no circulating cash in the country, expences accumulate, and, in the end, the debtor is bereaved of a considerable property to liquidate a trifling debt.—The Committee are, therefore, of opinion that the adoption of a judicious system of paper credit would be of infinite service to the Province.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table; and that the Committee above-mentioned do prepare, and bring in, a plan for carrying into effect the object they have recommended to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to acquaint him that the House have yet received no satisfacti-

on on the subject of the balance stated to be in the hands of the Treasurer; that the business of the Session is materially impeded for want of this information, as the Committee of Public Accounts cannot report, and the House are unwilling to proceed to the appropriation of monies which, having been raised from the subject, have not yet been accounted for to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Committee who waited on his Excellency with the resolution of this House of the 10th instant.

A petition of William Cutten, and others, inhabitants of Onflow, was presented by Mr. M'Curdy, and read, setting forth, that they suffer much inconvenience from the time appointed by law for the sitting of the Supreme Court in the District of Colchester, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the table.

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

Monday, 23d December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was, from indisposition, prevented attending to his duty, this day, in the House: and, thereupon, the Clerk, by direction of the Members present, adjourned the House until To-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, 24th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Chipman reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the state and condition of the Old Government House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined into the state and condition of the said building; and find the same in a much better state than they expected, and are of opinion that it may be fitted up for the accommodation of the General Assembly, and the King's Courts: the south end of the said building to be appropriated for the use of the said Courts; the north end for the Assembly; and the south end, above stairs, for the Council.

On motion, *resolved*, that it appears the Old Government House can be made convenient for the accommodation of the General Assembly, and the King's Courts, and for other public purposes; and that it will not be necessary longer to hold the buildings leased from Messrs. Cochran's, and that it will be expedient to give notice to Messrs. Cochran's that the Buildings aforesaid, will be surrendered up on the first day of July next, and that his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be requested to cause such notice to be given, pursuant to the Act of the Province.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for altering the time of holding the Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House respecting the old Government House.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, **An Act to regulate the expenditure of public monies granted for the making, building or repairing, Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.**

And then the messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference by Committee on the subject matter of the last conference, immediately, in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference, and that they do attend accordingly.

The Managers went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wilkins reported, That the Managers had been at the conference, and stated to the House, that they had received from the Committee of the Council a written paper, which he read, and is as follows :

The Committee of Council, in conferring with the Committee of the House of Assembly, are directed to say,

That the reason which the House of Assembly has assigned with regard to the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty Pounds, voted last session for the support of Light Houses, may be sufficient to prevent the money being drawn, but the vote is a pledge for the future support of the Light Houses, and should so remain.

That the votes for granting money, which were agreed to by the Council and Assembly the last session, cannot be set aside or rescinded, without the violation of the faith of Government, and therefore it is as requisite that those for Roads and Bridges, amounting to Three Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Pounds, as also, that for Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds towards completing the new Government House, should be inserted in the present Appropriation Bill, as those for the support of Government, and the payment of acknowledged debts.

The Council have no hesitation in stating, as their opinion, That all the Resolves for money sent to the Council the last session, and agreed to, are separate appropriations and Legislative Acts of the two Houses, although only signed by the Clerks of both Houses ; the Journals of the respective Houses being the proper evidence thereof ; and that the Lieutenant Governor is fully warranted to draw on the Treasury for such parts, or the whole of them, as he may deem proper, although the Act of Appropriation did not pass.

As to the vote of Eight Hundred Pounds, for the Contingent Expences of the House of Assembly last sessions, the Council are fully disposed to concur in it, if the House will send up a particular Statement, to shew that the sum was necessary to pay the Members Ten Shillings *per diem*, for the attendance of each individual.

The Council forbear to reply to the injurious effects suggested by the House as resulting from the non-payment of the Officers of Government, the Public Creditors, &c. because the opinion of the House, industriously propagated at the close of the last Sessions, that grants for those services were materials only for an Appropriation Bill, and of no validity, unless it passed into a Law, sufficiently accounts for them.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, that the consideration of the above written paper, from his Majesty's Council, be deferred to the next Session.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Clerk do carry a copy of the foregoing Resolution to his Majesty's Council, and request that they send down the Appropriation Bill, now before them, agreed to, or disagreed to.

Mr. Wilkins, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolution of this House of Saturday last, that they had waited

waited on his Excellency accordingly, and presented the same to his Excellency, and that his Excellency had been pleased to deliver to the Committee a written paper, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

GENTLEMEN,

I have, in consequence of your address to me on the subject of the Treasurer's Accounts, made particular enquiry into the state of the Treasury, and have additional reasons to be satisfied with the conduct of that officer. Considering the Votes of the two Houses, passed in the last Session, as appropriations of the monies granted therein, I have, since the 30th September last, drawn by warrants for Services, so voted, to nearly five thousand pounds : The difference between that sum, and the balance stated by him, in his Account, to the 31st October, and found correct by the Committee of Public Accounts, remains partly in cash, and partly in Securities received of the Merchants for Duties, with a view to their accommodation, and to obviate the inconvenience of taking money out of circulation not immediately wanted ; a considerable part of which will be absorbed by the payment of the grants of last Sessions which yet remain unsatisfied.

J. WENTWORTH.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The Petition of David Archibald was read ; and, thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the consideration of said petition should be deferred, for want of vouchers to substantiate the claim of the petition.

The petition of Hugh Ald was read ; and, thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the petition should be referred to a Committee, to be appointed by the House, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

The petition of Hugh Graham, and others, was read ; and, thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, the said petition should be referred to a Committee who are to consider of a Supply for the support of His Majesty's Government.

The petition of Robert Hall was read ; and, thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Petition should be referred to a Committee, to be appointed by the House, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

The Petition of J. G. Gschwind was read ; and, thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the petition should be dismissed.

The petition of Alpheus Palmer was read, and considered ; and, thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request he will be pleased to order the Commissioners of Shelburne Light-House to report their proceedings relative to the offers for a Contract for lighting the said Light-House for the present year ; and that he will be pleased to direct the said report to be laid before the House.

The petition of John Dill, and David Dill, was read ; and, thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the consideration of the petition should be deferred, and that the Petitioners have notice to appear before the House in support of the petition.

The petition of Rufus Fairbanks was read ; and, thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said petition should be referred to the Committee appointed by the House on the subject of compensation to be allowed to Commissioners of Roads for their services.

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

Ordered, That the petition of Hugh Ald be referred to Mr. Fulton, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Mortimer, agreeably to the resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Hall be referred to Mr. Dimock, Mr. M'Monagle, and Mr. M'Curdy, agreeably to the resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Buskirk and Mr. Wilkins, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the petition of Alpheus Palmer, agreeably to the resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned until Thursday, at Eleven of the Clock, the Morrow being Christmas Day.

Thursday, 26th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill, entitled, an Act to regulate the expenditure of public monies granted for the making, building or repairing, Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, with the amendments proposed by the Council, to be made to the said Bill, be thrown under the Table, the House considering the said Bill to be a money Bill.

Mr. Crane, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and, respectfully, to state that his Excellency's Message, of Saturday, relative to the state of the Treasury, does not contain all the information applied for by the House to his Excellency on the sixteenth instant : That the object of the House is to obtain, from the Treasurer, a particular account of the balance in his hands on the thirtieth day of September last, and which he states is to be accounted for by him. That the House, therefore, humbly request his Excellency will be pleased to direct the Treasurer to furnish, to this House, an Account, specifying the several sums paid by virtue of his Excellency's Warrants ; the Services they were drawn for ; the account of Securities in the Treasurer's hands ; the names of the parties ; and the balance remaining in cash. That as the Treasurer must be fully prepared to render this Statement, the House, confiding in the disposition of his Excellency to facilitate the public business, trust that he will give immediate directions to that effect.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Committee who waited on his Excellency with the Resolution of the House on Saturday the 21st instant.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain monies for services therein mentioned, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the said Bill, with the amendments, be thrown under the Table, the said Bill being a Money Bill.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the resolution of this day, that they had waited upon, and delivered to, his Excellency the said resolution, and that he was pleased to say that he had anticipated the substance of the resolution, and had ordered the Treasurer to make out the statement required : that it was done : and that he should direct the Treasurer to lay the same before this House immediately.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House should proceed to the Appropriation of the whole disposeable proceeds of the present Revenue Acts under the general heads of the Encouragement of the Fisheries, Agriculture, the Civil List, Roads, and Government Buildings—the three last heads to include the sums voted for those services last Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House to take into consideration the amount which may be disposeable under the present Revenue Laws, and the general distribution of the same under the foregoing heads, and report thereon to the House.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of a Supply for the support of His Majesty's Government.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Baris, and Mr. Crane, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

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

Friday, 27th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House : and, thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's table.

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

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

Mr. Lyon delivered to the House an Account of Monies received and disbursed by the Commissioners for repairing the Streets, &c. within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, to 30th March, 1805, amounting to 808l. 16s. 1½.

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

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the amount which may be disposable under the present Revenue Acts: and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That it appears to the Committee that the disposable sum to the end of the year 1805, amounts to £26,000 0 0

That the Civil List to 1st July, 1806, including Sable } £12,000 0 0
Island, the Transient Poor, &c. will require

For Roads and Bridges voted last Session £3,300 0 0

Do. Do. to October, 1806. 2,700 0 0

6,000 0 0

For Bounties for encouragement of Fisheries to the 31st }
December, 1806, of which no part will be called } 4,000 0 0
for until October, 1806,

For Bounties for Encouragement of Agriculture 3,000 0 0

For Public Buildings—

Voted in the last Session for new Go- } £2,500
vernment House

For new Government-House, present } 1,500
Session

For furnishing State Rooms in said } 500
House

For old Government-House to be fitted } 300
up for the fitting of the General Af-
sembly, the King's Courts, &c. not
exceeding

4,800 0 0

Total £29,800 0 0

Vote of Credit to meet such sums as may be payable for }
Bounties for the Encouragement of the Fisheries and }
Agriculture, more than the above sums proposed for } £3,800 0 0
that purpose, which sum of 3,800l. as also the Civil }
List from July to December, 1806, it is expected will }
be produced by the Revenue of that year

£26,000 0 0

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

On

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that the said Committee had received a letter, of this date, from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, addressed to them, accompanied by an Abstract of Warrants drawn by his Excellency, on the Treasury, and paid by the Treasurer, since the 30th September last, to the amount of 4967l. and he read the said Letter, and Abstract, in his place; and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where the said Letter was read, and is as follows:

GENTLEMEN.

