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**PROCLAMATION.**  
BY HIS EXCELLENCY, LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

*The Right Honorable*  
**GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,**  
BARON DALHOUSIE, of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the  
Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and  
Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-  
Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

(L. S.)  
DALHOUSIE.

**W**HEREAS, I have thought fit to Dissolve the General Assembly of this Province, which now stands prorogued to Thursday, the 11th day of June next: I do, for that purpose, publish this Proclamation, and accordingly, by these Presents, do Dissolve the said General Assembly.

And I do hereby notify the Members of the Legislative Council, as well as the Representatives of this His Majesty's Province, severally, as they are returned from the Counties and Townships, that they are discharged from further attendance in the said General Assembly.

And, by these Presents, I further declare, that I have this day given Orders to issue Writs in due form for calling a new General Assembly; which Writs will bear test on Monday, Eighteenth instant, and be returnable on Thursday, the first day of October next.

*Given under my Hand, and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 11th day of May, in the 58th year of His Majesty's Reign, Annoque Domini. 1818.*

By His Excellency's Command, **H. H. COGSWELL.**

**GOD SAVE THE KING.**

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(L. S.)  
DALHOUSIE.

**W**HEREAS, the Writs issued for calling the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, and which bear test the 18th day of May last, are made returnable at Halifax, on Thursday the first day of October:

And Whereas, the attendance of the Members chosen, or to be chosen, for the respective Counties and Towns within the Province, is not required on the said first day of October:

I HAVE THOUGHT FIT, to prorogue the Meeting of the General Assembly until the first day of December next; and all Sheriffs, and others whom it may concern, are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand, and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 21st day of August, 1818, in the 58th year of His Majesty's Reign.*

By His Excellency's Command, **RUPERT D. GEORGE.**

**PROCLAMATION.**  
BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

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Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

(L. S.)  
DALHOUSIE.

**W**HEREAS, the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the 7th inst.

I HAVE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Thursday, the 11th day of February next; then to meet for the Dispatch of Business; of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand, and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this first day of January, 1819, in the 59th year of His Majesty's Reign.*

By His Excellency's Command, **RUPERT D. GEORGE.**

**GOD SAVE THE KING.**

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# JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The House of Assembly,

OF

### THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA,

Began and holden at HALIFAX, on Thursday, the Eleventh Day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen, in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on Earth the Supreme Head.

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**H**IS Excellency the **LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** having, by his three Proclamations, (hereunto annexed.) dated the 11th day of May, the 21st day of August, and the 1st day of January last, dissolved the last **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**, and called a new one, and appointed the same to meet and sit at Halifax this day, being the eleventh day of February, 1819, the following are the names of the Persons returned by the Sheriffs for the several Counties and Towns within this Province, to represent the same in the said General Assembly, summoned to meet as aforesaid, Viz :—

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| County of Halifax—EDWARD MORTIMER, WILLIAM LAWSON, SIMON BRADSTREET ROBIE, SAMUEL GEORGE WILLIAM ARCHBOLD. | King's County—WILLIAM ALLEN CHIPMAN, ELISHA DEWOLF.             |
| County of Annapolis—THOMAS RITCHIE, JOHN WARWICK.  | Queen's County—SNOW PARKER, JOHN BARSS.                         |
| County of Lunenburg—FRANCIS RUDOLF, JOHN HECKMAN.  | County of Hants—SABUDEL DIMOCK, WILLIAM HERSEY OTIS HALIBURTON. |
| County of Cumberland—THOMAS ROACH, HENRY PURDY.  | County of Sheburne—JOHN BINGAY, ABRAHAM LENT.                   |
|  | County of Sydney—ROBERT MOLLISON CUTLER, THOMAS DICKSON.        |

Town of Halifax—HENRY HEZEKIAH COGSWELL,  
JOHN ALDKO.  
Town of Truro—WILLIAM DICKSON,  
Town of Onslow—ROBERT DICKSON,  
Town of Londonderry—JAMES FLEMING,  
Town of Annapolis—THOMAS RITCHIE.  
Town of Granville—TIMOTHY RUGGLES, Junr,  
Town of Digby—WILLIAM HENRY ROACH,  
Town of Lunenburg—EDWARD JAMES,  
Town of Amherst—JAMES SHANNON MORSE,

Town of Horton—JONATHAN CRANE,  
Town of Cornwallis—CHARLES RAMAGE PRECOTT,  
Town of Liverpool—JOSEPH FREEVAN,  
Town of Windsor—WILLIAM FRASER,  
Town of Falmouth—WILLIAM YOUNG,  
Town of Newport—JOHN ALLISON,  
Town of Shelburne—JARED INGERSOL CHIPMAN,  
Town of Barrington—WILLIAM BROWNE SARGENT,  
Town of Yarmouth—SAMUEL SHELDON POOLE,

IN virtue of a Commission from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to the Honorable RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE, His Majesty's Attorney-General, and the Honorable BRENTON HALLIBURTON, and the Honorable JAMES STEWART, a Copy of which is as follows, Viz :—

*By His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honorable*

GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

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

(L. S.)  
DALHOUSIE.

To all to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING :

**K** NOW ye, that I, the said Lieutenant-Governor, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, have constituted and appointed, and do, by these Presents, constitute and appoint, the Honorable RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE, His Majesty's Attorney-General, and the Honorable JAMES STEWART, and the Honorable BRENTON HALLIBURTON, to be a Commissioner or Commissioners, or either of them, to tender and administer the usual State Oaths according to Law to all and every person and persons who is, are, or shall be elected a Member of the House of Assembly in this Province, giving them, or either of them, full power and authority to perform the matters herein before mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever the said Commissioners, or either of them, shall do and perform in this behalf.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my Hand, and caused my Seal at Arms to be hereto affixed, at Halifax, this tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE,  
Sec'y.

The said Commissioners came, between eleven and twelve o'clock, into the Room of the new Province House, appropriated for the Members of the House of Assembly to sit in, and the foregoing Members returned by the several Sheriffs, who all appeared before the said Commissioners, took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, in their presence.

After which, a Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George, to acquaint the Members that it was His Excellency's pleasure they should proceed to choose a fit person to be their Speaker, and to present the Member chosen for His Excellency's approbation.

Mr. MORTIMER then proposed to the House, SIMON BRADSTREET ROBLE, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor-General, and Member for the County of Halifax, for their Speaker : and the choice of the House having unanimously fallen upon the said SIMON BRADSTREET ROBLE, he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred on him by the House,

House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Mr. [Name], timer, and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly; and, thereupon, Mr. Speaker Elect addressed the Members as follows:—

*Gentlemen,*

IN being thus placed in the highest Elective Office in this Country, I cannot but feel how few are the claims I possess to this distinguished mark of your favor, and how much I owe to your friendship and good-will.

In rising to offer you my most grateful thanks, suffer me to add to them, my solemn assurance, that I will, upon all occasions, endeavour to promote the interests of the Province we represent, as far as I understand them, and my humble abilities will permit; and I beg you to believe, that the preservation of the privileges and order of this Assembly, shall be amongst the first objects of my care.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George, 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. Crane, Member for the Town of Horton, who addressed His Excellency as follows:—

*May it please Your Excellency,*

IN obedience to your Excellency's Commands, the Commons have proceeded to choose a Speaker, and have unanimously elected SIMON BRADSTREET ROBIE, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor General, to that Office, and, by their direction, I beg leave to present him for your Excellency's approbation.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to say:—

I approve of the Speaker which the House of Assembly have chosen.

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,*

THE choice made by the House of Assembly, of me to be their Speaker, and your Excellency's approbation of their choice, prevent me from deeming myself altogether unqualified to fill that Office, however much I may feel my numerous deficiencies—deficiencies which their partiality, and your Excellency's indulgence, have consented to overlook. It must be my care, as it shall be my unceasing endeavour, by attention to the duties of the station, in some measure to deserve the confidence which has been thus liberally bestowed.

On the part of the Representatives of the People of Nova-Scotia, and in their name, I have humbly to demand the enjoyment of all their usual and customary privileges: that they may have freedom of speech in their debates; that they and their servants may be free from all arrears; and that whenever the good of His Majesty's Service, and the interests of the Province, shall require it, the House may have access to your Excellency's Person; and if, in any communication which, by the direction of the House, I may make to your Excellency, any error shall happen, that the fault may be imputed, not to the House, but to me.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that His Excellency, in reply, said:—

*Mr. Speaker,*

CHEERFULLY grant to the House of Representatives, the enjoyment of all its usual and customary Privileges.

After which, Mr. Speaker said 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:—

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

**T**HE advices which have lately reached us from England, are of a most painful nature. The lamented indisposition of our Venerable KING, remains unchanged; and it is with infinite regret, I have to announce the Death of Her Majesty the QUEEN.

Her Majesty died on the seventeenth day of November, after a tedious illness, which she bore with the most pious fortitude and resignation.

In this National Calamity, the general feeling of sorrow has been softened by the known approach of the event; and by the pleasing reflection, that it is not until after a very long reign of fifty-seven years, and when verging upon the utmost limit of life, that Her Majesty has closed Her earthly career, amidst the tears of Her children, and the blessings of Her people.

Your firm and affectionate attachment to the Illustrious Family on the Throne, will, I am confident, join with me in presenting our deep and sincere condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and the Royal Family, on this sorrowful occasion; expressing our just sense of the exalted virtues which have distinguished Her late Majesty through life, and which have left her memory to grace the page of History, as a model of pre-eminence excellence.

The General Assembly of this Province, perhaps, never met under circumstances that afforded more solid grounds of congratulation on the state of the Country, than it does now. The distress that prevailed two years ago, is no longer felt any where; succeeding years of abundant crops, have, under the blessing of Providence, dispelled the clouds that hung over us, and I have had the satisfaction to observe increasing prosperity in all parts of the Province. In these two years, our agriculture has been cheered up, our Fisheries have been successful, and our Commerce is reviving under the influence of an Order of the Prince Regent in Council, by which the Port of Halifax has been declared, to a certain extent, a Free Port.

A Copy of the Order of His Royal Highness shall be laid before you; and I cannot doubt, but that this measure, which promises great advantages, will be received as a fresh instance of the watchful protection of His Majesty's Government over the interests of this Province.

In committing to you the general discussion of Public Affairs, there are some points which call for my special recommendation to your attention: these I shall merely name at present, and explain myself more fully upon them in the progress of the Session.

The system now adopted for the improvement of the Roads throughout the Province, appears to me to require material alteration.

The Militia Laws also, I have found, in some points, ill suited to our circumstances: what I would suggest on that head, has in view to reduce the numbers, and to make that smaller number more efficient.

I shall call your attention to a measure tending to animate the general spirit of improvement in Agriculture; and I will submit to you the plan of an Institution in Halifax, in which the advantages of a Collegiate Education will be found within the reach of all classes of Society: and which will be open to all sects of religious persuasion.

The circumstance of meeting you for the first time in this place, leads me to congratulate you on now occupying this splendid Building—erected for the reception of the Legislature, the Courts of Justice, and all the Public Offices. It stands, and will stand, I hope, to the latest posterity, a proud record of the Public Spirit, at this period of our History: And as I do consider this magnificent work equally honorable and useful to the Province, I recommend it to your continued protection.

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

I have ordered the Public Accounts to be laid before you: I trust you will find cause to approve them.

You will observe that there is a considerable diminution in the receipts of the Revenue

for this last year, as had been anticipated ; it therefore became necessary, in order to carry into effect the appropriations of the last Session of Assembly, to have recourse to a farther issue of Provincial Notes, under the Law, and there is every reason to believe, that the measure has been generally felt to be a public convenience. I am happy however to have it in my power to say, that the Revenue has of late been gradually improving ; but as it cannot be expected to encrease to that ratio which the wants of the Province may require, I recommend it as a subject worthy your most serious consideration, whether, while the state of the Province progressively improves, the Revenue might not also be farther advanced, without injury to the general prosperity.

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

In addressing you in this first Session of a New Assembly, it is truly gratifying to think, that this happy country is yet ignorant of the influence of Party, or of Faction.

Nova-Scotia, resting secure under the powerful protection of the British Crown, has nothing to do with foreign connections or political questions: the prosperity, the improvement, the happiness of the land you live in, are the important, and the only, objects of your deliberation.

Possessed of the confidence of your Constituents, and intimately acquainted with the real state of the Country, I feel assured, that you will give yourselves to the dispatch of Public Affairs, with that spirit which marks men intent upon the public prosperity ; with that liberality which belongs to men of enlightened minds ; and with that deliberate judgment which becomes the great Council of the Country.

The Public looks with anxious expectation to your proceedings. I also feel deeply interested in them. Ardently desirous to promote the public good, I confidently expect your support ; and I beg most strongly to impress upon your minds that the surest pledge of the welfare of this Province, will ever be found in the unanimity of its Councils.

DALHOUSIE.

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

The House then proceeded to the choice of Officers, when

James Boutineau Francklin, Esq. was chosen Clerk ;  
The Rev. John Inglis, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Chaplain ;  
Mr. Judah Wells, Serjeant at Arms ;  
Mr. John Gibbs, Messenger.

The Clerk took the usual Oaths.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Crane, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Albro, and Mr. Robert Dickson, be a Grand Committee of Justice.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Albro, Mr. Flemming and Mr. Dewolf, 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.

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

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*Friday, 12th February, 1819.*

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Cogswell reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His



His Excellency's Speech, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :—

*To His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honorable*

**GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,**

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

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

*May it please Your Excellency:*

**W**E, the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal and affectionate Commons of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

With sincere sorrow we learn that our beloved Sovereign still suffers under the afflicting hand of Heaven, and that the severe calamities of his Illustrious House have been increased, by the recent death of Her Majesty the Queen. We participate in the general grief, and lament the great domestic and national calamity with which it has pleased the Divine Will to afflict the Royal House of Brunswick, and the whole British Empire. The melancholy event, however, is alleviated by the consolatory reflection, that Her Majesty has shone in the highest sphere of human glory, during a long reign of unfulfilled lustre, and afforded a bright example of all the virtues and excellencies which can exalt and adorn the female character; and that she has descended to the Tomb crowned with years and honor, amidst the prayers and tears of all His Majesty's Subjects.

Our firm and affectionate attachment to the Royal Family will induce us cordially to unite with your Excellency, and His Majesty's Council, in presenting our deep and sincere condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and the Royal Family, on this mournful occasion.

We feel the most sensible pleasure in the knowledge that the public distress experienced a few years since in this Province, has been succeeded by prosperity and happiness, and that abundant Crops have diffused the blessings of plenty through this much-favored Colony.

We rejoice with your Excellency, that while our Agriculture and Fisheries have revived and succeeded, by the blessing of Heaven upon the increased exertions of the industry of the Province, we have more auspicious prospects opening for our Commerce, by the relaxation of Commercial restrictions in this Colony, by the gracious Order of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to establish the Port of Halifax free in one important branch of its Foreign Trade. We shall thank your Excellency for any further communications upon this interesting subject, and will endeavour, by our grateful sense and acknowledgment of this instance of Royal favor to merit a further extension of Commercial freedom.

It will afford us great pleasure in the progress of the Sessions, to be favoured with your Excellency's explanation and views of the alterations your Excellency may deem necessary to be made in the system for the improvement of the Roads throughout the Province, and for rendering the Militia more efficient; and we will give to those subjects the serious consideration their importance merits.

The many proofs your Excellency has already given of your ardent desire for the Agricultural improvement of the Province, demand from us the most strict attention to such measures as your Excellency may recommend on this important subject; and we thank your Excellency for proposing to submit to us the Plan of an Institution for promoting the Education of the Inhabitants of this Country, without distinction, thereby extending its advantages to all sects of religious persuasions.

It affords us the greatest satisfaction to be enabled to meet your Excellency in the Building we at present occupy ; and we shall consider it a proud feature in its History, that it was opened for the reception of the Legislature, under the administration of a Nobleman of your Excellency's distinguished rank ; the grateful remembrance of whose paternal care of the People of Nova-Scotia, will, we trust, continue, with the Edifice, to the latest posterity.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be laid before us : they will receive our immediate attention.

We regret that the diminution in the Receipt of the Revenue for the last year, has been such as to require a further issue of Provincial Notes, to carry into effect the appropriations of the last Session. We have however, under existing circumstances, reason to believe, that the emission of Notes, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, has been attended with beneficial effects to the Public.

We have great pleasure in learning the Revenue of the Province has been increasing by the revival of Commerce ; and we assure your Excellency, that the state of the Revenue, and the suggestions of your Excellency, as to the expediency of still further augmenting it, will receive our early and serious consideration.

We have much pride and satisfaction in the declaration made by your Excellency, that this happy Country is yet ignorant of the influence of party or faction. For this happiness we are sensible that we are not only indebted to the protecting power of the British Crown, but, more especially, to the upright, mild and impartial, manner in which our Colonial Government has been for many years past administered : and we have no hesitation in assuring your Excellency, that, as long as the principles of Government are so entirely directed to the welfare and happiness of our Country, there will ever be found in this Province corresponding sentiments of loyalty and affection to our Parent State. We are fully sensible of the important trust reposed in us by our Constituents, and united as we are by connexions and interest to the Country, it shall ever be our constant endeavour to expedite the public service, and to promote the general welfare of the Province.

Impressed with these sentiments and feelings, and with a conviction that the prosperity and happiness of this Colony have been the objects of unceasing care and attention to your Excellency, and that the public interests have been essentially promoted under your Excellency's Administration, we beg leave to express our fervent wish, that the favour of our Sovereign, and the inclination of your Excellency, may long continue to afford us the happiness of having your Excellency to preside over us.

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

*Ordered,* That the committee who prepared the Address to His Excellency be a committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by this House.

A Petition of John F. Hughes, was presented by Mr. James, and read, setting forth :— That, at the late Election of a Person to represent the Township of Digby in the General Assembly of this Province, the Petitioner was a Candidate, together with the present sitting Member, William H. Roach, Esq. That the Poll for the said Election was opened on Monday, the thirteenth day of July last, and continued open until twelve o'clock at night of Saturday, the eighteenth of the same month. That, during the time the Poll was so kept open, twenty-two votes, given for the said William H. Roach, were objected to, and marked, by the Petitioners, as invalid and illegal ; and when, at the close of the Poll, the Sheriff, upon enumerating the votes received, declared that one hundred and twenty three votes had been received for the Petitioner, and one hundred and twenty-four votes for the said William H. Roach, whereby there appeared for the said William H. Roach a majority of one vote, the Petitioner demanded a Scrutiny by the said Sheriff as by Law is provided. That, upon the said scrutiny, divers of the said twenty-two votes, received for the said William H. Roach, and so objected to by the Petitioner, proved absolutely void and illegal, as, by the return of the proceedings of the said Sheriff at the scrutiny, will at large appear : so that in truth a large

large majority of the qualified Electors hath voted for the Petitioner, to represent the Township of Digby in the General Assembly of this Province. The Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that the House will be pleased to take the proceedings at the late Election of a Representative for the Township of Digby into its consideration, and in regard of the rights of the majority of the Electors for the said Township, and of the fair claim of the Petitioner, will be pleased to declare the Petitioner duly Elected, to represent the Township of Digby in the present General Assembly of this Province.

A Petition of Josiah Jones, and others, Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Township of Digby, was presented by Mr. James, and read, setting forth:—That at the Poll, held in the Town of Digby, on the thirteenth day of July last, for the Election of one fit and proper person to represent the said Town in the General Assembly of this Province, John F. Hughes, Esq. and William H. Roach, Esq. were the only Candidates, and although the Votes of the Petitioners were given for the said John F. Hughes, yet, at the close of the said Poll the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis declared the the said W. H. Roach to be duly Elected by a majority of one Vote. That, upon inspection of the Poll-Book, the Petitioners have discovered, that divers persons, not legally entitled to vote at an Election of a Representative for the said Town, were received and admitted to vote for the said William H. Roach, whereby the said William H. Roach was elected contrary to law, and contrary to the just rights of the Petitioners, who, being the major part of the Freeholders of the said Town, have a right to choose the Representative for the same. That the choice of the Petitioners fell upon the said John F. Hughes; and the Petitioners are well convinced, that, upon a candid scrutiny of the votes given at the said Poll, it will be found, that the Petitioners compose a large majority of the Freeholders who were there polled, but owing to divers irregularities in the conducting of the said Poll, and in the keeping and marking of the Sheriff's Poll Book, the majority of voters improperly appeared, by one voter, to be in favour of the said William H. Roach.

That the Petitioners are not only tenacious of their just rights and privileges, but deeply impressed with the conviction that they cannot be secured but by a strict and regular course of proceedings in the conducting of Elections, during which the duties of the returning Officer must be performed agreeably to the Law of the Land, and not only without partiality, but without inattention to the duties prescribed for him. That the Petitioners humbly conceive that either the Sheriff or the Sheriff's Clerk, at the Poll aforesaid, was culpable in not entering all the objections made by the Candidate, John F. Hughes, and particularly in refusing or neglecting to mark as objected, any vote given by a person who at the Poll was willing to take the oath required of an Elector, as by this means, in the humble opinion of the Petitioners, a road is left open for dissolute and profligate persons falsely to impose their votes with impunity, and the way paved by which bribery and corruption, operating upon loose, unsettled, or wandering persons, may secure an election against the real and just voice of a true majority. That the Petitioners do not mean to charge either of the Candidates with bribery or corruption; nor to charge the Sheriff with any criminal partiality; but they, nevertheless, beg leave to state, that they are fully persuaded, that the return of the said Sheriff is incorrect, owing to an inattentive conduct of the said Sheriff. And praying that the House will direct such steps to be taken as will cause a just Scrutiny to be had of the votes given at the said Poll for the Town of Digby, whereby justice may be done to the Petitioners, and the purity and correctness of Electors be asserted and vindicated.

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

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

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*Saturday, 13th February, 1819.*

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Cogswell reported from the committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-

tenant-Governor to know his pleasure when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House; that the committee had, pursuant to Order, waited on His Excellency accordingly, and that His Excellency was pleased to appoint this day, at one of the clock, at the Government-House.

Mr. Speaker, and the House, attended His Excellency with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of yesterday.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to give this answer:—

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

I CANNOT but feel, and express myself highly gratified by the loyal and patriotic sentiments which pervade this Address; and I rest assured that my most anxious hopes will be realised in the important matters which will come under your consideration in this Session.

I thank you for the kind expressions you have addressed to myself: it has been my earnest desire to render myself in some degree useful to the Province, and worthy of the distinguished honor His Majesty conferred upon me, in placing me here. I beg you will be assured that it will still be the object of my ambition to merit and confirm your good opinion.

DALHOUSIE.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Crane, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Dewolf, and Mr. Ritchie, of Annapolis Royal, be a Committee of Privileges.

Mr. Ritchie delivered to the House, sundry Papers from the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, relative to the late Election for the Township of Digby; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. James, the Petition of John F. Hughes, and also the Petition of the Freeholders of Digby, were severally read by the Clerk; and, thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie moved, that the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis be ordered to attend forthwith at the Bar of this House, for the purpose of amending his Return on the Writ for Electing a Member to serve for the Township of Digby in this House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, it passed in the affirmative; and, thereupon,

*Ordered,* That the Clerk do furnish the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, with a copy of the foregoing Resolution.

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

*Monday, 15th February, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. Dimock, *resolved,* that a Committee be appointed to ascertain, and report to the House, what Property there is situate in the Town of Halifax belonging to the Province; in whose possession and occupation the same is, and for what purpose, and under what authority, the same is held.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Dimock, Mr. W. A. Chipman and Mr. Allison, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved,* that a committee be appointed to examine into, and report on, the expenditure of all Monies granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, subsequent to the year 1814, and that the committee do make their Report to this House on or before the 25th day of this present month.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Roach, Mr. J. L. Chipman, and Mr. W. Dickson, be a committee accordingly.

A Petition of William Dickie, and others, Commissioners of Sewers for King's County, was presented by Mr. Prescott, and read, praying that an alteration may be made in the Law for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, as far as respects the making up Rates for Diking and Draining of Marsh Land.

A Petition of Jasper Harding, and others, Inhabitants of Sable River, in the County of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, setting forth, that they and their families are reduced to great distress, in consequence of their property having been destroyed by a fire which took place in the last summer, and praying relief.

A Petition of Frederick Dauphiny, and others, Inhabitants of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Rudolf, and read, praying, that a sum of money may be granted for the deepening the Water Passage between Heckman's Island and the Peninsula of Lunenburg; and,

A Petition of John S. Miller, Master of the English School at Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Pools, and read, praying that he may be allowed the Provincial Allowance for one year, commencing at the time he opened the said School, for reasons offered in the Petition.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the Papers following, Viz :—

A Letter from Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. to the President of His Majesty's Council, and Mr. Speaker, dated, London, 5th May, 1818, inclosing a copy of a Bill before the House of Commons, relative to the supply of the West-Indies with various articles.

A Copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker to the Agent, Mr. Morland, dated, Halifax, 21st March, 1818, on the subject of his resignation as Agent of the Province.

A Copy of a Letter from the President of the Council, and Mr. Speaker, dated, Halifax, 25th April, 1818, to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. on his appointment, as Agent, in the room of Mr. Morland; and other subjects relating to the Province.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to Mr. Speaker, dated, London, 26th April, 1818, relative to the Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to Mr. Speaker, dated, London, 30th June, 1818, acknowledging the receipt of his appointment, as Agent, under the Great Seal of the Province.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to the President of the Council, and Mr. Speaker, dated, London, 25th April, 1818, relative to an Act of Parliament respecting the Trade of Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick.

A Copy of the Act of Parliament before mentioned.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to the President of the Council, and Mr. Speaker, dated, London, 2d June, 1818, enclosing the Order of Council, issued under the above Act of Parliament.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to the President of Council, and Mr. Speaker, dated, London, 13th March, 1818, enclosing a Report of the Commissioners of the British Herring Fishery.

A Report of the British Herring Fishery.

A Letter from Mr. Morland and Mr. Atcheson, to Mr. Speaker, and the Committee of Correspondence of the House of Assembly, dated, 6th March, 1818, on the subject of the Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to the President of the Council, and Mr. Speaker, dated, 6th March, 1818, relative to Duties on Timber.

A Copy of a Letter from Mr. Lock to Mr. Atcheson, dated, Whitehall, 20th Feb. 1818, relative to Duties on Timber.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to Mr. Speaker, dated 13th January, 1818, on the subject of the Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty.

A Letter from Mr. Morland to Mr. Speaker, dated, London, 30th June, 1818, acknowledging the receipt of a Copy of the Resolution of the House of Assembly, on his resignation as Agent.

A Notice from the Committee of the Council and the Assembly, to Messrs. Cochran, dated 24th September, 1818, that the Building hired by them for the use of the Province would not be wanted after the first day of April next.

A Letter from the Deputy-Secretary of the Province to Mr. Speaker, dated, 6th June, 1818, enclosing a copy of the opinion given by the Attorney-General to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of Marriage Licences, as expressed in the Resolution of this House on the 27th March last; and also,

A Copy of the Attorney-General's Opinion, as before mentioned.

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

A Petition of John George Toler, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, setting forth, that he has perfected a Map of the Province, describing the bounds of the several Counties and Townships, &c. on a portable scale, a copy of which he submits to the consideration of the House, and praying that a premium may be granted to him for the same.

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

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

*Tuesday, 16th February, 1810.*

PRAYERS:

A Petition of John Turner, was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, praying some allowance towards defraying the expense of building an Aboiteau on his Land, which is at present used as a road by the Inhabitants of the Province.

A Petition of the Grand Jury of the District of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying that the privilege of granting Shop and Tavern Licences, as at present enjoyed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, may be extended to the said District.

A Petition of Hugh McKay and others, Traders and Shopkeepers at Pictou, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying that the privilege of taking out Shop and Tavern Licences, to vend less than one quart of Spirituous Liquors, may be extended to them.

A Petition of William Canavan, of Rawdon, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying compensation for an injury he alleges to have sustained by an alteration in the Public Highway running through part of his land.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a committee to join a committee of this House, for the purpose of preparing an Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the death of Her late Majesty the Queen.

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council, for the purpose of preparing an Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the death of Her late Majesty the Queen.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. J. I. Chipman, be a committee accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing Resolution.

A written Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George, as follows :

“ The Attorney-General moved, that a Message be sent to the House of Assembly, to invite the House to join with His Majesty's Council, in forming a select committee of both Houses, to consider the Convention lately concluded between His Majesty and the Government of the United States of America, and to report how the interests of this Province are likely to be affected by it, and what steps are necessary to be taken to obtain a relaxation of those commercial restrictions which are inapplicable to the present state of the British Colonies in North-America ;—which, being seconded and put, was unanimously agreed to.”

