
JOURNAL
AND
VOTES
OF THE
HOUSE of ASSEMBLY

For the Province of *Nova-Scotia*.



Wednesday July 1st, 1767.

The House being met, Mr. *Francis White*, return'd as Member for the Township of *Barrington*, took the Oaths and his Seat.

The House met.

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Messenger and Doorkeeper, in the Room of Mr. *Alexander Cunningham*, deceased, and Mr. *John Kent* was appointed to that Office.

Choice of a new Messenger.

A Message being come from His Excellency the Governor, that he is in the Chair, and desires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber, and Mr. Speaker and the Members having attended accordingly, His Excellency was pleased to make the following SPEECH;

' GENTLEMEN of the Council and House of Assembly,

' I Have singular Satisfaction in signifying to the General Assembly of this Province at my first meeting them, that His Majesty is well pleased with the dutiful and grateful Behaviour of His Colony of *Nova-Scotia*, and that they may always depend on His Royal Favour and Protection.

Speech of the Governor.

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‘ From such laudable Deportment, unſeduc’d by
 ‘ the Example of thoſe who have been miſ-led, I am
 ‘ confident that the Royal Approbation, ſo graciouſly
 ‘ expreſſ’d, will further animate you to a ſteady Perſe-
 ‘ verance in Duty to your Sovereign, and in Attachment
 ‘ and Reſpect to the Mother Country.

‘ And I have further to acquaint you, from Au-
 ‘ thority, that among other Matters beneficial to
 ‘ this Colony, the Emission of a Paper Currency was
 ‘ ſpeedily to come under Conſideration.

‘ In Your Deliberations during this Seſſion I parti-
 ‘ cularly recommend to you a Reviſion of the Laws for
 ‘ collecting the Revenues; ſo that, in the Application
 ‘ of them, the Intention of the Legiſlature may not re-
 ‘ main under any Doubt.

‘ I am perſuaded, Gentlemen, that I need not urge
 ‘ Diſpatch of the public Buſineſs to you. The pre-
 ‘ ſent Seafon of the Year requires it, that you may at-
 ‘ tend to your Affairs in the Country; where I cannot
 ‘ too earneſtly preſs your Application to Agriculture;
 ‘ and eſpecially to the Culture of Hemp and Wheat,
 ‘ which I am particularly inſtructed to recommend to
 ‘ you, and may prove greatly beneficial to yourſelves
 ‘ and to the Mother Country.

‘ You may be affur’d I will readily adopt and con-
 ‘ cur in every Meaſure of Utility you ſhall propoſe; and
 ‘ that my beſt Endeavours ſhall be exerted, to promote
 ‘ the Happineſs of Individuals, and to eſtabliſh the
 ‘ Welfare and Proſperity of the Whole.

William Campbell.

Council-Chamber,
 HALIFAX, 1ſt July, 1767.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker and the Members being returned to the House, and his Excellency's Speech being reported, it was thereupon *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in answer to the same.

Committee for preparing an Address.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gerrish*, Mr. *Hinsbetwood*, and Mr. *Butler*, be the said Committee.

Then adjourn'd till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday *July* 2d, 1767.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to the Speech of his Excellency the Governor, reported an Address prepared by them accordingly, which being read and agreed to,

Address reported.

Resolved and ordered, that Mr. Speaker and the Members do wait upon his Excellency, with the said Address; and accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the Members having attended his Excellency, Mr. Speaker presented the same as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right HONORABLE

Lord WILLIAM CAMPBELL,

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

The Humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY,

May it please your Excellency,

THE House of Assembly, beg leave to return your Lordship their sincere Thanks for your Speech to them from the Chair, and to express the grateful Sense they have of his Majesty's condescending Goodness in being pleased to take such favourable Notice of the least Instances of Duty in his Loyal Subjects
of

Address.

' of this Province, animated with this fresh Mark of
 ' his Majesty's Parental Regard, we shall ever esteem
 ' ourselves happy, my Lord, when we have Opportunity
 ' to shew the Obedience we owe to the King, and our
 ' ready Submission to the Laws of the British Parliament.

' The many powerful Motives, which engage us to
 ' to this Conduct, will, we trust, always render us su-
 ' perior to any Seduction, by the bad Example of those
 ' who may be mis-led by mistaken Opinions.

' We are free to own our Dependance and assure
 ' ourselves, that so long as we act consistently with this
 ' Character, so long shall we have the Smiles and Ap-
 ' probation of our Sovereign, and enjoy our full Share
 ' of the Benefits of an English Constitution, replete
 ' with every Blessing that can make a rational People
 ' happy.

' As a Paper Currency under proper Restrictions (we
 ' apprehend) may be very useful in this Province, we
 ' flatter ourselves, that the powerful Arguments in its
 ' Favour, which have doubtless been urged in Parlia-
 ' ment the last Session, may have produced an Act of
 ' Leave for the several Colonies to strike off as many
 ' Bills of Credit, as may serve the Exigencies of Go-
 ' vernment, and as a sufficient Medium of Trade.

' We are convinced, my Lord, of the Necessity of
 ' revising the Laws relative to the collecting the Re-
 ' venue, and of reducing the many Acts now in Force
 ' into one plain comprehensive Act; and we shall give
 ' our greatest Attention thereto, and we beg your Lord-
 ' ship to be assured of our closest Application to what-
 ' ever Business may lie before us this Session, that we
 ' may the sooner return to our private Concerns, and
 ' particularly to give our Attention to Agriculture, on
 ' which depends so very much, the well being of this
 ' Country, and we have the Pleasure to acquaint your
 ' Lordship, that there is the most promising Appea-
 ' rance

‘ Appearance in the Country of that particular Culture
‘ which your Lordship recommends.

‘ As we have not the least Reason to doubt of your
‘ Lordship’s sincere Disposition to promote the good of
‘ the Province in general and the Happiness of Indi-
‘ viduals, we beg leave to assure you of our hearty
‘ desire to co-operate with your Lordship therein, and
‘ we have very much at Heart the Ease and Honor of
‘ your Lordship’s Administration.

Will^m. Nesbitt, Speaker.

July 2d, 1767.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the
following ANSWER,

GENTLEMEN,

I Am very happy in receiving from you, an Address,
expressing Sentiments of so much Duty and Loyalty
to the King; and thank you for your obliging Profes-
sions of regard to the Ease and Honour of my Adminis-
tration.

Then Mr. Speaker and the Members having return-
ed to the House,

Adjourn’d till 10 o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday July 3d, 1767.

The Treasurer of the Province presented to the
House, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, the
following Abstracts of the public Accounts, viz.

Public Accounts
laid before the
House.

A State of the Treasury, July 1st, 1767, by which
there appears to be in the Treasury, £.42. 15. 3.

A State of the Licence Duty Fund, on which there
has been received from October 23d, 1766, to July
1st, 1767, £.293. 16. 8.

Outstanding Debts thereon due 88.

Particulars

Particulars of the Payments for Salaries and other Services of Government per Warrants mentioned in the general State, - - - £.1305.

Particulars of the Payments on Account of the Roads, - - - £.491. 4. 10.

An Abstract of the Receipts of Money for Impost and Excise Duties from the 23d *October*, 1766, to the 1st *July*, 1767, - - - £.1781.

Outstanding Debts thereon, due, £.540. 9. 11.

An Abstract of the State of the provincial Debt, which at the End of the Year 1766, was about } £.23500.

Of which has been discharged - 2225.
Remains £.21275

To which is to be added the Expence of Government from *January* 1st, 1767. }

And Interest now due, - - - £.1350.

Also due to sundry Persons on Account of Roads } 237. 5. 9.

And the said Accounts were read.

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

A Message from the Council ;

‘ His Majesty’s Council desire the House of Assembly will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of Council in revising the Revenue Laws.

Upon consideration of which Message, *resolved* and *ordered*,

That

That Mr. *Hinsbelwood*, Mr. *Winniett*, and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee of this House for that Purpose.

And then adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday *July* 4th, 1767.

A Motion was made, that the House will please to take into consideration the present State and low Credit of the Treafurer's Notes, and the Means for better paying the Interest due thereon.

Motion for considering the State of Province Funds, &c.

And the said Motion having been taken into consideration, and some Time spent therein,

Proceedings thereon.