In consequence of the Address of the House communicated to me yesterday, by Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Wilkins, (that no time might be lost) I gave directions to the Treasurer, who has prepared the Account accompanying this, wherein a true statement is represented of the balance in his care, for the use of the Province, whenever legally required to be issued; an Abstract, or List, of Warrants drawn by me, is also made: from hence an accurate State of the Treasury results, and may safely be considered as a basis for your financial calculations: as this is amply secured all other detail I conceive to be irrelevant to the public service, which I hope and trust will be efficiently pursued, by the House of Assembly providing a Revenue for the support of His Majesty's Service.

J. WENTWORTH.

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

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

Saturday, 28th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

An Engrossed Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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

A Petition of Elias Wheelock, (recommended to the consideration of the House by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor) was presented by Mr. Moody, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has performed services, and expended monies, in exploring the Country between the County of Annapolis and the Counties of Halifax and Lunenburg, amounting to 9l. 9d. as per Account annexed, for which he has received no compensation, and praying payment of the same.

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

Mr. Wilkins moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Letter received from his Excellency yesterday,

on

On the subject of the Treafury, which, being feconded and put, paffed in the negative.

On motion, the Houfe refolved itfelf into a Committee of the whole Houfe, to confider further of a Supply to be granted for the fupport of His Majefty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker refumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progrefs in the bufinefs to them referred; and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to fit again on the confideration of the fame; which Report the Houfe agreed to:

On motion of Mr. Roach, *refolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request he will be pleafed to direct the Commiffioners for the new Government Houfe to furnifh this Houfe with an account of the expenditure of the fum of two thoufand five hundred pounds, drawn, by warrant from his Excellency, for that fervice; and, alfo, to lay before the Houfe an estimate of the fum neceffary for completing that building, with its appendages.

Ordered, That Mr. Roach, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Bufkirk, be a Committee for the above purpofe.

A meffage from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the fervice of Roads and Bridges, without any amendment.

And then the Meflenger withdrew.

On motion, the Houfe refolved itfelf into a Committee of the whole Houfe, to confider further of a Supply to be granted for the fupport of His Majefty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker refumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progrefs in the bufinefs to them referred, and had come to feveral refolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houfe, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

Refolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the fum of twenty-eight thoufand pounds fhould be granted and appropriated for the general fervice of the Province, for the paff and enfuing year, under the following heads :

A Sum not exceeding twelve thoufand pounds, for the fupport of the Civil Establishment of the Government, up to the firft day of July, one thoufand eight hundred and fix, and the payment of the Debts of the Province.

A Sum of fix thoufand pounds, for the fervice of Roads and Bridges, including the fum voted for that fervice in the laft Seflion.

A Sum of three thoufand pounds, for the Encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province.

A Sum of two thoufand pounds for the Encouragement of Agriculture in the Province.

And that, upon a fatisfactory account of the expenditure of the fum of two thoufand five hundred pounds voted in the laft Seflion for the new Government Houfe being produced to the Houfe, and an Estimate of fuch further fum being laid before the Houfe as may be neceffary for the completion of that Building, that the Houfe fhould take the fame into confideration, and pafs fuch further fum in addition to the fum of 2,500l. voted laft Seflion, as may be thought neceffary to be expended, on that Building the enfuing year.

A Sum of five hundred pounds, to be drawn by warrant from the Treasury, by the Lieutenant Governor, and paid into the Hands of Commissioners appointed by his Excellency to be appropriated, and applied, in Bounties to induce Seamen to enter into the Service of his Majesty on board the Ship of War HALIFAX, now building in this port; the Commanding Officer of the Navy first giving satisfactory assurance, that he will not suffer to be impressed into the Service any Inhabitant, or Fisherman, in, or belonging to, the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House should, by a Vote of Credit, provide for whatever deficiency there may be to meet the extent of the proposed appropriations, the whole of which to be severally divided under their respective heads, as may hereafter be agreed on by the Legislature.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

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

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

Mr. Lyon reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of William Sabatier, and others, on the subject of the Fisheries was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee, having considered the subject of the said Petition, are fully satisfied, it well deserves the consideration of the House; and that, in order to comply with the prayer thereof, [the Committee recommend that a Bill be prepared and brought in, granting a Bounty on the Tonnage of Vessels employed in the Fisheries of this Province, And recommend the following Scale, viz.

On Vessels of Thirty Tons, Ten Shillings per Ton.

On do. Thirty to Forty Tons, Fifteen Shillings, do.

On do. Forty to Fifty Tons, Twenty Shillings, do.

On do. Fifty to Sixty Tons and upwards, Twenty-five Shillings per Ton.]

Ordered, That the Committee do prepare and bring in a Bill conformably to the foregoing Report.

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

The Committee having enquired into the merits of the said Petition, find that the Salt Spring rises in a meadow, which oftentimes overflows; that it will be necessary to convey the water in close leaden pipes to the upland, which is thirty-two rods distant, which will be attended with considerable expence; that the works when completed, and carried on, will be of great utility to the settlements adjacent thereto. The Committee are therefore of opinion, that the sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted to the Petitioner on his giving security to the satisfaction of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the said sum shall be faithfully expended in completing and carrying on the Salt Works, as stated in the Petition.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolution of this House respecting the Petition of David Archibald, that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and was pleased to say, that the wishes of the House should be complied with.

Mr. Pyke reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolution of this House, on the subject of the Petition of Alpheus Palmer, that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and was pleased to

say, that he would give directions to the Commissioners of the Shelburne Light House, to furnish this House with the information they require, respecting the offers for a Contract for lighting the same.

Mr. Roach, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolution of this House relative to the new Government House, that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly; and was pleased to say, he would direct the Commissioners for that Building, to lay before this House the Account of Expenditure and Estimates, as desired by the House.

Mr. Mortimer, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Plan for the establishing of a Paper Credit in the Province; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon,

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

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

Monday, 30th December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Lyon, reported from the Committee on the subject of the Fisheries, and, pursuant to Order, presented a Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Morton, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare, and bring in, a Bill for the encouragement of Agriculture in the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Lovett, Mr. Morton and Mr. Fulton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Letter received from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on Friday last, on the subject of the Treasury.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the House should come to the resolution following:

Resolved, That it is with the greatest concern the House of Assembly find themselves impelled, again, to apply to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Treasurer's Accounts—satisfied of their right to have a clear and explicit statement of the Public Monies, and of their duty to require it, the House cannot but feel the utmost uneasiness at finding that, after the lapse of thirty days, and such repeated applications to obtain it, they are yet without the information they should have possessed on the first day of the session with respect to a balance of upwards of Ten Thousand Pounds, which should now be in the Treasury, even allowing the full amount of the warrants stated by the Treasurer to have been paid by him since the Thirtieth day of September last. The House, therefore, once more earnestly request his Excellency will be pleased to direct the Treasur-

rer to exhibit the Statement requested in the last Message to his Excellency, and to satisfy the Committee of Public Accounts, as to the existence of the balance which ought to be in his hands.

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

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Committee who waited on his Excellency with the resolution of this House of Thursday last, respecting the Treasury.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference, by Committee, on the subject of the resolutions sent up by this House on Saturday, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And then the messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Barfs, do manage the said conference.

And the Managers went to the conference accordingly.

And being returned.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed, by His Majesty's Council, to inform this House, that, in answer to the Resolves sent up on Saturday, the Council wish the House to understand that they can have no objection to an appropriation being made for the support of His Majesty's Government for the ensuing year, and for the payment of the debts due, &c. nor will they withhold their concurrence to the appropriation of five thousand pounds for Roads and Bridges, including the Votes for that service passed in the last Session; or to the sums proposed for the encouragement of Fisheries, Agriculture, finishing Government House, procuring Seamen for His Majesty's Service, &c. provided the Revenue Laws are continued for another year.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Pyke delivered to the House an Account of the Charge for the Support of Transient Poor, between the 1st January, 1804, and 30th December, 1805, amounting to 590l. 10s.

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the Table.

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

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

GENTLEMEN,

I have directed the Commissioners for Public Buildings to lay before you an Account of Expenditures in that Service, as requested in your Address; and, also, further, I am now to represent that I estimate the necessary works still to be completed in and for the new Government-House, will amount to Two Thousand Pounds.

The Commissioners for the care of Light-Houses are ready, and prepared, to give any information upon the petition respecting the contract for managing Shelburne Light House.

The request of the House respecting payment to Mr. Archibald, for his services as Adjutant to the Colchester Militia, is acceded to.

J. WENTWORTH.

Ordered,

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

Ordered, That the Estimate for the Support of the Civil Establishment from the 1st July, 1805, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. M'Monagle reported from the Committee, appointed in the last Session, to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee having met by appointment, and heard the allegations of the Petitioner, and viewed the Land in question where the change in the Road was made, and also, considered the value of the Land taken up for the new Road, and the damage which the Petitioner sustains, in having the Road run through that part of his Land which is most conveniently situated for his farm and building situation, and the expence of two fences to be put up and supported the distance of three hundred rods in the whole, and the principal and most beneficial part of the Tract of Land intersected and severed thereby; are therefore of opinion, that he will sustain a damage equal to the sum of Thirty Pounds; and therefore recommend the payment of said sum to the Petitioner in full compensation of his claim.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to a Committee of Supply.

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

Tuesday, 31st December, 1805.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the sitting out of Vessels in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries, was read a second time.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's table: and, thereupon,

Mr. Wilkins moved, That the House do not agree to the Report of the Committee, so far as relates to the continuing of an Act passed in the forty-third year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to continue, and amend, an Act, entitled, An Act to revive, continue and amend an Act passed in the thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; which, being second-

ed and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Motion, Twelve, Against it, Sixteen.

For the motion :

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Buskirk,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Robie,	Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Allifon,	Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Barfs.

Against the motion :

Mr. Pyke,	Mr. Crane,
Mr. Rutherford,	Mr. M'Monagle,
Mr. Roach,	Mr. Fulton,
Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Monk,	Mr. Pool,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. M'Curdy,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Dixon,
Mr. Moody,	Mr. Oxley.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On Motion, *resolved*, that a conference be desired with His Majesty's Council on the subject of the Message received from the Council yesterday, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

Mr. Cochran delivered to the House an Account of the Expenditure for the new Government House, by the Commissioners, from the 30th June, 1804, to 30th December, 1805, amounting to 2,534l. 8s. 6½d, together with the Vouchers for the same.