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the invitation from His Majesty's Council to form a select committee of both Houses, to consider the Convention lately made between His Majesty and the Government of the United States of America, as far as the same respects the interests of this Colony, and to report what measures are necessary to be taken to obtain a relaxation of those commercial restrictions which are inapplicable to the present state of the British Colonies in North-America, agreeably to the Message received from His Majesty's Council, and that Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Roach, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Bingay, be a committee accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing resolution.

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

*Wednesday, 17th February, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill in addition to the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Petition of William Davis, and Thomas Hamilton, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying the aid of the House to set up and establish a Stage Coach to run between Halifax and Annapolis weekly.

A Petition of the Reverend William Bennett and others, Ministers of the people called Methodists, within the Province of Nova-Scotia, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to enable his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to grant Licenses to Clergymen dissenting from the Church of England, authorizing them to celebrate Marriage, according to the rights and ceremonies of their respective congregations.

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

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

And the said Messages were severally read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follow :

*Mr.*

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

HAVING intimated my intention of submitting to the General Assembly, the Plan of an Institution, by which the advantage of a Collegiate Education will be obtained in Halifax: I transmit the copies of two letters which will shew the object, and the means at my disposal.

Although the sum granted by His Majesty's Government is large and liberal, yet it will not accomplish the object. I trust the Legislature, approving the Plan, will enable me, by further means, to proceed in this important work.

DALHOUSIE.

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

IN pursuance of the intention I expressed in opening this Session of the General Assembly, I now lay before the House, my own ideas of the alterations that are likely to improve the system now adopted in the expenditure of Public Money on the Roads.

I have made a similar communication to the other Branch of the Legislature, and trust that your joint consultations will meet my views on this subject.

DALHOUSIE.

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

I SUBMIT to the Legislature a scheme of the changes I am desirous to make in the formation of the Militia, and for the regular inspection of it. As some alteration of the Militia Law as it now stands becomes necessary, I recommend a revision of it generally.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Secretary George, also delivered to the House, by his Excellency's Command,

A copy of a Letter from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to Earl Bathurst, dated, 14th December, 1817, on the subject of a Collegiate Institution, at Halifax; also,

A copy of a Letter from Earl Bathurst, to His Excellency, dated, 6th February, 1818, in reply to the foregoing Letter from His Excellency, Also,

A scheme of the changes proposed by his Excellency to be made in the formation of the Militia. Also,

A general Return of the Militia of the Province, dated, 1st February, 1819. Also,

A copy of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent's Order in Council, dated, 27th May, 1818, declaring Halifax a Free-Port, to a certain extent. And also,

An estimate of the charge for defraying the expense of the Civil Establishment of the Province of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1819: and thereupon;

*Ordered,* That the said Messages and Papers do lie on the table to be perused by the Members of the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The committee of His Majesty's Council, appointed to join a committee of this House for preparing an Address of Condolence to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the Death of Her Majesty the Queen, are now ready to meet the committee of this House in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered,* That the committee of this House do attend accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved,* that this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session.

An engrossed Bill, in addition to the Act for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, was read a third time: and thereupon,

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On motion of Mr. Crane, *resolved*, that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

*Thursday, 18th February, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, His Excellency's Speech, and also His Excellency's Message of yesterday on the subject of Roads, were severally read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a committee should be appointed by the House to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue and amend an Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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

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

Mr. Ritchie moved, that the same be not agreed to by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, 18, against it, 18.

Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote against the motion.

So it passed in the negative.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Thomas Dickson, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Dewolf, be a committee to prepare and bring in a Bill agreeably to the foregoing resolution of the committee of the whole House.

A Petition of William Rewell and others, Inhabitants of Granville, was presented by Mr. Ruggles, and read, praying aid to enable them to make a road or way on the bank of the river at the public landing in the said Township, for the general benefit of the Inhabitants of the Province.

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

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

*Friday, 19th February, 1819.*

PRAYERS,

A Petition of Ann Cleary, in behalf of her children, heirs of the late Richard Cleary, deceased, was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, setting forth, that they sustain an injury by the alteration of the old road, which formerly extended between Mr. Pyke's property and the Artillery Park, under a Law of the Province in the year 1812, by depriving them of

a right of way to a certain part of the Land, the property of the said heirs, and praying relief.

A Petition of Nicholas Mosher and others, was presented by Mr. Allison, and read, praying to be relieved from their Contract, for building a Bridge over the Cornwallis River, for reasons stated in the Petition.

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

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Militia, and also his Excellency's Message on the subject of a Collegiate Institution in Halifax, be referred to a committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Dimock, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of his Excellency's Speech, and also of the said Messages.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a committee of the Honorable Michael Wallace, the Honorable the Attorney-General, and the Honorable James Fraser, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of considering the Convention lately made between His Majesty and the Government of the United States, as far as the same respects the Interests of this Colony.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Saturday, 20th February, 1810.*

#### PRAYERS.

Mr. J. I. Chipman, moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that he will be pleased to communicate to this House such further information as he may have in his power to afford, relative to the Militia of the Province; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion eighteen; against it, twenty.

#### For the Motion,

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| Mr. Parker,        | Mr. Freeman,       |
| Mr. Lawson,        | Mr. R. Dickson,    |
| Mr. J. I. Chipman, | Mr. Cutler,        |
| Mr. Barss,         | Mr. Albro,         |
| Mr. W. Dickson,    | Mr. Cogswell,      |
| Mr. Prescott,      | Mr. Crane,         |
| Mr. Archibald,     | Mr. W. A. Chipman, |
| Mr. T. Dickson,    | Mr. Roach,         |
| Mr. Mortimer,      | Mr. Ruggles.       |

#### Against the Motion,

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| Mr. Warwick,    | Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal, |
| Mr. Bingay,     | Mr. Dewolf,             |
| Mr. Sargent,    | Mr. Ritchie,            |
| Mr. Fraser,     | Mr. Purdy,              |
| Mr. Haliburton, | Mr. Lent,               |
| Mr. Heckman,    | Mr. Morse,              |
| Mr. Flemming,   | Mr. Young,              |
| Mr. H. Roach,   | Mr. Allison,            |
| Mr. James,      | Mr. Poole,              |
| Mr. Rudolf,     | Mr. Dimock.             |

So it passed in the negative.

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

into further consideration His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session; and also, His Excellency's Messages on the subject of the Militia, and of a College at Halifax.

A Petition of the Magistrates and Overseers of the Poor, at Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Poole, and read, praying to be reimbursed the sum of fifty pounds eight shillings and nine pence, by them expended in the support and maintenance of sundry transient and shipwrecked persons.

A Petition of Charles Morris and others, Trustees of the National School at Halifax, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, setting forth, that they have completed the Building for the use of the Institution, at an expense of £2070 2 8, and although they aimed at rigid economy in their plan, and endeavoured to guard against the inconveniences that might be apprehended from the great difference which is always found between first Estimates and final charges, there is a balance now due to the Trustees of £468 19 4, and having no other resource for discharging the same, they submit their case to the favorable consideration of the House.

A Petition of the Reverend Dr. Inglis and others, Trustees of the Grammar School in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, setting forth, that the Building occupied for the said School is greatly out of repair, and praying the aid of the House to enable the Petitioners to make the necessary repairs to the said Building.

A Petition of James Hamilton, junr. and others, Inhabitants of Clyde River, in the County of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, praying aid for removing obstructions in the Navigation of the said River, for floating down Timber, &c.

A Petition of John Todd and Dummer Bean, was presented by Mr. Frazer, and read, setting forth that the Petitioners have established a Stage Coach to run between Windfor and Halifax weekly, which is acknowledged to be a great public convenience; but that from the poverty of the Petitioners, and the large sum they have already expended in the undertaking, they will be under the necessity of giving up the Establishment, unless they are aided by this House, and praying relief.

A Petition of W. K. Reynolds and others, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Duties on 464 gallons of Rum, by them exported to the Coast of Labrador in May, 1818.

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

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

*Monday, 22d February, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Petition of James Buchanan, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying to be relieved from the payment of a certain sum of money due by the Petitioner to the Province, for Duties, as a partner with David Dundas, an Insolvent Debter.

A Petition of Rachel Martin, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, for upwards of two years, superintended the education of the Female part of the Acadian School in Halifax; that she is now involved in great distress from unavoidable circumstances, and praying relief.

A Petition of David Borden and others, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are indebted to the Province divers sums of money, on their bonds, either as principals or sureties, for the duty on Plaster Paris, imposed under the Act of the Legislature, passed in the year 1815, which they are at present unable to discharge, and praying relief.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

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On motion of Mr. Dimock, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of his Excellency's Speech, and also of his Excellency's Messages on the subject of the Militia, and of a College in Halifax.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a committee should be appointed by the House to report what amendments are necessary to be made to the present Militia Law.

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

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Roach, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. W. Dickson, Mr. Bingay, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Rudolf and Mr. Lawson, 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.

*Tuesday, 23d February, 1819.*

#### PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Petition of Lt. Col. Mac Colla, Acting Adjutant-General of Militia, (recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to the consideration of the House) and the same was read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, in obedience to the order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, has served as Acting Adjutant-General to the Militia for this Province, since the 1st July, 1817, without receiving any compensation or remuneration for his services, and praying an allowance for the same.

A Petition of Mary Zwicker, widow of the late J. M. Zwicker, of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Rudolf, and read, praying payment of the sum of £18, expended by her late husband in repairing the road from Lunenburg to Chester, in the year 1817; as a Commissioner, over and above the sum granted for the said road in that year.

A Petition of the Reverend Thomas H. Chipman, and others, Baptist Ministers, was presented by Mr. W. A. Chipman, and read, praying that a Law may be passed, authorising His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to grant Licenses to all Ministers, that are regularly ordained, to celebrate Marriages.

A Petition of David Dill, and others, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are indebted to the Province divers sums of money, on their Bonds, either as principals or sureties, for the duty on Plaster Paris, imposed under the Act of the Legislature, passed in the year 1815, which they are at present unable to discharge, and praying relief.

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

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to raise a sum of money for building a Bridge over the River Avon, between Windsor and Falmouth, and the same was read a first time.

Mr.

Mr Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to establish a Land and Saving Bank, in Nova-Scotia, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill in addition to the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole 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 an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendment in at the Clerk's Table. The said amendment was read throughout a first and second time, and is as follows, viz.

*“ Provided, nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That no owner or owners of any Marsh Land to be dyked and drained under the direction of the Commissioners of Sewers, shall be liable to pay more than the value of the said Land, for the expense of dyking or draining, after the same shall have been so dyked and drained as aforesaid; unless such owner or owners shall have composed part of the majority of the proprietors, upon whose application such dyking and draining shall have been done;”* and thereupon,

Mr. W. A. Chipman moved, that the said amendment be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Fourteen; against it, Twenty-one.

**For the Motion,**

Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal,

Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Dimock.

**Against the Motion,**

Mr. Parker,  
Mr. H. Roach,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Flemming,

Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. Bairs,  
Mr. Crone,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Poole.

So it passed in the negative.

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

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee appointed to report what amendments are necessary to be made to the Militia Laws now in force, 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 given the subject to them referred a most serious and deliberate consideration, and are of opinion that the following arrangements are necessary, that is to say:

That the persons to be enrolled be from the age of eighteen to sixty, instead of sixteen to sixty.

That the first class for service, be from the age of eighteen to forty.

That there be an addition of one day for meeting by Battalion; and that the committee take the liberty to recommend that a reasonable annual provision be made for two inspecting Field Officers, in lieu of the provision yearly for the Adjutant-General and Quarter-Master-General of Militia.

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

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

*Treasurer*

*Treasurer of the Province.*

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct; balance in his hands

L.14,601 11 5½

*Collectors of Impost and Excise.**Halifax :*

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands L.34,454 6 0  
Ditto in the hands of the Attorney-General - - - 5,011 6 3

39,465 12 3

*Lunenburg.*

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands - - - L.1,919 8 5  
The Administrators of the late Robert Bethel remain accountable for the balance as reported last year - - - 137 19 8  
The Administrators of the late Robert Bolman remain accountable for the balance reported last year - - - 143 1 9½

2,200 9 10½

*Shelburne.*

No Account Current; his Quarterly Returns have been received, by which there appears to have been secured the last year, the sum of - - - L.46 8 11  
Balance due as reported last year - - - 143 1 9½

It appears by the Treasurer's Accounts he has paid him - - - 189 10 8½  
135 0 0

Leaving him accountable for the sum of - - - 54 10 8½  
Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General, as reported last year - - - 309 1 3½

363 12 0

*Liverpool.*

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands - - - L.2,990 16 2  
Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General - - - 352 12 6

The balance, due by the former Collector, still remains as reported last year - - - 3343 8 8  
1,976 9 7

5,319 18 3

*Yarmouth.*

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance in his hands - - - - - 583 13 2

*Annapolis.*

His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct. Balance in his hands - - - - - 1591 2 3

*Windsor.*

His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct. Balance in his hands - - - - - L.414 3 7  
The amount due on Plaster Paris Duty still remains as reported last year 4,477 12 6

4,891 16 1

*King's County.*

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance in his hands - - - - - 166 18 11

*Colchester.*

No Accounts are returned; he still remains accountable for the balance reported last year 337 10 0

*Pictou.*

His accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance in his hands - - - - - L.187 8 10½  
The balance due by the late Collector remains as reported last year 184 0 11½

371 9 10

*Cumberland.*

No Accounts or Returns; he still remains accountable for the balance reported last year 274 10 0

L.70,168 4 1

*Light Houses.*

HALIFAX.—The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 31st December last, and are correct. He has paid the Treasurer - - - L.1313 13 4  
LIVERPOOL.—Ditto Ditto Ditto - - - 114 15 9  
SHELBURNE.—Ditto Ditto Ditto - - - 28 3 3  
ANNAPOLIS.—No Return. - - - - -

L.1456 12 4

The Commissioner's Accounts have been received to the 31st December last, for repairs and supplies of Light Houses, amounting to L.1,142 6 8, which has been paid.

ANNAPOLIS.—The Commissioner's Accounts for building and completing Annapolis Light House, has been received, and the balance paid, leaving unexpended the sum of L.90 11 1½.

CRANBERRY ISLAND.—The Commissioner's Accounts have been received. It appears he has expended L.314 4 7 over the sum granted, which is now due him.

### *Provincial House.*

The Commissioners' Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct, by which there appears to be a balance due them of L.2117 7 3½. They further state, that there is now due to sundry persons, for Materials and Workmanship, including the above sum, L.5998 17 2; and that it will require, to complete the Building, the sum of L.2,500.

### *Province Notes.*

|   |   |   |          |    |   |  |
|---|---|---|----------|----|---|--|
| Balance in circulation the 31st December, 1817            | - | - | L.24,719 | 10 | 0 |  |
| Delivered by the Commissioners to the Treasurer last year | - | - | 29,922   | 0  | 0 |  |
|   |   |   |          |    |   |  |
|   |   |   | 54,641   | 10 | 0 |  |
| Examined and destroyed by the Committee                   | - | - | 14,950   | 0  | 0 |  |
|   |   |   |          |    |   |  |
| Leaves in circulation, 31st December, 1818                | - | - | L.39,691 | 10 | 0 |  |

### *Isle of Sable.*

The Commissioner's Account to the 31st December last, has been received, and is correct. Balance due him - - - L.17 5 4  
He reports there still remains due to the Superintendent, and Servant's wages, amounting to - - - 131 16 8

149 2 0

*Committee-Room, Halifax, 23d February, 1819.*

CHAS. HILL, } *Committee of*  
JAMES FRASER, } *Council.*

WM. LAWSON, }  
EDWD. MORTIMER, } *Committee of the*  
J. ALBRO, } *House of Assembly.*  
J. FLEMMING, }  
ELISHA DEWOLF, }

| 1814.  | 1818.  |
|--|--|
| Decr. 31. The following Sums appropriated, and not drawn from the Treasury.        | Decr. 31. By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer ... ..         |
| For Roads and Bridges ... ..   | Ditto ditto Bounty to Seamen ... ..                            |
| For Communication ... ..   | Ditto ditto Copper Coinage ... ..                              |
| Balance Transportation of Arms ... ..  | By Securities in the hands of the Collectors of Import and Ex- |
| Emigrant Vote ... ..   | cise, Halifax ... ..   |
| Stoves for Council and House of Assembly ... ..                                    | Deduct probable Drawbacks ... ..                               |
| For securing Ammunition ... ..   | By Ditto Out-Port Collectors:—                                 |
| For relief of distressed Indians ... ..  | Lunenburg ... ..   |
| For running the bounds of the Townships ... ..                                     | Shelburne ... ..   |
| Salters on East Branch of St. Mary's River ... ..                                  | Liverpool ... ..   |
| Briar Island, for cutting Wood ... ..  | Yarmouth ... ..  |
| Settlers at Delap's Cove ... ..  | Annapolis ... ..   |
| Browning Militia Arms ... ..   | Windsor ... ..   |
| Building a House of Correction at Annapolis ... ..                                 | King's County ... ..   |
| Bounty on Waggon's ... ..  | Colechester ... ..   |
| Arisar Pier ... ..   | Pictou ... ..  |
| To the Inhabitants of Tracadie to clear the Harbour ... ..                         | Cumberland ... ..  |
| Ditto for removing obstructions in Remsheg River ... ..                            | Deduct probable Drawbacks ... ..                               |
| Balance of Notes in circulation, 31st December last ... ..                         | By Balance ... ..  |
| Due the Commissioners of Isle of Sable ... ..                                      |  |
| Ditto on Cranberry Island ... ..   |  |
| Ditto Province House ... ..  |  |
| Loan Certificate.—Due to sundry persons for Notes fund-<br>ed and cancelled ... .. |  |
| <b>L.1,904 3 10</b>  | <b>L.14,601 11 05</b>  |
| <b>300 15 0</b>  | <b>90 16 8</b>   |
| <b>115 0 0</b>   | <b>653 6 8</b>   |
| <b>7 14 7</b>  | <b>L.39,465 12 3</b>   |
| <b>4 13 0</b>  | <b>9,405 12 3</b>  |
| <b>711 14 0</b>  | <b>30,000 0 0</b>  |
| <b>67 2 7</b>  |  |
| <b>100 0 0</b>   |  |
| <b>30 0 0</b>  |  |
| <b>12 0 0</b>  |  |
| <b>50 0 0</b>  |  |
| <b>449 12 6</b>  |  |
| <b>400 0 0</b>   |  |
| <b>100 0 0</b>   |  |
| <b>133 6 8</b>   |  |
| <b>60 0 0</b>  |  |
| <b>33 6 8</b>  |  |
| <b>39,691 10 0</b>   |  |
| <b>149 2 0</b>   |  |
| <b>314 4 7</b>   |  |
| <b>2,117 7 3½</b>  |  |
| <b>11,950 0 0</b>  |  |
| <b>L.58,681 12 8½</b>  | <b>L.16,101 0 4½</b>   |
|  | <b>8,101 0 4½</b>  |
|  | <b>8,000 0 0</b>   |
|  | <b>6,405 17 11</b>   |
|  | <b>L.53,681 12 8½</b>  |

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House of Assembly.



Abstract of Monies undrawn on Account of Road and Bridges, the 31st Dec. last, Viz:

VOTE.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1813.—Gut of Annapolis ... ..   | L10 0 0   |
| 1814.—Musquodoboit, by way of Chizencook ... ..   | 15 0 0    |
| 1815.—Cape Negro to Shelburne ... ..  | 60 0 0    |
| 1816.—Balance Cornwallis Bridge ... ..  | 1,000 0 0 |
| Ditto, Lower Musquodoboit ... ..  | 9 10 0    |
| 1817.—From Johnston's to Economy ... ..   | 10 0 0    |
| Balance to rebuild a Bridge over Allan's Creek... ..  | 12 16 8   |
| 1818.—Casualty Vote ... ..  | 256 6 5   |
| Road to Gibraltar ... ..  | 50 0 0    |
| Balance, Road from Beaver Bank towards Rawdon ... ..  | 15 0 0    |
| Road from Economy to River Philip ... ..  | 5 0 0     |
| Ditto from Antigonishe to Traccadie } ... ..  | 37 4 0    |
| Ditto from Traccadie to Harbour Bouchee } ... ..  | 21 0 0    |
| Ditto from Dorchester Village to Ohio ... ..  | 21 0 0    |
| Ditto from Antigonishe to Cape George ... ..  | 58 7 2    |
| Ditto from Stewart's in Amherst, to bounds of King's County, } ... ..   | 7 8 11    |
| Ditto from Macan to the River Hebert ... ..   | 15 6 8    |
| Ditto from Remshieg towards Tatamagushe ... ..  | 27 0 0    |
| Ditto from Town Plot of Remshieg to Amherst, by Tuttle's } ... ..   | 30 0 0    |
| Ditto from Fox Harbour to Amherst, Ditto, } ... ..  | 10 0 0    |
| Ditto from Scotch Settlement on the gulf to the road } leading to Amherst. ... ..                                 | 10 0 0    |
| Road from the Harbour of Pugwash to Amherst, near Ripley's ... ..   | 10 0 0    |
| To build a Bridge over Le Planche Creek ... ..  | 10 0 0    |
| Road from Ryarson's Mills towards New Canaan ... ..   | 43 4 0    |
| Balance to aid the Inhabitants of Digby to secure the } banks of the streets that terminate at the Basin } ... .. | 40 0 0    |
| Road to the Shubenaccadie, from Barwick's Brook ... ..  | 20 0 0    |
| Road from Cyrus Parry's to Annapolis County Line ... ..   | 15 0 0    |
| Road from Scissabou Falls, towards Yarmouth ... ..  | 45 0 0    |
| Bridges over the Clyde, Jordan and Sable Rivers ... ..  | 60 0 0    |
| Road from Red Head to Cape Porcupine in the Gut of Canso ... ..   |           |

L.1904 3 10

Abstract of Dutiable Goods imported into the Province of Nova-Scotia, from 1st January to 31st December, 1818.

|               | BRANDY AND GIN. | SPIRITS | WINE   | MOLASSES | Cwt. SUGAR | Cwt. COFFEE | 2½ and 5 per Cent. | AMOUNT       |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|--------|----------|------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| HALIFAX       | 38,632          | 493,984 | 34,531 | 169,647  | 9783       | 42,018      | 251,284 0 0        | 39,474 16 10 |
| LUNENBURG     |                 | 32,685  |        | 6,360    | 1922       | 1000        | 818 0 0            | 2021 15 3½   |
| SHELburne     |                 | 181     | 192    | 1,238    | 143        |             |                    | 46 8 11      |
| LIVERPOOL     |                 | 81,543  |        | 22,472   | 1326       |             | 966 16 5           | 4427 2 11½   |
| YARMOUTH      | 99              | 13,741  |        | 8,872    | 54         |             | 37 10 0            | 887 3 2      |
| ANNAPOLIS     |                 | 8,895   | 10     | 7,670    | 263        |             | 201 5 0            | 1281 16 6    |
| WINDSOR       |                 | 4,634   |        | 326      | 39         |             | 257 17 7           | 312 13 11½   |
| KING'S COUNTY |                 | 699     |        | 107      | 101        |             | 977 0 7            | 77 11 9      |
| PICTOU        | 903             | 602     | 133    |          |            |             | 9605 17 3          | 344 12 5½    |
|               | 39,634          | 636,964 | 35,166 | 216,692  | 14,161     | 43,018      | 264,148 6 11       | 48,874 1 10  |

Committee Room Halifax, 23d February, 1819.

CHARLES HILL, }  
JAMES FRASER, } Committee of Council.

WM. LAWSON,  
EDWRD. MOTIMER, }  
J. ALBRO,  
J. FLEMING,  
ELISHA DEWOLF. }

Committee of the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That the said Report, also the Account and Abstracts, 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.

Wednesday, 24th February, 1819.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Jesse Wyman, was presented by Mr. Poole, and read, praying for an augmentation to his allowance as Post-Rider, between Yarmouth and Digby.

A Petition of Christian Muller, was presented by Mr. T. Dickson, and read, praying payment of the sum of nineteen pounds, by him expended as Commissioner of Roads, in cutting and clearing out Windfalls on the road from Guyborough to the East Branch of St. Mary's River, in the year 1812.

A Petition of Gideon C. White, was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Duties on 3158 gallons of Rum, exported to Bolton in April, 1817, amounting to 131l. 1s. 11d.

A Petition of Andrew Webster, Surgeon, was presented by Mr. Parker, and read, praying for compensation for his services in amputating the arm of Donald M'Kay, when employed as a Commissioner on the road between Liverpool and Shelburne.

A Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for the aid of the House, to enable them to complete this beneficial public undertaking, by permitting them to increase the issue of their Promissory Notes, under such restrictions as the public interest may require, or by a grant of money towards the expense of another Boat, or by a Loan of Provincial Notes, or in such other way as to the wisdom of the House may seem meet.

A Petition of George Oxley, and others, Magistrates of the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to authorise the sale of the Old Court House at Amherst, and that the proceeds thereof may be appropriated towards building the New Court-House at the River Philip.

A Petition of John George Pyke, and others, Magistrates, in behalf of themselves, and the Town and County of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners were last year under the necessity of addressing this Honourable House by Petition, praying for Provincial aid towards defraying the very heavy annual expense of maintaining and supporting the County Bridewell, as well as to enable them to discharge a very large debt which had been increasing annually since the commencement of the Establishment, in the year 1815. That this Honourable House were then pleased to grant the Petitioners the sum of three hundred pounds, which, with the sum of one thousand pounds assessed upon the town, the Petitioners hoped would have been sufficient to have discharged the sum then due, amounting to more than twelve hundred pounds. That very near four thousand pounds was assessed upon the Town last year. But the Petitioners are concerned to state that the deficiency in the collection of those Taxes has been very great, and although the surpluse of the Police Fund, amounting only to forty-one pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence (agreeably to the account annexed, marked A.) has been applied, together with the grant of this honourable House, and the sum assessed and collected from the Town, towards paying off the old Debt, yet there still remains a balance due to sundry persons of three hundred and ninety-seven pounds fifteen shillings, besides the expenses for the maintenance of the Establishment for the year 1818, (see the Account annexed, marked B.) amounting to seven hundred and twenty-five pounds thirteen shillings and five pence, for which no provision was made. That the Petitioners are fully sensible of the great importance and necessity of keeping up the Establishment of the County Bridewell, and although different opinions may prevail as to funds from which its support should be derived, yet if this honourable House will advert to the description of persons usually confined (see the Keeper's account and an abstract therefrom annexed, marked C.) the Petitioners confidently hope, that this honourable House will be satisfied that not less than two-thirds of the annual expense incurred, is for the custody and support of persons not chargeable by Law

on the Town and County of Halifax only, but on the Province at large; and praying that the House would be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief as this honourable House, in its wisdom, may deem expedient to assist the Town in paying the Debt now due by the Establishment, and towards the support of the same for the Current year.

A Petition of Adam D. Sheriff, Distiller, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a reduction of the Duties payable on Spirituous Liquors distilled within the Province.

A Petition of the Reverend James Robson, and others, Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to authorise His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to grant Licenses, to enable the Petitioners to celebrate Marriage in a mode consistent with the usage of their own Church.

A Petition of J. I. Chipman, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying for a compensation for his services in prosecuting Criminals for capital offences at the Supreme Court at Lunenburg and Shelburne, in the July Term in the last year.

A Petition of William Logan, was presented by Mr. W. Dickson, and read, praying to be remunerated for a loss he has sustained in consequence of an alteration lately made in a public road which passes over his land.

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

A Bill to raise a sum of Money for building a Bridge over the River Avon, between Windsor and Falmouth, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the Issue of Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the Province, and the same was read a first time.

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

The Sheriff of the County of Annapolis attended at the Bar of the House, pursuant to the Order of the House on the 14th instant; and it appearing to the House, from the examination of the said Sheriff, that, at the close of the Poll for the election of a Member to represent the Township of Digby in this House, a scrutiny was demanded by John F. Hughes, Esq. the Petitioning Candidate, which fact is not stated in the Return of the Sheriff upon the said Writ authorising him to hold the said Election. It therefore appears to the House, that the said Return is incomplete; and thereupon,

*Ordered,* That the said Sheriff do forthwith amend his Return, by inserting a statement of facts relating to the demand of a scrutiny, and the proceedings which took place in consequence thereof.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and this House, appointed to prepare an Address to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, upon the death of Her late Majesty the QUEEN; 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 prepared the sketch of a suitable Address on this melancholy occasion, thought it their duty to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and to submit the same to His Excellency's consideration, who was pleased to signify his approbation thereof, and at the same time expressed his desire to join, in his Legislative capacity, with the other Branches of the Provincial Legislature, in transmitting such Address to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, accompanied with a request that he would present the same to His Royal Highness on behalf of the Province, and that the committee submit to the consideration of both Houses, the following, being the draft of such Address, viz:

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS.