Resolved, that the further consideration of the said Matters be resumed on Monday next the 6th Instant.

Ordered to be resumed

Mr. *Hinsbelwood*, from the Committee appointed Yesterday to join a Committee of Council for revising the Revenue Laws, and their Defects, reported the Proceedings of the said joint committee therein.

Report of the Committee on the Revenue Laws.

Resolved and *ordered*, that a Message be sent to the Council to desire that the same Committees may sit again in order to frame such a Law as may answer the intended Purposes, and a Message was sent up accordingly, and the Council having agreed to the Purport of the said Message,

Message to the Council.

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do proceed therein accordingly.

A Message came from the Council, to desire that this House will appoint a Committee, to join a Committee of Council, to consider the State of the Province Funds.

Message from the Council.

To which the House having agreed,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Butler, Mr. Burbidge, and Mr. White be the Committee of this House for that purpose.

And then adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock on Monday Morning.

Monday July 6th,

The Council sent down a Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent Trespasses upon Crown Lands*, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Bill from the Council to prevent Trespasses on Crown Lands.

And the said Bill was read.

Ordered, that it be read a second Time.

Mr. Archibald, having represented to the House, that he was prevented from attending the House in the Session of the *General-Assembly* last *October*, by Sickness, and that he did actually write a Letter to Mr. Speaker acquainting him thereof, (which Letter never came to Hand) and thereupon praying to be released from the Fine of *Five Pounds*, incurred for Non-attendance, and the House having taken the same into consideration. *Resolved*, that the said Fine be remitted.

And then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday July 7th, 1767.

Mr. Butler from the joint Committee of the Council, and of this House, appointed to consider of the State of the Province Funds, reported the Proceedings of the said joint Committee therein.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Province Funds.

Resolved, That this House, will To-morrow Morning consider of Ways and Means to maintain the Credit of the Province and the Expences of Government.

Resolution thereon.

And then adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Wednesday

Wednesday July 8th, 1767.

Read a 2d Time the Bill sent from the Council, intituled *An Act to prevent Trespasses upon Crown Lands.*

And the House having resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and the said Bill was reported, agreed to with an Amendment.

And the House having agreed to the said Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be returned to the Council with the Amendment for their concurrence.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Council, to desire that the Council will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House to consider of Farming the Duties, and also of an Estimate of the Expences of Government; and a Message was sent up accordingly.

Upon a Motion, that, whereas the Provisions contained in the Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor, are very inconvenient to such Townships who have not Fifty Families resident,

Motion concerning a Bill for enabling the Inhabitants to maintain their Poor.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill in Addition to the said Act, and that Mr. *Deschamps*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Order thereon.

Upon a Motion, that whereas Doubts have arisen respecting the Distribution of the several Fines and Forfeitures incurred on the Acts relating to the Assize of Bread and for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures,

Motion concerning the Act relating to the Assize of Bread, &c.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the said Acts, and that Mr. *Smith*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Order thereon.

The Council by Message acquainted the House, that they have appointed a Committee to join a Committee

Message from the Council.

mittee of this House agreeable to the Message sent up this Day.

Ordered, that Mr. *Gerrish*, Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Burbridge* and Mr. *Salter*, be the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

And then adjourn'd till To-morrow Afternoon 4 o'Clock.

Thursday July 9th,

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday July 10th, 1767.

Report of the Committee on Farming the Duties & Estimate of Expences of Government.

Mr. *Gerrish*. from the Committee of this House appointed to join a Committee of Council, to consider of farming the Duties, and of an Estimate of the Expences of Government, reported the Proceedings of the joint Committee relative thereto.

Message from the Council.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by this House to the Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent Trespases on Crown Lands*.

Bill relating to Poor presented,

Mr. *Deschamps*, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, intituled "An Act in Addition to an Act made in the 4th Year of his present Majesty's Reign," intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor*, and the same was received and read the 1st Time,

Read.

And *ordered*, to be read a 2d Time.

Bill relating to the Assize of Bread &c. presented.

Mr. *Smith*, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, intituled *An Act to explain and amend the severall Acts of this Province relating to the Assize of Bread and for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures*,

Measures, and the same was received and read the 1st Time, Read.

And *ordered* to be read a 2^d Time.

Resolved, That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, to acquaint his Excellency, that this House having had under Consideration the State of the Province Accounts, are much concerned to find several Charges made for Sums of Money paid to Persons who had no Demands for the same, either by Law or Votes of the *General Assembly*, particularly the Sum of £.137. 10. paid to the Justices of the Inferior Court for whose Services this House apprehend sufficient Provision is made by the Fees established by Law; that there is also an Overcharge in the Treasurer's Salary of £.35. 12. 6. which the House suppose arises from his Salary being paid at the Rate of 10s. *per Day*, Whereas by an Estimate sent down by his Majesty's Council, and agreed to by this House the 28th June 1766, which was to continue for One Year, the Treasurer was to be paid at the Rate of £.100. *per Annum* for himself, and £.30. for his Clerks; that there is also a Charge of £.76. 2. 2. paid the Solicitor General over and above the Sum of £.50. allowed him by Vote of the *General-Assembly*; and as the Time for which the said Estimate was made is now expired, the House request, that his Excellency will be pleased to order to be laid before them an Estimate of the Expence of Government for the ensuing Year, that it may be proportioned in such a Manner as that the publick Faith and Credit of the Government may be supported.

Resolutions for an Address to the Governor.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency immediately by Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *White*, and Mr. *Harris*.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to His Majesty's Council, to acquaint them, that this House desires to know

Message to the Council.

know if they have taken into Consideration the subject Matter of Farming the Duties, which if they agree to, the House desire to join in framing a Law for that Purpose.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday July 11th, 1767.

Report of the Committee who presented the Address to the Governor.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed Yesterday to present the Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor, reported that they had presented the same accordingly, and that his Excellency had desired them to acquaint the House, that he will send an Answer.

The Bill in Addition to the Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor, was read, a 2^d and 3^d Time.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass, and that it be carried to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message came from the Council as follows,

"The Council have taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, proposing a Law for Farming the Duties of Impost and Excise, and are of Opinion that, besides the Difficulties of carrying into Execution that Measure, such a Method of Collecting the Revenues, is unprecedented in the King's Dominions, unconstitutional, and oppressive of the Liberties of the People, as far as hitherto has appeared from any Arguments, nevertheless. Provided such Mode of Collection shall be so guarded, that no such Effects shall attend it; the Council will agree to farming the Duties, Except at Halifax, where they apprehend the Collection of the Duties cannot be more effectually made."

Which being received and read,

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.

Monday

Monday July 13th, 1767.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee who on the 11th presented the Address of this House of the 10th Instant to his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House his Excellency's Answer to the said Address, as follows;

The Governor's Answer to the Address of the House presented the 11th

GENTLEMEN;

I Have considered your Address of the 11th, and shall inquire into the several Matters therein set forth; In the mean time I shall direct an Estimate for the current Year to be form'd with as much Frugality as the Services of Government will admit of.

Ordered, That the Message from the Council of the 11th Instant be read, and the same was read accordingly;

Message from the Council of the 11th read & committed

Ordered, That Mr. *Burbidge*, Mr. *Salter*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Hoar*, do take the said Message into Consideration, and report thereon to the House To-morrow Morning, and that all have Voices who come to the said Committee.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday July 14th,

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee to whom it was referred to take into Consideration the Message from the Council of the 11th Instant, reported, that the Committee had taken the said Message into Consideration, and had directed him to report the same as it appears to them, to the House, and the same was read and delivered in at the Table, where the said Report was again read.

Report of the Committee on the Message from the Council of the 11th.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council as follows;

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“ The House having taken into Consideration the Message from his Majesty’s Council of the 11th Instant with their Objections, and such others as have been suggested, on the subject matter of farming the Duties, are of Opinion,

“ That the Method of Farming is so far from being unprecedented, that it is practised with Regard to the Excise, if not Impost, with great Advantage, in the neighbouring Colonies, particularly *New-York*, and the Duties of Impost and Excise were both farm’d in this Province formerly.

“ That there has been no complaint of Oppression, either in this or the neighbouring Colonies, where those Duties have been farm’d, nor do we apprehend there can be, while the Farmer is restricted by Law.