Ordered, That the said Account and Vouchers do lie on the Table to be perused by the members of the House.

An engrossed Bill, to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference as desired by the House on the subject of the Message of yesterday ; and also, request a conference, by Committee, with this House, on the subject of the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference, on the subjects as before mentioned, and that they do attend accordingly.

And the Managers went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

Mr. Crane, moved for leave to bring in Bills for continuing the several Revenue Acts which are near expiring ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Nineteen. Against it Ten. So it passed in the affirmative. And, thereupon,

Mr. Crane accordingly presented a Bill for continuing the Act for laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America ; also

A Bill for continuing the Halifax Grammar School Act ; also

A Bill for continuing the the several Revenue Acts for the Support of His Majesty's Government ; also

A Bill for continuing the several Acts respecting Licence Duties ; and also,

A Bill to continue an Act passed in the thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, for the further increase of the Revenue, &c.

And the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

On Motion, *resolved*, That the Bill for continuing the several Acts respecting Licence Duties, be now read a second time, and the same was read accordingly.

On Motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House; and, thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that they directed him to report the same, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to encourage the fitting out of vessels in this Province for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Roach took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

An Engrossed Bill for continuing the several Licence Duty Acts, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, or shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors, and for regulating such public houses and shops: also, the Act, passed in the fortieth year of His Majesty's reign, in amendment of the above recited Act: and, also, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, the said above recited Act.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the 39th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, or shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors, and for regulating such public houses and shops: also, the Act, passed in the fortieth year of His Majesty's reign, in amendment of the above recited Act: and, also, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, the said above recited Act, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the amendment made by the Council to the Bill, entitled,

ted, an Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, into consideration, and the said amendment being read throughout a first and second time, was, upon the question, put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, without any amendment.

And then the messenger withdrew.

A message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary Wentworth :

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned,

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

An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges.

An Act for altering the time of holding the Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the Counties of Annapolis, and Kings County.

An Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-ninth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses or shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors, and for regulating such public houses and shops : Also, the Act, passed in the fortieth year of his Majesty's reign, in amendment of the above recited Act : And, also, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, the said above recited Act.

An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made and passed in the thirty-ninth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, or shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors, and for regulating such public houses and shops.

Then the House adjourned until Seven of the Clock, Post Meridian.

The House met agreeably to the adjournment.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Message received from His Majesty's Council yesterday, relative to the appropriation of monies.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that, relying upon the assurance given by His Majesty's Council, in their message of yesterday, relative to the appropriation of monies, it is expedient for the House to proceed, without delay, to make the distribution

distribution of the sums under the several heads of general service, in order to obtain the proposed agreement of the different branches of the Legislature.

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

On motion of Mr. Dimock, *ordered*, that the Account of Expenditure for the new Government-House, together with the vouchers for the same, be referred to Mr. Dimock, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Lyon, who are to examine the same, and report thereon.

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

Wednesday, 1st January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels in this Province; for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Roach took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Thursday, 2d January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Barfs took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Dimock reported from the Committee, to whom the Accounts of Expenditures for the new Government House was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined said Accounts, and find them perfectly correct, and properly vouched, to the amount of 2534l. 8s. 6½d. — Balance due the Commissioners 24l. 6s. 5d. on the 30th of last month.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. Fulton reported from the Committee on the subject of Agriculture, and, pursuant to order, presented a Bill for the Encouragement of Agriculture, and the same was read a first time.

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

On Motion, *Resolved*, that the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House; and, thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Millison, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating the Office of Treasurer, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Robie reported from the Committee, on the subject of the Act relative to the Billeting of Soldiers, and, pursuant to Order, presented a Bill in addition to, and amendment of an Act, made in the fortieth year of his Majesty's reign, for altering, and amending the Act relating to a Militia in this Province and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the said Bills be read a second time.

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

Friday, 3d January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for regulating the Office of Treasurer; and, also,

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the fortieth year of His Majesty's reign, for altering and amending the Act relating to a Militia in this Province, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter the Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the district of Colchester, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Cochran delivered to the House an Account of the Expenditure for the Establishment on the Island of Sable, between the 27th June, 1804, and 31st December, 1805, amounting to 1,183l. 8s. 3d. and, also,

An Account of fundry demands for workmanship, and materials, for the old Government-House, amounting to 101l. 18 ½d. and, thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, that the Accounts before-mentioned, be referred to Mr. Lyon, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Campbell, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Pool presented to the House an Account of William Phillips, for his services as Health-Officer for the Port of Halifax, between the 20th July, 1804, and 20th November, 1805, amounting to 30l. and, thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Account, together with such other demands as are now before this House for the services of Health Officers, be referred to Mr. Millidge, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Pyke, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the fortieth year of his Majesty's reign, for altering, and amending, the Act relating to a Militia in this Province. The Bill for

the further regulation of Surveyors of Highways. The Bill for the encouragement of Agriculture. And, also, the Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels, in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries; and had agreed to the said Bills, severally, with amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the same, together with the Bills, in at the Clerk's table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood Committed.

The Report of the Committee, and the amendments to the above Bills, were read, throughout a first and second time, and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills, with the amendments as reported by the Committee, be engrossed.

Mr. Lyon reported from the Committee to whom the Account of Expenditure for the service of the Island of Sable; and, also, the several Accounts for repairs of the Old Government House were referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined the Accounts of the disbursements of the Island of Sable, and find the same correctly stated, excepting an overcharge of 12s. 6d. in No. 5.

That from the 27th June, 1804, to the 31st December last, there has been Expended, on supporting the Establishment, the following Sums:

Payment of Wages and Supplies,	£675 8 8½
Wages due the Superintendent, &c.	507 19 7

£1,183 8 3½

Of which sum there has been paid—

1804			
June 27.	In the Commissioner's hands,	£.	22 17 0
1805.			
March.	Salvage of the Brig Harriett,	266	13 4
October 31.	Warrant on the Treasury,	400	0 0
	Salvage, schooner Martha,	137	1 10
	Brig John and Mary,	80	0 0

£906 12 2

Sum necessary to enable the Commissioners to pay the balance due to the Superintendent	}	£ 276 16 1½
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That the Committee have examined the several Accounts herein after mentioned for repairs, &c. on the old Government-House, and find them correctly stated, viz.

William Milward's Account	£ 8 16 0
John Anderson, Mason,	7 17 4½
Adam Dechezeau and Son,	4 7 9
John Merrick, for Glafs,	4 3 7
Hartthorne and Boggs, Ironmongery,	30 11 0
Robert Milne, Carpenter,	36 19 10
Benjamin Bridge, Copper-smith,	9 2 6

£101 18 0½

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

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

Saturday, 4th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

An Engrossed Bill for the Encouragement of Agriculture, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture.

An Engrossed Bill for the further regulation of Surveyors of Highways, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for the further regulation of Surveyors of Highways, and Town Officers.

An Engrossed Bill to Encourage the fitting out of Vessels, in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries, was read a third time.

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

An Engrossed Bill, in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the 40th year of his Majesty's Majesty's reign, for altering and amending the Act relating to a Militia in this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the fortieth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act in further addition to, and for altering and amending, an Act, passed in the thirty-fifth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to amend, and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being relating to a Militia in this Province.

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

A Bill to alter the Act for Establishing a Circuit Court in the District of Colchester, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the further regulation of Inferior Courts, and Juries, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Millidge reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the Expenditure of all Monies granted for Roads and Bridges, which have not yet been accounted for to the Legislature, and, also, to report the Amount of the Compensation to be allowed to the respective Commissioners for expending the same; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

County of Halifax.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road to Sheet Harbour. *James Benvie*, Commissioner. Remains as reported last year.

Vote of 1803. 175l. Road from Fletcher's to Gay's River. *John Archibald*, Commissioner. Contract produced last Session. No Certificate.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Bridge over Salmon River, in Truro. *Matthew Archibald*, Commissioner. Contract and Certificate. Compensation, 2l. 10s.

Vote of 1803. 40l. Road from Middle Sewack to Dickey's. *Samuel Tupper*, Commissioner. Contracts last year. No Certificate.

County of Sydney.

Vote of 1803. 40l. Clearing Falls, St. Mary's River. *William Taylor*, Commissioner. Remains as reported last year.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from Country Harbour to Musquodoboit. *George Dawkins*, Commissioner. Remains as reported last year.

Vote of 1802. 500l. Road from Guysborough to Musquodoboit. *Alexander Henry*, Commissioner. Remains as reported last year.

County

County of Cumberland.

Vote of 1801. 50*l.* Road from River Philip to Napan Bridge. *George Oxley*,
 Commissioner. Contracts entered into. Certified according to Law. Compensation,
 25*l.*

Vote of 1802. 50*l.* Road from Napan Bridge to Amherst. *Alpheus Morse*, Com-
 missioner. Remains as reported last year.

King's County.

Vote of 1801. 100*l.* } Road from Avon Bridge to Bishop's Bridge. *William Camp-*
 1803. 75*l.* } *bell*, Commissioner. Remains as reported last year.

County of Hants.

Vote of 1802. 100*l.* Building a Bridge over the River Shubenacadie. *David*
Whidden, Commissioner. Remains as reported last year.

Vote of 1803. 75*l.* Road from Kenetcook to Lawrence's, Halifax Road. *William*
Salter and *William Parker*, Commissioners. Contract produced last year. No certificate.

Vote of 1803. 150*l.* New Ardoise Road, and Road from Small's to Mitchell's.
John M^c Menagle, Commissioner. Contract produced last year. Certificate now produ-
 ced. Compensation 7*l.* 10*s.*

Vote of 1803. 40*l.* Causeway from Avon Bridge to Palmer's Island. *George H.*
Menk, and *William H. Shey*, Commissioners. Contracts for the sum. Expenditure cer-
 tified. Contract and Certificate. Compensation 2*l.*

Vote of 1802. 60*l.* } Building a Bridge over Petit River, and making a Road from
 1801. 40*l.* } Kenetcook to Petit River. *William Salter* and *William Parker*,
 Commissioners. Compensation 5*l.*

County of Annapolis.