GEORGE, PRINCE OF WALES,

REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT-BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

THE JOINT ADDRESS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF, IN AND OVER HIS MAJESTY'S PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, AND ITS DEPENDENCIES; OF THE HONORABLE HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL; AND THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, IN THEIR SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE CAPACITIES, NOW SITTING AT HALIFAX.

*May it Please Your ROYAL HIGHNESS;*

**W**E, the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, and HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, now convened in General Assembly, beg leave to approach Your Sacred Person, with the deepest sense of the irreparable loss which the Nation has sustained, by the death of Her late Most Gracious Majesty, THE QUEEN; and we most sincerely condole with Your Royal Highness, and Your Illustrious Family, on this melancholy occasion.

The scrupulous and conscientious manner in which Your Royal Mother, during her long reign, fulfilled every public and private duty, was universally known and acknowledged by all descriptions of His Majesty's Subjects throughout every part of the British Empire, and the influence of Her bright and virtuous example, will be felt to the latest posterity.

The People of this Province, who have been distinguished by so many signal marks of especial favor and Royal munificence, and who have, since the first settlement of the Colony, experienced the continued support and encouragement of our good and venerable Sovereign, can never be so unmindful of their duty and obligations, as not to retain the most lively impression of gratitude, and on all occasions to testify the warmest attachment to Your Royal Highness, and every branch of Your Illustrious Family, under whose mild and paternal Government we have lived happy and free.

In this time of general mourning and distress, we receive great consolation when we reflect, that it has pleased God to prolong Her Majesty's Reign, until she had the happiness to see the British Empire elevated to a height of glory and renown, such as no other nation ever attained; and with this, she enjoyed the great additional blessing, of seeing Your Royal Highness, in His Majesty's name, and on His behalf, by wisely and firmly pursuing His measures, finally accomplish the restoration of all nations to their just rights, and, under the direction of Divine Providence, establish a solid and universal Peace throughout Europe: while Her late Majesty was thus enjoying, in this world, the high reward of a long and exemplary life, it pleased the Almighty to separate her from her People.

This awful event she met with pious resignation, leaving this life, while surrounded by Her Children, and receiving from them every mark of the tenderest affection, accompanied to the last moment with the most dutiful and unwearied attention; these reflections we rest assured, will afford Your Royal Highness real comfort and consolation.

His Majesty's People, in this Colony, after seeing the bonds of Civil Society shaken to the foundation, and almost all legitimate Governments overturned, view, with grateful hearts, the restoration of good order, peace, and national prosperity; and we beg, with all humility, to add our earnest and faithful assurance to Your Royal Highness, that we shall always preserve the truest sentiments of allegiance, fidelity and affection, to the Sacred Person of His Majesty; and, united in principles of loyal regard for every branch of the Royal Family, we will invariably persevere in the most dutiful attachment to Your Royal Person and Government.

*Resolved,* That this House do agree to the foregoing Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint His Majesty's Council with the foregoing Resolution.

The Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, pursuant to Order, appeared at the Bar of the House, and delivered to the House an amended Return annexed to the Writ, authorizing him to hold an Election for a Member to represent the Township of Digby in this House.

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

*Thursday, 25th February, 1819.*

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill, in addition to the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be postponed to this day three Months; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

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

A Bill to authorize the Issue of Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the Province; Also,

A Bill to establish a Land and Saving Bank in Nova-Scotia—were severally read a second time; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Roach, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Ritchie, of Annapolis Royal, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the encouragement of Agriculture, and the same was read a first time.

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

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

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

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

I HAVE seen with great pleasure, the disposition to the improvement of Agriculture which has lately been expressed by the formation of Farming Societies in all parts of the Province. One of these has been formed in Halifax, under the name of the Provincial Agricultural Society, having for its object to join in, and give effect to, the other Societies throughout the Province.

Convinced that such an Institution is calculated to promote, in many ways, the improvement of the Country, I recommend it to the consideration and protection of the House.

DALHOUSIE.

*Ordered*

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

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

*Friday, 26th February, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the encouragement of Agriculture, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for appointing Prothonotaries, and the same was read a first time.

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

A Petition of Matthew Archibald, and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at Truro, was presented by Mr. W. Dickson, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to secure to the said Congregation a legal existence and succession on certain conditions, stated in the Petition.

A Petition of the Members of the Union Agricultural Society, in King's County, was presented by Mr. W. A. Chipman, and read, praying for pecuniary aid.

A Petition of the Reverend Thos. G. M'Innes, and others, Members of the New Presbyterian Church in Halifax, known by the name of Relief, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to enable the Presbyterians to Marry by License, according to the forms of their own Church.

A Petition of the Agricultural Societies of King's County, was presented by Mr. W. A. Chipman, and read, setting forth that the Inhabitants of that County suffer much inconvenience from the present great scarcity of money, and which operates greatly against the Farming Interests of the Community, and praying that a Land Bank may be established, or such other relief afforded in the premises as to the House may seem meet.

A Petition of the Committee of the Acadian School, in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for pecuniary aid for the support and maintenance of that Establishment.

A Petition of James Patterson, of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Mortimer, and read, praying that the Bridge now building at the Town Gut, (so called) may be so constructed as to leave the original channel open not less than thirty feet wide.

A Petition of William Cochran, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, praying for a sum of Money to enable him to repair certain parts of the Building belonging to Messrs. Cochran, stated by him to have been defaced and damaged when in the occupation of the Legislature.

A Petition of William Winniett, Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Ruggles, and read, praying for a Grant of Money to defray his expenses, and as a remuneration for loss of time in obeying the Order of the House on the subject of the Digby Election.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue and amend the Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies appropriated for Roads and Bridges; and accordingly presented a Bill to amend and continue the Act, to regulate

regulate the expenditure of Monies appropriated to the service of Roads and Bridges, and the same was read a first time.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Prescott have leave to return home for ten days, on his private affairs.

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

*Saturday, 27th February, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill for appointing Prothonotaries; and also,

A Bill to amend and continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Petition of John F. Gschwind, Surgeon, recommended to the consideration of the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the same was read, praying for a compensation for his services for Medical aid and attendance on poor Emigrants afflicted with the Small Pox, in the last Summer.

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

A Petition of Isaac Smith, and others, Inhabitants of Douglas, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying for the establishment of a Grammar School, with the Provincial allowance, in that Township.

A Petition of Lewis Ettinger, and others, Inhabitants of Douglas, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying to be allowed further time for the performance of labour on the public roads, in payment of the debt they owe to the Province for Provisions furnished to them.

A Petition of George Grassie, and others, Merchants, and other persons interested in the Trade, Agriculture and Fisheries, of the Province, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, praying for a grant of Money to enable them to discharge an arrear of 263l. Sterling due to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. for his services; and also for the appointment of a Legislative Committee to watch over and protect the Commerce and Agriculture of the Province.

A Petition of William Patterfon, and others, Members of the Fire-Engine Companies in the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, praying to be exempted from performing certain Militia duties, in consideration of their services as Fire-Engine Men.

A Petition of William Bremner, an Insolvent Debtor, confined in the Jail at Halifax, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying to be relieved from his confinement, for reasons stated in the Petition.

A Petition of Cereuo U. Jones, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying to be reimbursed the sum of 26l. 19s. 9d. for a loss he has sustained in building a Bridge over Winchester Creek in the Township of Digby by contract, owing to the loss of timber by a gale of wind, and for other causes stated in the Petition.

A Petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Allison, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, praying to be relieved from the payment of Interest on certain sums of Money due for Provincial Duties as sureties for the firms of Moody & Stewart, and Moody & Boyle, Insolvent Debtors.

A Petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Allison, was presented by Mr. Cogswell, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Excise Duties on certain quantities of Merchandise exported from the Province by the late firms of Moody & Boyle, and Moody & Stewart, as stated in the Petition.

A Petition of Samuel Head, and others, Practitioners in Physic, &c. was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to regulate and improve the present state of the Medical Profession in the Province.

A Petition of Garret Miller, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for the payment of 70l. 13s. 9d. for lumber supplied for the use of the Government-House in the year 1812; and for a Drawback of the Duties on certain articles of West-India Produce exported by him from the Province in the years 1812 and 1813.

A Petition of Walter Bromley, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a grant of Money to aid and assist in the settlement and maintenance of the Indians of the Province.

A Petition of J. M. A. Vieth, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for the aid of the House to open certain roads originally laid out on the North-Western part of the Peninsula of Halifax.

A Petition of Francis Story, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that he contracted to build an Episcopal Church at Annapolis Royal for the sum of 1200l. that, from unavoidable circumstances, he was obliged to abandon his contract, and leave the building unfinished, after expending 858l. 4s. 3d. thereon, and being in advance the sum of 257l. 17s. 7d. which sum is still due to him, and praying relief.

A Petition of John Moody, and Joseph P. Boyle, Auctioneers, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are prisoners in the Common Jail at Halifax, at the suit of George Barrow, Esq. for the sum of 46l. 1cs. 6d. and at the suit of George Sewell, for 106l. 1cs. 11d. That the Petitioners had, previous to these suits, assigned all their Estate and Effects to certain persons, in trust for their creditors, and praying that the House would adopt such measures as will secure to their respective creditors, the full benefit of such assignment, and also extend to the Petitioners the relief which the Statutes afford to Insolvent Debtors.

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

On motion of Mr. Halliburton, *Resolved*, That this House will on Tuesday next take into consideration the several Petitions now before this House on the subject of Marriage Licenses.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the Committee appointed on the subject of the Militia Laws, do prepare and bring in a Bill, for altering and amending the same agreeably to their Report of the 23d instant.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee on the Bill to authorize the Issue of Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the Province; and also, the Bill to establish a Land and Saving Bank in Nova-Scotia; that the Committee had examined into the subject matter of the said Bills respectively, and had prepared a new Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices, in the respective Counties and Districts, for the consideration of the House, and he delivered the said Bill in at the Clerk's Table, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the state of the County Jail of Halifax, and report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Ruggles, and Mr. James, be a Committee for that purpose.



On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill for appointing Prothonotaries.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Haliburton presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, *Viz.*

A Petition of John Graham, and others, Inhabitants of Douglals.

A Petition of Peter Cullock, and others, of do.

A Petition of James M'Phee, and others, of do.

A Petition of Richard Smith, and others, of do.

A Petition of John Fenton, and others, of Rawdon.

A Petition of Robert O'Brien, and others, of Noel, Kenetcook, &c.

Mr. Roach presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, *Viz.*

A Petition of George Oxley, and others, Inhabitants of Remshieg.

A Petition of Malcom M'Donald, and others, Inhabitants of Pugwash, &c.

A Petition of James Fulton, and others, Inhabitants of West Chester.

Mr. Ritchie presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, *Viz.*

A Petition of James Eager, and others, Inhabitants of Annapolis and Wilmot.

A Petition of Samuel Dodge, and others, Inhabitants of Wilmot.

A Petition of James Gates, and others, of do.

A Petition of Jonathan Woodberry, and others, of do.

A Petition of George Hawksworth, and others, of do.

A Petition of John Ruggles, and others, of do.

A Petition of Felix M'Neil, and others, of do.

A Petition of Wm. F. Woodberry, and others, of do.

A Petition of Zebulon Phinney, and others, of do.

A Petition of Lot Phinney, and others, of do.

A Petition of Charles Jones, and others, of Long Island and Briar Island.

A Petition of George Webster, and others, of Granville.

A Petition of Henry Barr, and others, Inhabitants of Sciffabou River.

A Petition of James S. Healy, and others, do. of Digby.

A Petition of Ezra Hammond, and others, do. of do.

A Petition of the Rev. John Segoyne, and others, do. of Clare.

A Petition of Edward Whitman, and others, Inhabitants of Annapolis.

A Petition of Parker Oakes, and others, do. of do.

Mr. Ruggles presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, *Viz:*

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

A Petition of John Halliday, and others, of do.

A Petition of Edward Thorne, and others, of do.

A Petition of Joseph Fellows, and others, of do.

A Petition of Stephen Parker, and others, of do.

A Petition of Benjamin Wheelock, and others, of do.

Mr. Warwick presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, *Viz:*

A Petition of Daniel Dakin, and others, Inhabitants of Digby.

A Petition of David Cassaboom, and others, of do.

A Petition of Ezra Hammond, and others, of do.

A Petition of John Roop, and others, of do.

A Petition of Robert Turnbull, and others, of do.

- A Petition of Leveret Bishop, and others, Inhabitants of Digby.
- Mr. W. H. Roach presented to the House several petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz:
- A Petition of Andrew Snodgrafs, and others, Inhabitants of Digby.
  - A Petition of W. F. Bonnel, and others, of do.
- Mr. Frazer presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz:
- A Petition of Nathaniel Smith, and others, Inhabitants of Windfor.
  - A Petition of Ludowick Hunter, and others, of do.
- Mr. Dimock presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz:
- A Petition of James Higgins, and others, Inhabitants of Rawdon.
  - A Petition of Benjamin Casey, and others, of do.
  - A Petition of Caleb Burgess, and others, of do.
  - A Petition of James Grant, and others, of Douglass.
  - A Petition of William Scott, and others, of do.
  - A Petition of Henry Bloifs, and others, of do.
  - A Petition of James M'Donald, and others, of do.
  - A Petition of Peter Grant, and others, of do.
  - A Petition of John Simpson, and others, Inhabitants of Preston.
- Mr. Allison presented to the House, a Petition of Philip Smith, and others, Inhabitants of Newport, praying an aid for a Road.
- Mr. Lawson presented to the House, several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz:
- A Petition of David Graham, and others, Inhabitants of Chizencook and Lawrence Town.
  - A Petition of John Higgins, and others, Inhabitants of Musquodobeit.
  - A Petition of Alexander M'Dougall, senr. and others, of do.
  - A Petition of Daniel Benjamin, and others, of do.
  - A Petition of Alexander Henry, and others, Inhabitants of Sheet Harbour Road.
  - A Petition of John Grant, and others, Inhabitants of Nine Mile River Road.
  - A Petition of John Chamberlain, and others, Inhabitants of Lower Musquodobeit.
  - A Petition of Charles Reeves, and others, Inhabitants of Dartmouth.
  - A Petition of John Garby, and others, settlers on the Shubenaccadie Lake.
  - A Petition of John P. Brehm, and others, settlers on the new road leading from Halifax to Annapolis.
- Mr. Albro presented to the House, a Petition of Martin Gates, and others, Inhabitants of Chizencook, praying an aid for Roads.
- Mr. Cogswell presented to the House, a Petition of David Smith, and others, Inhabitants of Ferguson's Cove, in the Township of Halifax, praying an aid for a Road.
- Mr. Flemming presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz:
- A Petition of D. M'Laughlin, and others, Inhabitants of Londonderry.
  - A Petition of Peter A. Purdy, and others, do of West Chester.
  - A Petition of James Fulton, and others, do of Sewack.
- Mr. W. Dickson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz:
- A Petition of James Archibald, and others, Inhabitants of Truro.
  - A Petition of Samuel Archibald.
  - A Petition of John Burres, and others, Inhabitants of Shubenaccadie.
- Mr. Archibald presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz:
- A Petition of Robert Polluck, and others, Inhabitants of Sewack.
  - A Petition of Peter Stevens, and others, Inhabitants of Colchester.
- Mr. Robert Dickson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz:
- A Petition of David Upham, and others, Inhabitants of Truro.
  - A Petition of Luke Upham, Junr. and others, of do.
- Mr. W. A. Chipman presented to the House a Petition of Stephen Porter, and others, Inhabitants of Cornwallis, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Dewolf presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz.

A Petition of John Truefball, and others, Inhabitants of Aylesford.

A Petition of Henry V. Buskirk, and others, of do.

A Petition of George Atkinson, and others, Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland.

Mr. J. I. Chipman presented to the House, a Petition of Benjamin Perry, and others, Inhabitants of Cape Negro, praying an aid for a Road.

Mr. Poole presented to the House a Petition of Henry Saunders, and others, Inhabitants of Yarmouth, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Lent presented to the House a Petition of Benoni Dentramond, and others, Inhabitants of Argyle and Barrington, praying aids for Roads.

Mr. Morse presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, Viz.

A Petition of Alexander M'Donald, and others, Inhabitants of Remfreg.

A Petition of James M'Queen, and others, Inhabitants of Amherst.

Mr. T. Dickson presented to the House, a Petition of David Ballinton, and others, Inhabitants of Cape George, in the County of Sydney, praying an aid for a Road.

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

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

*Monday, 1st March, 1819.*

#### PRAYERS.

A Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the respective Counties and Districts, was read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. J. I. Chipman, *Ordered*, That John F. Hughes, Esq. be heard on the merits of his Petition now before the House, by his Counsel, at the Bar of the House, to-morrow.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, take into consideration the several private Petitions now before 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. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to raise a sum of Money for building a Bridge over the River Avon, between Windsor and Falmouth; and also, the Bill to amend and continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies appropriated to the service of Roads and Bridges, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

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

*Tuesday,*

*Tuesday, 2d March, 1819.*

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PRAYERS.

The Orders of the day being read,

On motion of Mr. Ruggles, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Petition of John F. Hughes ; and also, the Petition of the Freeholders of the Township of Digby, complaining of an undue Election for the said Township ; and the said Petitions, and also, the amended Return of the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis to the Writ for holding the Election for the said Township, having been severally read by the Clerk, thereupon,

The House heard Counsel on behalf of the Petitioner John F. Hughes, and also examined the Under Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, touching the proceedings at the before-mentioned Election.

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

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*Wednesday, 3d March, 1819.*

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PRAYERS.

Alexander Izat having been guilty of a contempt of the House of Assembly, while sitting in their Legislative capacity, and the said contempt having been committed in the presence of the House, it is thereupon,

*Ordered,* That the said Alexander Izat be immediately taken into the custody of the Sergeant at Arms, and committed by him to the Jail of the County of Halifax, there to remain during the pleasure of the House, and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant accordingly.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the respective Counties and Districts.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Albrow moved, that the said Bill be re-committed, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine ; against it, twenty. So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Mortimer moved, that Mr. Speaker be requested to provide a suitable person to do the duty of a temporary Door-Keeper for this House, during the remainder of the present Session, and no longer ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-three ; against it, ten :

## For the motion,

Mr. Rudolf,  
 Mr. Ruggles,  
 Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
 Mr. Heckman,  
 Mr. Warwick,  
 Mr. Albro,  
 Mr. Crave,  
 Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
 Mr. Haliburton,  
 Mr. Bingay,  
 Mr. Sargent,  
 Mr. Cutler,

Mr. R. Dickson,  
 Mr. Lawson,  
 Mr. Flemming,  
 Mr. Fraser,  
 Mr. Mortimer,  
 Mr. James,  
 Mr. Archibald,  
 Mr. Cogswell,  
 Mr. W. Dickson,  
 Mr. Parker,  
 Mr. Ritchie, *An. Royal.*

## Against the motion,

Mr. Ears,  
 Mr. Ritchie,  
 Mr. Purdy,  
 Mr. Young,  
 Mr. J. H. Roach,  
 Mr. Dewolf,  
 Mr. Freeman,  
 Mr. Poole,  
 Mr. Dimock  
 Mr. Allison.

So it passed in the affirmative.

An engrossed Bill for appointing Prothonotaries, was read a third time, and thereupon, Mr. Archibald moved that the Bill be re-committed, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it seventeen. So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for appointing Prothonotaries to the Supreme Court, and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in the several Counties and Districts within the Province.

An engrossed Bill to raise a sum of Money for building a Bridge over the River Avon, between Windsor and Falmouth, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to raise a sum of money, not exceeding Nine Thousand Pounds, for building a Bridge over the River Avon, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the County of Hants.

An engrossed Bill, to amend and continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies 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 amend and continue an Act, passed in the 52d year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies, hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of His present Majesty's reign, in alteration and amendment thereof.

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

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the Petition of John F. Hughes; and also, of the Petition of the Frecholders of the Township of Digby; and having heard Counsel, and examined one John Morton at the Bar of the House touching the same; likewise heard Counsel, and also examined one Nathaniel Westcoat, on the part of the sitting Member, W. H. Roach, Esq. at the Bar of the House.

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

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*Thursday, 4th March, 1819.*

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## PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the respective Counties and Districts in the Province, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved, that the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of altering the fourth section, by inserting the words "Six Thousand Pounds" instead of the words "Four  
 Thousand

Thousand Pounds,' which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seven ; against it, twenty-six :

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Albro,

Against the Motion,

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| Mr. Roach,         | Mr. J. H. Roach. | Mr. Rudolf,              |
| Mr. James,         | Mr. Heckman,     | Mr. Parker,              |
| Mr. Ruggles,       | Mr. Sargent,     | Mr. Cutler,              |
| Mr. Barss,         | Mr. Crane,       | Mr. T. Dickson,          |
| Mr. Lent,          | Mr. Dewolf,      | Mr. Young,               |
| Mr. J. I. Chipman, | Mr. Purdy,       | Mr. Poole,               |
| Mr. W. A. Chipman, | Mr. Ritchie,     | Mr. Flemming,            |
| Mr. Archibald,     | Mr. R. Dickson,  | Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal. |
| Mr. Freeman,       | Mr. Fraser,      |                          |

So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the respective Counties and Districts in the Province.

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

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

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Saturday next, the 6th instant, consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

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

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the Petition of John F. Hughes, relative to the Digby Election, and having heard Counsel, and further examined John Morton on the part of the Petitioner; and also, heard Counsel on the part of the sitting Member, likewise examined the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, on the subject of the said Election, at the Bar of the House, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, consider further the subject of the Election for the Township of Digby.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill entitled, An Act for appointing Prothonotaries to the Supreme Court, and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, in the several Counties and Districts within this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue an Act, passed in the 52d year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated the service of Roads and Bridges; and the Act, passed in the 57th year of His present Majesty's Reign, in alteration and amendment thereof; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to raise a sum of Money not exceeding Nine Thousand Pounds, for building a Bridge over the River Avon, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the County of Hants, severally, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of the House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill for building a Bridge over the River Avon, and the same were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment made by the Council to the Bill to amend and continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies for Roads and Bridges, and the same was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do not agree to the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bills back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolutions respecting the same.

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

*Friday, 5th March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Flemming have leave to be absent, on his private affairs, until Monday next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Robert Dickson have leave to be absent, on his private affairs, until Monday next.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to raise a sum of Money not exceeding Nine Thousand Pounds, by Lottery, for the purpose of building a Bridge over the River Avon, at the Point of Rocks, so called, between Windsor and Falmouth, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Order of the day being read, thereupon,

On motion, the Petition of the Rev. William Bennett, and others ; also, the Petition of the Rev. H. Chipman, and others ; also, the Petition of the Rev. James Robson, and others ; and also, the Petition of the Rev. Thomas G. M'Innes, and others, were severally read by the Clerk, and the House having considered the same, thereupon,

*Resolved*, unanimously, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to remove all doubts with respect to the power of the Governor to grant Licenses to Ministers of Dissenting Churches to solemnize Marriages.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. W. A. Chipman, be a Committee, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by His Majesty's Council to the Bill for appointing Prothonotaries, and the same having been read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the several amendments marked No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 & 11.

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the amendment marked, No. 8, so far as to leave out of the Bill the words " or equity."

Mr. Archibald then moved, that the amendment marked, No. 9, be not agreed to, so far as to the leaving out of the Bill the words " to be the Clerk of any such Attorney or Solicitor," which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one ; against it, fourteen.

For the motion,

Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Knodol,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Burss,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Rouch,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. W. Dickson,

Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Alwo,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal.

Against the motion,

Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Freeman,

So it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the amendment marked, No. 9, with the foregoing exception.

The Order of the day being read, thereupon,

On Motion, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, consider further the subject of the Election for the Township of Digby.

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

*Saturday, 6th March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

On reading the proceedings of yesterday, Mr. Ritchie moved that the amendment made by His Majesty's Council, to the Prothonotary's Bill, marked No. 11, be re-considered; which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

The House re-considered the said amendment, and,

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill on the subject of Marriage Licenses, and accordingly presented a Bill relating to Marriages, and the issuing of Marriage Licenses; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the respective Counties and Districts in this Province.

The Council request a conference, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the Conference as desired by His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Bingay, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Roach, and Mr. W. A. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference accordingly.

And being returned,

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

The Order of the day being read,

On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the Digby Election, and having heard Counsel, on the part of the Sitting Member, at the Bar of the House, and the Counsel having withdrawn:

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *ordered*, that the Petitioning Candidate, John F. Hughes, have leave to be heard by his Counsel, in reply to the Counsel of the Sitting Member; and thereupon,

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The House heard the Counsel for the said John F. Hughes at the Bar of the House; and the said Counsel having withdrawn :

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, Viz :

*Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis did, while holding the Poll for the Election of a Member to represent the Township of Digby in the present General Assembly, refuse to mark upon the Poll Book the objections made by the Petitioning Candidate, John F. Hughes, after the votes were received, and the Oath of Qualification administered to the Freeholders, although required so to do by the said John F. Hughes ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen ; against it, sixteen :

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Allison,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Albro,

Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal,

Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Crane

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *resolved*, that, for the irregularity of the said Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, as set forth in the foregoing Resolution, and also in permitting one Thomas White, his Deputy (who was not a sworn Officer,) to hold and conduct the Scrutiny after the said Election for Digby, and for other irregularities apparent to this House, it is the opinion of this House that the said Election should be set aside.

Mr. Haliburton also moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, Viz :

*Resolved*, That the said Election for the Township of Digby be set aside, and that the Speaker do apply for a Writ for the Election of a Representative for the said Township, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen ; against it, sixteen :

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Allison,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Albro.

Mr. Thos. Dickson,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Young,

Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Freeman.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

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Monday, 8th March, 1819.

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PRAYERS.

On reading the proceedings of Saturday last, Mr. Mortimer moved, that the first Resolution, which passed on the subject of the Election for Digby, be rescinded, which, being

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

**For the Motion,**

Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Ruggles  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Cusler,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Young,

Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Barss,

**Against the Motion,**

Mr. Allison,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Birgaj,  
Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Albro,

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote for the motion.

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *Resolved*, That the second Resolution, on the subject of the Digby Election, be rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *Resolved*, That the last Resolution, on the subject of the Digby Election, be rescinded.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of the Digby Election.

A Bill relating to Marriage and the Issuing of Marriage Licenses, was read a second time.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, *ordered*, That the Estimate of the expence, for the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government, for the year 1819, be referred to the Committee of Supply, and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to continue the several Revenue Laws, now in force, and to report to the House any and what alterations are necessary to be made to the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Freeman, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee of Public Accounts do lay before the House, an account of the Money the Treasurer had in his hands on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December last, and how much of the same was in Paper, and how much in Gold and Silver.

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

*Tuesday, 9th March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read,

On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, consider further the subject of the Digby Election.

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. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

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

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

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a further conference on the General State of the Province; and also, to a conference on the subject of the amendment, marked No. 9, made by them to the Prothonotaries Bill, as desired by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last conference on the General State of the Province, do manage this conference.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Frazer, do manage the conference with the Council, on the subject of the amendment to the Prothonotaries Bill, and that they do attend accordingly.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for incorporating certain persons for the Insuring Houses, Buildings, &c. from loss and damage by Fire; and the same was read a first time.

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

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

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

*Wednesday, 10th March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill for incorporating certain persons for the Insuring Houses, Buildings, &c. from loss and damage by Fire, was read a second time. *Resolved*,

*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 several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read,

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the Digby Election; and thereupon.

On motion of Mr. J. I. Chipman, *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House, that the right of the Freeholders of this Province ought not to be defeated or abridged by any misapprehension of the Law or irregularity whatever, (whether unintentional or not) of any Sheriff or other Officer who may be employed to conduct an Election.

Mr. Cogswell moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz :—

*Resolved*, That John F. Hughes, in support of his Petition against the return of W. H. Roach, Esq. to represent the Township of Digby, in the present General Assembly, has produced three Witnesses, who have positively testified, before this House, that the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, while holding the Poll for the Election at Digby, did, after several persons voted at the said Election for W. H. Roach, and had taken the Oath of qualification, refuse to mark such persons objected to, although required so to do, by the said J. F. Hughes, and that it is the opinion of this House, decided by the casting Vote of the Speaker, that the testimony so given is not the best which the nature of the case admits of, and that this House will not therefore decide upon the said Election definitively, until an opportunity shall be given to produce the testimony of the Sheriff's sworn Assistants, at the said Election; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, sixteen :

**For the Motion,**

Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Flemming.