“ That to prevent the Inconveniencies, that may arise from the accidental lessening the Revenues, and thereby putting it out of the Power of the Farmer to pay the Sum agreed for, and from his not punctually paying the Money into the Treasury, proper care may be taken that he give sufficient Security.

“ That should the Farmer gain too much in one Year, the Revenues will undoubtedly fetch the more the ensuing Year.

“ That too great an Importation of Rum, &c. in one Year may be prevented, by taking the Stock when the Farmer’s Year commences, and when it expires, and he to receive the Duty for no more than is actually consumed within his District during the Year.

“ That sufficient Provision be made in the Act, that the Farmer for *Halifax* pay into the Treasury an equal Proportion of the Sum agreed for Monthly, and those of the *Outports* every *Three Months*, whether collected or not, and that it be in the power of the Governor and Council to remove the Farmer who does not comply with the same, and appoint proper Persons for

for that Purpose, till the next Sessions of the *General-Assembly*.

“ That Provision be made in the said Act, that every Farmer shall receive the Duty or have Credit for so much as is consumed in his District, and no more.

“ That the Duties be put up at a higher Price than the Sum paid into the Treasury last Year, which will effectually prevent their being lessened by farming;

“ And that an Enacting Clause be inserted in the Act, that the said Act shall be the Rule for recovering His Majesty's Duties and no other.

The Council sent down a Bill, intituled An Act in further Addition to an Act, intituled *An Act for regulating Petit Juries, and declaring the Qualification of Jurors*, with a Message, that they desire the Concurrence of this House to the same.

And the said Bill was read,

Ordered, That it be read a 2d Time.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock

Wednesday *July* 15th, 1767.

The Treasurer of the Province, by Order of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House, an Account of the Particulars of the Sum of £.76. 2. 2. charged in the public Accounts, paid to the Solicitor-General, by which it appears that there was an Error in the said Charge, and that it should have been as follows, viz.

To *James Monk*, Esq; as Solicitor-General on Account, for prosecuting the Delinquents of the Government's Revenues at *Louisbourg*, £.20.

Ditto on Account for Cofts, &c. on the said Prosecutions. - - - - £.21. 14. 2.

£.41. 14. 2.

To

Bill relating to Juries sent from the Council.

To *James Monk*, junior, for his Salary as Clerk of the Supream Court in 1766, and for fundry Bills of Cost, - - - - - £.34. 8.

And the same was read.

Message from the Governor.

A Message being come from his Excellency the Governor, that he is in the Chair, and desires the Attendance of this House in the Council-Chamber; accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House went up, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Excellency the Governor in the Council-Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, viz

Act passed,

An Act to prevent Trepasses on Crown Lands.

Estimate of the Expences of Government.

The Secretary of the Province, by Order of his Excellency the Governor, laid before the House, pursuant to their Address to his Excellency, presented the 11th Instant,

An Estimate of the Expences of the Government at *Novæ-Scotiæ*, payable out of the provincial Funds, viz.

<i>Salaries to two Assistant Judges of the Supream Court at £.100. per Annum,</i>	} £.200.
<i>Salary to the Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas,</i>	} 75.
<i>Ditto to Four Assistant Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, at £.50. per Ann. each,</i>	} 200.
<i>Ditto to the Attorney General,</i>	- - 100.
<i>Ditto to the Treasurer,</i>	- - - 182. 10.
<i>Ditto to the Clerk of the Council,</i>	- 60.
<i>Ditto to the Clerk of the House of Assembly,</i>	60.
<i>Ditto to the Clerk of the Audits,</i>	- 50.
<i>Ditto to the Clerk of the Supream Court,</i>	20.
	<i>Ditto</i>

<i>Ditto to the Keeper of the Assembly House</i>	£.30:
<i>Allowance to the Treasurer for Clerks, &c.</i>	60.
<i>Salary to the Collectors of Impost and Excise</i>	} 300:
<i>Duties at Halifax £:150. per Annum each,</i>	
<i>Ditto to two Gaugers at Halifax, one at £.40. and one at £.25.</i>	} 65.
<i>Ditto two Waiters at Halifax, at £.40. each</i>	80.
<i>Ditto to the Solicitor General.</i>	
<i>Ditto to the Chaplain to the Council and House of Assembly.</i>	}
<i>To Fuel for ditto and the Court House.</i>	
<i>To the Printer, Coroner and Couriers.</i>	
<i>To the Doorkeepers and Messengers for the Council, and House of Assembly.</i>	}
<i>To the Collectors of Impost and Excise Duties at the Out-ports, 20 per cent.</i>	}
<i>To the Collectors of the Light Money 5 per cent.</i>	}
<i>To the Collector of the License Money, 5. per cent.</i>	
<i>Repairs for the public Buildings.</i>	
<i>For Contingencies unforeseen.</i>	
<i>Estimate for an Addition to the Governor's House.</i>	
<i>Carpenter's Work, and Materials,</i>	- £72 0. 3.
<i>Masonry, Bricklayer's Work & Materials,</i>	75. 12. 6.
<i>And the said Estimate was read,</i>	

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gerrish*, Mr. *Burbridge*, and Mr. *Butler*, do take the said Estimate into Consideration, and report thereon to the House To-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday July 16th, 1767.

Report of the Council on the Estimate.

Mr. *Gerrish* reported from the Committee to whom the Estimate of the Expences of the Government, laid before the House Yesterday by Order of his Excellency the Governor was referred, that the Committee had proceeded to the Consideration of the said Estimate, and had directed him to report the same, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was read.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, setting forth, that the *House of Assembly*, having received by his Excellency's Order, an Estimate of the Expences of the Government, payable out of the Provincial Funds, are much concerned to find upon examining into the State of the Funds, that they are utterly unable, under the present embarrassed Circumstances of the Province, to make Provision for the full Sum therein required, and although they sincerely wish to have it in their Power to make adequate satisfaction to all the Servants of Government, yet they cannot in justice to their Constituents think of making any Addition to the Estimate sent down by the Council the 20th of *June* 1766, and agreed to by this House, as they humbly conceive, that nothing but the strictest œconomy in the Expence of Government, the most sacred Regard to the Application of the public Monies to the Purposes only for which they were granted, together with the most vigilant At-
tention

tion of the Revenue Officers in collecting the Duties, can preserve in any Degree the Faith and Credit of Government, being sensible, that any further Tax upon the People at this Time would not only be very impolitic, but almost impossible to be raised.

That the House, begs leave to present his Excellency with a Sketch of the present Revenue as stated from the Treasurer's Accounts, which, compared with the Estimate before them, creates an Exceeding of near £.800. against the Province, which would be such an Accumulation to our present Debt, as to render the Burthen, already too heavy to bear, altogether insupportable,

That the House, begs leave also to observe to his Excellency, that the Revenue of the Province, low and insufficient as it is at present, to answer the Demands of Government, stands upon too precarious a Foundation, to raise any lasting Expectations upon, ~~_____~~
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That these Considerations are the motives with this House to reduce the Estimate to the State presented to His Excellency, to which, as it is the utmost Effort which the Province have in their Power, under their present low and distressed Circumstances, to make for the Support of Government, they humbly hope His Excellency's Concurrence therewith.

Ordered, That the following Sketch of the present Revenue, &c. as stated from the Treasurer's Accounts, be presented to his Excellency the Governor :

Dr. Yearly Expence of Government according to the Estimate received from his Excellency the Governor, *July* 15th, 1767. £.1955. 2. 9.
 Yearly Interest about
 - - £.1400.

 £.3355. 2. 9.

Cr. Present yearly Revenue as by the Accounts rendered by the Treasurer estimated from the Collections of the last eight Months
 - - - £.2270.
 Outports supposed to neat, after paying all the Expences of collecting, &c. &c.
 - - £.300.

 £.2570.

Due for Interest to the 1st *July* £.1350.
 Due for the last half Year's Expence of Government ending *July* 1st, 1767;
 £ 900.

 £.2250.

Ordered, That the following Estimate for the Expences of Government be presented to his Excellency the Governor.