Vote of 1801. 150*l.* Road from Wortman's House to Scissabou. *James Moody*,
 Commissioner. The Committee have been informed, that the proper Contracts and
 Certificates were produced to the Committee of last year, but too late to make any re-
 port. The papers are mislaid. The Committee recommend a compensation to the Com-
 missioner of 7*l.* 10*s.*

Vote of 1802. 200*l.* } Bridge over Allen's Creek. *Dowie Ditmars* and *William Winniett*,
 1803. 200*l.* } Commissioners. Contract and Certificate. Compensation, 20*l.*

County of Shelburne.

Vote of 1803. 100*l.* Road from Yarmouth to Montegan. *Samuel Marshal*, *Samuel*
S. Pool and *Van Norden*, Commissioners. Contract for the sum. No Certificate.

Queen's County.

Vote of 1803. 80*l.* Road from Liverpool to Shelburne. *Joshua Newton*, Com-
 missioner. Contract produced last year. Certificate now produced. Compensation 4*l.*

Vote of 1803. 50*l.* Rebuilding Herring Cove Bridge. *Isaac Dexter*, Commissioner.
 Contract produced last year. A certificate was also obtained according to law, but has
 been mislaid: the Committee, therefore, recommend a compensation to the Commis-
 sioner of 2*l.* 10*s.*

County of Lunenburg.

Vote of 1803. 40*l.* Road from Gold River Bridge to Lunenburg. *Anthony*
Vaughan, Commissioner. Contract and Certificate. Compensation, 2*l.*

N. B. All the foregoing Votes were under the consideration of the Committee for
 last year.

The following sums of money were voted by the House, last year, to the persons after named, but the Votes were not agreed to by the Council, viz.

11l. 10s. to Gabriel Purdy,	} The Committee recommend that 5 per cent. be allowed to the said persons, on the respective sums by them severally expended, agreeably to the report of last year.
2l. to John Bishop,	
3l. to Matthew Archibald,	
7l. 10s. to Joseph N. Bond,	
3l. 10s. to Elisha Dewolf,	
7l. 10s. to Jotham Blanchard,	

The following are applications for compensation produced this Session :

King's County.

Vote of 1802. 70l. } Road to Scotch Bay and Black Rock, &c. *David Whidden*, Com-
1803. 50l. } missioner. Eleven Contracts entered into for the whole sum,
and certified. Compensation 6l.

Vote. 25l. Road from Partridge Island River to Swan Creek. *Charles Fraser*,
Commissioner. Contract produced, and a Receipt from *Elijah Crocker*, and others, for
cutting the above-mentioned Road, and approved by the Grand Jury.

Vote of 1802. 30l. Road from Fox River to Advocate Harbour. *John Smith*,
Commissioner. Contract for 27l. 6s. 6d. Certificate from the Grand Jury and Sessions
of the Expenditure of the whole sum.

Vote of 1803. 25l. Road from Partridge Island to the half way River. *James
Noble Shannon*, Commissioner. Four Contracts covering the whole sum and certified.
Compensation, 1l. 5s.

County of Annapolis.

Vote of 1803. 40l. Road from Leonard's Tavern to the North Mountain. *William
Bent*, Commissioner. Two Contracts for the sum. A Certificate was also obtained ac-
cording to law, but is mislaid. The Committee therefore recommend a compensation to
the Commissioner of 2l.

Vote, 300l. Bridge over the Annapolis River, at Hicks's Ferry. *Robert Fitz Randolph*,
Joshua St. Croix and *John Ruggles*, Commissioners. No Contract is produced ; but it ap-
pears from the Certificate of the Grand Jury, that a Contract was entered into, and that
the work has been faithfully executed. The Committee are of opinion, that compen-
sation ought to be allowed to the Commissioners on the above sum of 300l. and on 127l.
13s. expended by them in completing the Bridge, and allowed by the House.

Vote 1803. 50l. Repairing the Road from Moose to Bear River. *William Winniett*
and *Dowie Ditmars*, Commissioners. Contract and Certificate from the Commissioners
that the work is performed.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from Petit to Grand Passage. *Robert Outhouse*, Commis-
sioner. Contract entered into and Certificate. Compensation, 2l. 10s.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from Digby to Rogers's Point. *Henry Rutherford*, Com-
missioner. Contract and Certificate. Compensation, 2l. 10s.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from Digby to Petit Passage. *Joseph Gidney*, Commissioner.
Contract. No Certificate.

County of Lunenburg.

Vote, 230l. Road from Lunenburg to Nictaur. *G. M. Smith* and *C. Wenzil*, Com-
missioners. Contract and Certificate as the law directs. Compensation, 11l. 10s.

Vote, 20l. Road from La Have to Lunenburg. *John Pernette*, Commissioner.
Contract entered into. No Certificate.

County of Halifax.

Vote of 1803. 25l. Road from the Middle Road to St. Margaret's Bay. *John
Woodin*, Commissioner. Contract for 10l. and an Account of work done on the Road,
amounting to 15l. 4s. with a Receipt for the money, given by *Jacob Bowers*. No Cer-
tificate.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from Campbell's to Musquodoboit River. *Matthew T. Archibald*, Commissioner. Contract for the sum. No Certificate.

Vote, 50l. Road from Margomishc to Cape George. *George Roy*, Commissioner. Contracts for the whole sum. Certificates from the Sessions District of Pictou.

County of Sydney.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from the Indian Garden to Malignant Cove. *Timothy Hierliby*, Commissioner. Contract and Certificate according to law. Compensation, 2l. 10s.

Queen's County.

Vote of 1803. 150l. Road from Liverpool to Nictaur. *Nathan Tupper*, Commissioner. Contract for the whole sum. Certified. Compensation, 7l. 10s.

County of Cumberland.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from Londonderry to Amherst. *Gabriel Purdy*, Commissioner. Four Contracts for the whole sum, and Certificate. Compensation, 2l. 10s.

Vote of 1803. 30l. Road from Remsheg Harbour to River Philip. *Gabriel Purdy*, Commissioner. Four Contracts for the sum, and Certificate. Compensation, 1l. 10s.

Vote of 1803. 20l. Road from Wend's at Remsheg, to S. Purdy's. *Gabriel Purdy*, Commissioner. Contracts and Certificates. Compensation, 1l.

County of Shelburne.

Vote of 1802. 100l. Road from Barrington to Pubnico. *Joseph Homer*, Commissioner. Contracts for 9l. 5s. Not certified as the law directs.

Vote of 1803. 75l. Building a Bridge over Jordan River. *Thomas Crowell*, Commissioner.

No Contract produced, but Mr. Campbell having assured the Committee, that a Contract was entered into, and that the money has been faithfully and judiciously expended, and a Certificate being now produced, the Committee allow a Compensation of 3l. 15s.

County of Hants

Vote of 1803. 60l. Road from Douglas Church to the Ferry at Shubenacadie. *William Smith*, Commissioner. Contracts for the whole sum, and Certificate. Compensation, 3l.

Vote of 1803. 40l. Road from Douglas to the Nine Mile River. *William Smith*, Commissioner. Contract and Certificate. Compensation, 2l.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road and Bridges from Rawdon Mill to Widow Weir's House. *Benjamin Whitear*, Commissioner. Two Contracts for the sum. Certified. Compensation, 2l. 10s.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Tanner's Hill, near Windsor. *John Clarke*, Commissioner. Contract. No Certificate.

Vote of 1800.	100l.	} Repairing and supporting Avon Bridge. <i>Jeremiah Northup</i> , Commissioner. Contract for 225l. No Certificate or Ac- count of Expenditure.
1801.	75l.	
1804.	100l.	

Vote of 1802. 100l. Road from Beaver Bank to Blair's Farm. *John Bond*, Commissioner. Four Contracts entered into for the whole sum, and Certificate according to law. Compensation, 5l.

The Committee further report, that they have had under their consideration the Vote of 1799 for 800l. for repairing the Road and Bridges from the Three Mile Plain to Pence's Farm; for the Expenditure of which, John Emerson, Richard Cunningham, and Rufus Fairbanks, were Commissioners; and find the statement of that sum as follows:

Expended by Contract	£.750 0 0
by Day's work	37 18 8
In payment of Tavern Bills	16 19 1½
Making together	£.804 17 9½

It appears to the Committee, from information given to them; from the Report of the Committee appointed by his Excellency to examine said Roads and Bridges, as well

as from a certificate of the Sessions and Grand Jury of the County of Hants, which was produced before a former Committee, but which, with the Contract, is now mislaid, that the above-mentioned sums were faithfully and judiciously applied.

The Committee are of opinion, that they are not authorized to allow the above mentioned sum of 16l. 19s. 1½d. but they beg leave to remark, that some consideration is due to the Commissioners for the uncommon pains and trouble they took upon themselves in superintending the work, and the expences they were necessarily put to in attending the same, at a great distance from their places of residence.

The Committee, upon mature consideration of the circumstances of the case, allow the Commissioners a compensation of 39l. 3s.

On motion, *ordered*, that the report be referred to the Committee of Supply; and, thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Campbell took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 202l. 15s. should be granted and paid for compensating the undermentioned Commissioners of Roads, for their services in expending the several sums as specified, and recommended, by the Committee of the House in their report, to be paid and distributed to each and every of the said Commissioners, in manner following, viz.

2l. 10s. to Matthew Archibald	2l. to William Bent
25l. to George Oxley	15l. to Robert Fitz Randolph, Joshua St. Croix, and John Ruggles
7l. 10s. to John M' Monagle	2l. 10s. to Robert Outhouse
2l. to George H. Monk, and Wm. H. Shey	2l. 10s. to Henry Rutherford
5l. to William Salter, and William Parker	11l. 10s. to George Michael Smith, and ——— Wenzell
7l. 10s. to James Moody	2l. 10s. to Timothy Hierlihy
20l. to Dowie Ditmafs, and Wm. Winniett	7l. 10s. to Nathan Tupper
4l. to Joshua Newton	2l. 10s. to Gabriel Purdy
2l. 10s. to Isaac Dexter	11. 10s. to Gabriel Purdy
17l. 10s. to Gabriel Purdy	11. to Gabriel Purdy
2l. 15s. to John Bishop	3l. 15s. to Thomas Crowell
5l. to Matthew Archibald	3l. to William Smith
12l. 10s. to Joseph N. Bond	2l. to William Smith
5l. to Elisha Dewolf	2l. 10s. to Benjamin Whitear
10l. to Jotham Blanchard	5l. to John Bond
6l. to David Whidden	
11. 5s. to James Noble Shannon	

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Thirty-nine pounds, three shillings, be granted and paid to John Emerfon, Richard Cunningham, and Rufus Fairbanks, for their services as Commissioners in expending the sum of 800l. on the Road from the Three Mile Plain to Pence's Farm: and, also, the further sum of four pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence half penny to the said Commissioners, being the Amount of their Expenditures on the said Road, over and above the said sum of 800l. granted by the Legislature.