**Against the Motion,**

Mr. Larsson,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Bars,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Roycl.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
Mr. James took the Chair,  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds shall be granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province, for the present year, to be appropriated and applied in such manner as shall hereafter be agreed upon by the Legislature.

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

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

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

The Clerk reported, that the Council had agreed to a further conference, on the General State of the Province, as desired by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last conference on the said subject, do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

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

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*Thursday, 11th March, 1819.*

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PRAYERS.

On reading the Proceedings of Yesterday, Mr. Archibald moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, Viz :—

*Resolved*, That so much of the Resolution of yesterday respecting the Digby Election, as states that John F. Hughes, in support of his Petition, produced three Witnesses, who have positively testified before this House, that the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, while holding the Poll for the Election at Digby, did, after several persons voted at the said Election for W. H. Roach, and had taken the Oath of Qualification; refused to mark such persons objected to, although required so to do by the said John F. Hughes, be rescinded, as that part of the Resolution does not contain a correct statement of the evidence taken at the Bar of this House : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen ; against the motion, nineteen :

For the Motion,

Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Thos. Dickson,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal,

Mr. Young,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Bars,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Archibald,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Warwick,

Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Morse,

So it passed in the negative.

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

And the said Messages were severally read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follow, Viz :

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

**T**HE arrival of a number of Emigrants last Summer from Wales, under circumstances of great distress, having been represented to me, as also that they had brought with them strong testimonies of sober, industrious habits, promising to become useful Settlers; and to prove the means of inducing others to follow them, I thought proper, with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to encourage the settlement of a part of them on lands near to Shelburne, and granted a Warrant on the Provincial Treasury for a sum of money to be applied to that purpose; an account of which I have directed to be herewith submitted, and recommend to your consideration that the same may be provided for.

DALHOUSIE.

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

**I**N pursuance of Orders for the settlement of disbanded Soldiers in this Province, I found it necessary to authorize the expenditure of two sums of Money, for the opening of Roads into the Lands fixed upon: as those Sums are over and above the Sums appropriated by the last Session of Assembly, I recommend the subject to the consideration of the House, that payment may be provided for.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the undermentioned Papers, referred to in his Excellency's Messages, viz :

An account of the expense incurred in the purchase of Provisions, and other necessary Articles, for Welch Emigrants, amounting to £190 16 11.

An account of the expense incurred for the opening of Roads for the Settlement of Disbanded Soldiers, amounting to £122 15 0.

*Ordered,* That the said Messages and Papers do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House:

Mr. Cogswell, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and the same was read a first time.

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

An engrossed Bill relating to Marriages and the issuing of Marriage Licenses, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Frazer moved, that the Bill be re-committed, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relating to Marriages and the issuing of Marriage Licenses.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference by Committee on the General State of the Province, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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*Resolved,*

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

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference; and the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the several Private Petitions before the House, and thereupon,

The Petition of George Toler, and also the Petition of John S. Miller, were read, and considered, and

*Resolved*, That the Petitions be dismissed.

The Petition of Frederick Dauphiny and others, and also the Petition of John Turner, were severally read and considered, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts, who are to prepare and bring in a scale of the sub-divisions of the sums to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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

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

*Friday, 12th March, 1819.*

#### PRAYERS.

On reading the Proceedings of Yesterday, Mr. Poole moved, that the Resolution for dismissing the Petition of John S. Miller be rescinded, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen; against it twelve. So it passed in the affirmative.

A Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the exportation of red or smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the affize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, was read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 20,000*l.* for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Bingay, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Prescott, and Mr. Lawson, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, consider further of Ways and Means.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of Private Petitions; and thereupon,

The Petition of William Canavan, the Petition of Hugh McKay, and others, the Petition of the Grand Jury of Pictou, the Petition of Nicholas Mosher, and others, and also, the Petition of Rachel Martin, were severally read and considered; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Petitions be dismissed.

The Petition of William Retwell, and others, was read; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Petition be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts who are to prepare and bring in a Scale of the Sub-Divisions of the Sums to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

The Petition of Charles Morris, and others, Trustees of the National School at Halifax; the Petition of the Magistrates and Overseers of the Poor at Yarmouth, and the Petition of Lieut. Col. MacColla, were severally read; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of W. K. Reynolds, and others; and also, the Petition of James Bachanman, were severally read; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. W. A. Chipman, and Mr. Cogswell, who are to examine into the facts stated therein, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of David Borden, and others, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Mr. Albro moved, that the same be dismissed; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nineteen; against it, fifteen:

For the motion,

Against the motion,

Mr. Parker,

Mr. Lent,

Mr. Flemming,

Mr. Dewolf,

Mr. Albro,

Mr. Cutler,

Mr. R. Dickson,

Mr. Bares,

Mr. Purdy,

Mr. W. Dickson,

Mr. Morse,

Mr. Allison,

Mr. Cranc,

Mr. Cogswell,

Mr. Heckman,

Mr. Dimock,

Mr. J. I. Chipman,

Mr. Prescott,

Mr. Fraser,

Mr. Archibald,

Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Ruggles,

Mr. Haliburton,

Mr. Freeman,

Mr. Poole,

Mr. James,

Mr. Mortimer,

Mr. Ritchie,

Mr. W. H. Roach,

Mr. Bingay,

Mr. Roach.

Mr. W. A. Chipman,

Mr. Ritchie, *Ann. Royal.*

Mr. Young,

So it passed in the affirmative.

The said Petition was accordingly dismissed.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue and amend the Militia Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia, and in further amendment and alteration of the same; and the said Bill 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.

*Saturday,*



Saturday, 13th March, 1819.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the encouragement of Agriculture, was read a third time, and thereupon, On motion of Mr. Crane, *Resolved*, That the Bill be re-committed to a committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair

Mr. Poole 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 an amendment thereunto, which the committee had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

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.

The Order of the Day being read,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient to raise an additional Revenue.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient to impose a Duty on Goods sold at Auction.

*Resolved*, That is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient to impose a Duty on the importation of Tobacco.

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

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

Mr. Lawson reported from the committee on the subject of the Revenue Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c.; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts, imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America; also,

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province; and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

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

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

*Monday, 15th March, 1819.*

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 and Rural Economy in this Province.

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

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the better recovery and regulation of Dockage and Wharfage; and the same was read a first time.

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

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c.; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts, imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America; also,

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for raising a revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province;—were severally read a second time.

*Resolved*, That the Bills be committed to a committee of the whole House; and thereupon

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into the Province; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c.; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America; also,

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment, with the exception of

the Bill for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads, to which Bill they had made an amendment, and he afterwards delivered the before mentioned Bills, and the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads, with the amendment, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the several other Bills as reported by the Committee be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That the Auditor of the Public Accounts do lay before this House, a distinct account of the demands made against the Province for the past year, for the service of Roads and Bridges, specifying the amount of each County and District; and that he also submit to the House an account of the Monies expended therein for the like service, which were received by the Commissioners in Money or Labour, on account of the Money due the Province, for Provisions supplied the distressed Inhabitants.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer do also lay before this House the amount paid to each County or District for the service of Roads and Bridges, for the last year.

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

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

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

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

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on all articles to be imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
 Mr. Poole 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 afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient to impose a Duty on Superfine Flour, imported into this Province.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient to impose a further Duty on Gin, Brandy and Wine.

*Resolved*, That is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient that all articles hereafter imported into this Province by non-residents, from whatever Country, should be subject to a Duty in addition to the Duty now paid.

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

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Freeman, do prepare and bring in Bills agreeably to the foregoing resolutions of the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with His Majesty's Council on the subject of the resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 20,000*l.* for the service of Roads and Bridges; and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the conference as desired by this House.

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

And they went to the conference,  
 And being returned.

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

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of Private Petitions, and thereupon,

The petition of John S. Miller, was read and considered, and thereupon,

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

The Petition of Ann E. Cleary was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Albro, and Mr. Young, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Mary Zwicker was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts who are to prepare and bring in a Scale of the sub-divisions of the sums to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the several Revenue Bills now before the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. T. Dickson, and Mr. Cutler, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the subject of the Marriage License Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. W. A. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

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

*Tuesday, 16th March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the better recovery and regulation of Dockage and Wharfage, was read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. J. I. Chipman, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the Revenue Bills now before the Council, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. T. Dickson, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Mortimer, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

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

Mr. Cogswell, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the Incorporation of the Subscribers to a Bank at Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Ritchie pursuant to leave given presented a Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County, and the same was read a first time.

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

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

And

And the said Messages were severally read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follow, Viz :

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

**I** FEEL it my duty again to recommend to the protection of the House, the new road from Annapolis to Halifax, in a direct line through the Interior.

I transmit for your information, a Report and Plans, such as I possess, of the actual state of the Military Settlements lately formed upon this Road; satisfied that these Settlements are likely to prosper to the fullest extent of my hopes, and convinced that this is the most favorable opportunity that will be presented to accomplish the opening of this great line of Road, I recommend it earnestly to the consideration of the House for such aid as may enable me to proceed in it with effect. Connected with the main line, is a Road leading from Cradle's Cove to the centre of the Sherbrooke Settlement; part of this branch has been made good this last Summer, and I recommend that the remainder be done, as it is the only Road by which Provisions can be got into that point.

DALHOUSIE.

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

**H**AVING directed my attention particularly to the state of the Great Roads through the Province, I have observed that two of them have not received that aid which, as great leading Lines, I consider them to deserve. The first is, the Great Line of Road to the westward, along shore, from Hammond Plains at Johnson's, to Chester; it is yet scarcely passable on horseback, and prevents any travelling. The other is the Line of Road from Guysborough, by St. Mary's and Musquodoboit, to the point where it strikes the Cobiqid Road at Gay's River. In behalf of this, I transmit a Petition of the Inhabitants and Settlers upon it.

I consider both these Lines of Road of importance to the Public at large, and think it my duty to point them out in this manner, as deserving considerable aid from the Public.

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by Order of his Excellency, the undermentioned Papers, referred to in his Excellency Messages, Viz :

A Report and Plans of the Military Settlements on the New Road from Annapolis to Halifax; also,

A Petition of the Inhabitants and Settlers on the Great Road from Guysborough by St. Mary's and Musquodoboit, to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

On motion, the Petition of J. G. Pyke, and others, Magistrates for the Town and County of Halifax, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Mr. Cogswell moved, that the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, sixteen:

For the Motion,

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| Mr. Bingay,        | Mr. T. Dickson, |
| Mr. Cutler,        | Mr. Mortimer,   |
| Mr. Lawson,        | Mr. Haliburton, |
| Mr. Albro,         | Mr. Roach,      |
| Mr. Cogswell,      | Mr. Morse,      |
| Mr. Archibald,     | Mr. Fleming,    |
| Mr. J. L. Chipman, |                 |
| Mr. Sargent,       |                 |

Against the Motion,

|                  |                    |
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| Mr. Heelman,     | Mr. Poole,         |
| Mr. James,       | Mr. Freeman,       |
| Mr. Rudolf,      | Mr. Parker,        |
| Mr. Rischia,     | Mr. Lent,          |
| Mr. Dewolf,      | Mr. W. A. Chipman, |
| Mr. Purdy,       | Mr. Allison,       |
| Mr. Bess,        | Mr. Warwick,       |
| Mr. W. H. Roach, | Mr. Dinock,        |

So it passed in the negative.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, by a Bill, provide for a Drawback of Duties upon Lumber, imported into this Province from the United States of America, when such Lumber shall be exported from the Province; and also for the Drawback of all Duties paid or secured upon Articles exported from the Province to the United States of America.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference by committee on the subject of the Revenue Bills.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. J. I. Chipman reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and he stated the substance of the conference to the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference by committee on the subject of the Resolution for granting 20,000*l.* for Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses for the retail of Spirituous Liquors; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts, imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Melasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's

Government,

Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same—severally, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to the resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 20,000l. for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Cogswell, do prepare, and bring in, a Bill for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Lumber imported from the United States of America, &c. agreeably to the resolution passed this day.

On motion, the House proceeded further to the consideration of Private Petitions; and thereupon,

The petition of Jasper Harding, Sen. and others, the Petition of Christian Muller, and also the Petition of Andrew Webster, were severally read and considered; and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the said Petitions be dismissed.

The Petition of James Hamilton, Jun. and others, was read; and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts who are to prepare and bring in a Scale of the sub-divisions of the sums to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

The Petition of Gideon C. White, and also, the Petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Allison, praying for a Drawback of Duties, were severally read; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. W. A. Chipman, and Mr. Cogswell, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Allison, praying to be relieved from the payment of certain Interest Money, was read and considered; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted.

The Petition of Jesse Wyman was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *Resolved*, That Mr. Poole have leave to withdraw the said Petition.

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

*Wednesday, 17th March, 1810.*

#### PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorise the Incorporation of the Subscribers to a Bank at Halifax; and also,

A Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County; were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition, of Phineas Millidge, and others, and the same was read, praying for the repeal of certain Laws relative to Insolvent Debtors.

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

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



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

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum of 15,000*l.* should be granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, for the present year, to be appropriated and applied in such manner as shall hereafter be agreed upon by the Legislature.

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

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

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for granting a Drawback of the Duty on Lumber imported from the United States of America, and accordingly presented,

A Bill to authorize a Drawback of certain Duties, and to regulate the manner of obtaining the same, and the said Bill was read a first time.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal and alter part of the Act for establishing and maintaining an Academy at Picou, and the same was read a first time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of fifteen thousand pounds for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of Private Petitions, and thereupon,

The Petition of Walter Bromley was read, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Young, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Garret Miller was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. W. A. Chipman, and Mr. Cogswell, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of the Rev. Archibald Gray, and others, the committee of the Acadian School ; also, the Petition of J. F. Gschwind ; and also, the Petition of George Grassie, and others, were severally read, and thereupon,

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

The Petition of William Cochran, the Petition of William Davis and Thomas Hamilton, the Petition of John Todd and Dummer Bean, and also the Petition of Francis Story, were severally read and considered ; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Petitions be dismissed.

The Petition of James Patterson was read ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Mortimer have leave to withdraw the said Petition.

The Petition of Lewis Ettinger, and others, was read, and thereupon,  
On motion, *resolved*, That Mr. Haliburton have leave to withdraw the said Petition.

The Petition of William Logan was read; and thereupon,

Mr. W. Dickson moved, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen; against it, seventeen. So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Dimock then moved, that the said Petition be dismissed; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fourteen; against it, eighteen. So it passed in the negative.

The Petition of Adam De Sheriff, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Mr. Roach moved, That the Petition be dismissed, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen; against it, thirteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Bars,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal,

Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Purdy,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Thos. Dickson,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. W. H. Roach,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Morse,

Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Sargent,

So it passed in the affirmative.

The Petition of Isaac Smith, and others, was read; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

The Petition of Samuel Head, and others, was read, and thereupon, *resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted.

The Petition of George Oxley, and others, Magistrates of the County of Cumberland, was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

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

Mr. Morse moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it, nine.

For the motion,

Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,

Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Purdy,

Against the motion,

Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. W. H. Roach,  
Mr. Bars,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Allison,

So it passed in the affirmative, and the said Petition was accordingly referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Thursday, 13th March, 1810.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorise a Drawback of certain Duties, and to regulate the manner of obtaining the same; and also,

A Bill to repeal and alter part of the Act for establishing and maintaining an Academy at Pictou, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. T. Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue and amend an Act to encourage persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to ascertain the qualifications of persons practising as Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

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

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

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An Act to continue the several Acts, imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

An Act to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, 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 raise a sum of Money not exceeding Nine Thousand Pounds, by Lottery, for the purpose of Building a Bridge over the River Avon, at the Point of Rocks, so called, between Windsor and Falmouth, in the County of Hants.

An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole 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.

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

The Petition of John Moody and J. P. Boyle, was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Freeman,

Freeman, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of William Bremner was read ; and thereupon,

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

The Petition of Cereno U. Jones was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be dismissed.

Mr. J. I. Chipman reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Ann E. Cleary 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 viewed the Premises, and compared the same with the Plan annexed to the Petition. That the triangular piece of ground, painted yellow, represented on the said Plan, is part of the old Public Road which formerly extended between Mr. Pyke's and the Artillery Park, and which was altered under the authority of a Law of this Province, passed in the year 1812, and the present road to the westward of it laid open in place thereof, as now used. That the Committee find, that the heirs of Richard Cleary, by the alteration alluded to, are deprived of the right of way to that part of the old Public Road, now taken into the Artillery Park, as it contracts the western front of their field, on the road, upwards of sixty feet, and if sold for building lots, would materially lessen the value. But the Committee do not see that the House of Assembly can grant any relief ; they therefore recommend the Petitioner to apply to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, with whom the power of affording relief must rest, and the Committee do not doubt, that, upon such application, the obstruction to the front of the said field will be removed, by throwing open the small triangular piece of ground now included within the limits of the Artillery Park, or in case the same is required for the use of Government, that some compensation will be made to the heirs of the said Richard Cleary for any diminution in the value of such part of their field as is now shut up in front by the said triangular piece of ground.

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

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

*Friday, 19th March, 1819.*

#### PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue and amend an Act to encourage persons concerned in the Lumber Trade ; and also,

A Bill to ascertain the qualifications of persons practising as Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. James, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act relating to Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the general distribution of the sum of 15000*l.* to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, for the present year ; and thereupon,

Mr Archibald moved, that the said Distribution be as follows, viz :

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| For the Main Road from the Windsor Road, to M'Keen's Mill in Truro                                | £1000  |
| From the Sackville Bridge to the North side of Bishop's Bridge in Horton                          | 1000   |
| For the District of Halifax   | 1090   |
| of Colchester   | 1025   |
| of Pictou   | 1060   |
| For the County of Sydney  | 1200   |
| of Cumberland   | 1020   |
| of King's County  | 1080   |
| of Annapolis  | 1350   |
| of Hants  | 1115   |
| of Queen's County   | 1020   |
| of Lunenburg  | 1020   |
| of Shelburne  | 1020   |
| For His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's recommendations, and the other improvements of Roads | 1000   |
|   | £15000 |

which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-three ; against it, twelve :

For the Motion,

Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal  
 Mr. Ruggles,  
 Mr. Cogswell,  
 Mr. Dewolf,  
 Mr. Roach,  
 Mr. Lawton,  
 Mr. Haliburton,  
 Mr. Archibald,  
 Mr. W. Dickson,  
 Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
 Mr. Young,  
 Mr. R. Dickson,  
 Mr. Cutler,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Patker,  
 Mr. Heckman,  
 Mr. Bingay,  
 Mr. James,  
 Mr. Sargent,  
 Mr. Rudolf,  
 Mr. Freeman,  
 Mr. Fraser,  
 Mr. J. L. Chipman,  
 Mr. Barrs,  
 Mr. Poole,  
 Mr. Lent,

So it passed in the affirmative ; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the foregoing distribution be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts, and that the said Members for each County or District do prepare and bring in a Scale of Sub-division of the sum appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, within their respective County or District, and that the said Scale of Sub-division be reported to the House on Monday next.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Marriages and Marriage Licenses, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to authorize a Drawback of certain Duties, and to regulate the manner of obtaining the same.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned 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 the committee had directed

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.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some 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.

*Ordered*, That the several Petitions praying for aids for the service of Roads and Bridges, now before the House, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts, who are to prepare and bring in a Scale of the sub-divisions of the sums to be appropriated for the said service.

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

*Saturday, 20th March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of the Act relating to Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill to authorise a Drawback of certain Duties, and to regulate the manner of obtaining the same, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorise a Drawback of certain Duties, and to regulate the manner of obtaining the same.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill, in amendment of the Act relating to Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

The 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.

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

Monday, 22d March, 1819.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act relating to Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, was read a third time; and thereupon,

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

For the Motion,

Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal

Against the Motion,

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| Mr. W. Dickson,    | Mr. Rudolf,     |
| Mr. Roach,         | Mr. Dewolf,     |
| Mr. Lent,          | Mr. Prescott,   |
| Mr. W. H. Roach,   | Mr. Burs,       |
| Mr. W. A. Chipman, | Mr. Haliburton, |
| Mr. James,         | Mr. Sargent,    |
| Mr. Heckman,       | Mr. Cutler,     |
| Mr. Freeman,       | Mr. Parker,     |
| Mr. Ruggles,       | Mr. Allison,    |
| Mr. Bingay,        |                 |

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *Resolved*, That the Bill be now 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 accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices, in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House, without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

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

On motion, the Messages of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the 16th instant, relative to the New Roads in the Western and Eastern parts of the Province, were read by the the Clerk, and the House having taken the same into consideration, thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand pounds of the 15,000l. already agreed upon, be applied by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for the service of the said Roads, as per Plan accompanying the said Messages, or in such way, and in such proportions, as his Excellency

cellency shall deem most beneficial; the same to be expended under the direction of such persons as His Excellency shall appoint, and to be accounted for to the General Assembly.

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

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act relating to Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in further amendment of an Act, passed in the twenty-second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen, not duly licensed to trade, travelling to and fro through the Country.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Major George Barrow, of His Majesty's 15th Regt. and the same was read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is a creditor of John Moody and Joseph P. Boyle, Auctioneers, and praying that the Petitioner may be heard at the Bar of the House against the prayer of the Petition presented by the said Moody & Boyle to this House.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of an Act, passed in the twenty-second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen, not duly licensed to trade, travelling to and fro through the Country.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Tuesday, 23d March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Foote took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to repeal and alter part of the Act for establishing and maintaining an Academy at Fisco. And also, the Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the importation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of the Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the Act of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, &c. and that they had directed him to report the said Bills, severally, without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia, and in further amendment and alteration of the same. Also, the Bill for incorporating certain persons for Insuring Houses, Buildings, &c. from loss and damage by fire. And also, the Bill to continue and amend an Act to encourage persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they



they had directed him to report to the House, and that the Committee had deferred the consideration of the Bill to ascertain the qualification of persons practising as Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries, and he afterwards delivered the said Bills, together with the amendments as above mentioned, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

The said amendments to the Lumber Trade Bill; the Militia Bill; and also, the Fire Insurance Bill, were severally read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills, with the amendments to the same respectively, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the two Bills as reported from the Committee without any amendment be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Drawback Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. W. A. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

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

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

*Wednesday, 24th March, 1819.*

#### PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to see if the Rooms intended for the different Public Offices are ready, and to determine how, and by whom, the same are to be occupied, and upon what terms.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Prescott and Mr. Albro, be a Committee for the above purpose.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing Resolution.

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend an Act to encourage persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue and amend an Act to encourage persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and authorizing Courts of Session to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other Articles, down the several Rivers in this Province.

An engrossed Bill to repeal and alter part of the Act for establishing and maintaining an Academy at Pictou, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie moved, that a clause be added to the said Bill, as follows, *Viz.*

“ *Provided*

“*Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall be of any force or effect until His Majesty's Pleasure is known thereon,” which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eight; against it, twenty-five. So it passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal and alter part of an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, in this Province.

An engrossed Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act for regulating the exportation of Fish and the affize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and, other kinds of Lumber, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend an Act, passed in the 58th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the affize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing officers to survey the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force, relating to a Militia, and in further amendment and alteration of the same, was read a third time.

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

An engrossed Bill for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County.

Mr. Mortimer then moved, that the House do come to the Resolution following, Viz :

*Resolved*, That this House is of opinion that the several Counties and Districts of the Province do stand in need of assistance, by way of Loan, from the Treasury, in a manner similar to the Loan made to Annapolis and King's County, and this House will, in the next Session, by a Bill, provide for the extending similar benefits to every other County and District in the Province, which shall Petition therefor; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-seven; against it, nine.

For the Motion,

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| Mr. Crane,         | Mr. Cogswell,   | Mr. W. H. Roach,        |
| Mr. Lawson,        | Mr. Haliburton, | Mr. Purdy,              |
| Mr. Sargent,       | Mr. Bingay,     | Mr. Warwick,            |
| Mr. Bars,          | Mr. Albro,      | Mr. W. A. Chipman,      |
| Mr. W. Dickson,    | Mr. Ritchie,    | Mr. Allison,            |
| Mr. Duwolf,        | Mr. James,      | Mr. Dimock,             |
| Mr. Thos. Dickson, | Mr. Ruggles,    | Mr. Parker,             |
| Mr. Mortimer,      | Mr. Cutler,     | Mr. Lent,               |
| Mr. Present,       | Mr. Freeman,    | Mr. Ritchie, An. Royal, |

Against the Motion,

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| Mr. R. Dickson,    |
| Mr. Heckman,       |
| Mr. Fraser,        |
| Mr. Roach,         |
| Mr. J. I. Chigman, |
| Mr. Poole,         |
| Mr. Rudolf,        |
| Mr. Young,         |
| Mr. Flemming,      |

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act to establish Grammar Schools, in the several Counties and Districts in the Province, to the County of Hants, and the same was read a first time.

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

an Act relative to the appointment of Supervisors to take charge of the Common appertaining to the Town of Annapolis, and the same was read a first time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee of the Honorable Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Hill, to join the Committee of this House on the subject of the Rooms intended for Public Offices, and that the said committee are ready to meet the committee of this House immediately.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Committee do attend accordingly.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of John F. Hughes, and the same was read, setting forth, that one of the Witnesses summoned by him by the Speaker's Warrant, was attending for the purpose of being examined; and that two other Witnesses, George K. Nicholls and James Reid, who had in like manner been summoned, were unable to attend on account of sickness, and praying that certain affidavits made by the said George K. Nicholls and James Reid, (annexed to the said Petition) might be read as evidence in the matter of the Digby Election.

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

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the Digby Election, and having examined Major A. Hutchinson on the part of the said John F. Hughes, and also, John Simpson on the part of the sitting Member, W. H. Roach, at the Bar of the House; and also, considered the affidavits of George K. Nicholls, and James Reid, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis did, while holding the Poll for the Election of a Member to represent the Township of Digby in the present General Assembly, refuse to mark upon the Poll Book the objections made by the Petitioning Candidate, John F. Hughes, after the Votes were received, and the Oath of Qualification administered to the Freeholders, although required so to do by the said John F. Hughes.

*Resolved*, That for the irregularity of the said Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, as set forth in the foregoing Resolution, and also in permitting one Thomas White, his Deputy, (who was not a sworn officer) to hold and conduct the Scrutiny after the said Election for Digby, and for other irregularities apparent to this House, it is the opinion of this House the said Election should be set aside.

*Resolved*, That the said Election for the Township of Digby be set aside, and that the Speaker do apply to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for a Writ for the election of a Representative for the said Township.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell, *resolved*, that a farther conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the Drawback Bill, and that the Clerk do request the same.

On motion, the amendments made by the Council to the Marriage License Bill, were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said amendments be referred to a committee of the whole House.

Mr. Ritchie reported, that, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, the Managers had held a conference with a Committee of the Council on the subject of the amendments made by them to the Prothonotary Bill, and he stated the substance of the conference to the House.

The Order of the Day being read,

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

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

*Thursday, 25th March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Ruggles, *It is ordered*, that Alexander Izat, now in jail for a contempt of this House, be discharged, and Mr. Speaker is directed to issue a Warrant accordingly.

Mr. Cogswell reported from the Committee on the expiring Laws, 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.

A Bill to extend the Provisions of an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts in the Province, to the County of Hants; also,

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, an Act relative to the appointment of Supervisors to take charge of the Common appertaining to the Town of Annapolis, were severally read a second time.

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

The Clerk informed the House that the Council had agreed to the Conference on the subject of the Drawback Bill, 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 they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Cogswell 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 amendments made by the Council to the Marriage Licent Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said amendments, and that the Committee were of opinion that a conference should be held with the Council on the subject-matter of the same, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that a conference be desired with the Council accordingly, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. W. A. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bills 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.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Bill to authorise the Incorporation of the Subscribers to a Bank at Halifax, be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Albro, and Mr. Fraser, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels for carrying on the Whale Fishery, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of an Act to establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, and the same was read a first time.

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

An engrossed Bill for Incorporating certain persons for the Insuring Houses, Buildings, &c. from loss and damage by Fire, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for Incorporating certain Persons therein mentioned, for Insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, from loss and damage by Fire.

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

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

That the Committee found several persons in the Jail, confined for Debt, but nothing peculiarly distressing in any case. There were also a number of persons, chiefly blacks, confined in the Cells for Theft. That the apartments in which the above Prisoners were so confined, were as clean and as comfortable as they could be made.