<i>Two Judges of the Supream Court at</i> £.50. } <i>each,</i>	£.100.
<i>The Treasurer of the Province,</i>	- - 100.
<i>Clerk to Ditto,</i>	- - 30.
<i>Clerk of the Council, in General-Assembly,</i>	60.
<i>Clerk of the House of Assembly,</i>	- - 60.
<i>Clerk of the Audits,</i>	- - 25.
	<i>Keeper</i>

<i>Keeper of the Assembly House,</i>	£: 10.
<i>Collectors of Impost and Excise at Halifax</i> } <i>7 and Half per cent.</i>	
<i>Two Waiters and two Gaugers,</i>	145.
<i>Expences of the Council in General Assembly,</i> } <i>for Chaplain, Firewood, and Messenger,</i> <i>about</i>	30.
<i>Expences of the House of Assembly for the</i> } <i>Speaker, Chaplain, Firewood, and Mes-</i> <i>senger, about</i>	100.
<i>Firewood for the Supreme Court and Sta-</i> } <i>tionary, about</i>	10.
<i>Stationary for the Offices of the Secretary,</i> } <i>Treasurer, Surveyor of Lands and Col-</i> <i>lectors at Halifax, about</i>	40.
<i>Printer about</i>	50.
<i>Provisions for the Goal, to be ascertained</i> } <i>by Accounts past, about</i>	20.
<i>Coroner to be ascertained by Accounts past,</i> } <i>about</i>	15.
<i>Couriers and Postage of Letters, about</i>	20.
<i>The Collectors of all the Out-Ports to be al-</i> } <i>lowed for Collection, and all Charges at-</i> <i>tending the same, 20. per cent. on the Sum</i> <i>collected, if under £.300. and 15. per</i> <i>cent. if the Sum collected exceeds £.300.</i>	
<i>Clerk of the Crown in the Supreme Court</i> } <i>exclusive of Fees,</i>	20.
<i>For other unforeseen necessary Contingencies,</i>	200.
<i>That Estimates be laid before the General</i> <i>Assembly for Repairs of all publick Build-</i> <i>ings, and approved of,</i>	
<i>Interest on Money borrowed,</i>	1400.
<i>For an Addition to the Governor's House,</i>	147. 12. 9.
	<i>Ordered,</i>

Ordered, That the said Address, the Sketch of the present Revenue, as stated from the Treasurer's Accounts and Estimate, be presented to his Excellency, by Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Burbidge, and Mr. Butler.

Bill relating to Juries, pass'd.

Read a 2d and 3d Time the Bill intituled An Act in further Addition to an Act, intituled *An Act for regulating Petit Juries, and declaring the Qualification of Jurors.*

Resolved, That the Bill do pass ;

Ordered, That the said Bill be return'd to the Council with a Message, that this House had agreed to the same.

The Council sent down the following Message :

Council-Chamber, HALIFAX, 16th July, 1767.

Message from the Council.

‘ HIS Majesty’s Council having taken into Consideration the Reasons sent up to them Yesterday by the *House of Assembly*, for farming the Duties, are of Opinion,

‘ That the *Assembly* have not, as they conceive, in the least obviated the Difficulties urged by His Majesty’s Council against the Measure of farming the Revenues, as the Instances given of *New-York*, and other Colonies receiving considerable Advantage, is but a bare Assertion unsupported by any Proof or Authority.

‘ The Council would observe, that in *France* and other like arbitrary Governments, farming the Revenues is adopted as a political Means of humbling, and at the same Time pillaging the Subjects, but in *Great-Britain* no such Measure has ever been practised ; and are of Opinion it would be the Wisdom of this Government in every possible Instance, to conform to and, as much as may be, guide themselves by the wholesome Laws and Regulations of the Mother Country, the Scope and design of which are always calculated to secure the Prerogatives of the Crown, and to protect

‘ protect the Religion, Rights and Liberties of the Subject.

‘ It is true, that a popular Clamour did formerly induce this Government to try the Effects of farming the Revenues for one Year; the Consequences of which were a Multiplicity of Law Suits between the Farmer and People, Contentions between him and the Navy and Army, frequent Alterations and Amendments of the Revenue Laws, many Remissions to the Farmer, in order to reconcile and accommodate such Disputes, and by the Arrival of a considerable Squadron of his Majesty’s Ships of War a material increase of the Revenue was lost to the Province, and finally the Money received from the Farmer fell short several Hundred Pounds of his Contract, and was considerably less than the Collection made by the Officers of Government in the preceding and succeeding Years.

‘ That where the Duty of Excise has been farmed in any of the neighbouring Colonies, the Laws prescribing the Mode of Collection have laid the Strefs thereof wholly on the Oath of the Retailer; and such was the Frame of the Laws when the Duties were farmed here; which Method the Assembly apprehended was so great a Temptation to Perjury, that they altered the whole Plan of them conformable to the Manner of collecting prescribed by the Laws of Excise in *Great Britain*, by which such Powers are given to the Government’s executive Officers of the Revenues, as would be dangerous to trust in the Hands of Persons, whose private and particular Interests would naturally lead them to a severe Execution of such Laws as are now in Force; and the Council conceive no Law can be made to repeal the same, and be put into Execution till his Majesty’s Pleasure is first known; and therefore they apprehend the Farmer cannot be restrained from Acts of Violence.

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' The Assembly seem to foresee, from the fluctu-
 ' ating State of Trade and Commerce in this Province,
 ' depending much on the Increase and Decrease of the
 ' Navy and Army, that there is great Reason to fear or
 ' hope that the Revenues will decrease or be much aug-
 ' mented; to prevent or provide against which they
 ' have offered such Methods as his Majesty's Council
 ' conceive will not answer the End proposed, as the Se-
 ' curity for the Farmer cannot be compelled to fulfill the
 ' Obligation but by a Suit in Law; and by Appeals and
 ' Writs of Error, and by other Protractions in the Law,
 ' a Delay may be caused that would ruin the Province:
 ' And should the Farmer gain too much (as the Assem-
 ' bly call it) we should be found to have sold the King's
 ' Revenue much under its Value, and without his Ma-
 ' jesty's Leave.

' In order to prevent too great an Importation of
 ' Spirits in one Year, the Assembly propose that the
 ' Stock of Spirits in the Province, shall be taken at the
 ' Time when the Farmer is to commence, and also at
 ' the End of the Year, but the Persons to take the Stock
 ' at these Periods, and in what Manner they are to pro-
 ' ceed, is not mentioned. Now his Majesty's Council
 ' conceive it a Thing next to an Impossibility to know
 ' the exact Quantity of Spirits in the whole Province at
 ' any one precise Day, as for that Purpose every private
 ' Person's Stock must or ought to be known; and as it
 ' would require some Months to effect that, by the
 ' Time the Officers had finished this Business, there must
 ' be a considerable Alteration from the Importation and
 ' Consumption; neither of which his Majesty's Coun-
 ' cil apprehend, can be ascertained, and the making a
 ' Law to impower a Farmer or his Officers, to enter into
 ' private Houses to search for Liquors, is such an In-
 ' fringement upon the Liberty of the Subject, that they
 ' cannot think the Assembly, upon mature Considera-
 ' tion, would give their Consent to establish such a
 ' Grievance by Law.

‘ His Majesty’s Council are at a Loss to know, what
‘ the Assembly mean by putting up the Duties at a
‘ higher Price than the Sum paid into the Treasury last
‘ Year, as the annual Payments into the Treasury do
‘ not ascertain the full Amount of the Collection ; and
‘ no Clause inserted in a Law could restrain the Far-
‘ mer from prosecuting on any of the several Acts rela-
‘ ting to the Duties of Impost and Excise now in Force,
‘ provided they suit his Purpose.

‘ Upon the whole, His Majesty’s Council conceive
‘ the Measure inexpedient, difficult and dangerous, and
‘ if carried into Execution would produce numerous
‘ and manifest Evils.’

Mr. *Gerrish* from the Committee appointed Yesterday to wait on his Excellency the Governor with the Address of this House, and the Papers relative thereto, reported, that they had presented the same accordingly, and that his Excellency had desired them to acquaint the House, that he will take the said Address and Papers into Consideration, and send an Answer to the House.

Report of the Committee, who presented the Address, &c. to the Governor.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council in framing a Law to amend the Defects in the Revenue Laws, reported Heads of two Bills prepared by the said joint Committee for that Purpose, and the same were read.