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

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

Mr. M^oMonagle moved, that the said Report, so far as it relates to granting Compensation to the Commissioners for the Road from the Three Mile Plain to Pence's Farm, be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The said Report, and Resolutions, were then put, and agreed to by the House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for regulating the Office of Treasurer; and, also, the Bill to alter the Act for Establishing a Circuit Court in the District of Colchester, and had agreed to the said Bills, severally, with amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the amendments were read, throughout, a first and second time, and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Monday, 6th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for regulating the Office of Treasurer was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for regulating the Office of Treasurer.

Ordered, That the Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the old Government House, and all applications for money which have not already been referred to the Committee of Supply; be now referred to the consideration of the said Committee.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On Motion of Mr. Chipman, *resolved*, that the Committee who were appointed on the 22th ultimo, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the subject of the new Government House, do again wait on his Excellency, and request that he will be pleased to direct the Commissioners of the said Building to lay before this House the particulars of the Estimate of the sum that will be required for completely finishing that Building, with its appendages.

An engrossed Bill to alter the Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the District of Colchester, was read a Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to alter the times of the sitting of the Supreme Court, and Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Colchester and County of Cumberland.

Ordered

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

On Motion, *Ordered*, That the Petition of Elias Wheelock be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Morris and Mr. Morton, who are to examine into the claim of the Petitioner, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the officers of Impost and Excise, to take an Account of all articles lately imported, or to be imported, during the continuance of the Act, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and accordingly the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's table, and thereupon,

Mr. Wilkins moved, That the Bill do not pass to be Engrossed, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Seven; Against it, Twenty.

For the Motion :

Mr. M'Monagle,

Mr. Wilkins,

Mr. Monk,

Mr. Pool,

Mr. Chandler,

Mr. Pyke,

Mr. Crane,

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be Engrossed.

Against the Motion :

Mr. M'Curdy, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Rutherford,

Mr. Buskirk, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Allison,

Mr. Millidge, Mr. Roach, Mr. Mortimer,

Mr. Robie, Mr. Northup, Mr. Fulton,

Mr. Barfs, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Cochran,

Mr. Chipman, Mr. Moody, Mr. Oxley,

Mr. Lyon, Mr. Morton,

Mr. Millidge reported from the Committee to whom the demands of Health Officers was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee on examination cannot find there was any Proclamation during the year 1805; but it being notorious that a malignant and infectious Fever raged in the United States, and particularly in the Ports of Philadelphia, and New-York, and being satisfied that the Health Officer for Halifax has faithfully performed the services stated in his Account, (which is recommended by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor), the Committee, therefore, beg leave to recommend to the House, that he be allowed Twenty-seven pounds for such services. The account for medicines, &c. amounting to Three pounds, the Committee are of opinion the House cannot allow.

With respect to the Health Officer at Annapolis, the Committee are satisfied, he has acted as such for near seven years without having kept any regular account of Vessels visited by him; and therefore cannot make up any specific account, but claims something in a gross sum, as a compensation for his services; being satisfied of his having performed them, the Committee recommend to the House to allow him in full of all past services, the sum of Ten pounds.

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

Mr. M'Monagle reported from the Committee appointed in the last Session, on the subject

subject of the Petition of Nathaniel Smith and Ludovick Hunter, relative to the new Road round the Ardoise Hill; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee met and inspected the said Road, and found that considerable work and repair had been done thereon, subsequent to the former inspections, and that the Road in general, at that time (July last) appeared to them to be good, except a Causeway on the north side of James Card's farm, which wanted to be raised with gravel and the ditches on both sides deepened and cleared out for a passage for the water.

This, and some other repairs in a few places, the Committee pointed out to the Contractors, who assured the Committee they would do the same, at any future period to their satisfaction. On examination, since that time, the Committee found that something was done, but not so effectual as they pointed out; but as the Contractors assured the Committee, that it shall be done, and more effectually, to their satisfaction, and without impediment to the public, the Committee are of opinion, the Contractors may be released from the penalties of their contract, and the road taken off their hands.

Ordered, That the report do lie on the table.

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

Tuesday, 7th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Officers of Impost and Excise to take an account of all articles lately imported, or to be imported during the continuance of the Act, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to enable the Officers of Impost and Excise to take an account of all articles lately imported, or to be imported during the continuance of this Act.

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

Ordered, That the several resolutions which have passed this House, for granting compensation to Commissioners of Roads, be sent to the Council for concurrence.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Halliburton, (the Acting Clerk of the Council) as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to lay before this House an Estimate, signed by his Excellency, for the Service of Roads and Bridges, for the present year, which his Excellency recommends to the consideration of this House; and he presented the said Estimate to the House.

The said Estimate was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

AN ESTIMATE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE DIFFERENT ROADS, AND BRIDGES, IN THE PROVINCE, IN ADDITION TO THE GRANTS OF THE LAST SESSIONS, VIZ.

County of Halifax.

To assist the Inhabitants to build a Bridge over the River Sewack, on the road leading to Dickie's	£40	0	0
To repair the road from George Campbell's towards Musquodoboit	30	0	0
To repair the road from Onslow to Tatamagushe, in addition to last year's vote	50	0	0
To open a road from Alexander Fleming's to Ramsheg	20	0	0

Amount carried forward £140 0 0

	Amount brought forward	£140	0	0
To repair the Road from Portepeck to Economy Village		18	0	0
To repair the road from Salmon River to Pictou, in addition to last year's vote		45	0	0
To repair the road from the bridge over the West River to the Middle River at Pictou		25	0	0
To repair the road from the East River of Pictou to the West River at Margomifhe		23	0	0
To build a bridge over the West River of Margomifhe, and repair the road to the French River		45	0	0
To open a road from the River John to Pictou, a growing settlement at present, without a road to the capital		25	0	0
For a road from Carriboo Harbour to the road from Pictou to Halifax		40	0	0
To repair, and build a stone arch in, Sackville Bridge.		250	0	0

County of Hants.

For the bridge on Kenetcook River		60	0	0
For the Nine Mile River Road, from Kenetcook Road, near the Douglass Church, to the river near the Cobèquid Road, leading to Halifax		40	0	0
For the bridging, and cutting open, the new road, from the bridge on the Shubenaccadie, at the Black Rock, to the Douglass House, near the Ferry at David Whidden's		40	0	0
To open, and improve, the road leading from Windfor to the Douglass Road, at Coal Pit Hill, to Samuel Grant's, in Newport.		20	0	0

King's County.

For the road from Silas Rand's to the Aylesford Church		60	0	0
For the road from Greenwood's to Pineo's, on the Annapolis road		23	0	0
For the road from Scotch Bay to the main road in Cornwallis		12	10	0
For the road from Horton to the half-way river, on the old road to Falmouth		25	0	0
For the road from Cumberland road to Advocate Harbour		25	0	0
For the road from the Black Rock to the main road in Cornwallis		12	10	0
In addition to the vote of last Sessions, for the road from Gasperau Bridge, to the Bridge near Mount Denfon		30	0	0

Annapolis County.

For the road from John Chipman's, in Annapolis, to Abel Bell's House, in said town		50	0	0
For the road from John Akins's to Petite Passage		45	0	0
For the road from Rowe's Mills, to Marr's Farm, in Digby		25	0	0
For the road from Ezekiel Cleaveland's, at Nictaur, to Charles Whitman's House		48	0	0

Shelburne County.

To repair the Road from Saunders's Mill to Salmon River, in addition to the vote of last year		50	0	0
To repair the road from Shelburne, to Barrington, in addition to the vote of last year		22	0	0
To repair the road from Shelburne to the bounds of Queen's County, and rebuilding a bridge over Sable River (which the Inhabitants in 1803 built at their own expence)		90	0	0

Queen's County.

To repair the road from the bounds of Shelburne to Port Mutton.		50	0	0
To repair the road and bridges from Liverpool towards Port Mutton		43	0	0
To repair the road and bridges from Herring Cove bridge, in Liverpool, to the bridge over Port Metway River		50	0	0
To repair the road from the bridge over Port Metway river towards Petite Rivere.		30	0	0

Amount carried forward £1,462 0 0

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<i>County of Cumberland.</i>	
For the road leading from Parrborough to Cumberland, beginning at the south bounds of the County of Cumberland, to the Macan Bridge	20 0 0
For the road leading from Alpheus Morse's, in Amherst, to the River Philip, in addition to 50l. voted last year	50 0 0
For the road from Remsheg Harbour, by Captain Forshner's, to Richard Thompson's, at the River Philip	33 0 0
For the road from the River Philip to the north bounds of Londonderry	20 0 0
For the road from the south side of Remsheg Harbour to Gabriel Purdy's	15 0 0
For opening a road from Daniel Teed's, on the Remsheg River, to the Lake leading to Londonderry, by Folly River	20 0 0
For aiding the Inhabitants of Cumberland in opening a road from the upper part of the Township of Amherst, to the Gulph of Saint Lawrence, the Inhabitants having subscribed an equal sum	15 0 0
<i>County of Sydney.</i>	
To improve the road from Guyborough to the East Branch of Saint Mary's River, in addition to 150l. voted last Session	50 0 0
To assist the Inhabitants of Manchester, and the Gut of Canso, to open a road from Boylston, at Milford Haven, to the Gut of Canso, near Mr. John Wheaton's : distance 16 Miles	25 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants of Oyster Ponds, to erect a new bridge over Goose Harbour, the old bridge being carried away	33 0 0
To improve the road from Manchester, to Traccadie, a distance of fifteen miles, rendered impassible, by wind falls and other obstructions	15 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants of Guysborough, and Manchester, to build bridges over the North East, and West Rivers, at the head of Milford Haven, on the main road leading from Guysborough to Antigonishe.	50 0 0
<i>County of Lunenburg.</i>	
For the road from Lunenburg to Lahave River	25 0 0
For the road from Mr. Pernet's to Petit Rivere	25 0 0
For the road from Petit Rivere to Port Metway	30 0 0
For building a bridge over middle river on the road from Chester to Lunenburg, which will require 100l. One half of which the Inhabitants will subscribe	50 0 0
For cutting out six miles of the Road from Lunenburg to Nictaur, and to build small Bridges thereon	43 0 0
	£1,981 0 0

J. WENTWORTH.

Council Chamber, 7th January, 1806.