That the Committee are of opinion, that too many persons are confined in the Debtors' Room, so called; and particularly examined into the reason, and ascertained, that although there has been an additional Building erected to prevent such necessity, yet the additional rooms are without fire-places, and, in the cold and inclement season of Winter, cannot be used without endangering the lives of the unfortunate persons confined within the Walls.

That the Committee were informed that Spirituous Liquors are sold by the Gaoler to the Prisoners, in such quantities as to cause much riot and drunkenness, and recommend that measures may be adopted to put a stop to such pernicious practices.

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Moody and Boyle 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 Petitioners entered into Partnership as Auctioners and Commission Merchants, at Halifax, on the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and continued their business until the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, when they failed, and Attachments were issued against them.

That, immediately upon their failure, a notice was inserted in the Public Newspapers, requesting

requesting their creditors to meet at the Exchange Coffee-House, in Halifax, the evening of the eleventh day of the same month. That accordingly a numerous meeting took place, and the situation of the parties was stated, and their willingness to take any measures that their creditors required. That it being the general wish of the creditors there present, that an equal distribution should be made of all the estate of the Petitioners, it was agreed that they should be required to assign all their estate and effects to assignees for the benefit of their creditors, and the creditors then present having proceeded to the choice of proper persons for that office, Mr. William Lawton, Mr. James Bain, Mr. Joseph Allison, Mr. John Albro, and Mr. Joseph Dolby, were severally chosen to be the assignees; the votes of all who were present being taken upon each person proposed to that office. That it being represented that great difficulty would attend the collection of the debts, unless with the assistance of the Petitioners, the creditors further agreed to grant them a Letter of License, to protect them from arrest during a limited period.

That in pursuance of the resolutions of that Meeting, an assignment bearing date the twelfth day of November aforesaid, was executed by the Petitioners to the five assignees, named by the creditors, and thereby all the estate and effects of the said Partnership were, according to the desire expressed at that Meeting, conveyed in trust, to be equally divided among all their creditors, who would accept a dividend.

That in further pursuance of the decision of that Meeting, a Letter of License to protect the Petitioners from arrest, was executed by the greatest number of their creditors, which Letter of License is hereto annexed.

That the Committee have received evidence as to the state and amount of the debts and credits of the Petitioners, as Partners, and also, as to the losses in their business, and the Committee have annexed the particulars of their debts, credits, and losses, contained in the papers marked B. C. D.

That it appears to the Committee, that the assignees have proceeded to the utmost of their ability, in the execution of the trust reposed in them, and have collected under the assignment, about three thousand seven hundred pounds, but no dividend has yet been declared, that sum not amounting to sufficient to make the first dividend of two shillings and sixpence, directed by the assignment, and because the recovery of the debts assigned, appears affected by recent decisions upon that instrument; but it fully appears to the Committee, that the creditors of the Petitioners will receive the full benefit of the Monies which may be collected by the assignees, and that the same will be fairly and equally distributed among all the Creditors, in proportion to their demands.

That upon investigating the present situation of the Petitioners, it appears to the Committee, that so far from having the means of satisfying the demands against them, they are now entirely destitute of any support for themselves or their families, and, with their families, are dependent on the charity of their acquaintance for their subsistence with the necessaries of life.

That the Committee, further state, that in the whole of the transactions relating to the assignment of the property of the Petitioners, in trust for their creditors, there does not appear to the Committee any fraud or collusion whatever; but it does appear to the Committee, that the Petitioners divested themselves by the said assignment, of all their property and estate, for the purpose of making an equal and equitable distribution thereof, to and among their creditors, in conformity with the request and desire of a large majority of those to whom they were indebted.

*Ordered,* That the Report do lie on the table.

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

Friday, 26th March, 1919.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned ; also,  
A Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels for carrying on the Whale Fishery ; also,  
A Bill in amendment of an Act to establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. J. I. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act for holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace at Yarmouth and Argyle, and the same was read a first time.

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

Pursuant to Order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House, a Scale of Sub-Division of the several sums of Money appropriated for Roads and Bridges in the respective Counties and Districts of the Province, Viz.

Mr. Lawson for the District of Halifax.

Mr. Archibald for the District of Colchester.

Mr. Mortimer for the District of Pictou.

Mr. Roach for the County of Cumberland.

Mr. Cutler for the County of Sydney.

Mr. W. A. Chipman for King's County.

Mr. Ritchie for the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Haliburton for the County of Hants.

Mr. Freeman for Queen's County.

Mr. Bingay for the County of Shelburne ; and,

Mr. James for the County of Lunenburg : and the House having had the same under their consideration, thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the sum of 2,000, appropriated for the service of the great Roads of the Province, be applied as follows :

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| From Sackville Bridge to Pence's, and for altering the road to the southward of James Fennerty's, to avoid the hills at Springfield   | £350 0 0 |
| From Pence's to Borden's in Windsor   | 300 0 0  |
| From Borden's to the north end of Avon Bridge   | 150 0 0  |
| From the north end of Avon Bridge to the north end of Bishop's Bridge in Horton, and to rebuild the bridge over the Half-Way River ; 90l. of which sum is to be expended from Pence's to the north end of Bishop's Bridge aforesaid | 200 0 0  |
| From the Windsor Road to Fletcher's, on the road leading to Truro   | 100 0 0  |
| From Fletcher's to Keys', on the said road  | 450 0 0  |
| From Keys' to M'Kean's Mill in Truro  | 450 0 0  |

*Resolved*, That the sum of £.1090 appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Halifax, be applied as follows :

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| For the road from Kennedy's to the Cobequid Road, east of Fletcher's Bridge   | 140 0 0 |
| For the road from Dartmouth to Sackville  | 40 0 0  |
| For the road from the Bridge near Johnson Calbeck's leading to John Lindsay's, from thence to M'Haffy's, upper line                           | 50 0 0  |
| For the road from Beaver Bank Bridge, towards Rawdon  | 30 0 0  |
| For the road from Cole Harbour Road to George Bisbit's  | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from Horn's, in the Eastern Passage, to Munday's at Cole Harbour   | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from Wallace's to Hay's Farm, leading to Chester   | 100 0 0 |
| For the road from Black Rock Road to Shubenacadie   | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from Hemlow's to the Five Bridges on the Margaret's Bay Road   | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from the Five Bridges to Margaret's Bay  | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from the ferry at Dartmouth to Horn's in the Eastern Passage   | 25 0 0  |
| From John Crookshanks to William Cock's at Gay's River  | 50 0 0  |
| For opening a road on the west side of Porter's Lake, leading from the road at the Narrows, to the old road passing the head of the said lake | 50 0 0  |

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| For opening a road from Ferguson's Cove to the Herring Cove Road   | £15 0 0 |
| For the road from McIntosh's to Herring Cove   | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from Herring Cove to Ketch Harbour  | 40 0 0  |
| For aiding the Inhabitants to open a road from Preston Saw Mill, direct to Meagher's Grant, towards Musquodoboit River   | 75 0 0  |
| For aiding the Inhabitants to open and repair the road from Musquodoboit to Sheet Harbour  | 75 0 0  |
| For the road from Cole Harbour to Salmon River Bridge  | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from John Robinson's to Mrs. Green's, at Lawrence Town  | 20 0 0  |
| For the Road from the Bridge at Browne's to Ogilvie's, in the Middle Settlement of Musquodoboit  | 30 0 0  |
| For opening a Communication with the Shubenacadie, and the Dartmouth Lakes   | 10 0 0  |
| For opening a Road from Fletcher's on the West side of Shubenacadie Lake, to Langley's   | 50 0 0  |
| For the Road from the old Dartmouth Ferry on towards Preston   | 25 0 0  |
| For repairing Salmon River Bridge, near Chamberlain's, and altering the Road near Woodman's and Putnam's Farm, and for repairing the Bridges over Porter's Lake and Port Pisaway, in addition to the sum of £51. undrawn of the sum granted in the year 1816 | 75 0 0  |
| For the Road through the Dutch Village   | 25 0 0  |

*Resolved, That the sum of £1025, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Colchester, be applied as follows, viz :*

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| For the Road from the Chiganoise Bridge, to the Cumberland County line, including a new Bridge over Debut River  | 130 0 0 |
| For the road from Barnhill's in Chiganoise, to the Remsheg road by Crow's  | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from the Remsheg road, to the Cumberland road, by Aca Clarke's  | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from Aca Clarke's, to the new road leading from Bass River to the River Philip  | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from Crow's at Portiquie Upper Settlement, to Cumberland road, by M'Lellan's Farm   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Bass River, by the New Settlement on Portiquie River, to the Cumberland road, between Purdy's and Fountain's, in addition to the subscriptions from the Inhabitants for the same | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Economy to the River Philip  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the Great Village River to Economy River   | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from Economy River, to the bounds of King's County  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Londonderry to Folly Lake, on the Remsheg road   | 50 0 0  |
| For the road from the Settlement on Ouslow Mountain, to the cross road near Samuel Blair's, leading to Truro   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from John Dickson's, on Ouslow Mountain, to the Picton road near Christie's   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the Ouslow Meeting House, to Barahill, by James Crowe's mills  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Ouslow to Tatamagusha  | 40 0 0  |
| For the road from George Crowe's in Ouslow, to the Bridge by David McCallum's, Junr.   | 10 0 0  |
| For finishing the Bridge by David McCallum's, Junr.  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the Bridge by McCallum's, to Luke Upham's, Junr.   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Luke Upham's, Junr. on the road to the River John  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Blair's Mill to Samuel Nickol's Mill, on the North River in Ouslow   | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from the Tatamagusha road, to Samuel Rude's, by Linton's  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the entrance of Baird's Lane, to James Crowe's Mill  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Hamilton's in Ouslow, to Chigeniche Bridge   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Rude's Bridge in Ouslow, to John Graham's, on the De' Burt River   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the line of Picton, to the Cumberland line, on the Tatamagusha shore   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Dickie's, to the Upper Sewack  | 30 0 0  |
| For the road from Upper Sewack, to Musquodoboit  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the Halifax Road, to Sewack, by Brookfield   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Sgt. Ellis, to Robert Polluck's  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Gay's River, to the Shubenacadie Meeting House   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Shubenacadie Meeting House, to David Dickey's  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Brookfield, to the Halifax Road, near Sughterton's   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Creelman's Mills, to Dean's, in Musquodoboit   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the Halifax Road, to Musquodoboit, by Sibley's   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the Halifax Road, to Musquodoboit, by Dewolf's   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Cox's in Truro, to Middle Sewack   | 50 0 0  |
| For the road in the Lower Village of Truro, to the Forks in the Halifax Road   | 15 0 0  |
| For the road on the new Road between the Lower Village of Truro and the Old Barns  | 20 0 0  |
| For completing the Bridge over Salmon River in Truro   | 150 0 0 |
| For completing the Bridge near Alexander Handley's, in Truro   | 40 0 0  |
| For the road from Christie's Mills, to Greenfield  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Christie's to the District line of Picton  | 40 0 0  |
| For the road from Henry Hughes's, on the East side of the Shubenacadie River, to Green's River   | 20 0 0  |
| For aiding the Inhabitants in building a Bridge over Green River   | 50 0 0  |
| For the road from the Old Barns, to the Shubenacadie River by Sanderson's  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Green's River to the Halifax road, near William Pelly's  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from George Young's Farm, to the Halifax road, near Samuel Clarke's   | 5 0 0   |
| For the road from William Pelly's, on the Halifax road, to Middle Sewack, by Peter Stevens's   | 10 0 0  |

For



For the road from the Meeting House in Upper Swards, to the Pictou Road, near David Archibald's, to improve the said road, in addition to the subscriptions } £ 10 0 0

*Resolved*, That the sum of £1060, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Pictou, be applied as follows, Viz :

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| For the road and bridges from the line dividing Pictou and Colchester, to the Solid Bridge                                  | £ 800 0 0 |
| For the road from Logan's, on the Pictou River, to the River John   | 60 0 0    |
| For the road from the River John to Tatamoguche   | 20 0 0    |
| For the road from New Glasgow to the Pine Tree Gut  | 40 0 0    |
| For the road and bridges from the Pine Tree Gut, to the line of the County of Sydney  | 125 0 0   |
| For the road from Charles Browne's to the road leading to Fisher's Grant  | 20 0 0    |
| For the road from James Carmichael's on Fisher's Grant, towards New Glasgow   | 30 0 0    |
| For the road from the Old Meeting House on the East River of Pictou, to the line between Abercrombie's and Fraser's Point   | 60 0 0    |
| For the road from New Glasgow to Alexander Grant's (Peter's con) on the East side of the East River of Pictou               | 60 0 0    |
| For the road from the Old Meeting House on the East River, on the West side of the said River                               | 50 0 0    |
| For the road from David M'Lea's, on the West Branch of the East River, to the East Branch of the said River by Grant's Mill | 50 0 0    |
| For the road from Blackie's, to the Widow M'Gill's, on the West River of Pictou   | 15 0 0    |
| For the road and Bridges from the West branch of the River John to the Saw Mill, by Andrew Macara's                         | 30 0 0    |
| For the road from the Halifax road, towards Roger's Village   | 20 0 0    |
| For the road from Little Harbour, leading to the East River of Pictou, by William Fraser's                                  | 10 0 0    |
| For the road from Mr. Denoon's, towards the entrance of Pictou Harbour  | 20 0 0    |
| For the road from Donald M'Donald's on Little Harbour, to John Small's, at the head of Mergogoniche River                   | 10 0 0    |
| For the road from the Green Hill towards New Larvick, by Daniel M'Can's   | 10 0 0    |
| For the road from Andrew Marshall's, towards the East branch of the East River, by Alexander Fraser's                       | 25 0 0    |
| For the road from George Ives to Little Harbour, by Boat Harbour  | 25 0 0    |
| For the road from Pictou Town towards Cape John, by Roderick M'Kinzie's   | 25 0 0    |
| For the road from the Upper Settlement of the River John, towards the North River of Caslow                                 | 25 0 0    |
| For repairing the Bridge at Blackie's on the West River   | 20 0 0    |
| For the road from the East River Meeting House, towards St. Mary's  | 20 0 0    |

*Resolved*, That the sum of £1200, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney, be applied as follows, Viz.

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| For the road from the District Line of Pictou, to Malignant Cove  | 60 0 0  |
| For the road from Malignant Cove to Dorchester Village  | 125 0 0 |
| For the road from Dorchester Village to Roderick M'Donald's, Innkeeper  | 125 0 0 |
| For the road from Roderick M'Donald's to Brown's Bridge, including the said Bridge                                      | 125 0 0 |
| For the road from Dorchester Village to Malcolm M'Millin's, Lochabar  | 50 0 0  |
| For the road from M'Millin's to the cross roads at St. Mary's   | 40 0 0  |
| For the road at the cross roads at St. Mary's, to the head of the tide on St. Mary's River                              | 50 0 0  |
| For the road from Malignant Cove to Ballentine's, round Cape George   | 30 0 0  |
| For the road from Ballentine's to Captain John Hierlihy's   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Captain Hierlihy's to the Village at Dorchester   | 50 0 0  |
| For the road from Antigonische Harbour to Little River, including the Bridge over the said River                        | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Little River to Tracadie River  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Tracadie River Bridge, to Dempsey Jordan's, through the Black Settlement                              | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the Guysborough road, on the North side of the South River, to the Upper Settlement on the said River | 20 0 0  |
| For the road and causeway leading from Harrington's Mill to the Canoe landing   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Morris Town Lakes to the Gulf Shore, across the Cape  | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from the Upper Settlement on the South River, to the Ohio Settlement                                       | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from Donald M'Neil's on the East side of Antigonische Harbour to the main road leading to Guysborough      | 20 0 0  |
| For the road at the Intervale in Antigonische to the Salt Springs   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from James M'Clay's to Guysborough Church  | 60 0 0  |
| For the road from Morris's Mill at Country Harbour, to the main road  | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from John Hyde's to Crow Harbour   | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from Crow Harbour to Canoe   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Salmon River to New Harbour   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Milford Haven to Tracadie   | 50 0 0  |
| For the road from Tracadie River to Harbour a'Bushee  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from the Harbour of a'Bushee to Colin M'Neil's   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Doyleston to the Gut of Canoe   | 50 0 0  |

For

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| For the road from Manchester Ferry to Red Head  | £25 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from James M'Kay's to Manchester Ferry, on the East side of Milford Haven  | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Antigonishe Intervale to the County Line, by the North Grant  | 39  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road at the Upper Settlement of South River to the cross roads at Country Harbour   | 10  | 0 | 0 |
| To Christian Maller, Esq. for money expended in cutting Windfalls, and clearing the road from }<br>Guysborough to Country Harbour, in the year 1811 | 10  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Antigonishe Intervale to John M'Kimm's, at Williams's Point   | 10  | 0 | 0 |

*Resolved, That the sum of £1020, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows, Viz.*

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| For the road and bridges from the bounds of Londonderry, to Mrs. Morse's, in Amherst  | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road and bridges from John Stewart's, in Amherst, to the bounds of King's County, to- }<br>wards Patridge Island, in addition to the sum unexpended last year   | 70  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Macan to the River Hebert at Francklin Manor  | 25  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Barronsfield, towards Patridge Island   | 40  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from the Macan Settlement, towards the River Philip  | 40  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Macan towards the Five Islands  | 15  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Amherst leading to the Shinimcas River, commencing at Augustus Baxter's   | 45  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from the Shinimcas River to Martin Hunter's at Goose River   | 15  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Martin Hunter's to the mouth of the River Philip, at the Indian Settlement  | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| For the Tignishe road to Peter M'Elman's, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, commencing at the }<br>cross road near Shinimcas   | 30  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Gabriel Purdy's, Esq. to Bebee's on the Remsheg River   | 35  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Bebee's to the Harbour of Remsheg, near the Meeting House   | 35  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from William Tuttle's on the Remsheg River, to the Folly Lake, on the road to }<br>Londonderry   | 30  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Rindresser's to Malgash Point, by M'Nabb's in Remsheg   | 40  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Peter Angevine's on Remsheg river to the Harbour of Pugwash   | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from the Town Plot in Remsheg, by John Tuttle's, to the road leading from An- }<br>drew Fuhner's to Amherst  | 30  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Fox Harbour in Remsheg, to the road above-mentioned   | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from the Scotch Settlement on the Gulf Shore to the above road leading to Amherst  | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road leading from Pugwash River to John Ripley's at the River Philip  | 30  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from the Settlement of Black River by John Ripley's, to the head of Remsheg Har- }<br>bour near Fershner's   | 80  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from the River Philip to Economy   | 10  | 0 | 0 |
| For the new road from Bebee's on Remsheg river, towards Tatamagusho   | 30  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from the Little Forks on the Patridge Island Road, to the main Post road near Wil- }<br>liam Chapman's   | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Pipes's on the Napan, to the main Post road near William Black's  | 10  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road commencing from William Black's on the main Post road towards the River Philip, }<br>called the Leicester road, in addition to the sum subscribed  | 25  | 0 | 0 |
| For aiding the Inhabitants to build a Bridge over the Le Planche Creek, near Eddy's Point road, }<br>between Amherst and Fort Lawrence  | 10  | 0 | 0 |
| For aiding the Inhabitants of Londonderry and West Chester, to improve the road from Bass }<br>River by the New Settlement on Portipique River, to the main road between Aaron Foun-<br>tain's and Gabriel Purdy's, in addition to the sum subscribed by the said Inhabitants | 15  | 0 | 0 |
| For aiding the Inhabitants to improve the road from the Harbour of Pugwash, at or near }<br>Pine's, towards Remsheg   | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from the Harbour of Pugwash at or near Mack Biguey's, to the Scotch Settle- }<br>ment on the Gulf Shore  | 10  | 0 | 0 |

*Resolved, That the sum of £1080, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of King's County, be applied as follows, Viz.*

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| For the road from the Falmouth line to the North side of Lower Gaspercan Bridge   | 80 | 0  | 0 |
| For the road from Lower Gaspercan Bridge to Stone Bridge  | 35 | 0  | 0 |
| For the road from the North side of Bishop's Bridge to Stone Bridge   | 5  | 0  | 0 |
| For the road from Benjamin's Mill, on the new road up the hill, to the top of the South Mountain                        | 20 | 0  | 0 |
| For the road on the top of the said Mountain, to join the East and West road near Davison's }<br>Settlement             | 15 | 0  | 0 |
| For the road from Stephen Benjamin's towards Jordan's Farm, and to extend to Pittsburg                                  | 30 | 0  | 0 |
| From Scofield's Bridge, up the Mountain, to the New Canaan Road   | 15 | 0  | 0 |
| For the road near to John Ward's on the Mountain, to extend Westerly to join the road near English's                    | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| For the road near to said Ward's, to extend southerly towards New Canaan  | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| For the road from Samuel Fitch's in New Canaan, to extend Westerly by the way of E. Bishop's }<br>farm, towards Nietaur | 20 | 0  | 0 |
| For the main road near Half-way River, to the Upper Gaspercan Bridge at New Canaan                                      | 45 | 0  | 0 |
| For the road from the Windsor River near Armstrong's, westerly, to Fuller's Mill  | 20 | 0  | 0 |
| For the road from Simon Fitch's, Esq. on the cross road to join the Windsor road near Bishop's                          | 30 | 0  | 0 |

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| For the road from Bishop's Bridge on the old road, to the Half-way River  | 2.7 0 0 |
| For the road from Samuel Brown's on the back road to New Canaan   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road leading to Annapolis from the West bounds of Horton to the West bounds of Cornwallis   | 27 10 0 |
| For the road from Silas Rand's by Condon's Mill, to the Annapolis road; 15 <i>l.</i> of which cum to be expended East of the said Mill  | 22 10 0 |
| For the road near Condon's Mill, past Abner Woodworth's, leading to Aylesford Church  | 12 10 0 |
| For the road leading from the main road by Strong's, to the Annapolis road near Sharp's   | 15 0 0  |
| For the road past Joel English's to the New Canaan road from the Annapolis road, and easterly by William Ward's to the Horton line  | 15 0 0  |
| For the road past John H. Chipman's and Little Lake, leading to Aylesford Church, to the West bounds of Cornwallis; ten pounds thereof to be expended from the Black Rock Road to Little Lake   | 30 0 0  |
| For the road from Black Rock to James Condon's; ten pounds thereof to be expended from the said rock to the road leading to Aylesford Church  | 17 10 0 |
| For the road from Edy Newcomb's to Fuller's Mill and Hall's Harbour, and for the road from Randle Insley's to the Bay of Fundy, and for the cross road to Hall's Harbour, and for the road from Charles Finche's by William North's; ten pounds thereof to be expended on the Vault on the said road East of North's  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Benjamin Fox's by Wilmot Osborne's and Luther Porter's, by Foot's, from near the Burges Farm to the Black Rock road, and for the road leading from the Hall Harbour road near Stephen Porter's and Abraham Marster's, past John Woodworth's, and Noel and Samuel Rockwell's Farm, to the main road leading to Aylesford Church; and for the road from James Kinsman's up the Mountain, to the Hall Harbour road | 20 0 0  |
| For the road and bridges near Peter Woodworth's and James Burbidge's on the main road leading to Aylesford Church by Little Lake; for the road from Amos Kinsman's to Harris's, and for the road leading from the road by Noah and Samuel Rockwell's, past John Pearl's, to the road by Asel Bentley's  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Little Lake by Nathan West's to the road leading to Black Rock, and for the road by Benjamin Burges's farm past the Pride Settlement, and E. Newcomb's on Bear Brook, to the Black Rock Road, and for the road leading from Little Lake Road north by the farm of Wood's, to the road by Benjamin Rockwell's  | 27 10 0 |
| For the road from Silas Wickwire's by Huntley's, to the Bason near White Water  | 18 0 0  |
| For the road leading from the Pero Road over the Dike by Benjamin Weaver's and the Settlement at Bass Creek, westerly, to the road leading to Pero  | 15 10 0 |
| For the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis  | 16 0 0  |
| For the road from Jonathan Loomer's by or near Amasa Killam's to the Bay of Fundy by Ira Woodworth's  | 15 0 0  |
| For securing the Sea Bank from John Bigalo's to Joseph Mariam's in Cornwallis   | 16 0 0  |
| For the road from Baxter's Harbour to Sheffield, and for the Road past Patrick Lyon's Farm and Cyrus Wolster's, to Daniel Sandford's  | 20 0 0  |
| For securing the Sea Bank near James Allison's, in Cornwallis   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road in Aylesford leading Westerly from the Morden Road under the Mountain to or near Thomas Tupper's   | 25 0 0  |
| For the Clermont Road and the Road past the School House Northerly, past or near the Farm of Thomas Tupper to the Bay of Fundy; this sum to be expended on the North of the Cross Road that leads from the Morden Road, Westerly, under the Mountain  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the Ormsby road Northerly on or near the line of William Parker and John West's Land  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road leading to Aylesford Church from the West Bounds of Cornwallis   | 15 0 0  |
| For the Morden Road from Francis Tupper's to the Bay of Fundy   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road leading from the Morden Road, Easterly, to Cornwallis Line on the Mountain   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road leading Southerly from the Annapolis road near Samuel Parker's   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road leading Southerly from the Annapolis road over the Annapolis River, near John Patterson's  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road leading Southerly from the Annapolis road, called the Palmer road, to join the New Canaan Road   | 20 0 0  |
| For the New Canaan road through Aylesford, near Joseph Orpin's, Easterly, towards New Canaan  | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from Ryarson's Mill to the New Canaan Road   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Cape Chignecto to R. Spicer's at Spencer's Island   | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from Spicer's to Lieutenant Fraser's   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Lieutenant Fraser's to Ram Head River   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Lieutenant Fraser's to Apple River  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Ram Head River, to the main road leading from Patridge Island towards Cumberland  | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from William Dewolf's Farm, towards the Coal Mines   | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from Eri Welton's on the said Coal Mine road to near David Holmes's, on the Cumberland road  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from James Fullerton's towards the Coal Mine road  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the Partridge Island road to the Church, and for altering the road to avoid a bad hill near Whitehall   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from the Church on the main road to Cumberland   | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from Daniel Dickenson's towards Economy  | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from Swan Creek towards Moose River  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Swan Creek to the Church  | 15 0 0  |

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| For the road from the Five Islands towards Macar          | £.50 0 0 |
| For the road from Jesse Jeffer's on the new road to Macan | 10 0 0   |

*Resolved*, That the sum of £1350, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows, viz :

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| For the Post road from the Eastern bounds of the County of Annapolis, to Gibbons's Farm   | 20 0 0  |
| For the Post road from Morton's Bridge to the Elm Tree Brook in Wilmot, and for repairing the Bridges on that part of the said road   | 40 0 0  |
| For the road at the foot of the Mountain in Wilmot, from the East bounds of the County, to the Ruggles road   | 20 0 0  |
| For opening the remainder of the road at the foot of Wilmot Mountain, from the Gates to the Henly Settlement  | 10 0 0  |
| For the late alteration of the road made on the side of the North Mountain, on the cross road leading from Leonard's to the Bay of Fundy  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road on the North side of Wilmot Mountain from the Eastern bounds of the County to the Gates Settlement   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road by the way of Woodberry's Mills in Wilmot, to the Eastern bounds of the County   | 20 0 0  |
| For the Liverpool road, from the North end of the Depot on the said road to the Half-way Tree   | 100 0 0 |
| For the road from Nictaur towards Lunenburg, from Lot number one, to where the new Halifax road intersects the same   | 40 0 0  |
| For the cross road by Beal's Farm to the Liverpool road   | 15 0 0  |
| To aid the Inhabitants of the Township of Annapolis to repair or re-build the Bridge over Paradise Creek  | 15 0 0  |
| To open a road by the Farm of Silas Morse, from the main road in Annapolis Township to the Dalhousie Settlement   | 35 0 0  |
| For that part of the road from Annapolis to Digby, by the way of the General's Bridge, from the said Bridge to the Hessian Line Corner  | 50 0 0  |
| For the road from Chute's Cove in Granville, towards the Eastern line of the said Township  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road on the North side of the Mountain in Granville that intersects the cross road to Chute's Cove, and to the Bay of Fundy by Phinney's Farm   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road on the North side of the said Mountain that intersects the cross roads, to the Bay of Fundy, by Phinney's Farm, and to Young's Cove  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road on the same side of the Mountain aforesaid, that intersects the cross roads to Young's Cove, and to Parker's Cove on the Bay of Fundy  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from the main road in Granville, to Young's Cove   | 10 0 0  |
| To aid the Settlers to open a road on the north side of the Mountain in Granville, from the cross road to Parker's Cove, to the cross road by M'Kinsey's, to the Bay of Fundy   | 30 0 0  |
| To aid the Settlers to open a road on the same side of the Mountain from the cross road by M'Kinsey's, to the Gut of Annapolis  | 50 0 0  |
| For the road from the main road in Granville by M'Kinsey's farm to the Bay of Fundy   | 20 0 0  |
| For the Post Road between Allen's Creek Bridge and Moose River  | 40 0 0  |
| For the road from the Waldeck line on the main road to the Hessian line   | 20 0 0  |
| For the cross road in Clements by the farm of Isaac Ditmars, to the Hessian line  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road on the east side of Bear River from the ferry to the bridge  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Bear River Bridge towards Lee's Mills   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Bear River Ferry towards Lee's Mills  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Hare's Cove to Gulliver's Hole by the Scotch Settlement   | 30 0 0  |
| For the road from Gulliver's Hole, to the road near John Timpany's  | 10 0 0  |
| For opening a new road near the head of St. Mary's Bay Marsh, to the road down the Peninsula below Digby, with the road to Yarmouth, and to pay a sum not exceeding ten pounds to Cere-no U. Jones, as a compensation for timber lost in a storm, which he had collected for the bridge over Winchester Creek, upon the certificate of the Commissioner who superintended the building of the said bridge | 40 0 0  |
| For the road from the bridge to the ferry, on the west side of Bear River   | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Petit Passage through Long Island   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Bear River Bridge to Scissabou Falls  | 40 0 0  |
| For the road from Scissabou Falls towards the Tusket River  | 40 0 0  |
| For repairing the bridge near Digby   | 25 0 0  |
| For the road from the Racket Bridge towards Broad Cove  | 15 0 0  |
| For the road from D. Tacker's farm to the North Range, No. 23, of the Hatfield Grant  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from St. Mary's Bay Road, to the North Range Settlement  | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Lee's Mills to the Shelburne Road   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Petit Brook on the east side of Scissabou River to the bridge over that river   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Joseph Dunbar's on the west side of Scissabou River to the bridge   | 20 0 0  |
| For the road from Lee's Mills to Scissabou Bridge, including the forking of the road towards Digby  | 40 0 0  |
| For the road through Clare to the Town-Plot of New-Edinburgh  | 10 0 0  |
| For the road from Digby to Sandy Cove   | 30 0 0  |
| For the road from Sandy Cove to Petit Passage   | 30 0 0  |
| For the road from the new French Settlement in the rear of Col. Taylor's Farm, to the main road   | 20 0 0  |
| For the Bridge near Digby on the road to Scissabou  | 20 0 0  |

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| For the road from the main road leading down the Peninsula over the Mountain by G. Post's, to the Scotch Settlement   | } | £10 | 0 | 0 |
| For aiding the Inhabitants of Clare, to open the Road between the second and third division of Lots in that Town-ship and the cross roads leading to the same |   | 75  | 0 | 0 |
| For the new road on the North and South side of Salmon River in Clare, from where it leaves and again enters the old road                                     |   | 70  | 0 | 0 |

*Resolved,* That the sum of £115, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants, be applied as follows, Viz.