Report from the Committee on the Revenue Laws.

Ordered, That they lie on the Table.

His Excellency the Governor sent the following Answer to the Address of this House of Yesterday,

‘ GENTLEMEN,

‘ I Have considered your Address presented to me Yesterday, and I am concerned that the Revenues are become so insufficient for the requisite and necessary Demands ; and you may be assured that I shall have a
‘ very

His Excellency’s Answer to the Address of the 15th.

‘ very sensible Satisfaction in giving my Assent to any
 ‘ Proposal which may, with Propriety, either reduce the
 ‘ public Expences, or increase the Revenues, and rein-
 ‘ state the Credit of the Funds.

‘ But as the only Method you propose, is by reducing
 ‘ the Salaries of the Officers of Government, already not
 ‘ more than sufficient : And as this Reduction amounts
 ‘ to a Tax ; and in the Proportion you propose, very
 ‘ considerable, I must observe to you, Gentlemen, what
 ‘ I am persuaded did not appear to you, that this amounts
 ‘ to a partial Tax, and therefore unjustifiable ; as no
 ‘ Reason can be given that the Officers of Government
 ‘ only should bear more than a Proportion with all others.
 ‘ And I must further remark to you, that this Tax be-
 ‘ comes more partial, heavy, and therefore more unjusti-
 ‘ fiable, as the Officers of Government are paid in Pro-
 ‘ vince Notes at their nominal Value, whilst every other
 ‘ Person is at Liberty to take them on such Terms, as they
 ‘ shall judge most to their own Interest.

‘ I am very sensible, Gentlemen, of the Difficulties which
 ‘ may occur on this Occasion, in the present Circumstances
 ‘ of the Province, and it will make me very happy, when
 ‘ proper Means shall be offered to extricate you from them ;
 ‘ but it is my Duty to attend to the Support of Govern-
 ‘ ment, so particularly necessary at this Time in Ameri-
 ‘ ca ; and to use my utmost Endeavours, that the pub-
 ‘ lic Supplies may be sufficient, for that Purpose, to which
 ‘ they ought first to be applied.

‘ I must therefore, Gentlemen, recommend to you, the
 ‘ Consideration of this Matter once more, and that you
 ‘ will at the same Time, think of some sufficient Provi-
 ‘ sion for the Justices of the several Inferior Courts of
 ‘ Law in this Province.

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And the said Answer being read,

Ordered

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Ordered, That it be committed to the Consideration of a Committee, and that a Report be made thereon To-morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday July 18th, 1767.

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration his Excellency's Answer to the Address of this House of the 16th Instant, reported their Proceedings therein.

Report of Committee.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Answer to the Address of this House of the 16th Instant, be read,

And the same being read accordingly,

Resolved, That the further Consideration of the said Report and Address be put off to Monday Morning.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing the Duties of Excise on Wines and playing Cards, and that Mr. *Deschamps*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Leave for Bill to continue the Excise on Wines & Cards.

Ordered, That Mr. *Danks*, and Mr. *Best*, do wait on his Excellency the Governor, to acquaint his Excellency, that this House doth request, that he will please to order to be laid before the House, a particular Account of the Payments that have been made from the Cash that has been received into the Treasury, from the 1st July, 1766, to the 30th June, 1767, as also an Account of what Interest Money has been indorsed on such Treasurer's Notes, as have come into the Treasury, whereon Interest was due at the Time of Payment.

Request to His Excellency.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.

Monday July 20th, 1767.

The Order of the Day being read for the Consideration

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tion of his Excellency's Answer, to the Address of this House of the 16th Instant,

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow Morning take the same into Consideration.

Report of Committee.

The Committee appointed the 18th to wait on his Excellency the Governor with the Request of this House concerning the Payments made at the Treasury, &c. reported, that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he will give Orders accordingly.

Amendment proposed to an Act concerning Market.

Upon a Motion, *Resolved*, That a further Amendment be made to the Act for establishing a publick Market, at the Market-House in *Halifax*, and for regulating the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hoar*, and Mr. *Smith*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Tuesday July 21st,

A Message came from the Council,

“ That his Excellency the Governor having laid before the Council, the Estimate of the Revenue which he received from the *House of Assembly*, the Council desire that a Committee of the House may be appointed to meet a Committee of his Majesty's Council, to explain the Method, in which that Estimate was made.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Gerrish*, Mr. *Butler*, and Mr. *Burbidge*, do meet a Committee of Council accordingly.

The Treasurer of the Province by Order of his Excellency the Governor, (pursuant to the request of this House) presented to the House an Abstract of the Receipts and Payments of Cash at the Treasury from July 1st, 1766, to June 30th, 1767.

And

And the said Abstract was read,

Ordered, That it lie on the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council to desire, that they will join this House in an Application to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that his Excellency will please to order, that the outstanding Debts on the Revenues of the Province may be immediately collected, and also to request of his Excellency, that no Person who is an Importer, or Seller of the Articles from which the Revenue is collected, may be concerned in the Collection of the same.

And that the said Message be sent up To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, and the House having resumed the Consideration of his Excellency's Answer to the Address of this House of the 16th Inst.

Ordered, That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, setting forth, "that the *House of Assembly* have, agreeable to his Excellency's Recommendation, maturely reconsidered the Matters set forth in their Address to his Excellency of the 16th Instant, and beg leave to observe, that the Method therein proposed for reducing the publick Expences of Government, and thereby reinstating the Credit of the Funds, appears to them the only Means by which so salutary and necessary a Purpose can be effected.

" That the House, beg leave further to observe to his Excellency, that by their said Address it was not proposed to reduce any Salaries, nor can the House conceive how they can be charged with a Proposal of taxing the Officers of Government, when they had provided that such Officers should receive their respective Salaries, pursuant to the Estimate sent down by the Council, and agreed to by the House the 28th of *June*, 1766, which they apprehend to be as high an Allowance, as the present Revenues can possibly admit.

" That

“ That the Scarcity of circulating Cash obliges the House to point out the Payment of Salaries in Treasurer’s Notes, but if the Interest can be paid in the first Place, the Remainder ought for the future to be paid on Account of Salaries as far as it will go.

“ That the House beg leave to assure his Excellency, that they are ready at all times chearfully to aid and assist his Excellency to the utmost of their Abilities in the Support of Government, but they cannot but observe with concern, that his Excellency should take Notice to this House, that the Support of Government, is at this Time particularly necessary in *America*, while the grateful People of this Province are rejoicing under the Smiles of their Sovereign, in his Approbation of their dutiful and loyal Behaviour, so lately communicated in his Excellency’s Speech.

“ And that the House would further observe, that as the Faith and Credit of this Government depends on the punctual Payment of Interest on the Money borrowed, they are of Opinion, that there ought to be the most sacred Regard paid thereto, prior to any Salaries or other Demands whatsoever.

“ That the House have also considered his Excellency’s Recommendation to make sufficient Provision for the Justices of the Inferior Courts, in answer to which they would acquaint his Excellency, that by a Law of this Province made in the 6th Year of His present Majesty’s Reign, Provision is made in a Table of Fees for that Purpose, which the General Assembly then thought adequate to their Services, and that this House can therefore by no Means consent to any further Allowance for the same, especially under the present distressed Circumstances of the Province.”

Ordered, That the said Address be presented by Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *White*, and Mr. *Hoar*.

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of Council on the State of the Revenue, reported the following Estimate delivered to the said Committee by the Committee of Council.

Report of a Committee of Conference with a Committee of Council.

Estimate of Expence of Government, as sent to the House of Assembly by the Governor.

Expence by Estimate, £.1955. 2. 9.

Annual Interest, £.1400. 0. 0.

£.3355. 2. 9.

Ballance in favour of the Province Revenues. £.31. 14. 7. h.

£.3386. 16. 9. h.

Estimate of the Revenue calculated in Proportion to the Collection at Halifax for the last eight Months, and for the last Year at the Outports :

Collected at Halifax between the 21st October last and the 30th June last - £.1831. 13. 5. h.

Suppose to be collected from the 30th June to the 21st October next, at the same Rate, - - £.915. 16. 8. 3-f.

Besides two Fines of £40. each which is a Part of the Revenue, - - - £80. 0. 0

Received into the Treasury for the last Year from the Outports, that is from July 1766, to July 1767. £.559. 6. 7.