On motion, *resolved*, that the foregoing Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply ; and, thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act to alter the times of the sitting of the Supreme Court, and Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Colchester, and County of Cumberland.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act to Enable the Officers of Impost

post and Excise to take an Account of all Articles lately imported, or to be imported, during the continuance of this Act.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the fortieth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act, in further addition to, and for altering, and amending, an Act, passed in the thirty-fifth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to amend, and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the amendment of the Council, to the above Bill, into consideration; and the said amendment being read throughout a first and second time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one thousand nine hundred and eighty one pounds, in addition to the sum voted last year, should be granted and appropriated to the Service of Roads and Bridges, for the present year, to be distributed agreeable to the Estimate of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, hereunto annexed.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolution, together with the estimate, to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the Council by Committee, on the subject of the Fisheries, Agriculture, Roads, and Public Buildings, of the Province; and that the Clerk do desire the same.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Monk and Mr. Lyon, do manage the said Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act, in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the fortieth year of His present Majesty's Reign entitled, an Act in further addition to, and for altering and amending, an Act, passed in the thirty-fifth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to amend, and reduce into one Act, the several

veral Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Robie reported that the Managers had been at the Conference with the Committee of the Council, and he stated the substance of the said Conference to the House.

Mr. Robie moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province, which, being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Chipman moved, that the House do now adjourn, until half past six of the Clock, P. M. which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the adjournment fifteen, against it fourteen, so it passed in the affirmative.

Then the House adjourned until half past six o'Clock accordingly.

The House met agreeably to the adjournment.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the state of the Agriculture and Fisheries, &c. of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House should adhere to the general heads of appropriation, of the disposable resources of the Province, proposed by the House, and agreed to by the Council.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed, by the House, to confer with His Majesty's Council, and to propose, that a resolution of the Legislature be given, to pledge a future provision for any deficiency of the present appropriations, for the encouragement of the Agriculture and the Fisheries; and that, if this proposition is not agreed to, the Bills be so modified, that the sums appropriated, be divided in just proportions amongst the legal claimants.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the best mode of encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, will be, by giving a Bounty on the Tonnage of Vessels employed in the business.

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

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

Wednesday, 8th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for continuing the several Revenue Acts for the support of His Majesty's Government.

A Bill for continuing the Act for laying an Imposit Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America.

A Bill for continuing the Halifax Grammar School Act; and also,

A Bill for continuing an Act passed in the Thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, for the further increase of the Revenue, were severally read a second time.

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

A Bill for the further regulation of Inferior Courts, and Juries, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act for laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America; and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time in the next Session of General Assembly.

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of John Archibald, and the same was read, praying a compensation for his time and expences, as a Commissioner for expending the sum of Six Hundred Pounds on the Road from Fletcher's Bridge to Truro, in the year 1801; and, thereupon

On motion, *resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed, it appearing to the House, that the Petitioner has already been compensated for his services.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject matter of the last conference, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to a Conference as desired by this House, immediately in the Committee room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly; and, being returned,

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

Mr. Robie reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Elias Wheelock was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That it appears to the Committee, by a Resolve of this House, which passed on the tenth day of March, 1802, that the sum of 23l. 4s. 6d. was granted to the Petitioner, in full for his services to that period. The Committee are, therefore, of opinion that the sums charged in the account annexed to the present Petition, previous to the year 1802, amounting to the aggregate sum of 34l. 19s. 6d. should not be allowed: and, with regard to the remaining charges, the Committee recommend that the consideration of them, as well as the Petition, be deferred to the next Session of the General Assembly, and that the Petitioner be required to give full and precise information by what means, and by whose authority, he incurred the expences therein stated, with necessary vouchers.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference : and they went to the Conference.

And, being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be thrown under the Table, the House considering the said Bill a Money Bill.

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for granting two thousand pounds for the Encouragement of the Agriculture of this Province, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

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

Thursday, 9th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for granting Two Thousand Pounds for the encouragement of the Agriculture of this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for granting two thousand pounds for the encouragement of the Agriculture of the Province.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the last Conference, and that the Clerk do desire the same. A

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Haliburton

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Millidge took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Friday, 10th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Rutherford, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for the better regulating the holding of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Annapolis; and the same was read a first time.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council on the subject matter of the Conference held yesterday, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the Conference as desired by this House, immediately, in the Committee room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this Conference, and that they do attend accordingly.

And then the Managers went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Saturday, 11th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair:

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair:

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred. That they had deferred to the next Session, the consideration of the Bill, for continuing the Halifax Grammar School Act. That they had gone through the Bill for the better regulation of Inferior Courts and Juries; and, also, the Bill to amend the Act for the better regulating the holding of the Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Annapolis, and had made several amendments thereunto respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House. The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with their respective amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the support of the Poor, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and the same was read first time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair:

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of John Solomon was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee on examination found the Quarterly Returns forwarded by the Register's Deputies in the different parts of the Province, for many years past, in a very confused and irregular state ; not having been entered into a Book, as the Law directs ; some of the principal Books of Record are also much defaced from natural decay ; that the Committee are of opinion, they ought to be repaired, and a Book provided for each County and District, in order that the former Quarterly Returns, and those that may hereafter be forwarded, be regularly entered.—The Committee, therefore, recommend that the House take steps for carrying the above into effect ; the preservation of the Provincial Records being, in their opinion, of the utmost importance.

Ordered, that the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. Lyon reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Andrew Murdoch and others was referred ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee having examined into the circumstances of the several Petitioners, are satisfied that in general they are in great distress ; and recommend to the House, to vote a sum for their relief, not exceeding fifty pounds, to be accounted for by the Commissioners of the Poor.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifteen pounds should be granted and paid to Mungo Dill, for work performed by him, on the road near Palmer's line, leading from the Three Mile Plain, to the Avon Bridge in Windsor, in the year 1802.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Eighteen pounds should be granted and paid, to Nathaniel Jenkins in full, for new covering the Causeway through Jenkins's marsh, on the road leading from the Three Mile Plain, to the Avon Bridge in Windsor, in the year 1802.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, should be granted and paid to Thomas Goudge, for a Drawback of Duties on 2,390 gallons of Rum, agreeably to the prayer of his Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence, should be granted and paid to Thomas Dobson and Co. for a Drawback of Duty on 658 gallons of Rum, and 1,324 gallons of Molasses, agreeably to the prayer of his Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-six pounds one shilling, should be granted and paid to Henry Rutherford, for a Drawback of Duties on 2,084 gallons of Rum, agreeably to the prayer of his Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifteen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, should be granted and paid to Alexander Mitchel, for a Drawback of the Duties on 440 gallons of Rum, and 18Cwt. 1qr. Brown Sugar, agreeably to the prayer of his Petition.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Thirty-four pounds eleven shillings and three pence, should be granted and paid to John Pryor and Rufus G. Taylor, for a Drawback of the Duties on 2,765 gallons of Rum, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of Andrew M'Kimm, should be referred to the Commissioners for Expending the sum granted for the settlement of Emigrants, in the western District of the Province, and that they be authorized to pay to the said Petitioner, the sum of Thirty pounds, out of the said fund.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty pounds should be granted and paid to John Balcomb, in full for his demand for workmanship and materials, furnished for the Bridge, over Allen's Creek, at Annapolis, in addition to his Contract, with the Commissioners of said Bridge.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty pounds, should be granted and paid to Hugh Ald, to enable him to complete the works erected by him, and to carry on the Manufactory of Salt, and to pursue that Manufactory, on his giving security to the approbation of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to that effect.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Ten pounds five shillings, should be granted to George Bishop, for repairing Bridges on the Road from Falmouth, to Horton, the same to be paid out of the sum of 400l. granted in the last Session, to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the repair of Roads and Bridges.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty five-pounds five shillings, should be granted to James Ratchford, for repairing a Bridge near Fullerton's on the Road from Patridge Island, to the River Macan, the same to be paid as aforesaid.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one hundred and one pounds eighteen shillings and one half penny, should be granted and paid to the several persons in discharge of their respective accounts for workmanship, and materials, furnished for the Old Government House, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of the House.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of four hundred pounds, should be granted and paid, for the support of the Establishment of the Island of Sable, up to the 30th of June next.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Thirty pounds should be granted and paid to Winckworth Tonge, in full as a compensation for the public road running through his land, on the Ardoise Hill, agreeably to the report of the Committee of the House on the 30th December last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of Samuel Hart, praying for a Drawback of Duties, should be dismissed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Ten pounds should be granted and paid to John Christie, and David Archibald, to be equally divided between them, on their giving Security to the Justices in Sessions at Colchester, to keep the Road open from the said Christie's House to Salmon river, a distance of ten miles, without a Settler.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Ten pounds should be granted and paid to Andrew M'Kimm, and James Sutherland, Settlers on the Cumberland Road, near the Cobequid Mountains, to be equally divided between them, on their giving Security, to the Justices in Sessions, that they will keep the road open, during the Winter, from the Settlement in Londonderry, to said Sutherland's, a distance of ten miles.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for continuing the several Revenue Laws for the support of His Majesty's Government; the Bill for continuing the Act for laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America; and, also, the Bill for continuing an Act passed in the Thirty-second year of His present Majesty, for the further increase of the Revenue, &c. and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

Monday, 13th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. M'Monagle, *resolved*, that the Bill for continuing the several Revenue Acts for the support of His Majesty's Government, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House: and, thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several further amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that the Clerk do request His Majesty's Council to send down the Bill for the Encouragement of the Fishery, now before them, agreed to, or disagreed to.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Haliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to thirty-two resolutions of this House for granting compensation to Commissioners of Roads, as follows:

£. 2	10	to Matthew Archibald	£. 1	5	to James Noble Shannon
25	0	to George Oxley	2	0	to William Bent
7	10	to John M'Monagle	15	0	to Robert Fitz Randolph, Joshua
2	0	to George H. Monk & W.H. Shey			St. Croix and John Ruggles
5	0	to William Salter and William	2	10	to Robert Outhouse
		Parker	2	10	to Henry Rutherford
7	10	to James Moody	11	10	to G. M. Smith and C. Wentzel
20	0	to Dowie Ditmas and William	2	10	to Timothy Hierlihy
		Winniett	7	10	to Nathan Tupper
4	0	to Joshua Newton	2	10	to Gabriel Purdy
2	10	to Isaac Dexter	1	10	to Gabriel Purdy
17	10	to Gabriel Purdy	1	0	to Gabriel Purdy
2	10	to John Bishop	3	15	to Thomas Crowel
5	0	to Matthew Archibald	3	0	to William Smith
12	10	to Joseph N. Bond	2	0	to William Smith
5	0	to Elisha Dewolf	2	10	to Benjamin Whitear
10	0	to Jotham Blanchard	5	0	to John Bond.
6	0	to David Whidden			

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. M'Monagle, an engrossed Bill for continuing the several Revenue Acts for the support of His Majesty's Government, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to revive, and continue in force, the several Revenue Laws for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province: and, thereupon,

Mr. M'Monagle moved, that the said Bill be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, eighteen; against it, twelve.