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| For the main road from Douglas Church to Kilcup's   | 70 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Noel to Kenetcook   | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from the East side of Noel Village to Salter's head  | 30 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the Shore Road from Petit to Noel   | 30 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Wardrobe's to the Nine Mile River   | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Ellis's Mills, to the Nine Mile River road  | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Hall's Bridge to the Nine Mile River Bridge   | 30 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from the Nine Mile River Bridge, to Welch's Farm   | 40 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the Nine Mile River Road from the Douglass Church   | 30 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Noel commencing at the Kenetcook and extending to Beaver Bank   | 30 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the main road on the Shubenacadie from the Five Mile River to Barwick's Brook   | 35 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Barwick's Brook to Wardrobe's   | 40 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the main road through Douglas, from the Five Mile River to the Douglas Church   | 64 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the main road from Cogmagun to Cambridge, and from thence to Petit Bridge   | 30 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Petit to Cogmagun   | 20 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the main road through Rawdon from Mrs. Lawrence's to John M'Laren's   | 65 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the main road from M'Laren's to the North line of the Township of Rawdon  | 70 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Bond's Mill to Beaver Bank, leading to Halifax  | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Rawdon Church to the Newport Line   | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road past Higgins's to the Nine Mile River Road near Jacob Withrow's  | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Barron's to the line of the Township of Rawdon near Woolverhaver's  | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the said road from the Town line to Taggart's in Douglas  | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the main road from Lockart's Bridge, to the Halifax road near Wier's Tavern   | 70 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Archibald Wier's to the main road near Lawrence's   | 70 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Noah Anthony's to Kenetcook Bridge  | 30 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from the Petit Road to Kenetcook Bridge  | 25 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Hugh Smith's to William Thompson's  | 20 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For opening a road from Philip Smith's to the new main road   | 10 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the new road and causeway from Lockart's Bridge to Barron's   | 10 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For repairing the bridge over the River Avon, and the road from thence to the Church  | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from the Church in Falmouth to the Bridge on the Marsh Causeway  | 16 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the old road leading to Horton to the main Post road near Knowles's; five pounds of which sum to be expended on the road leading to M'Lauren's Mill | }  | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To reduce the Mount Denson Hill and repair the road to Horton Line; ten pounds of which sum, to be expended from Dickie's Bridge to the said line       |    | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| From Long's on the Chester road to the bounds of Falmouth Township  | 25 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road leading from Winckworth to the Seven Mile Plain in Windsor   | 35 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the old Ardoise Road  | 25 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from the main road at the Three Mile Plain, to the new Settlement at the Panoke Lake   | 15 | 0  | 0 |   |

*Resolved,* That the sum of £1020, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg, be applied as follows, viz.:

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| For the road from Chester to Windsor  | 50  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Chester to Martin's River, and to repair the bridges on the said road               | 50  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Martin's River to Kne's Mill  | 20  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Kne's Mill on the main road to Lunenburg  | 50  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Meder's Cove on Mahone Bay to Lunenburg   | 40  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Jacob Beck's to Frolick's at Lahave River   | 20  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Wagner's Ferry to Petit River and to repair the Bridge                              | 60  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from the boundary line between the County of Queen's County and Lunenburg to Petit River | }   | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from John Wensel's to Michael Hertle's Mill on Lahave River                              |     | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Michael Hertle's Mill to Henry Koch's Mill  | 20  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from the said Mills to the German Settlement   | 40  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Lahave to Pleasant River Bridge   | 120 | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Pleasant River Bridge to Brookfield   | 20  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Old Longuil's towards the head of Lahave River                                      | 40  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Mush-a-Mush to Borgone's Mill   | 20  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Melcher Zwicker's North-west Range, towards Zwicker's Mill at the Block-House       | 30  | 0  | 0 |   |
| For the road from Crandel's towards the New Settlement of Sherbrooke                                  | 50  | 0  | 0 |   |

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| For the road from George Millet's on the Windsor road, to Middle River                                    | £.30 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Andrew Conrad's at Rose Bay to Henry Henricy's  | 20   | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Einhauser's Bridge, North-west range, to Blystiner's Farm                               | 20   | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Mullock's to Leonard Silber's   | 20   | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Leonard Silber's to Lahave River  | 30   | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Garret Whyles's to Jacob Simons's new Settlement in New Dublin                          | 30   | 0 | 0 |
| For the road between Garret Whyles's and Mr. Pernetto's   | 30   | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Sarty's at Lahave, to Conquer All Settlement  | 30   | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Rudolf's Tavern towards Bear Hill   | 10   | 0 | 0 |
| For opening a road between the Thirty Acre Lots, No. 25, and 26, letter D, North-west Range }<br>division | 20   | 0 | 0 |

*Resolved*, That the sum of £1020, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows, viz :

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| For the road from Shelburne to Queen's County  | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Ragged Island to Little Harbour  | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Benjamin Perry's at Cape Negro to Shelburne  | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Shelburne to Beaver Dam  | 110 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from the Birch-Town Road to Hambleton's   | 15  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Beaver Dam to Clyde River  | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Clyde River to Mill Brook at Barrington  | 40  | 0 | 0 |
| For removing obstructions to the navigation of the River Clyde   | 15  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from John Coffin's at Barrington to Port Lature   | 25  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Barrington Mill Brook to Mrs. Browne's   | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Mrs. Browne's to John Nickerson's at Argylo  | 40  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from John Nickerson's to John Kenny's   | 140 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Reynard's Mill to Tuskot Bridge  | 30  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Henry Sanders' to Manassah Cook's  | 13  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Robert Durkin's to the north line of Vermont on the Seimboe Road                               | 40  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from John Kenny's to Seth Johnstone's   | 30  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Jacob Tedford's to Salmon River  | 40  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Jacob Kellam's to John Vickery's   | 13  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Cyrus Perry's to Annapolis County  | 30  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Charles Amoro's at Pubnico to the Widow Andrews at Cockiwit                                    | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Cockiwit Lower Settlement to Shag Harbour  | 10  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Amiable Babin's, at the head of Bel Lake, to the forks on the East Branch }<br>of Tuskot River | 20  | 0 | 0 |

*Resolved*, That the sum of £1020, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Queen's County, be applied as follows, viz :

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| For the road leading from Lunenburg towards Mill Village, to commence from where the Com- }<br>missioner left off last year | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Mill Village to Herring Cove, where (the Commissioner left off last year, }<br>towards Mill Village       | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road leading to Shelburne from Milward's to Payzant's Mill  | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road leading to Shelburne towards Broad River, where the Commissioner left off last year                            | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road leading to Annapolis towards Brookfield, where the Commissioner left off last year                             | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Brookfield to the Liverpool Lake, through the New Settlement  | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Liverpool Falls to Herring Cove Lake  | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Harkin's Mill towards Moose Harbour Settlement  | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Herring Cove to Port Metway   | 50  | 0 | 0 |
| For the road from Port Mutton to the bounds of Shelburne County, on the main road   | 50  | 0 | 0 |

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

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the discharge of John Meady and Joseph P. Boyle, from their imprisonment, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, the Petition of Major G. Barrow, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *Ordered*, That Major Barrow be heard by himself or his Counsel at the Bar of the House, on the subject of the said Bill.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Marriages and the issuing of Marriage Licenses; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Drawback of certain duties, and to regulate the manner of obtaining the same; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend an Act to encourage persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and authorizing Courts of Sessions to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers in this Province; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend an Act, passed in the 58th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the affize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same, severally without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal and alter part of an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Picton, in this Province—with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Militia Bill, and also of the Annapolis and King's County Loan Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House do agree to the Conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roach, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. W. Dickson, do manage the conference on the subject of the Militia Bill.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Dewolf, and Mr. W. A. Chipman, do manage the conference on the subject of the Annapolis and King's County Loan Bill.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

On motion, the amendment made by the Council to the Bill to repeal and alter part of the Picton Academy Act, was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the said amendment be read a second time.

Mr. Lawton reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Bills agreeably to the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, and accordingly presented:

A Bill to regulate the Sale of Goods at Public Auction; 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 in addition to, and amendment of, an Act relative to the appointment of Supervisors to take Charge of the Common appertaining to the Town of Annapolis.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee to whom the Bill to authorise the incorporation of the Subscribers to a Bank at Halifax, 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 is the opinion of the committee that one half of the Capital should be paid before the Bank shall go into operation, the other half to be paid in one year. That the Bank should not own Real Estate beyond the value of ten thousand pounds. That the Bank paper should be redeemable by Provincial Notes, Specie, or Bills of Exchange on London at the current rate ; and that the Bank Paper should not be made a legal tender ; and he afterwards delivered the Report and Bill in at the Clerk's Table, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

*Saturday, 27th March, 1819.*

#### PRAYERS.

A Bill to regulate the sale of Goods at Public Auction ; also,

A Bill in amendment of the Act for holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace at Yarmouth and Argyle, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. J. I. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to the Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of this Province, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council on the Annapolis and King's County Loan Bill, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

On motion, the amendment made by the Council to the Bill to repeal and alter part of the Picton Academy Act, was read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, that the said amendment be committed to a committee of the whole House.

Mr. Lawson reported from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in Bills agreeably to the report of the committee of Ways and Means, and accordingly presented :



A Bill for the further support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on articles therein mentioned, and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Cogswell presented to the House, an account of expenditures for repairs made to the Government House in the year 1818, together with the vouchers in support of the same.

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

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

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to authorise the Incorporation of the Subscribers to a Bank at Halifax.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the 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 in addition to, and amendment of, an Act relative to the appointment of Supervisors to take charge of the Common appertaining to the Town of Annapolis, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Annapolis, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison stationed for the time being in the said Town of Annapolis, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors to take charge of the Common appertaining to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the amendment to the Fiction Academy Bill,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Roach took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that it was the opinion of the Committee that a conference should be held with the Council on the subject matter thereof, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, that a conference be desired with the Council agreeably to the foregoing report of the Committee of the whole House, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. W. A. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia, and in further amendment and alteration of the same, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for Incorporating certain Persons therein mentioned for Insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares and Merchandises, from loss and damage by Fire—with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Dimock, *Ordered*, That no Bill shall be brought into the House after Wednesday next, the thirty-first instant.

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

*Monday, 29th March, 1810.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the further support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on articles therein mentioned, was read a second time.

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

The amendment from the Council to the Fire-Insurance Bill, was read a second time.

*Resolved*, that the said amendment be committed to a committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Roach took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill in amendment of the Act for holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace at Yarmouth and Argyle; and also, the Bill to regulate the Sale of Goods at Public Auction; and that they had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to authorize the Incorporation of the Subscribers to a Bank at Halifax. Also, the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act to establish Grammar Schools, in several Counties and Districts of the Province, to the County of Hants. Also, the Bill for the further support of His Majesty's Government, by laying an additional Duty on articles therein mentioned: and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively; and that the Committee had also gone through the amendment made by the Council to the Fire-Insurance Bill, and had agreed to the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the said Bills, together with the amendments to the Bills above mentioned, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

*Ordered*, That the said Bills respectively, with the amendments, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the two Bills as reported by the committee, without amendment, be engrossed.

The amendment to the Fire Insurance Bill, was read a third time ; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Fire-Insurance Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the amendment made by them to the said Bill.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for repealing the several Laws now in force relating to Insolvent Debtors ; and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. W. A. Chipman, moved that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz.

*Resolved*, That it appears to this House that it is expedient that an alteration should be made in the Assembly Room in which the Members now sit, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen ; against it, fifteen. So it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take the same into consideration, and lay before this House a Plan of the alteration as to them may appear to be necessary, together with an estimate of the probable expense thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Cogswell, be a committee for the above purpose.

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

*Tuesday, 30th March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill for repealing the several Laws now in force relating to Insolvent Debtors ; and also,

A Bill in addition to an Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of the Province, were severally read a second time, and thereupon.

Mr. Poole moved, that the further consideration of the Bill last mentioned, be postponed to this day three months, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

An engrossed Bill for the further support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Articles therein mentioned, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the further support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on certain articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce, of this Province.

An engrossed Bill to extend the provisions of an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts in the Province, to the County of Hants, 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, entitled, An Act to establish Grammar Schools, in several Counties and Districts in this Province.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act for holding the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace at Yarmouth and Argyle, was read a third time.

*Resolved*

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and in further amendment of, an Act, passed in the 57th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, in the County of Shelburne.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Incorporation of the Subscribers to a Bank at Halifax, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the Bill be re-committed, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Dawolf,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Ritchie,

Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Thos. Dickson,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Cutler,

Mr. Sargent  
Mr. Barss,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Ercemen,

So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize the establishment of a Bank at Halifax.

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

Mr. J. I. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Seal Fisheries of the Province, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Lawson reported from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in Bills agreeably to the report of the committee of Ways and Means, and accordingly presented:

A Bill to impose duties on certain Articles therein enumerated, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and the same was read a first time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the several Resolutions of this House for granting Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

Mr. Lawson reported from the Committee on the subject of the Revenue Laws; and accordingly presented a Bill for the better support of Light Houses, and the same was read a first time.

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

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

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
 Mr. W. A. Chipman took the Chair,  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill in addition to an Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of this Province, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill without amendment.

That the committee were of opinion that the Bill to encourage the Whale Fishing, should be referred to a select Committee, to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill, passed in the Committee, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the Whale Fishery Bill be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Parker, agreeably to the report of the Committee of the whole House.

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

*Wednesday, 31st March, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province; also, A Bill to impose Duties on certain articles therein enumerated, for the support of His Majesty's Government; and also,

A Bill for the better support of the Light-Houses, were severally read a second time.

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

On motion, a Bill to provide for the discharge of John Moody and Joseph P. Boyle, from their imprisonment, was read a second time, and

Major Barrow having, pursuant to the Order of the House, been heard in support of his Petition and against the passing of the said Bill, at the Bar of the House, and having also withdrawn from the House: thereupon,

Mr. Halibouton moved, that the consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That the Committee on the subject of the Public Offices, be directed to see that the possession of the Building hired for the use of the Province from the Messrs. Cochran's, be delivered over to the said Gentlemen this day, and that the lease thereof be cancelled.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber,

ber. where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, viz :

An Act to authorise a Drawback of certain Duties, and to regulate the manner of obtaining the same.

An Act to continue and amend an Act to encourage persons concerned in the Lumber Trade, and authorizing Courts of Session to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers in this Province.

An Act to continue and amend an Act, passed in the 58th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for Incorporating certain Persons therein mentioned, for Insuring Houses, Buildings, Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, from loss and damage by Fire; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, and to establish Loan Offices in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal and alter part of an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Fictou, in this Province; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in further amendment of, an Act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District of Yarmouth and Argyle, in the County of Shelburne, severally, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, entitled, An Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts in this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue an Act, passed in the fifty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated to the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Act, passed in the 57th year of His present Majesty's Reign, in alteration and amendment thereof; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the further support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on certain Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce, of this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that 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.

On motion, *ordered*, That the accounts for repairs made to the Government-House in the last year, be referred to Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Albro, and Mr. Brasman, who are to enquire into the same, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the improvement of the Common in the Township of Falmouth ; also,

A Bill to alter and amend an Act relative to Poor Rates ; and, also,

A Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn—and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cumberland, to be held at the new Court-House at the River Philip, and also to empower certain persons therein named to sell the old Jail and Court-House at Amherst ; and, also,

A Bill in amendment of the several Acts relative to Highways, Roads, Bridges, &c.—and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the better regulating the Proceedings of Courts of Law ; also,

A Bill in amendment of an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions ; also,

A Bill to prevent obstructions of the Navigation in the Harbour of Pictou ; and also,

A Bill for the registering of Judgments and Attachments, and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bills be severally read a second time.

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

*Thursday, 1st April, 1819.*

#### PRAYERS.

A Bill for the better regulating the proceedings of Courts of Law, was read a second time ; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. J. I. Chipman, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to the next Sessions.

A Bill in amendment of the several Acts relative to Highways, Roads, Bridges, &c. was read a second time ; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Allison, *resolved*, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to the next Sessions.

A Bill to authorize the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cumberland to be held at the new Court-House at the River Philip, and also to empower certain persons therein named to sell the old Jail and Court-House at Amherst ; also,

A Bill for the improvement of the Common in the Township of Falmouth ; also,

A Bill to prevent obstructions of the Navigation in the Harbour of Pictou ; also,

A Bill for the registering of Judgments and Attachments ; also,

A Bill in amendment of an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions ; also,

A Bill to alter and amend an Act relative to Poor Rates ; and also,

A Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn—were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. W. A. Chipman reported from the committee to whom the accounts for repairs made to the 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, *Viz*.

That the committee have examined the said accounts, and find that the sum of 319l.

188. 11d. has been expended on the Government-House in the year 1813, and recommend that the House do provide for the payment of the same.

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

Mr. W. A. Chipman, reported from the Committee on the subject of the alteration to be made to the Assembly Room, and accordingly delivered to the House, a Plan, and also, an Estimate of the expense for making the same; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Plan and Estimate do lie on the Table for the information of the Members of the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to twelve Resolutions of this House, for specifically applying the sum of £14,000, for the service of Roads and Bridges, within the several Counties and Districts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum of two hundred pounds should be granted to assist in building the Bridges over the Sable, Jordan and Clyde Rivers, in the County of Shelburne, three of them having been carried away and destroyed by successive floods the last Spring, and the fourth destroyed by fire in the last Summer.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of five hundred pounds should be granted to the Trustees of the Fielow Academy, to aid them to found that Institution: the said sum not to be drawn from the Treasury until the Justices of the Peace for the said District in their General Sessions shall certify to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that the sum of one thousand pounds has been raised from private subscriptions, and actually applied and expended for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand six hundred pounds should be granted to complete the Bounty granted in the last Session of the General Assembly for the encouragement of the Cod and Scals Fisheries.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of five hundred pounds should be granted for the Road from Moore's at Gay's River, through the Settlements of Musquodoboit and New Caledonia, to Guyborough Church, being a line of road recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of sixty pounds should be granted to aid in removing obstructions out of, and deepening, the narrow passage between the Peninsula of Lunenburg and Heckman's Island.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two hundred pounds should be granted for the road leading from Liverpool to Nictaur, to be expended on that part beginning at the Brookfield Settlement, and extending on towards Nictaur; the said road not being provided for by any of the Counties adjoining.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two hundred and sixty pounds should be granted for the Road from Dartmouth to Fletcher's, in addition to the sum of one hundred and forty pounds granted for that service in the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two hundred pounds should be granted to the Trustees of the National School in Halifax, in aid for paying the balance they owe for erecting the building for that Institution.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of thirty-five pounds should be granted to Jared I. Chipman, Esq. for his services in prosecuting Criminals for Capital Offences, at the Supreme Court at Lunenburg and Shelburne, in the July Term, in the last year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty-five pounds should be granted to John S. Millar, for his services as Master of the English School at Yarmouth, for six months, ending in March, 1816.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of forty pounds should be granted to John F. T. Gschwind, for Medical aid and attendance on thirty-eight Emigrant Poor Persons, afflicted with the Small Pox, in the months of May, June and July last, by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two hundred pounds should be granted to the Committee of the Acadian School, towards the support of that Establishment.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two hundred and fifty pounds should be granted to aid the Inhabitants on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to finish the Pier at Point Arisag, in the County of Sydney.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of fifty pounds eight shillings and nine pence, should be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor at Yarmouth, for the like sum expended by them for the maintenance and relief of certain shipwrecked and transient Poor Persons, in the last year, as certified by the Magistrates of the said Township.

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

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

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of £1000, for the new roads in the Western and Eastern parts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Friday,

Friday, 2d April, 1819.

PRAYERS:

An engrossed Bill to regulate the sale of Goods by Public Auction, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to regulate the Sale of Goods at Public Auction or Outcry.

An engrossed Bill in addition to the Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of this Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to an Act, made and passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court, in the several Counties and Districts of this Province.

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

Mr. Ritchie moved, that the Committee appointed to bring in Bills agreeably to the report of the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed specially to bring in a Bill to impose a Duty on all articles hereafter imported into the Province by non-residents, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twelve; against it seventeen. So it passed in the Negative, and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Committee be discharged.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Supreme Court Bill, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Pool, and Mr. Lent, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

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

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Poole, Mr. Lent, Mr. Bingay, and Mr. Sargent, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Chipman 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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill for Registering of Judgments and Attachments; also, the Bill to impose Duties on certain Articles therein mentioned; and also, the Bill to authorise the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cumberland, to be held at the New Court House at the River Philip, &c. to the next Session. That the Committee had gone through the Bill for the improvement of the Common in the Township of Falmouth; also, the Bill in amendment of an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions; and also, the Bill to alter and amend an Act relative to the Poor Rates, and that they had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred; and thereupon,

Mr. Mortimer moved, that the report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Cumberland Inferior Court Bill, be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion eleven; against it, twenty-one.

For the Motion,

Mr. Roach,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Burss,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. W. Dickson,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Dimock,

So it passed in the Negative: and thereupon,

The Report of the Committee was put, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without any amendment be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

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

£200 for building Bridges over the Sable, Jordan and Clyde Rivers.

£500 for the Pictou Academy.

£1600 for the Bounty on Fish.

£500 for the Road from Moore's to Guysborough

£60 for deepening the Passage at Heckman's Island.

£260 for the Road from Dartmouth to Fletcher's Bridge.

£200 for the National School.

£35 to J. I. Chipman.

£25 to John S. Millar.

£40 to J. F. Gichwind.

£200 for the Acadian School.

£250 for the Pier at Arisag Point.

£50 8 9 to the Overseers of the Poor at Yarmouth.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of £200, for the Road from Liverpool to Nictaur.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr.

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

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had 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.

*Saturday, 3d April, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

An engrossed Bill to alter and amend an Act relative to Poor Rates, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within the Province to maintain their Poor.

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

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

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

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to prevent obstructions in the Harbour of Pictou, and that they had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment. That the committee had gone through the Bill for the better support of Light-Houses; and also the Bill for the better recovery and regulation of Dockage and Wharfage, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill to prevent obstructions in the Harbour of Pictou, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ruddle and Mr. Heckman have leave to return home on their private affairs.

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

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the establishment of a Bank at Halifax.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Duty of one and a quarter per cent. in addition to the Duties now payable, should be imposed on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province, except Salt.

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

Mr. Mortimer moved, that the Report of the Committee be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen; against it, twenty-two.

For the motion,

Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Burs,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Rudolf,  
Mr. Flewinger,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Parker,

Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Dinwiddie,

Against the motion,

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| Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal, | Mr. Fraser,   |
| Mr. Euggles,             | Mr. Roach,    |
| Mr. Thos. Dickson,       | Mr. Cutler,   |
| Mr. J. I. Chipman,       | Mr. Poole,    |
| Mr. R. Dickson,          | Mr. Lent,     |
| Mr. James,               | Mr. Morse,    |
| Mr. Warwick,             | Mr. Dewolf,   |
| Mr. Ritchie,             | Mr. Cogswell, |
| Mr. Archibald,           | Mr. Bingay,   |
| Mr. Prescott,            | Mr. Purdy,    |
| Mr. W. Dickson,          |               |
| Mr. Sargent              |               |

So it passed in the negative.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Prescott, and Mr. Dewolf, do prepare and bring in a Bill, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

An engrossed Bill for the improvement of the Common in the Township of Falmouth, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the improvement of the Common in the Township of Falmouth.

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

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the 17th February last, relative to a College Institution at Halifax.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Walter Bromley 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 the Petitioner, and enquired into the facts stated in the Petition, find that two Settlements of Indians have been made, one at the Shubenacadie consisting of twelve families, and one at Gold River near Chester. That it appears to the Committee from the Schedule and Certificate of David Grandell, Esq. a Magistrate

at Chester, (hereto annexed,) that improvements to a considerable extent have been made in each of those Settlements, and a quantity of Grain and Potatoes raised in the last Season. That the Committee further report that the sum of £57 2 7, a balance of the Vote of 1817, still remains undrawn from the Provincial Treasury; and that the Committee beg leave to suggest the propriety of a small additional Grant of the present Session, for the purpose of aiding the Petitioner in accomplishing the object of ameliorating the situation of the Indians throughout the Province, especially in the two Settlements mentioned above; and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved, that the last part of the Report, from the Word "Treasury" to the end of the same, be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, eleven. Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote for the motion, and the remaining part of the Report was then put, and agreed to by the House; 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 half-past ten of the clock.

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*Monday, 5th April, 1819.*

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PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the better recovery and regulation of Dockage and Wharfage, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the better recovery and regulation of Wharfage and Dockage.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act, in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the 33d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Annapolis, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison, stationed for the time being, in the said Town of Annapolis, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors to take charge of the Common appertaining to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the third and fourth years of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within the Province to maintain their Poor, severally, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made and passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of this Province.

The Council request a Conference by Committee on the subject of the Falmouth Common Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Young, and Mr. Frazer, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,  
And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned; also, the Bill for repealing several Acts relating to Insolvent Debtors, and that they had directed him to report the said Bills without any amendment. That the committee had gone through the Bill to provide for the discharge of John Moody and Joseph P. Boyle, from their imprisonment, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

The amendments to the Bill for the relief of John Moody and Joseph P. Boyle, were severally read throughout, a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bills reported by the Committee, without amendment be engrossed.

On motion, The amendments made by the Council to the Annapolis Common Bill, were read throughout a first time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means; and accordingly presented:

A Bill, in amendment of the Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, imported into this Province; and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council on the subject of the Convention lately concluded between His Majesty and the United States of America; that the Joint Committee had drawn up a Report to both Houses;

Houses; and also an Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on the said subject; and he read the Report and Address in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read; and thereupon,

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten of the clock.