£.3386. 16. 9. h.

The Outstanding Debts at Halifax, not included, which amounts to

£.540. 9. 11

And the Debt due from the Outports,

£.958. 12. 9.

£.1499. 2. 8.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Council to desire that the several Accounts and Papers on which the

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the said Estimate was form'd, may be laid before the House.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday July 22d,

Report of the Com-
mittee who present-
ed the Address to
the Governor

The Committee appointed to present the Address of this House of Yesterday to his Excellency the Governor, *reported*, that they had presented the same.

Bill for continuing
Excise on Wines &
Cards presented.

Mr. *Deschamps* presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill, intituled an Act for continuing so much of an Act, made in the 5th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Intituled, *an Act for granting to His Majesty, an Excise on Wines, Tea, Coffee, and Playing Cards, sold within this Province*; and of an Act made in the 6th Year of His said Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for altering and amending the same, as relates to the Excise on Wines and Playing Cards sold within this Province*.

And the same was received and read the 1st Time,

And *ordered* to be read a 2d Time.

Bill to Explain and
amend an Act re-
lating to the Assize of
Bread &c.

Read a 2d and 3d Time, the Bill to Explain and Amend the several Acts of this Province, relating to the *Assize of Bread, and for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures*.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that it be sent up to the Council for their Concurrence.

Message from the
Council.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Proposal made by this House in the Message sent up this Morning for an Application to his Excellency the Governor, concerning the outstanding Debts due on the Revenues, and the Collection thereof. And had appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House, to wait on His Excellency the Governor accordingly.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gerrish* and Mr. *Procter*, be the Committee of this House for that Purpose, and the said joint Committees having waited on his Excellency, on their return, reported that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he will take Measures in Consequence of the said Application.

Application to His Excellency the Governor.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that they will send to the House the Accounts and Papers on which the Estimate of the Revenue laid before the House Yesterday, was form'd, as desired by the House.

Message from the Council.

The House having taken into Consideration the Heads of the Bills presented to the House, for amending the Defects in the Revenue Laws,

Consideration of the Heads of the Bills for amending the Defects in the Revenue Laws.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that the Duty of Impost on Rum be altered to 3d. per Gallon, and the Excise to 1s. per Gallon, and a Debate arising in the House thereupon,

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow Morning, it passed in the affirmative.

Then adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Thursday July 23d, 1767.

Read a 2d and 3d Time, the Bill for continuing an Excise on Wines, and playing Cards fold within this Province.

Bill for continuing Excise on Wine & Cards. Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that it be sent up to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Hoar* presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill, intituled An Act to explain and further amend an Act made in the 33d Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for establishing a publick Market at the Market House in Halifax, and for regulating the same.*

Bill to Explain and amend the Act concerning the Market, Presented.

And

Read.

And the said Bill was received, and read the 1st Time and ordered to be read a 2d Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

Further Consideration on Bill for Explaining &c. Impost Act.

The House proceeded to the further Consideration of the Alterations proposed to be made in the Duties of Impost and Excise on Rum and other Spirits, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That the Duty of Excise on Rum and Spirits, be 1s. per Gallon, and that the Duty of Impost on Rum and Spirits be 3d per Gallon.

Ordered, That Mr. Day, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Morris, be a Committee to prepare and bring in Bills for amending the Defects in the Laws for collecting the Duties of Impost and Excise on Rum and other Spirituous Liquors, on the Heads brought into this House, and that the foregoing Alterations in the Duties be inserted therein.

Accounts and Papers from the Council.

The Council sent down the Accounts and Papers, on which the Estimate of the Revenue laid before the House the 21st Instant was formed, as follows ;

An Account of the Impost and Excise Duties collected at Halifax, between the 21st Day of October 1766, and the 30th Day of June 1767.

Paid into the Treasury, and to the Gaugers and Waiters. } £.1389. 13. 9.

Excise Stock due the 30th June, £.441. 19. 8.

£.1831. 13. 5. h.

Notes of Hand Outstanding, £.540. 19. 11.

£.2372. 13. 4. h.

(Sign'd)

JOHN NEWTON, }
ARCH. HINSHELWOOD, } Collectors.

N. B.

N. B. Two Fines of £.40. each, £.80. 0. 0.

Which Fines are a part of the Revenue, and if such Fines are not recovered for the future, we conclude there will be an increase of the Duties in Proportion.

There has been received at the Treasury from the Outports, between July 1st 1766, and July 1st 1767, exclusive of the Expence of collecting the same, £.559. 6. 7.

Debts remaining due from the Outports, £.958. 12. 9.

(Sign'd)

BENJAMIN GREEN, Treasurer.

Upon Consideration of which,

Resolved, That it appears to this House, that the Sum of £.441. 19. 8. inserted in said Estimate for Excise Stock to the 30th of *June*, is not received, and that no Allowance is made for such Drawbacks as may be demanded.

A Message came from the Council ;

His Majesty's Council are ready to propose a Plan for paying off the back Interest and other Expences now due without a new Tax, and desire a Conference by Committee.

Message from the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gerrish*, Mr. *Butler* and Mr. *Burbridge*, be a Committee of this House for the said Conference, and the joint Committees having met accordingly, Mr. *Gerrish*, from the Committee of this House reported, the said Plan, which being read,

Ordered, That it lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

The Council sent down a Bill, intituled *An Act for regulating the Times and Places for holding the several Courts of Justice therein named*,

Bill for regulating the Times and places for holding Courts.

And also a Bill, intituled *An Act for prolonging an Act*

Bill for prolonging
an act for Summary
Trials.

*Act made in the 5th Year of His Majesty's Reign, intit-
led An Act for the summary Trial of Actions.*

Read,

To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And the said Bills were read,

Ordered, That they be read a 2d Time.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock

Friday July 24th, 1767.

Ordered, That the Plan proposed by the Council to relieve the Government from the publick Expence and Interest of Money now due, be read,

And the same was read accordingly.

Resolved, That this House cannot take the said Plan into Consideration until the Estimate for the Expences of Government is settled.

Message to the
Council.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to acquaint the Council, that the House cannot proceed to the Consideration of the Plan for paying off the Interest due, and other Expences of Government, sent down Yesterday, until the Estimate for the Expences of Government is settled.

And a Message was sent up accordingly.

Bill to explain,
&c. Excise Laws
presented.

Mr. Day presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill, intituled *An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in Force, relating to the Duties of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors sold in this Province.*

Read,

And the said Bill was received, and read a 1st Time,

Ordered, That it be read a 2d Time, and committed.

And accordingly the House having resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill,
and

and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Salter* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made some Amendments thereunto, and the said Amendments being read, were agreed to by the House.

Reported.

Ordered, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Bill to explain and amend the several Acts of this Province, relating to the Assize of Bread, &c.

Message from the Council.

And also to the Bill for continuing the Duty of Excise on Wines and playing Cards.

The House then adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday July 25th, 1767.

Mr. *Smith* presented to the House, (according to Order) a Bill, intituled ' *An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in Force relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors,*' and the said Bill was received and read the 1st Time.

Impost Bill presented.

Read.

Ordered, That it be read a 2d Time, and committed;

Committed.

And accordingly the said Bill being read a 2d Time, and the House having resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Salter* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made some Amendments thereunto, and the said Amendments being read, were agreed to by the House.

Reported.

Ordered, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.

Monday

Monday July 27th, 1767.

Impost Bill

The ingrossed Bill, intituled, ' *An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors,*' was read a 3d Time;

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and be sent up to the Council for their Concurrence.

and Excise Bill,
passed.

The ingrossed Bill, intituled, ' *An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force relating to the Duty of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors,*' was read a 3d Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and be sent up to the Council for their Concurrence.

Message to the
Council.

Ordered, That when the said Bills are sent to the Council, a Message be sent up to acquaint the Council, that as those two Bills have such Connection, the House do not propose to pass either one without the other.

And the said Bills with the said Message were sent up accordingly.

Bill for regulating
Times of holding
Courts.

agreed to,
with an Amend-
ment.

The Bill sent down from the Council, intituled *An Act for regulating the Times and Places for holding the several Courts of Justice therein named,* was read a 2d and 3d Time, and the same being taken into Consideration, was agreed to, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be sent up to the Council with the said Amendment for their Concurrence.