For the Motion:

Mr. Fulton,	Mr. Pool,
Mr. Morris,	Mr. M'Monagle,
Mr. Rutherford,	Mr. Lovett,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Buskirk,
Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Roach,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. M'Curdy,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Monk,	Mr. Dixon.

Against the Motion:

Mr. Oxley,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Marshall,
Mr. Lyon,	Mr. Mortimer,
Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Bars,	Mr. Moody,
Mr. Robie,	Mr. Campbell.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

An engrossed Bill for continuing An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to revive, and continue, an Act, passed in the thirty-second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; and, also, the Act, in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-first year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled an Act, to alter, and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the support of the Poor, and other purposes therein mentioned, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for the support of the Poor, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An engrossed Bill for continuing the Act for laying an Impost Duty on articles imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to revive and continue an Act, made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the better support of the Poor, in the respective Counties of this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on articles imported into this Province from the United States of America.

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

On motion of Mr. Morton, the report of the Committee on the subject of a Paper Currency was read by the Clerk: and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration the subject matter of said report.

An engrossed Bill for the further regulation of Inferior Courts and Juries, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for the further regulation of Inferior Courts and Special Jurors.

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

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

Tuesday, 14th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Cochran delivered to the House an Estimate for finishing the New Government House, from the Commissioners of that Building, and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

An ESTIMATE for finishing the NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The Levee Room	£.60	0	0
Two Chimney Pieces in the Chamber Story	14	0	0
East Fence, Stone Coping	63	0	0
Ditto, Gates, and Palifade of Wood	139	0	0
Iron Work to ditto	15	0	0
Finishing the East Gate Piers	10	0	0
West Fence Stone Coping	48	0	0
Ditto, Gates and Iron Work	68	0	0
East Portico, including Materials, and finishing West, ditto	300	0	0
Hanging the Saffes with Weights and Lines	78	0	0
Railing and Palifade of Wood round the Area, and Iron Rail down the Stone Steps	120	0	0
Stone Flaging round the Ends and East Front	70	10	0
Inside Window Shutters	130	10	0
Coach-House and Stable, Materials included	350	0	0
Painting, suppose	150	0	0

Total £.1616 0 0

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

The order of the day being read.

On motion of Mr. Chipman, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Account of Doctor Phillips, for his services as Health Officer for the Port of Halifax, should be dismissed: no Proclamation having been issued by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respecting Quarantine, during the time such service was performed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the claim of Doctor Henkel, for his services as Health-officer at Annapolis, should be dismissed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds should be granted for the repairing and fitting up the Old Government House, for the accomodation of the General Assembly, and the King's Courts.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings, should be granted to John Walker, in full for his account for work done on the Avon Bridge; to be paid out of such money as may remain in the Treasury from the sums already granted for the Pier, and repairs of the said Bridge.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds should be granted and paid for the purpose of completing the New Government House.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of five hundred pounds should be granted and paid for the purpose of purchasing Furniture, for the Use of the State Rooms in the New Government House.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding fifty pounds, should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in the Town of Halifax, to be by them applied in the relief of the indigent debtors confined in the Halifax Jail.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds should be granted and paid to John Howe, for a balance due to him for reprinting the Province Laws.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds, should be granted and paid to the Attorney General for his services in revising the Province Laws.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifty pounds should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Philadelphia Grant, towards defraying the expence of confirming the Titles to the Settlers in that Township.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifty pounds should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Douglass Grant, towards defraying the expences of confirming the Titles to the Settlers in that Township.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding ten pounds, should be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly for defraying the expence of illuminating the Public Building, occupied by the General Assembly; and for Fuel purchased for the House of Assembly the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding twenty pounds should be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly to defray the Expence of Stationary for the Commissioners of the Revenue, and for the Use of the House of Assembly, &c. during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifty pounds should be granted and paid, to James Ratchford, and James Noble Shannon, for the Encouragement of a Packet to run between Widfor and Patridge Island, under such regulations as may be made and ordered by the Justices in Session for the County of Hants, for the ensuing year.

Resolved.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding One Thousand Six Hundred Pounds, should be granted and paid for defraying the Contingent Expences of the House of Assembly, during the past and present Session ; the same to be drawn for by the Lieutenant Governor, on the Certificate of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and not otherwise.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-five pounds should be granted and paid for the making of such occasional repairs as may be necessary for Avon Bridge, to be expended under the direction of Commissioners to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor for that purpose.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the several Resolutions which have passed this House for granting Monies, to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

On motion of Mr. Morton, the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the subject of Paper Currency.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from Mr. Halliburton, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported into this Province from the United States of America. Also,

The Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Two Thousand Pounds for the Encouragement of the Agriculture of the Province. And also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act passed in the thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province. And also, the Act, in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to alter, amend and continue, an Act made and passed in the thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province, severally, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to Seven Resolutions of this House for granting the sum of 10*l.* 18*s.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* to discharge the demands for work and materials for the old Government House.

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

18*l.* to Nathaniel Jenkins.

15*l.* to Mungo Dill.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting 1,98*l.* in addition to the sum voted last year to be appropriated to the Service of Roads and Bridges for the present year, to be distributed agreeably to the Estimate of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor thereto annexed.

The Council have not agreed to three Resolutions of this House for granting the following Sums, viz.

10*l.* to Andrew M'Kimm and James Sutherland.

10*l.* to John Christie and James Archibald.

44*l.* and 9*s.*, to John Emerson, Richard Cunningham, and Rufus Fairbanks.

The Council request a Conference with this House, by Committee, upon the Bill for reviving and continuing in force the several Revenue Laws for the Support of His Ma-

Jeffy's Government. And also, the Bill to provide for the Support of the Poor, and for other services therein mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Morris, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Robie, Mr. M'Monagle, and Mr. Lyon, do manage the said Conference; and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On Motion of Mr. Wilkins, *resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to John Emerson, Richard Cunningham and Rufus Fairbanks, for compensation in expending the sum of 800l. on the Windsor Road from Pence's Farm to the Three Mile Plain.

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

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

Wednesday, 15th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg and District of Pictou, and for amending the several Acts now in force relative to the Circuit Courts; and the same was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second time; and the same was read accordingly.

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

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Lyon took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Haliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act to revive and continue in force the several Revenue Laws for the support of his Majesty's Government in this Province; and, also,

The Bill, entitled, an Act, for the further regulation of Inferior Courts and Special Jurors, severally, without any amendment.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of several Resolves of this House for granting monies, now before the Council.

And

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House doth agree to the Conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Chipman, do manage this Conference ; and they went to the Conference.

An engrossed Bill, for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburgh, and District of Picou, and for amending the several Acts now in force relative to the Circuit Courts, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburgh, and District of Picou, and for amending the several Acts now in force relative to the Circuit Courts.

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

On motion of Mr. M^cMonagle, *resolved*, that Mr. Speaker do sign the several Revenue and other Bills which have passed the House, and been agreed to by the Council.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Report of the Committee on the subject of a Paper Currency.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

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

25l. to John Emerson, Richard Cunningham and Rufus Fairbanks.

50l. to the Commissioners of the Douglafs Grant.

50l. to the Commissioners of the Philadelphia Grant.

10l. to the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

50l. for the relief of Indigent Debtors.

25l. for Avon Bridge.

400l. for Island of Sable.

30l. to Winckworth Tonge.

50l. to John Balcomb.

127l. 13s. to Robert Fitz Randolph, and John Ruggles.

30l. to Andrew M^cKimm, to be paid out of Emigrant Grant, Western District.

50l. to Hugh Ald.

The Council have not agreed to two Resolutions of this House for granting the following sums :

10l. 5s. to George Bishop.

25l. 5s. to James Ratchford.

The Council having been under the necessity of employing Brenton Halliburton, Esq. as their Clerk in the present Session, owing to the indisposition of the Secretary and his Deputy ; request the House of Assembly that a Grant for his services may be made to enable the Council to satisfy their engagements with him.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Wilkins reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, with the Committee of the Council, and he stated the substance of the said Conference to the House.

Mr. Morton moved that the Petition of John Solomon be dismissed, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Eleven ; against it, Twelve. So it passed in the Negative.

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Speaker, to be attended by Mr. Monk, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Morris, do wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to explain to his Excellency

Excellency, a mistake that has taken place respecting the sending up to the Council the several Revenue, and other, Bills, which had passed the House for his Excellency's assent this day.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Petition of John Solomon, and the Report of the Committee respecting the same.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker reported that he had, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, waited upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, attended by the three Members, and explained to his Excellency the mistake respecting the Bills, and that his Excellency was pleased to express himself satisfied with such explanation.

On motion, *resolved*, that the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to the Chaplain of his Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly (in addition to the sum of twenty pounds voted on the estimate) for his services during the present Session.

Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the Messenger to his Majesty's Council (in addition to the sum of forty pounds voted on the estimate) for his services during the present Session.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to the Serjeant at Arms, of the House of Assembly (in addition to the sum of forty pounds on the estimate) for his services during the present Session.

Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the Messenger of the House of Assembly (in addition to the sum of fifteen pounds voted on the Estimate) for his services during the present Session.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence be granted and paid to Brenton Haliburton, Esq. acting Clerk to his Majesty's Council, for his services during the present Session.