*Tuesday, 6th April, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of the Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandises, imported into this Province, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill for repealing the several Laws now in force relating to Insolvent Debtors, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, An Act, passed in the third and fourth years of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An engrossed Bill for the better support of the Light-Houses, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Cogswell moved, that an enacting clause, as a rider, be added to the said Bill, in the words following, viz.

*“ And be it further enacted*, That no coasting vessel or fishing vessel shall be subject to, or liable to pay any sum of Money by way of fee to the Custom-House, Naval-Office, or or any other Office, except the Light Duty to be paid by coasting vessels before mentioned:” which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative, and thereupon the said enacting clause was added to the said Bill accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and amend the several Acts relating to Light-Houses.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill in amendment of the Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into the Province; and also, the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and that they had directed him to report the said Bills



to the House, severally, without any amendment. That the committee had gone through the Bill in amendment of an Act to establish Fees in the Court of Chancery; and also, a Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill in amendment of the Act for the further increase of the Revenue, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, that the Bill in amendment of the Act to regulate the Fees in the Court of Chancery, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. Dimock then moved, that the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn; and also, the Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries, together with the amendments to the last mentioned Bill, be consolidated into one Bill, and that the same be engrossed, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen; against it, fifteen.

For the motion,

Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Dimock.

Against the motion,

Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Thos. Dickson,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Barss,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Sargent.

So Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote for the Motion.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that it will be convenient for the Members to meet about the middle of the month of January, instead of February, and that it is the wish of the House that Mr. Speaker should apply to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and request that he will be pleased to call the House about that time, if it should not be inconvenient to His Excellency.

An engrossed Bill, in amendment of an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported in this Province, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. James moved, that the Bill do not pass, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, ten; against it, twenty-three.

For the Motion,

Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Barss,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal,

Against the Motion,

Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Flemming,

So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the further increase of the

the Revenue by raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

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

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

Wednesday, 7th April, 1819.

PRAYERS.

On reading the proceedings of yesterday, Mr. J. I. Chipman moved, that the Order for consolidating the Bread Corn Bill and the Bill for the encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries into one Bill, be rescinded, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nineteen; against it, fifteen:

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Barss,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal.

Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Dimock.

So it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Bill for raising Bread Corn be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the Bill for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act to establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. J. I. Chipman moved, that the Bill do not pass, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, twenty-three.

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Thos. Dickson,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. W. Dickson,

Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Lent,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Barss,  
Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal,

Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Roach,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Dimock,

So it passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the forty-second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery.

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

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon;

On motion, the Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of a College Institution at Halifax, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

*Ordered*; That the said Message 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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of two thousand pounds should be granted for the purpose of finishing and completing a Building for a College in the Town of Halifax, pursuant to the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor; the said sum not to be drawn from the Treasury until the sum of £3000 appropriated for that purpose by His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, shall have been expended.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred and seventy-five pounds should be granted for the Road leading from Liverpool to Nictaur, to be expended on that part of the Road between the Half Way Tree, so called, and the Dalhousie Settlement, it being a Road not provided for by any of the Counties adjoining.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of fifty pounds, heretofore appropriated for the Road in Granville, from the main Road to Delap's Cove; and also, the ten pounds appropriated in 1813, for the Road near the Cut of Annapolis, not drawn from the Treasury, be now applied to aid the Inhabitants of that Township, to erect a Slip at the Ferry opposite to Annapolis.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds should be granted for improving the Road from Onslow to Tatamagushe, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds should be granted for repairing the Road from M'Alpin's to Sackville.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred and ninety pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence, be granted to defray certain expenses incurred by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for Provisions and other necessary Articles, supplied to distressed Welch Emigrants settled in the Township of Shelburne, in the last year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of seventy pounds should be granted (in addition to the sum of £50 granted last year and not expended,) to assist the Inhabitants of Tracadie, in the County of Sydney, in opening, deepening and clearing, the entrance of Tracadie Harbour, for the more safe and ready passage of fishing and other vessels, in addition to the sums subscribed by the said Inhabitants for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of three hundred and fourteen pounds four shillings and seven pence, should be granted and paid to Patrick Lannigan, the Commissioner for Building Cranberry Island Light House, being in full for the balance due to him for completing the said Building.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty-five pounds should be granted to James Whidden, Caleb Smith and William Frieze, to aid them in the Establishment of a regular Ferry Boat of a sufficient size to take Horses and Carriages across the Shubenaccadie River to Truro; which Ferry shall be regulated by the Court of Session in the County of Hants, and to be drawn by Warrant on the Certificate of the said Court of Session.

*Resolved*

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of three hundred and nineteen pounds eighteen shillings and eleven pence should be granted to defray the Accounts of expenditures for repairs done to the Government House, in the last year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of seventy-two pounds six shillings should be granted and paid to H. H. Cogswell, Esq. being a commission of three per cent. for expending the sum of £2400 in repairs to the Government House, in the years 1815, 1816, 1817 and 1818.

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

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

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, without any amendment.

The Council request a Conference by Committee on the subject of the Grammar School Act, included in the Bill for continuing in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the forty-second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the better recovery and regulation of Dockage and Wharfage.

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Light-House Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawton, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Cogswell, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of His Excellency's Message and the Resolution of this House, relating to a College Institution at Halifax.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the subject of the additional Excise Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Frazer, and Mr. Prescott, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten of the clock.

Thursday, 8th April, 1819.

#### PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the discharge of John Moody, and Joseph P. Boyle, from their imprisonment, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the discharge of John Moody, and Joseph P. Boyle, from their imprisonment, and for the relief of their creditors.

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

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

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

The amendments made by the Council to the Annapolis Common Bill, were read a second time, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House do agree to the said amendments, and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint the Council therewith.

The amendment made by the Council to the Bill relative to the Poor, was read a second time; and thereupon,

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

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Frazer, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Young, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

On motion, *Resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the amendments made by them to the Prothonotaries Bill, and that the Clerk do request the same.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *Ordered*, That the several Committees of this House do report without further delay on the respective subjects to them referred.

An engrossed Bill to prevent obstructions in the Harbour of Pictou, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to prevent obstructions in the Harbour of Pictou.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the Light-House Bill; and also, the additional Duty Bill, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the several conferences as desired by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last conference on the subject of the Light-House, and also, on the subject of the additional Duty Bill, do manage this conference on the said Bills respectively.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last conference on the subject of the amendments to the Prothonotaries Bill, do manage this conference.

And the names of the several Managers were called over.

And they went to the Conferences respectively,

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported that the Managers had held a further conference on the subject of the Light House Bill, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had held a further conference on the subject of the amendments to the Prothonotaries Bill; and also, on the additional Duty Bill, and stated the substance of the said conferences respectively to the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act, to alter and amend the several Acts relating to Light-Houses; and also,

The Bill, entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising an additional Duty of Excise, on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the sale of Goods at Public Auction, or Outcry; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, passed in the 33d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Annapolis, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison stationed for the time being in the said Town of Annapolis, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors to take charge of the Common appertaining to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, should be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable him to relieve the distresses of Poor Settlers at Preston, and other places.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds, be granted for procuring Curtains, and other Furniture, for the State Rooms in the Government-House.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of eleven shillings and eight pence per day, should be paid to the Members of the House of Assembly, for their attendance in General Assembly in the present Session : *Provided*, the whole sum to be drawn from the Treasury shall not exceed one thousand five hundred pounds.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred and twenty pounds, should be granted (in addition to the balance now remaining in the Treasury of the sum granted last year,) to keep up the communication by Post as heretofore established ; and also to enable the Postmaster at Halifax to extend the same communication to Liverpool and Shelburne, by the way of Lunenburg, and also to Gayborough, by the way of Pictou : the said sum to be accounted for in the next Session of the General Assembly.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one thousand five hundred pounds, should be granted to the Provincial Agricultural Society, to enable them to import Horses, Neat Cattle, and Sheep, and other animals, of the best description, and most suitable for this Province ; and also Seeds of various kinds, and implements of Husbandry, for the benefit of the Province, to be disposed of under the direction of the said Society, and generally to enable them to encourage Rural Economy, and Agricultural Improvement, throughout the Province.

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

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

Mr. Ritchie moved, that the Resolution respecting the pay of the Members, so far as it relates to the granting the sum of "£1500" be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eight ; against it, seventeen.

For the motion,

Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. T. Dickson,

Against the motion,

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| Mr. Dewolf,              | Mr. Lent,            |
| Mr. Purdy,               | Mr. W. Dickson,      |
| Mr. Poole,               | Mr. Allison,         |
| Mr. Crane,               | Mr. W. A. Chipman, } |
| Mr. Young,               | Mr. Barss,           |
| Mr. Bingay,              | Mr. Dimock,          |
| Mr. Ruggles,             | Mr. J. I. Chipman,   |
| Mr. Freeman,             | Mr. R. Dickson,      |
| Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal, |                      |

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Allison then moved that the Resolution for granting £1500 to the Provincial Agricultural

Agricultural Society, be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, fifteen:

For the Motion,

*Mr. DeWolf,*  
*Mr. Crane,*  
*Mr. Lent,*  
*Mr. Bingay,*  
*Mr. Young,*  
*Mr. W. A. Chipman,*  
*Mr. Poole,*  
*Mr. Allison,*  
*Mr. Dimock,*

Against the Motion,

*Mr. Thos. Dickson,*  
*Mr. Ruggles,*  
*Mr. Purdy,*  
*Mr. Albro,*  
*Mr. Lawson,*  
*Mr. Haliburton,*  
*Mr. Prescott,*  
*Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal,*  
*Mr. Mortimer,*  
*Mr. Ritchie,*  
*Mr. W. Dickson,*  
*Mr. Cogswell,*  
*Mr. Barss,*  
*Mr. Freeman,*  
*Mr. R. Dickson,*

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee to whom the Petitions of W. K. Reynolds & Co. and others, were referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined into the matters set forth in the Petition of W. K. Reynolds & Co. and from an examination of the Petitioners, and the Master of the Vessel on board of which the Rum mentioned in the Petition was shipped for exportation, the Committee find, that the said Rum, amounting to 413 gallons, were cleared out from the Port of Halifax, and landed on the Coast of Labrador, of which fact there is a Certificate of two Inhabitants (as there was no proper Certifying Officer resident there.) It also appeared in evidence before the Committee, that the whole quantity of Rum was consumed at Labrador: they, therefore, recommend that the sum of nineteen pounds five shillings and ten pence, be granted to the said W. K. Reynolds & Co. in full for the Drawback of Duties upon the said Rum so-exported.

That the Committee have investigated the subject matter set forth in the Petition of Messrs. Collins & Allison, and find that the sum claimed by them in behalf of John Moody, Alexander Stewart, and Joseph Boyle, on their Bonds for Duties to the amount of 113l. 6s. 7d. for a Drawback of the Excise Duties on certain quantities of Merchandise, and other articles, exported by the said Moody, Stewart and Boyle, in the years 1814, 1815 and 1816, was directed by the House of Assembly in their last Session to be passed to their credit. That the intentions of the Assembly were not concurred in by His Majesty's Council. The Committee further report, that the said John Moody, Alexander Stewart, and Joseph P. Boyle, are supposed to be at present insolvent, and that they, together with the Petitioners, Collins & Allison, are indebted to our Lord the King, for a large sum of Money: the Committee therefore recommend, that the said sum of 113l. 6s. 7d. be passed to the joint credit of the said Moody, Stewart, Boyle, Collins and Allison, upon their debt due to the King for Provincial Duties as aforesaid.

That the Committee have investigated the demand made by Garret Miller for Lumber supplied for the use of the Provincial Government in the years 1811 and 1812, and find that the accounts, amounting to 75l. 3s. 4d., are correct, and were proved to the Committee upon satisfactory evidence: they therefore recommend payment thereof. The Committee also diligently enquired into the claims made by the said Garret Miller for a Drawback of the Duties upon certain articles by him stated in his Petition to have been exported from the Province, and the Committee have ascertained that he has received a Drawback upon some of the articles, and that he is not entitled to it upon others. But that he is entitled to receive an allowance of 11. 18s. 4d. for the Drawback of Duty on 537 lbs. of Coffee exported to New-Brunswick in December, 1816: they therefore recommend payment of the said sum.

That



That the Committee have examined into the claim made by Gideon C. White for a Drawback of Duties upon 3158 gallons of Rum by him exported to Boston in the year 1817, and, from a careful examination of the documents annexed to the Petition, are of opinion, that such documents entitle the Petitioner to a warrant upon the Treasurer of the Province for the amount of such Drawbacks under the Revenue Laws now in force, and are not aware of any reason which should have induced an application to this House for relief.

The Committee have also enquired into the circumstances set forth in the Petition of James Buchanan, and find that he is (jointly with David Dundas, an Insolvent Debtor,) an Insolvent and absent person, indebted for Duties of Impost and Excise, to an amount of about £600, which he is at present utterly unable to pay; that the Petitioner is involved in embarrassment, and the Committee are of opinion, that no advantage will be gained by the Province by endeavouring to enforce the payment of the said Duties at present.

That the Committee further report, that they have examined into the facts as set forth in the Petition of William Bremner, a Debtor, who has been confined in the County Jail of Halifax for more than two years past. That the said Petitioner is confined upon execution at the Suit of Creditors resident in Great-Britain, and is not therefore entitled to the benefit of the Act passed for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lent have leave to return home on his private affairs.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the amendment made by them to the Bill relative to the Poor, and that the Clerks do request the same.

Then the House adjourned until Saturday, at half-past ten of the Clock, the morrow being Good-Friday.

*Saturday, 10th April, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ritchie pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the further increase of the Revenue, by granting to His Majesty an additional Duty of Excise on certain Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; and the same was read a first time.

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

*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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

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On motion, *resolved*, that the amendment marked No. 11, made by the Council to the Prothonotaries Bill, be committed to a committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said amendment to them referred, and that the Committee had agreed to the same, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the several amendments made by the Council to the Prothonotaries Bill, (with the exceptions to the amendments marked Nos. 8 & 9, as stated in the Resolutions passed on the 5th March last,) and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill back to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Report of the Committee on the subject of the Petitions of W. K. Reynolds & Co. and others, except so far as relates to the Petition of G. C. White, and also the Petition of William Bremner, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a further conference on the subject of the amendment made by them to the Bill relative to the Poor, and thereupon,

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

*Resolved*, That this House do not agree to the amendment made by the Council to the aforesaid Bill, but adhere to their Bill as originally sent up for concurrence, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill back to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the third and fourth years of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within the Province to maintain their Poor, without any amendment.

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent obstructions in the Harbour of Picou.

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. Mortimer, Mr. T. Dickson, and Mr. Dewolf, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent obstructions in the Harbour of Picou.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said amendment was read a first time, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said amendment be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend and continue an Act for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province; and the same was read a first time.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roach and Mr. Morse have leave to return home on their private affairs.

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

*Monday, 12th April, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the further increase of the Revenue, by granting to His Majesty an additional Duty of Excise on certain Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

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

A Bill to amend and continue an Act for the establishment of Schools throughout the Province, was read a second time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to 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.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill for the encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Bingay, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Mortimer, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the subject of the additional Excise Duty Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Fraser, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

An engrossed Bill to amend and continue an Act for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to amend and continue an Act, entitled, An Act for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

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

Mr. Haliburton moved that the House do come to a Resolution as follows, *Viz* :

Whereas, a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Marriages and the issuing of Marriage Licenses, having passed this House and His Majesty's Council, been signed by the President of His Majesty's Council and the Speaker of this House, and sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for his inspection, and His Excellency having signified to the Speaker of this House, that he cannot, consistently with the Royal Instructions, assent to this Bill without a clause being inserted therein, suspending its operation until the Royal Pleasure shall be known thereon. *Resolved*, therefore, that this House will, under existing circumstances, receive this Bill and insert therein such suspending clause, which, being seconded,

Mr. Archibald moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolution, as follows, *Viz* :—

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having communicated to this House, through the Speaker, that His Excellency cannot give his assent to the Bill relating to Marriages, and the issuing of Marriage Licenses, nor to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal and alter part of an Act, passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's Reign; entitled, An Act for found-  
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ing, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Picou in this Province, both of which Bills have passed this House and His Majesty's Council in the present Sessions, consistently with His Majesty's Instructions, without clauses added to the said Bills suspending their operation until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be known thereon : *Resolved*, that Mr. Speaker be authorized to receive the said Bills from His Excellency, and that this House will add a suspending clause to each of the said Bills ; which, being seconded and put, and the House having divided thereon, the said amendment was unanimously negatived, the Members following being present, *Viz.*

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| <i>Mr. Parker,</i>        | <i>Mr. W. Dickson,</i>         | <i>Mr. Purdy,</i>         | <i>Mr. Cogswell,</i>   |
| <i>Mr. Cutler,</i>        | <i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>             | <i>Mr. Barss,</i>         | <i>Mr. Sargent,</i>    |
| <i>Mr. Bingay,</i>        | <i>Mr. Mortimer,</i>           | <i>Mr. Albro,</i>         | <i>Mr. Young,</i>      |
| <i>Mr. Freeman,</i>       | <i>Mr. W. A. Chipman,</i>      | <i>Mr. James,</i>         | <i>Mr. Flemming</i>    |
| <i>Mr. Lawson,</i>        | <i>Mr. Poole,</i>              | <i>Mr. Fraser,</i>        | <i>Mr. Warwick,</i>    |
| <i>Mr. Archibald,</i>     | <i>Mr. Dimock,</i>             | <i>Mr. Ritchie,</i>       | <i>Mr. R. Dickson,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Thos. Dickson,</i> | <i>Mr. Ruggles,</i>            | <i>Mr. Prescottt,</i>     | <i>Mr. Allison.</i>    |
| <i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>    | <i>Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal</i> | <i>Mr. J. I. Chipman,</i> |                        |

The original Resolution, as moved by Mr. Haliburton, was then put to the House, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution, eighteen ; against it fourteen :

*For the Motion,*

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| <i>Mr. Parker,</i>              | <i>Mr. Haliburton,</i>    |
| <i>Mr. Cutler,</i>              | <i>Mr. W. Dickson,</i>    |
| <i>Mr. Ruggles,</i>             | <i>Mr. Crane,</i>         |
| <i>Mr. Flemming,</i>            | <i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>        |
| <i>Mr. R. Dickson,</i>          | <i>Mr. Mortimer,</i>      |
| <i>Mr. Lawson,</i>              | <i>Mr. Allison.</i>       |
| <i>Mr. Archibald,</i>           | <i>Mr. W. A. Chipman.</i> |
| <i>Mr. T. Dickson,</i>          | <i>Mr. Poole,</i>         |
| <i>Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal.</i> | <i>Mr. Dimock.</i>        |

So it passed in the affirmative.

*Against the Motion,*

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| <i>Mr. Purdy,</i>         | <i>Mr. Sargent,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Barss,</i>         | <i>Mr. Young,</i>   |
| <i>Mr. Albro,</i>         | <i>Mr. Freeman,</i> |
| <i>Mr. James,</i>         | <i>Mr. Warwick,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Fraser,</i>        | <i>Mr. Bingay.</i>  |
| <i>Mr. Ritchie,</i>       |                     |
| <i>Mr. Prescottt,</i>     |                     |
| <i>Mr. J. I. Chipman,</i> |                     |
| <i>Mr. Cogswell,</i>      |                     |

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of four hundred pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable His Excellency to pay two Inspecting Field-Officers for the better regulation and improvement of the Militia of this Province.

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, 13th April, 1819.

PRAYERS.

Upon reading the Proceedings of Yesterday, Mr. Mortimer moved, that the Resolution for granting £.400 for Inspecting Field-Officers, be rescinded, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Motion, eleven; against it, nineteen :

For the Motion,

Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. R. Dickson.  
Mr. Prescott,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Archibald  
Mr. Mortimer,

Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Flemming,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Purdy,  
Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal,

Mr. Barss,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. Warwick,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. W. A Chipman,  
Mr. Dimock.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Committee on the subject of Property belonging to the Province, situate in the Town of Halifax, be discharged.

On motion, ordered, That the joint Address reported by the Committee of His Majesty's Council and this House, to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of the Convention lately concluded between His Majesty and the United States of America, be read, and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

GEORGE, PRINCE OF WALES,

PRINCE REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT-BRITAIN AND IRELAND,

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL AND THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF HIS MAJESTY'S PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA, IN THEIR SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE CAPACITIES, NOW SITTING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT HALIFAX.

*May it Please Your ROYAL HIGHNESS :*

THE Council and House of Assembly beg leave humbly to approach Your Royal Highness, with expressions of those sentiments of loyalty and affectionate attachment, which it has ever been the pride of His Majesty's Subjects in British America, on every occasion, to manifest for the Person and Government of our Venerable and Beloved Sovereign, and every Branch of His Illustrious Family.

FEELING, as we do, in common with all the rest of His Majesty's Subjects in North-America, the distressing prospects that the late Convention with the United States of America opens to our view, we owe it as a duty to those we Represent, humbly to approach Your Royal Highness—not with a disposition to murmur or complain against any exercise of the Sovereign Power by Your Royal Highness—but, as dutiful and obedient Subjects, humbly to entreat Your Royal Highness to turn Your Royal Attention to the particular and interesting situation of all His Majesty's faithful Subjects in British America.

ON behalf of the People we Represent, we can, with confidence, appeal to every Department of His Majesty's Government for our character—We do not trouble His Majesty's Ministers with discontented representations; faction or sedition meet no encouragement in this Province; and we feel happy in acknowledging to Your Royal Highness, that we have no complaints against the Administration of our Government—Every thing is honorably and fairly conducted, so as to promote, as far as possible, our happiness and prosperity.

WE are not a People whose crimes have compelled them to fly from the Government of the Mother Country; a large part of our population consists of men who came to this Province to seek an Asylum, where they could be protected in their allegiance to their King and Country; for the professions and practice of which they were persecuted in those Colonies which now compose the United States—The residue of our population consists of men, or their descendants, who, giving a preference to this Province, have found in it a happy abode.

SINCE the Revolution in America we have constantly viewed the Government of the United States in all its forms, with jealousy and apprehension; and although we know there are many virtuous and good people in that country, yet, when we reflect, that a Democratic faction, giving way to the influence of those Revolutionary principles which have so long disturbed the peace of the world, lately had the power to involve all the good and virtuous people of that country in the horrors of war—a war which their Government, without even a shadow of pre-

tence, suddenly declared against His Majesty, for the avowed purpose of possessing British America by force; during this trying time, we feel an honest pride in reflecting, that the Colonists of all descriptions stood firm in their allegiance, and rallied round their respective Governments with alacrity and zeal to resist, and abide the event.

ON the return of Peace, we hoped the disasters, and inglorious termination of a war so unjustly entered into, would have calmed that restless spirit, which has so long disturbed the peace of the Country; but in these hopes we are sadly disappointed, and view with serious apprehensions, an insatiable ambition generally prevailing, accompanied with a total disregard for those principles which have been hitherto held sacred by civilized nations. The manner in which they lately possessed themselves of the Floridas, and the horrid circumstances which attended a transaction that outraged every sense of justice and humanity, naturally produced strong sensations amongst us, who are separated only by an imaginary line from such a people; these feelings are increased, when we find that the voice of the just and good people of that country, although powerfully raised in the councils of their nation against this horrid transaction, was exerted in vain; and when, to this we add, that every art is still used in that country to keep alive a spirit of hostility against every thing British—that fortifications are erecting at every point of their frontiers, and most extensive inland navigations and military roads constructing for the obvious purposes of entering into British America with rapidity and ease; when we see every exertion making to fortify their sea-coast, and to create a powerful naval and military force, we humbly submit to Your Royal Highness, whether the Inhabitants of British America have not just and serious cause for apprehension that pacific professions do not accord with this system of policy. While we were suffering under such just and well-founded apprehensions, we received the distressing intelligence, that a Convention was concluded with the United States, which allowed the people of that country to participate in the most valuable appendages of the British Sovereignty in America. Under such circumstances, we felt it as an imperious duty no longer to remain silent; and in the early part of this Session a joint Committee of both Houses was formed for the express purpose of taking our present situation into consideration. That Committee have agreed to a Report, which, with the Appendix, and Papers annexed, we humbly beg leave to lay before Your Royal Highness, and humbly to entreat Your Royal Highness to take the same into your early and serious consideration.

ALL that we desire is, that restrictions and regulations totally inapplicable to our present situation may be laid aside; and in this time of peace the powerful aid of the Mother Country may be brought to our assistance to fortify and strengthen our frontier; to form easy communications between the Provinces, by inland navigation and roads; and that the vast emigration to the United States may, by wise and judicious regulations, be stopped and directed to British America. By such measures, His Majesty's faithful subjects would have ample scope to avail themselves of the innumerable natural advantages with which the GOD of the Universe has blessed the vast territory comprehended within the limits of British America. Under wise and judicious regulations, we would soon rise to a power and strength that would appal any enemy who might meditate an attack upon us. Attachment to the Mother Country is treasured in every breast; and our offspring are trained from their infancy to feel the same pride and glory that we do in calling ourselves British Subjects. Should we be so happy as to draw towards us an increased attention and powerful aid of the Mother Country in this most favourable time, to lay a firm foundation for our future greatness, old as many of us are, we feel animated with the hope, that we shall yet live to see British America expand her powerful energies, and become in the Western World such a firm prop to her Venerable Parent, that her bitterest enemies shall despair at seeing the splendour of British power surrounding them, in defiance of every effort on their part to ruin and degrade her.

SURROUNDED as we are at present with gloomy and unfavourable prospects, we derive some consolation when we reflect that our nearest neighbours in the United States still preserve some of the proud and just spirit of their British Ancestors, although the feelings which a most unjust war on their part had given rise to, were not yet allayed, they could not help rejoicing with us, when they saw the Despotical Tyrant, who had so long triumphed in the world, overthrown by the powerful arm of Great-Britain, guided and directed by the wisdom of Your Royal Highness, nor could they, as the descendants of Britons, refrain from participating in the splendid triumphs which elevated the Crown of the United Kingdom to a rank of Glory and Renown, such as no other nation ever attained.

As the senior British Government in the North-American Colonies, we feel it our duty, on this most important occasion, to call the attention of all the Inhabitants of British America to our present situation; and to invite them to unite with us—not in factious or seditious murmurings, but in a respectful, dutiful, and becoming deportment, such as to entitle us to the confidence and assistance of the Mother Country; and should we be so fortunate as to obtain what we ardently desire, the youthful energies of such a vast empire, firmly united to the power of the Parent State, would soon see Britannia ruling the Fresh Water Seas of America, with the same justice that she now rules the Ocean.

UNDER all the anxiety which present circumstances create, we humbly offer our case for the favourable consideration of Your Royal Highness; seeing a well founded hope, that a share of that generous and magnanimous Aid which Your Royal Highness so lately extended to a suffering world, will not be refused to your faithful subjects in British America. When we reflect, that our Venerable and Beloved Sovereign founded and established all the Governments in the North-American British Colonies, and that under his paternal care they have grown to their present state, and have never failed, on every occasion, to manifest their loyalty and gratitude, we cannot permit ourselves to suppose, that Your Royal Highness will consider us a burthen, or that the policy of our Parent Government will deem it necessary to continue us Bound by Restrictions, which retard our growth and prosperity. We know Your Royal Highness is ever attentive to all the just representations of His Majesty's Subjects, and we feel confident that your enlightened mind, and those royal exalted sentiments of benevolence and generosity, which have so justly entitled you to preeminent consideration by all the civilized world, will lead you to a Gracious Attention to our Case.

Which, with all Humility, we Humbly pray Your Royal Highness to Favor and Support.

And thereupon, Mr. Ritchie moved, that the House do agree to the said Address, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, eighteen; against it nine:

For the Motion,

Mr. Sargent,  
 Mr. Bingay,  
 Mr. W. Dickson,  
 Mr. Freeman,  
 Mr. R. Dickson,  
 Mr. Crane,  
 Mr. Lawson,  
 Mr. Cutler,  
 Mr. James,  
 Mr. Mortimer,

Mr. Ruggles,  
 Mr. Prescott,  
 Mr. Parker,  
 Mr. Ritchie,  
 Mr. Cogswell,  
 Mr. Purdy,  
 Mr. Archibald,  
 Mr. Ritchie, Ann. Royal,

Against the Motion,

Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
 Mr. Poole,  
 Mr. Barss,  
 Mr. Dewolf,  
 Mr. Young,  
 Mr. Haliburton,  
 Mr. Allison,  
 Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
 Mr. Dimock.

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *ordered*, that the joint Report of the Committee of His Majesty's Council and this House, on the subject of the Convention lately concluded between His Majesty and the United States of America, be read, and the same was read by the Clerk accordingly; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the said Report; and, *It is Ordered*, that the same be printed.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk do acquaint His Majesty's Council with the foregoing Resolutions of this House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Clerks to the Supreme Court and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, in the several Counties and Districts within this Province, without any amendment.