Bill for prolonging
an act for Summary
Trials.

The Bill sent down from the Council, intituled *An Act for prolonging an Act made in the 5th Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for the summary Trial of Actions,*

Was

Was read a 2d and 3d Time, and the same being taken into Consideration was agreed to with an Amendment.

agreed to, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent up to the Council with the said Amendment for their concurrence.

The Council by Message acquainted the House, that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the House to the Bill last mentioned, but adhered to the other Bill as sent down.

Message from the Council.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass, and be returned to the Council.

Bills passed.

Then adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Tuesday July 28th, 1767.

The Bill to explain and further amend the Act for establishing the Market at *Halifax*, was taken into consideration.

Bill in Amendment to the Act for establishing a Market.

Ordered, That it be committed, and the same having been committed accordingly, Mr. *Salter* reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill, and desired leave to prepare another Bill in Lieu thereof.

Committed.

Report.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. *Deschamps* then presented to the House, a Bill, intituled 'An Act in further Amendment of an Act made in the 33d Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for establishing a publick Market at the Market House in Halifax, and for regulating the same ;

new Bills.

And the same was read a 1st and 2d Time.

Ordered, That it be ingrossed.

A Message from the *Governor*

‘ The Officers of Government having voluntarily proposed a Reduction of their Salaries for the current Year, commencing the 1st of July, that a more ample Supply may be provided towards discharging the Public Debt, and for paying the Interest; the Governor has therefore formed a new Estimate, in consequence of which he requires, that the House of Assembly will concur in such Measures as shall empower him to grant Warrants bearing Interest, for discharging the Expences of Government due to the 1st Instant, and also Warrants for paying what shall become due to the 1st of January next, agreeable to the Proposal already laid before the House.’

Message from the

Estimate.

Estimate of the Expence of Government for one Year, commencing the 1st July, 1767 :

The Judges of the Supream Court at £. 50. each £. 100.

Treasurer of the Province - - - 100.

Clerk to Ditto, - - - - - 60.

Clerk of the Council in General-Assembly, - 60.

Clerk to the House of Assembly, - 60.

Clerk of the Audits. - - - 25.

Two Collectors of Impost and Excise, each } - 200.
£ 100.

One Waiter, - - - - - 40.

Two Gaugers, - - - - - 65.

Clerk, Office, Rent and Stationary, - - 50.

Clerk of the Crown, - - - - - 40.

Expences of the Council in *General-Assembly*, }
about 30.

Expences

Expences of the House of Assembly, about	£100.
Firewood for the Supream Court & Stationary,	10.
Stationary for different Offices, about	40.
To the Printer, about	50.
Coroner, about	15.
Provisions for the Goal, about	20.
Couriers, &c. about	20.
The Keeper of the House of Assembly,	20.
The Collectors of the Outports, for Collection at 20. <i>per Cent.</i> if under £300. and 15. <i>per Cent.</i> if the Sum collected exceeds £300.	
Contingencies,	£.200.
Interest on Money borrowed,	1400.
An Addition to the Governor's House,	147. 12. 9.

And the said Message and Estimate being read,

And the House having taken the same into Consideration,

Ordered, That a Bill to impower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to issue Warrants bearing Interest, for discharging the Expences of Government, be prepared by To-morrow Morning.

Bill order'd to be prepar'd.

And that Mr. *Hinsbelwood*, and Mr. *Burbidge*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday *July 29th*, 1767.

Resolved, That this House being highly sensible of the great Advantages this Province has, and is likely to receive

Consideration of the generous and spirited Exertions of his Excellency the Governor, in regard to the Roads.

receive by the Repairs and making of Highroads towards the interior Parts of the Province, and taking into Consideration the generous and spirited Exertion of his Excellency the Governor, in creating a Fund to encourage and promote so useful and necessary a Work;

Order thereon.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House be presented to his Excellency accordingly, and that Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Day*, and Mr. *Burbidge*, be a Committee of this House to present the same.

Resolved, That this House having taken into Consideration the great Assistance which has been given by the Seamen belonging to His Majesty's Ships, and the ready and chearful Aid afforded by them in carrying on the Fishery,

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House be given to Commodore *Hood*, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in *North-America*, for his generous Regard to the Interest of this Province,

And that Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Danks*, be a Committee of this House to present the same.

Consideration of the assistance afforded this Province by the Troops & Seamen.

Resolved, That this House having taken into Consideration the great Assistance which has been given by His Majesty's Troops, in the Repairs and Improvements made the last Fall and this Summer on the Roads leading into the interior Parts of this Province, and the ready and chearful Aid afforded by them for carrying on the Hay Harvest;

Order thereon.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House be presented to Lieutenant Colonel *Dalrymple*, Commander in Chief of the Troops in this Province, and to Lieutenant Colonel *Carr*, Commanding the 29th Regiment, for their generous Regard to the Interest of this Province.

And that Mr. *Gerrish* and Mr. *Burbidge* be a Committee of this House to present the same.

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The Bill presented to the House Yesterday, in Amendment of the Act relating to the Market, being ingross'd, was read a 3d Time.

Bill relating to Market passed.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass, and that it be sent up to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Burbidge* presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill intituled, *An Act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to grant Warrants on the Treasury for a Sum not exceeding £1600. bearing Interest, for securing the Payment of the Expences of Government.*

Bill to empower the Governor, &c. to grant Warrants on the Treasury, &c. presented.

And the said Bill was read a 1st and 2d Time.

Ordered, That it be committed.

Committed.

And the said Bill having been committed accordingly, Mr. *Day* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, and the said Amendments being read, were agreed to by the House,

Reported.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Ordered, that the Message, [redacted] of the 27th Instant, and the Estimate of the Expence of Government form'd by his Excellency the Governor, and sent to this House, be read:

And the same were read accordingly.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to acquaint His Majesty's Council, 'That the House have taken into Consideration the Message of the 27th Instant, with the new Estimate form'd by His Excellency the Governor, to which Estimate the House have agreed, and are preparing a Bill to empower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to grant Warrants bearing Interest, for the Expence of Government, agreeable to said Estimate.'

Message to the Council.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Message be sent up To-morrow Morning.

The House then adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o' Clock.

Thursday July 30th, 1767.

The Bill presented to the House Yesterday, *to empower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief to grant Warrants on the Treasury, &c.* being ingrossed, was read a 3d Time.

Bill to empower the Governor to grant Warrants on the Treasury, &c.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass,

passed:

Ordered, That it be sent up to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing and explaining ^{act for laying a} the Duty of Impost on Loaf Sugar, and that Mr. *Salter* do prepare and bring in the same.

Leave for Bill to continue Impost on Loaf Sugar.

A Memorial from Mr. *Thomas Reeve*, Surgeon and Apothecary, was read, setting forth, that the Memorialist ~~has attended~~ the Sick in the Work-house since the 1st July 1766, with great Care and Trouble, and Expence for Medicines, and praying that some Allowance may be made him for the same.

Memorial from Mr. *Reeve*.

Voted, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* be paid to Mr. *Reeve*, for his Services for the Year past, Medicines and Attendance, in the Care of the Sick in the Work-house.

Note to Mr. *Reeve*.

Ordered, That this Vote be sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House having taken into Consideration the great Use and Benefit which Mr. *Emanuel Weight* has been of in this Province, by his Assistance as Surveyor of Mills, agreeable to the Vote of the 30th of June last, and

and that the encouraging him to continue his Services to the Public will be of great Use.

Voted, That the said *Emanuel Weight* be allowed the further Sum of *Twenty Five Pounds* for the current Year to commence the 1st Day of *July* Instant.

Vote to Mr. *Weight*:

Ordered, That the said Vote be sent to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Salter* presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill, intituled *An Act for continuing and explaining an Act made in the 6th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty of Impost on Loaf Sugar*; and the said Bill was read a 1st and 2d Time.

Bill to continue Impost on Loaf Sugar,

Presented-

Order'd, That it be ingross'd.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the following Bills, viz.

Message from the Council.

To a Bill intituled *An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors*.

To a Bill intituled *An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in Force, relating to the Duties of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors sold in this Province*.