Resolved, That the sum of Seven pounds be granted and paid to Henry H. Cogswell, for drafting sundry Bills in the Session of 1803, and the present Session.

Resolved, That the sum of Seventeen pounds ten shillings be granted and paid to Foster Hutchinson, Esq. for drafting sundry Bills the present Session.

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

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

Thursday, 16th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved,

Resolved, That is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of ten pounds five shillings should be granted and paid to George Bishop, in full of his Account for repairing Bridges on the Road from Falmouth to Horton.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of twenty-five pounds five shillings should be granted and paid to James Ratchford, in full of his Account for repairing a Bridge near Fullerton's, on the Road from Partridge Island to the River Macan.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds should be granted to be expended under the direction of a joint Committee of his Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, for the purpose of preserving, in the town of Halifax, and diffusing through the Country, the Vaccine Matter for Inoculation.

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

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

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Haliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Encourage the fitting out of Vessels, in this Province, for carrying on the Cod and Bank Fisheries, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Haliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the support of the Poor, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to revive, and continue, an Act, made and passed in the thirty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to provide for the support of the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained.

And the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House ; and, thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Lyon took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill for the better regulating the holding of the Courts of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Annapolis, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for the better regulating the holding of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Annapolis.

An engrossed Bill, to revive and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to provide for the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to revive and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to provide for the support of the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and to request that encouragement may be given for Settlers on the Road from Chester to Falmouth, by Licences of Occupation to two, or more, persons who may be disposed to settle on that Road, and, by applying part of the money granted for the encouragement of Emigrants or new Settlers in the western part of the Province, to the assistance of one public house, for the accommodation of travellers, in the most suitable situation between Chester and Falmouth.

Ordered, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. M'Monagle, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to provide for the support of the Grammar School, in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained, without any amendment.

And then the messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg, and District of Pictou, and for amending the several Acts now in force relative to Circuit Courts, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

A message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned,

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

An Act for the further regulation of Inferior Courts, and Special Jurors.

An Act to revive, and continue in force, the several Revenue Laws, for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province.

An Act to revive, and continue, an Act, made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on articles imported into this Province from the United States of America.

An Act for granting two thousand pounds for the encouragement of the Agriculture of this Province.

An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, made in the fortieth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act in further addition to, and for altering and amending, an Act, passed in the thirty-fifth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to amend, and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being relating to a Militia in this Province.

An Act to revive, and continue, an Act, passed in the thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; and, also, the Act, in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to alter, amend and continue, an Act, made and passed in the thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An Act to revive, and continue, an Act, made and passed in the thirty-fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to provide for the support of the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg, &c. and the said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

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

500l. to purchase Furniture for new Government House.

1500l. to complete the new Government House.

1600l. for Contingent Expences of House of Assembly.

20l. to Clerk of Assembly for Stationary.

10l. to Chaplain of the Council and House of Assembly.

10l. to Serjeant at Arms of House of Assembly.

5l. to Messenger, ditto.

23l. 6s. 8d. to Brenton Halliburton, Acting Clerk of the Council.

5l. to Messenger of the Council.

17l. 10s. to Foster Hutchinson.

7l. to Henry H. Cogswell.

50l. to James Ratchford and J. N. Shannon, for Parrsborough Packet.

25l. 5s. to James Ratchford.

10l. 5s. to George Bishop.

350l. to the Attorney General.

150l. to John Howe.

300l. for repairing old Government House,

12l. 10s. to John Walker.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow at Twelve of the Clock.

Friday, 17th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, on which they had framed a Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the year 1804, and the year 1805, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in the last and present Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the Resolutions and Clauses therein contained, were severally read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On motion, the said Bill was read a first time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion, *resolved*, That as William Campbell, Esq. Member for the County of Sydney, has accepted the Office of Attorney General of the Island of Cape Breton, and fixed his residence in that Island, and not having attended his duty in this House for two Sessions, his Seat for the County of Sydney be vacated.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do apply to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for Writs for one Member each for the Counties of Sydney and Shelburne, to fill the seats vacant by the absence of William Campbell, Esq. and the death of George Gracie, Esq.

An engrossed Bill for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year 1804 and the year 1805, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in the last and present Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year 1804, and the year 1805, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in the last and present Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

Mr. Millidge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of William Winnett, of Annapolis, and the same was read, setting forth, that in the year 1801, the Petitioner was appointed Commissioner for expending the sum of 300l. granted for repairing the Road and Bridges between Allen's Creek and Craig's Mill; and, accordingly, entered into a Contract with one Dowie Ditmars, who completed the work; that, after the Petitioner was so appointed, he was informed by the late Collector of Impost and Excise Robert Dickson, deceased, that he had received directions, from the Treasurer, to pay to the Petitioner 290l. on account of the said grant, and that he would pay the same as soon as he could collect Duties to the amount thereof. That, during the life time of the said Robert Dickson, the Petitioner often called for payment of the money, but was only able to obtain from him the sum of 241l. 13s. 9d. on account thereof; by which a balance remained due to the contractor of 58l. 6s. 3d. that the Petitioner some time since, gave to the said Contractor, a Bill of Exchange on the Treasurer for the aforesaid sum

sum of 58l. 6s. 3d. stating on what account it was drawn, who refused to accept, and pay, the said Bill. That the said Contractor is desirous to obtain payment of the said balance, and if not shortly satisfied, will be induced to take measures unpleasant to the Petitioner, and praying the House would take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief therein as to them shall seem just.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Petition of William Winniett, to state to his Excellency that the Treasurer has charged the whole amount of the Vote for 300l. in his accounts; and to request that he will be pleased to order the Treasurer to pay the balance of 58l. 6s. 3d. due to the Petitioner immediately. *Ordered by the House*

On motion of Mr. Chipman, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request he will be pleased to direct the Solicitor General to take proper measures for recovering, immediately, the balance due the Province from Alexander Howe, Esq. a former Collector of Annapolis County, and the balance due from the estate of Robert Dickson, Esq. late Collector of that County, and, further, that he will be pleased to direct the Commissioners of the Revenue to oblige the Collectors of Impost and Excise in the different out Ports, Counties and Districts, in the Province, who are delinquent in making their Returns, to account for the public monies in their hands, and that they shall be obliged to give good and sufficient security for the faithful performance of their duty; and that their Bonds, when taken, shall be lodged in the hands of the Attorney-General, or in his absence of the Solicitor-General.

Ordered, That Mr. Chipman, Mr. Lovett and Mr. Marshall, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the foregoing Resolutions.

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Resolution of Thursday last, on the subject of encouragement to Settlers on the Road between Chester and Falmouth, as follows:

That the Committee had waited upon, and delivered the Resolution of this House to, his Excellency, and that he was pleased to say, he would willingly meet the wishes of the House as stated in the same.

Mr. Mortimer moved, that the House should come to the two Resolutions following, viz.

Whereas the sum of two thousand pounds granted this Session to encourage the Agricultural improvements of the Province, may prove insufficient to pay twenty shillings per Acre. *Resolved*, That this House will provide any further sum which may be necessary to make the bounty to be paid fifteen shillings per Acre.

Whereas the sum of three thousand pounds, voted this Session for the encouragement of the Fisheries, may prove insufficient to pay the bounty of fifteen shillings per ton, on all vessels, entitled by law, that may be employed therein during this year. *Resolved*, That this House will provide any further sum which may be necessary to pay such bounties, as may be legally claimed under the Act passed this Session, which Motion being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year 1804, and 1805, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in the last and present Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province; and, also,

The Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg and District of Pictou, and for amending the several Acts now in force relative to the Circuit Courts.

And then the messenger withdrew.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the subject of a Paper Currency.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fulton took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Paper Currency, to a moderate extent, and grounded on the Basis of a Fund for its eventual redemption, would be highly beneficial to this Country, by supplying the present deficiency of specie, affording a convenient medium of internal exchange, and increasing the resources of industry and commercial enterprize in the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Paper Emission should be made receiveable in the Treasury, and a legal tender for all debts contracted after its establishment ; that all profits arising from it should be applied to the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to assist the Speaker in a Correspondence with the Provincial Agent on this subject. And that the said Committee should also communicate with his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and His Majesty's Council on the subject ; and request his Excellency's influence with His Majesty's Ministers for forwarding the views of the House.

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

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow at Ten of the Clock.

Saturday, 18th January, 1806.

PRAYERS.

The proceedings of yesterday being read,

Mr. Monk thereupon moved, That the last Resolution in the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the subject of a Paper Currency, be amended ; by striking out after the word " Subject," the words following, viz. " and the other public concerns of " the Province," which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative. And the said Resolution was amended accordingly.

Mr. Millidge moved, That the two Resolutions which passed the House yesterday, respecting Agriculture and Fisheries, be rescinded ; which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Chipman reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolutions of yesterday, respecting the Petition of William Winniett, and the Collectors of Impost and Excise in the Out-Ports ; that the Committee had waited upon, and delivered to his Excellency the said Resolutions ; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he would immediately comply with the wishes of the House.

Mr. Dimock reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Robert Hall was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows : That

That the Committee have not had any proof laid before them of the facts stated in the Petition, and therefore recommend the deferring the consideration of the Petition, until the Petitioner shall have procured satisfactory proof of the damage sustained by him, and particularly the information, by Certificate, of William Smith, Esq; of Douglass, who acted as the Commissioner when the Road was made.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following :

An Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg, and District of Pictou, and for amending the several Acts now in force relative to the Circuit Courts.

An Act to encourage the fitting out of Vessels in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

It is my duty to present to your Excellency, for your Assent, the Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted during the last and present Sessions ; they are liberal beyond example, and I trust will fully produce the desired effect of promoting the general prosperity of the Province.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the said Bill following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the year 1804, and the year 1805, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in the last and present Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech :

GENTLEMEN,

It is with unusual pleasure I find it in my power to close this two long protracted Sessions ; with assurances that the very extensive Grants you have made shall be faithfully applied, as far as the means may enable me, which are diminished already by a loss of nearly one third of the Revenue of the current year, by your detention of the Bills to so late a period, which, I am sorry to observe, operate to the detriment of many in favor of a few.

J. WENTWORTH.

And afterwards the President of His Majesty's Council said,

GENTLEMEN,

It is his Excellency's Will, and Pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the Seventeenth Day of April next, to be then here holden : and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Seventeenth Day of April next.