To a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to grant Warrants on the Treasury, for a Sum not exceeding £1600. bearing Interest, for securing the Payment of the Expences of Government*.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Friday July 31st, 1767.

The Bill for continuing and explaining the Act for laying

Bill for continuing
Impost Duty on
Loaf Sug.r.

laying a Duty of Impost on Loaf Sugar, being ingrossed,
was read a 3d Time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass, and that it be
sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

Memorial from
Overseers of the
Poor

A Mēmorial from the Overseers of the Poor of the
Township of *Halifax*, was read, setting forth, that by
the great Increase of the Poor in the Province, the Sum
granted by the Town of *Halifax*, last *January*, for the
Support of the Poor the current Year, is greatly insuf-
ficient to answer that Purpose, and praying Relief.

Upon consideration of which Memorial,

Vote thereon.

Voted, That there be paid by the Treasurer, out of the
publick Monies in the Treasury, to the Overseers of the
Poor, the Sum of Sixty Pounds, towards discharging
the Expence for maintaining the Poor in the Poorhouse.

Ordered, That this Vote be sent to the Council for
their concurrence.

Bill for continuing
Impost on Loaf
Sugar, returned,
not agreed to.

The Council sent down the Bill for continuing and
explaining the Act for laying a Duty of Impost on
Loaf Sugar, not agreed to.

Message from the
Council.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that
they had agreed to the Vote in Favour of Mr. *Thomas
Reeve*, and to the Vote in Favour of Mr. *Emanuel Weight*,
sent up by this House.

The Council sent down the following Vote, with a
Message, that they desire the concurrence of this House
thereto.

Council-Chamber, 29th July, 1767.

Vote to Mr. Dupont.

Voted, That the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* be paid to
John Dupont, Esq; for his Services in making Ex-
tracts of nine Acts of Parliament to be published in
the *Nova-Scotia Gazette* in *September* and *October*
last, and for correcting the Press with the said Ex-
tracts.

And

And the House having taken the said Vote into consideration, agreed to the same.

The Council sent down the following Vote with a Message, That they desire the Concurrence of this House thereto.

Council-Chamber 31st July 1767.

Voted, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* be paid to *John Dupont*, Esq; as a further Consideration for his Services in preparing a new Edition of the Laws of the Province, and correcting the Press with the same.

Vote to Mr. Dupont,

And the House having taken the said Vote into consideration,

Agreed, that there be paid to Mr. *Dupont*, for his Services therein mentioned the Sum of £40.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Council accordingly.

The Council sent down the Bill relating to the Market with a Message, that they had agreed to the same, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Bill relating to the Market.

Sent down with Amendments.

And the same Amendment having been taken into Consideration, was agreed to.

Agreed to,

The Council sent down a Bill, intituled *An Act in further Addition to an Act made in the 32^d Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for preventing Trespasses*, with a Message, that they desire the Concurrence of this House to the same,

Bill in further Addition to the Act for preventing Trespasses.

And the said Bill was read a 1st and 2^d Time, and ordered to be committed, and having been committed accordingly, was reported, agreed to with Amendments,

Agreed to with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be sent up to the Council with a Message, that the House had agreed to the same; with Amendments; to which Amendments the House desire the Concurrence of the Council.

Mess-ge from the
Council.

The Council acquainted the House by Mess-ge, that they had agreed to the Vote in Favour of the Overseers of the Poor, sent up by this House.

The House then adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday August 1st, 1767.

Bill for a Duty on
Wheel Carriages.

Upon a Motion, Leave was given to bring in a Bill, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of Halifax*, and the said Bill was received and read a 1st and 2d Time;

committed,
reported,

Ordered, That it be committed, and the same having been committed accordingly, was reported by Mr. *Burbidge*, agreed to with Amendments.

Ordered, That the said Bill be ingrossed.

Vote for Expences
of the House.

Voted, That the following Sumis be paid by the Treasurer of the Province out of the publick Monies in the Treasury, viz.

To Mr. Speaker, for discharging the Expences of this House. £15.

To Mr. *Robert Fletcher*, Printer, for printing the Votes and Journals of this House, and Stationary supplied, (in Cash) £23. 2. 1.

To the Clerk of the House for his Services one Year and a Quarter, to the 28th Day of *August* Instant, } £75.

To the Rev. Mr. *Wood*, as Chaplain to the House for his Services this Session } 4. 16.

To Mr. *John Kent*, Messenger and Door-Keeper of this House for his Services this Session } 6. 8.

Resolved, that Mr. Speaker do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that it is the humble Request of this House,

House, that he will please to order the Salaries of the Clerks and Officers attending the General-Assembly, together with the other contingent Charges relative thereto, to be paid out of the public Monies in the Treasury.

The ingrossed Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Wheel-Carriages within the Peninsula of *Hali-fax*,

Bill for Duty on Wheel Carriages.

Was read a 3d Time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass,

Passed:

Ordered, That it be sent to the Council for Concurrence.

The House taking into Consideration the new Edition of the Perpetual Laws of this Province, lately published, and having highly approved of the clear, distinct, and perspicuous Method in which the same has been executed,

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker be desired to communicate to the Honorable *Jonathan Belcher*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Province, the Thanks of this House for his generous and public spirited Assistance, in the compiling and directing the executing so useful a Work.

Upon a Motion, Leave was given to Mr. *Day*, to bring in a Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent any Member of the House of Assembly of this Province being a Collector or Farmer of the publick Revenues of this Province*.

Bill presented:

And the said Bill was received, and read.

Ordered, That it lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to his Excellency the Governor, to request that his Excellency will be pleased to order the Treasurer of the Province to keep the Accounts of the different Funds from the 1st of last Month, separate, in order that the House may in future

Message to the Governor.

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ture be able to judge of the true and exact State of the Province Accounts ; which, from their being blended with each other, and no Period fixed, the House hitherto has never been able to do, and that the Treasurer be required to give Security for the faithful Discharge of his Office.

Ordered, that the said Message be presented by Mr. Butler and Mr. Procter.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Bill for a Tax on Wheel Carriages.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do report to his Excellency the Governor, that the Seat in this House of *William Welch*, Esq; Representative for the Town of *Horton*, is vacant.

A Message came from his Excellency the Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber ;

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went up 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 give his Assent to the following Bills, viz.

An Act in further Addition to an Act, intituled *An Act for regulating Petit Juries and declaring the Qualification of Jurors.*

An Act in Addition to an Act, made in the 4th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor.*

An Act to explain and amend the several Acts of this Province, relating to the Assize of Bread, and for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures.

An Act for continuing so much of an Act made in the 5th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled
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An Act for granting to His Majesty an Excise on Wines, Tea, Coffee and Playing Cards, sold within this Province, and of an Act made in the 6th Year of his said Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for altering and prolonging an Act, made in the 5th Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled *an Act for granting to His Majesty an Excise on Wines, Tea, Coffee and playing Cards sold within this Province, as relates to the Excise on Wines and playing Cards sold within this Province.*

An Act for regulating the Times and Places for holding the several Courts of Justice therein named.

An Act for prolonging an Act made in the 5th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for summary Trial of Actions.

An Act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to grant Warrants on the Treasury, for a Sum not exceeding £1600. bearing Interest, for securing the Payment of the Expences of Government.

An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in Force, relating to the Duties of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors sold in this Province.

An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors.

An Act in further Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for establishing a publick Market at the Market-House in Halifax, and for regulating the same.*

An Act in further Addition to an Act made in the 32d Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for preventing Trespases.

An

An Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of Halifax.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that his Excellency had been pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses:

Gentlemen of the COUNCIL and HOUSE of
ASSEMBLY,

‘ **T**HE Services you have rendered the Province during this Session, deserve my particular Acknowledgments: and you may depend on it, that the Measures you have concerted for the Public Benefit shall, as far as may be in my Power, be improved to the utmost Advantage.’

And then the Clerk of the Council, by His Excellency's Command, declared the General Assembly prorogued unto Tuesday the 13th Day of October next,

And the same was prorogued accordingly.

a true Copy of the Journals and Proceedings of the House of Assembly for the Province of Nova Scotia between the first day of July and the first day of August 1767.

Extracted from the Records of the House of Assembly

By order of the Speakers

W. Deschamps. Clerk