The Council request a further conference by Committee, on the subject of the additional Excise Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee on the subject of the Public Offices, that the Committee had held a conference with the Committee of His Majesty's Council respecting the same; and stated the substance of the said conference to the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to twelve Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums:—

£400 for Inspecting Field Officers,

£190 16 11 for Welch Emigrants.

£70 for Tracadie Harbour.

£319 18 11 for the Government House.

£60 for a Slip at Granville.

£520 for Communication by Post.

£350 for Furniture for the Government House.

£100 for Distressed Settlers.

£1500 for the Provincial Agricultural Society.

£25 for Shubenacadie Ferry.

£2000 for a College at Halifax.

£314 4 7 to Patrick Lannigan.



The Council have not agreed to four Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums :—

£100 for the road from M'Alpin's to Sackville.

£175 for the road from Liverpool to Nictaur.

£1500 for the payment of the Members of the House of Assembly.

£72 6 to Henry H. Cogswell

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the improvement of the Common in the Township of Falmouth, in the County of Hants.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the subject of the School Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. T. Dickson, and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

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

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

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the discharge of John Moody, and Joseph P. Boyle, from their imprisonment, and for the relief of their Creditors, and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou, and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee to whom the Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels for carrying on the Whale Fishery 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 into the subject matter of the said Bill, and are of opinion, that a sum of one hundred pounds should be granted and paid to the owner or owners of each of the first four Vessels owned within the Province, as shall be fitted out  
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and actually employed in the Whale Fishery, not less than three months; none of the said Vessels to be of a less burthen than one hundred tons, Registered-tonnage.

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

*On motion, resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be, and they are hereby, authorised to suspend the operation of any Judgment or Judgments recovered at the suit of the Crown, against James Buchanan, until they shall be of opinion the said James Buchanan is enabled to make payment of the said Debt, or until the House of Assembly shall make a further Order relative thereto.

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be, and they are hereby, authorised to release Messrs. Collins and Allison from any demand which may have been made against them, on account of Interest upon any Judgments recovered against them jointly with Moody & Boyle and Moody & Stewart, or for any Interest computed upon the Bonds for which Judgments have been so entered against them.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same, and the said Bill was read a first time.

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

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

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

*The Right Honorable*

**GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,**

BARON DALHOUSIE, of Dalhousie Castle, G. C. B. Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependancies, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLED ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*May it please Your Excellency,*

THE House of Assembly have had under their consideration Your Excellency's Message relative to the Establishment of a Seminary, for the higher Branches of Education, in the Town of Halifax, and they beg leave to express the grateful sense they entertain of Your Excellency's attention to those measures which promise to be most permanently useful to the Province. The liberal application of the large sum of Money, which your Excellency has procured for founding this Institution, demands our warmest thanks, and the House have, in addition, granted the sum of two thousand pounds for finishing and completing the Building contemplated by Your Excellency, and we most confidently hope, the liberal principles Your Excellency has stated, as the ground work of the Constitution of the proposed College, will not fail to render it highly useful and honourable to this part of His Majesty's Dominions.

Deeply impressed with the sense of your Excellency's sincere desire to promote the welfare of this Country, allow us to express our ardent hope that this Institution may flourish, and continue to the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia a lasting monument of the enlightened policy of Your Excellency's administration.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Bingay, and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of nineteen pounds five shillings and ten pence, should be granted to W. K. Reynolds & Co. for a Drawback of the Duties on 463 gallons of Rum, by them exported from the Port of Halifax, and landed on the Coast of Labrador, in the last year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of sixty-two pounds fourteen shillings, should be granted and paid to H. H. Cogswell, Esq. being a Commission of three per cent. for expending the sum of £2090, in repairs on the Government House, in the years 1815, 1816, and 1817.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty-five pounds should be granted to Lieut. Col. John MacColla, in full, for services performed by him as acting Adjutant-General of Militia.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of seventeen pounds ten shillings should be granted to Matthew Forrester, for his services as temporary Door-Keeper to the House of Assembly in the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of ninety pounds should be granted to open the Roads from Bowers's to the Welch Settlement, in the County of Shelburne; and to build a small Bridge to facilitate the passing to and from the said Settlement.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred pounds should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of extra Clerks, Servants, and other incidental expenses during the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding twenty pounds should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for defraying the expense of Stationary furnished for the use of the House of Assembly, and His Majesty's Council in the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty-five pounds, should be granted to John Lawson, Jun. for his services, in drafting and copying Bills for the Members of the House of Assembly, in the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of one hundred and twenty-two pounds fifteen shillings should be granted to defray certain expenses incurred by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the opening of Roads for the Settlement of disbanded Soldiers, in the last year, as communicated in His Excellency's Message to the House of Assembly, in the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Collector of Imposit and Excise, for the District of Halifax, be authorized and directed to pay the sum of £113 6 7 to the joint credit of Enos Collins, Joseph Allison, John Moody, Alexander Stewart and Joseph P. Boyle, upon their debt due to the King for Provincial Duties, being for the

amount of a Drawback of the Excise Duties on certain Articles of Merchandise, and other Articles exported from the Province by the said Moody, Stewart and Boyle, in the years 1814, 1815, and 1816.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of twenty-one pounds should be granted to Rachel Martin, late Teacher of the female branch of the Acaian School, in Halifax, as an additional compensation for her services in that capacity,

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 Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the Resolution for granting twenty-one pounds to Rachel Martin be not agreed to by the House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, eleven; against it fourteen:

For the Motion,

Mr. Ritchie,  
Mr. Cutler,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Haliburton,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Warwick.

Against the Motion,

Mr. Mortimer,  
Mr. Ritchie, *Ann. Royal*,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. W. Dickson,  
Mr. Crane,  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,

Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. J. I. Chipman,  
Mr. Cogswell,  
Mr. Prescott,

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

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

Wednesday, 14th April, 1819.

#### PRAYERS.

A Bill to preserve and regulate the Navigation of of the Harbour of Fifeau; and also, A Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same, were severally read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of twenty Shillings per day should be paid to each and every of the Members of the House of Assembly, for their attendance in General Assembly : to be paid on the Certificate of the Speaker, but no Member to receive pay for more than thirty-five days.

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

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address of yesterday, do signify to His Excellency that the House is desirous that the Commissions for the Road Commissioners, be forwarded as early as may be convenient after the rising of the House.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, the House came to the Resolution following, Viz :

Whereas, it has been represented that persons are in the habit of frequently removing Dutiable Articles from place to place in this Province, without a Permit for that purpose.

*Resolved*, Therefore, that the Commissioners of the Revenue do direct the Collectors of Impost and Excise, as well for the Port of Halifax as at the Out Ports, to enforce the provisions of the Revenue Law in such cases, and that the Land and Tide Waiters shall be especially directed to make Seizure of all such Dutiable Articles removed without the Permit required by Law.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to acquaint His Excellency that the House of Assembly did, at an early period in the the present Session, take into their serious and respectful consideration, His Excellency's Message of the 16th February, communicating His Excellency's ideas of certain alterations likely to improve the system of expenditure of Public Money upon the Roads, and that the House of Assembly did, by a Bill, provide for the accomplishment of that important object, in a manner conceived by the House to be the most proper and effectual, and sent the Bill to His Majesty's Council for concurrence, which having been disagreed to by that Branch of the Legislature, the Assembly, therefore, had no alternative but to continue the former system, which has been done accordingly.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and to deliver to His Excellency a copy of the various Resolutions which have passed this House in conformity to the respective Messages from His Excellency upon the subject of a College at Halifax : the expenses incurred for opening Roads for the settlement of disbanded Soldiers : the expenses incurred for Supplies to Welch Emigrant Settlers : for the encouragement of Agriculture : for the new Roads in the Western and Eastern parts of the Province ; and for the further improvement and better regulation of the Militia.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Prescott, Mr. Bingay, and Mr. Ruggles, be a committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolutions.

Mr. Albro, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to impose Duties on certain Importations ; and the same was read a first time.

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

*Ordered*,

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

An engrossed Bill to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Picou, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Picou.

An engrossed Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House respecting the pay of the Members.

The Council have agreed to nine Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums, Viz.

£21 to Rachel Martin.

£122 15 for opening Roads to Military Settlements.

£62 14 to H. H. Cogswell.

£25 to Lt. Col. MacColla.

£17 10 to the Door-Keeper of the Assembly.

£90 for Roads to the Welch Settlement, in the County of Shelburne.

£100 to the Clerk of the Assembly.

£20 to the Clerk of the Assembly for Stationary.

£25 to John Lawson, Junr.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Cogswell, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to revive, continue and amend, an Act to provide for the support of a Light-House, at the South end of Coffin's Island, at Liverpool; and the same was read a first time.

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

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill, and also of the Bill to impose Duties on certain Importations.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Prescott took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to impose Duties on certain Importations, and that they had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to revive, continue and amend, an Act to provide for the support of a Light-House at the South end of Coffin's Island, at Liverpool, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the said Bills, and also 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 Light-House Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the Bill to impose Duties on certain Importations be engrossed.

Mr. Ritchie reported further from the joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and

this House, on the subject of the Convention, lately concluded between His Majesty and the United States of America, that the Committee had drawn up a joint Address from His Majesty's Council and this House, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, relative thereto; and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

*The Right Honorable*

GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

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

THE JOINT ADDRESS OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, AND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

*May it please Your Lordship,*

**A**T an early period of the present Session, a joint Committee of both Houses was formed for the purpose of taking into consideration the late Convention concluded with the United States of America, so far as relates to the interests of this Province, together with the general state of the Colonial Commerce.

This committee of both Houses have made a Report, with certain Documents annexed thereto, and both Houses have received such Report, and agreed on a joint Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, humbly begging His Royal Highness to take this Report into His favourable consideration.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, herewith lay before your Lordship, their humble Address to His Royal Highness, accompanied with the Report and Documents referred to, and humbly pray Your Excellency to take the earliest opportunity to transmit this Address, Report and Documents, to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, accompanied with a request that the same may be presented to His Royal Highness on behalf of the Province.

And His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, beg leave to state to Your Excellency, that they have appointed a Committee of both Houses to get this Address and Report printed, which Committee is instructed to deliver to Your Excellency printed copies of the same, which His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly humbly beg Your Excellency, on behalf of the Province, to transmit to the Governor-General, and to each of the Lieutenant-Governors of the North-American Colonies, and to move their attention to the consideration of this very important subject.

*Resolved,* That this House do agree to the said Address, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

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

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved,* That this House will, in its next Session, provide for the payment of one hundred pounds, to be paid to the Owner or Owners of each of the first four Vessels (owned within this Province,) that may be fitted out and actually employed in the Whale Fishery for the space of four months; each Vessel to be of the burthen of one hundred tons or upwards, *provided,* that no Owner or Owners shall be entitled to receive any part of the above sum, unless he or they shall produce satisfactory proof to the Legislature at their next meeting, that the said Vessel or Vessels have been so employed.

*Ordered,* That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Mr.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the expenditure of all Monies granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, subsequent to the year 1814; 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 several Accounts of Expenditures for the service of Roads and Bridges, subsequent to the year 1814, as attentively as they could, considering the great extent of the appropriations, and the immense number of Accounts relating to the same; and it appears to the Committee, that all the Votes of Money to the year 1817 inclusive, have been paid and expended, except the following sums, Viz:

£10 in the year 1813, for a road from the Gut of Annapolis.

£1000 } for Cornwallis Bridge

£9 10 } in the year 1816, for Lower Musquodoboit

£40 } for reducing the Falls over the Main Branch of the River Avon, being a balance of £140 granted for that service: the remainder of the Vote, say £100, has been drawn and expended by Mr. John Manning, the Commissioner, who has charged the Wages at seven shillings and six pence per day, and the Account is in other respects extravagant.

£10 } for a road from Johnstone's to Economy.

£12 6 8 } in the year 1817, for Allen's Creek Bridge.

£60 : } for Road from Cape Negro to Shelburne.

#### VOTES OF 1818.

##### *Halifax District—£1450.*

This sum, except £15 by George Thomson, is stated to have been expended. Several Returns are not yet made, so that the Committee cannot report more fully as to the expenditure, nor does it appear to the Committee that the sum due for Provisions has been applied as directed by the Act appropriating the same to the Road Service.

##### *District of Colchester—£1375.*

All expended (except £15 by Joshua Marsh, Junr.) and Returns made. No Statement of the expenditure of the Provision Money.

##### *District of Pictou—£1415.*

The whole Sum is said to have been expended, but few Returns are yet made by the Commissioners, so that the Committee cannot report on the expenditure.

##### *County of Sydney—£1600.*

All expended except £60 by Elisha Randall, £50 by James Millar, £50 by David Ballantine, £60 by David Martin, the Commissioners.

##### *County of Cumberland—£1360.*

The following Balances remain undrawn, and no Returns of expenditures have been made, £58 7 2 Jesse Lewis, £7 8 11 Richard Black, £15 6 8 Levi Stevens, £27 Daniel M'Farlane, £50 Daniel King, £30 Samuel Williams, £10 William Donkin, the Commissioners.

##### *King's County—£1800.*

Accounts of Expenditure have been received from all the Commissioners.

##### *County of Hants—£1480.*

Accounts of Expenditure have been received from all the Commissioners, except John Williams, for a Vote of £40.

##### *County of Annapolis—£1800.*

Accounts of Expenditure have been received from all the Commissioners, except Andrew Snedgras, for a Vote of £60.

*County*



*County of Lunenburg—£1360.*

Accounts of Expenditure have been returned as required by Law, except by John Findal, for a Vote of £50.

*Queen's County—£1510.*

Accounts of the Expenditure have been returned by all the Commissioners.

*County of Shelburne—£1560.*

Accounts of Expenditure have been returned by all the Commissioners except Jacob Tedford, to whom a Balance is due of £40, and to Jesse Leaf, to whom a Balance remains unpaid of £55.

That the Committee cannot forbear expressing their disapprobation of the Accounts rendered by John Harris, Commissioner for expending the sum of one hundred pounds, part of a Vote of £600, granted in the year 1817, for the the Road from Annapolis by the way of the Sherbrooke Settlement. He has charged for his Labour, and as a Foreman of Labourers, and his Son as a Labourer, and a Foreman of Labourers, at 6s. per day, in overseeing twenty-nine Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, from a Detachment of Troops, employed in repairing the aforesaid Road; their pay at one Shilling and nine pence per day. His charges for himself and his Son amount to one fifth part of the whole pay of the said Detachment. His accounts in other respects not satisfactory: the Committee therefore recommend that the necessary measures be taken to prevent his again being employed as a Commissioner.

That the Committee observe, that in very many of the accounts of expenditure, small balances remain in the hands of Commissioners, and not applied to the Road Service; and they submit to the House whether this impropriety might not be avoided by instructions to the Treasurer.

That the Committee beg leave further to state, that it appears by the accounts of the Commissioners, that, in many instances, charges are made for the purchase of tools and implements to be used in the repair of the Roads, and no statement or document has been returned by which the Committee can receive any information as to the disposition of those Tools and Implements. The Committee recommend to the House to adopt such measures as will compel the Commissioners to take care of them, and to hold the Commissioners responsible for the Tools and Implements, until they shall produce a Certificate from the succeeding Commissioner of their having received the same for the Road Service.

That the Committee take the liberty of stating further to the House, that it appears to the Committee, that, in many instances, the expenditure of the Money for the Road service has been late in the Fall, when the days are short, and the Roads made have not time to settle and become hard, and fit for use, before the frost sets in, and materially affects them. The Committee therefore recommend that the House do apply to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the Commissions for the Road Service may be issued early, with instructions to the Commissioners to expend the money as early as possible.

That the Committee beg leave further to report, that the investigation of the Road Accounts necessarily occupies so much of the time of a Committee of this House, as to interfere with other important business of the House. They therefore submit to the House, the propriety of requiring the Auditor of Accounts to render to this House, in addition to his usual Report, a special Report on the expenditure of the Money granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, with a Schedule of the Names of all the delinquent Commissioners; and also, an accurate statement of all Monies undrawn from the Treasury or unexpended, and each succeeding Report should include the delinquencies of former years, if any.

*Ordered,*

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

On motion, the House took into consideration the subject of Schools, and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the several Townships and Settlements undermentioned, will be entitled to receive the Provincial Allowance for English Schools, under the Law passed in the present Session, Viz :

COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

*Townships of* Dartmouth, Preston, Lawrence Town ;—*Settlements of* Sackville, St. Mary's, Lower Musquodoboit, Upper Shubenaccadie.

DISTRICT OF COLCHESTER.

*Townships of* Truro, Onslow, Londonderry, Economy ;—*Settlements of* Tatamagushe, Musquodoboit, Upper Sewack, Lower Sewack and Shubenaccadie.

DISTRICT OF PICTOU.

*Townships of* Pictou, Egerton, Maxwellton.

KING'S COUNTY.

*Townships of* Cornwallis, Horton, Parrsborough, Aylesford.

COUNTY OF HANTS.

*Townships of* Windsor, Newport, Rawdon, Falmouth, Douglafs ;—*Settlement of* Man of War.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

*Township of* Amherst ;—*Settlements of* Macan and Napan, River Philip, West Chester, Remtheg.

COUNTY OF SYDNEY.

*Townships of* Guysborough, Manchester, Wilmot, St. Mary's ;—*Settlements of* Manchester Road, South River, Morriston, Arisag.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

*Townships of* Liverpool, Guysborough ;—*Settlement of* Brookfield.

COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.

*Townships of* Shelburne, Barrington, Argyle, Yarmouth.

COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

*Townships of* Lunenburg, New Dublin, Chester ;—*Settlements of* Pleasant River, Sherbrooke.

COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

*Townships of* Annapolis, Granville, Wilmot, Clements, Digby, Clare ;—*Settlements of* Dalhousie, Briar and Long Island.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do furnish the Secretary of the Province with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the Bill for the Establishment of Schools, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House.

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

The Speaker having, in conformity with the Resolution of the House of the 12th inst. obtained the Bill which had passed the House and His Majesty's Council, relating to Marriages and the issuing of Marriage Licenses, and having laid the same upon the Table, Mr. Haliburton thereupon moved, that the following clause be added thereto, Viz :

“ *And be it further enacted*, That nothing herein contained, shall be of any force or effect until His Majesty's Pleasure is known herein :” which, being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House, and the said clause was accordingly added to the said Bill, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do deliver the said Bill to the President of His Majesty's Council.

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

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*Thursday, 15th April, 1819.*

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PRAYERS.

On reading the Proceedings of Yesterday, Mr. Haliburton moved, that the Resolution for agreeing to the joint Address of His Majesty's Council and this House, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be rescinded : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, six ; against the motion, fourteen.

For the Motion,

*Mr. Sargent,*  
*Mr. James,*  
*Mr. Haliburton,*  
*Mr. Allison,*  
*Mr. W. A. Chipman,*  
*Mr. Dimock,*

Against the Motion,

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| <i>Mr. R. Dickson,</i> | <i>Mr. Mortimer,</i>      |
| <i>Mr. Cutler,</i>     | <i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>        |
| <i>Mr. Ritchie,</i>    | <i>Mr. Prescott,</i>      |
| <i>Mr. Ruggles,</i>    | <i>Mr. Bingay,</i>        |
| <i>Mr. Lawson,</i>     | <i>Mr. J. I. Chipman,</i> |
| <i>Mr. Crane,</i>      | <i>Mr. Parker,</i>        |
| <i>Mr. Freeman,</i>    | <i>Mr. Warswick.</i>      |

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker reported that he had, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of yesterday, delivered the Bill relating to Marriages and the issuing of Marriage Licences, to the President of His Majesty's Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue an Act, entitled, An Act for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province ; and, also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Picou, — severally, without any amendment.

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

£19 5 to W. K. Reynolds & Co.

£113 6 7 to Enos Collins and others.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the amendment made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read throughout a second time ; and thereupon,

*Resolved,*

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the said amendment, and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

An engrossed Bill to impose Duties on certain Importations, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to impose Duties on certain Importations.

An engrossed Bill to revive, continue and amend, an Act to provide for the support of a Light House at the South end of Coffin's Island at Liverpool, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass and that the title be, An Act to revive, continue and amend, an Act to provide for the support of a Light House at the South end of Coffin's Island, on the Eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour.

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

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Act relating to Marriages and the Issuing of Marriage Licences, to His Majesty's Ministers, for the favorable consideration of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Prescott, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address of this House, and the several Resolutions relative to His Excellency's several Messages to this House, that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency with the said Address and the several Resolutions, pursuant to the Order of the House, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he could not then give an answer to the Address, and the several Resolutions, but that he would take an early opportunity of communicating it to the House in person.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George :  
Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

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

An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the third and fourth years of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within the Province, to maintain their Poor.

An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly now in force relating to a Militia, and in further amendment and alteration of the same.

An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou. }  
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An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Annapolis, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison stationed for the time being in the said Town of Annapolis.

napolis, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors to take charge of the Common ap-  
 pertaining to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act in addition to, and in further amendment of, an Act, passed in the fifty-seventh  
 year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the manner of hold-  
 ing the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in the District  
 of Yarmouth and Argyle, in the County of Shelburne.

An Act to regulate the sale of Goods at Public Auction or Outcry:

An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of  
 His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

An Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise, and for appropriating the same.

An Act for appointing Clerks to the Supreme Court, and Inferior Courts of Common  
 Pleas in the several Counties and Districts within this Province.

An Act relating to Marriages, and the issuing of Marriage Licenses.

An Act for incorporating certain Persons therein mentioned, for Insuring Houses, Build-  
 ings, Goods, Wares and Merchandises, from loss and damage by Fire.

An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes; and to establish  
 Loan Offices in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County.

An Act to amend and continue an Act, entitled, An Act for encouraging the establish-  
 ment of Schools throughout the Province.

An Act to repeal and alter part of an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's  
 Reign, entitled, An Act for Founding, Establishing and Maintaining, an Academy at  
 Picou in this Province.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House to prepare  
 a joint Address of both Houses to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject  
 of the Act relating to Marriage and the issuing of Marriage Licences.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

On motion, *resolved*, That the Committee of this House appointed to prepare an Ad-  
 dress to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the foregoing subject, do join the  
 Committee of His Majesty's Council in preparing a joint Address of both Houses agreeably  
 to the foregoing Message from the Council.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Prescott took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of six thousand pounds  
 should be granted towards completing the Province House, to be drawn for by warrant  
 from the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, on the Treasury, and  
 expended under the direction of the Commissioners appointed for the said Building.

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

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council and desire their con-  
 currence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference by committee on the Cod and Scale Fishery Bill. And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

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

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to impose Duties on certain Importations.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do prepare and bring in a Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

*Friday, 16th April, 1810.*

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of £6000 for the Province House.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, continue and amend, an Act to provide for the support of a Light-House, at the South end of Coffin's Island, on the Eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Light-House Bill, and the same were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do not agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Marriage License Act; that the joint Committee had drawn up an Ad-

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

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

*The Right Honorable*

**GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE,**

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

THE JOINT ADDRESS OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, AND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

*May it please Your Excellency,*

**H**IS Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly beg leave to address Your Excellency, upon the subject of the Act for regulating Marriages, and granting Marriage Licenses, which has passed in the present Session of the General Assembly, in consequence of the numerous Petitions that have been presented, by Protestant Dissenters, in this Province, and which Act contains a Clause suspending its operation until His Majesty's Royal Pleasure shall be known thereon.

His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly are induced to address Your Excellency upon this subject, because they are aware that representations may be made to His Majesty's Ministers, that the Bill has a tendency to injure the Established Church, and confers a right upon persons to perform the Marriage Ceremony, who are not Clergymen of the Church of England. And as His Majesty's Ministers may not possess that minute information of the actual state of this Province, which would enable them to discern the fallacy of such representations, His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly beg leave to state such circumstances to Your Lordship, for the information of His Majesty's Ministers, as may enable them to form a correct opinion of the policy of the measure.

By an Act, passed in the thirty-second year of His late Majesty's Reign, it is enacted:—That any person presuming to officiate, in solemnizing any Marriage, before notice of the parties intention, of Marriage shall be publicly given on three separate Sundays or Holidays, in time of Divine Service, in some Congregation within the Town or Towns where each of the parties do reside, or for which Marriage License shall not have been obtained, under the hand of the Governor, or Commander in Chief of the Province for the time being, shall forfeit and pay, to the use of His Majesty's Government, fifty pounds, to be recovered, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of the Courts of Record within this Province.

It has been adjudged in the Supreme Court of this Province, that all Dissenting Ministers, who publish the Banns of Marriage, in their respective Congregations, agreeably to the term of that Act, are authorized to celebrate Marriages; and such Dissenting Ministers have, for many years, celebrated the Marriage Ceremony within this Province; the present Bill, therefore, does not confer that right upon them, as they possessed and exercised it before.

It has not, however, been the practice for the Governor or Commander in Chief to direct Licenses, authorizing parties to marry without the publication of Banns, to any other Clergymen than those of the Established Church: but as the population of this Province has increased greatly, since the thirty-second year of His late Majesty's Reign, and as the Dissenters now form a very large and respectable majority, comprising upwards of four fifths of His Majesty's subjects in this Province, the Legislature have deemed it just and politic, to extend to them the privilege of marrying by License, as to the Members of the Established Church, for the following reasons, which they request Your Excellency will be pleased to submit to His Majesty's Government.

**FIRST.** Because the Act, passed in His late Majesty's Reign, which established the Church of England, held forth every encouragement to Protestant Dissenters to settle themselves in this Province, and expressly declares, "That Protestants, dissenting from the Church of England, whether they be Calvinists, Lutherans, Quakers, or under what denomination soever, shall have free Liberty of Conscience, and may erect and build Meeting Houses for Public Worship, and may choose and may elect Ministers for the carrying on Divine Service and administration of the Sacraments, according to their several opinions; and all Contract, made between their Ministers and their Congregations for the support of the Ministry, are hereby declared Valid, and shall have their full force and effect according to the tenor and condition thereof; and all such Dissenters shall be excused from any rates or taxes to be made and levied for the support of the Established Church of England?"

**SECONDLY.** Since the passing of this Act, the greater part of the Eastern Division of the Province has been settled by Dissenters, and your Excellency well knows that there is not a single Clergyman of the Established Church, from the Settlement of Sackville, within twelve Miles of Halifax, to the Township of Manchester, at the Eastern extremity of the Province, a distance of nearly two hundred miles, and comprised within its limits a very large portion of the Inhabitants of this division of the Country are either Emigrants, or the Descendants of Emigrants, from Scotland, and the North of Ireland, and generally profess the Presbyterian Religion. Your Excellency is also aware that there is no Clergyman of the Church of England resident in Queen's County on the South Shore, or in the County of Cumberland on the North, and that, with the exception of two Clergymen in the populous County of Lunenburg, and two in the extensive County of Shelburne, the Clergy of the Established Church are confined to Halifax, Hants, King's County, and Annapolis.

**THIRDLY.** That many of the Dissenting Ministers are men of education and respectable characters, and their respective Congregations, even in those Counties where the Clergy of the Established Church reside, are in general more numerous than those of the Church, and are equal to them in point of wealth and respectability of character.

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Your Excellency must perceive from this statement, for the correctness of which His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly will appeal with confidence to Your Excellency's own knowledge of the Country, that, confining Marriage Licenses to the Clergy of the Church of England, created an invidious distinction, which is highly injurious to that venerable Establishment, and grating to the feelings of a large and respectable majority of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province.

Your Excellency is aware that among the higher classes of Society, when they contemplate a Matrimonial Union, there is a general repugnance to that notoriety which the Publication of Banns occasions, and the Legislature themselves have so far recognized this feeling, that they have authorized the Governor, by an Act, passed in the thirty-Eighth year of His present Majesty's reign, to appoint persons to celebrate Marriages by License, in places wherein no Established Clergyman resides. The Dissenters therefore complain, and we think with Justice, that they are obliged to submit to a regulation that is repugnant to their feelings, or comply with a ceremony which does not accord with their faith; and this they deem a violation of that Law which encouraged them to settle themselves in the Country, and which exempted them from all contributions to the Clergy of any other Religion than their own.

His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly are also of opinion, that the appointment of Laymen to celebrate Marriages according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, has a tendency to lessen the respect which should be entertained for every part of our Ritual, particularly as the persons appointed are generally from necessity Dissenters, and as neither the parties who are to be united, or the person who is to perform the ceremony, belong to the Established Church, this sacred ordinance is sometimes treated with levity, and sometimes altered and violated.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly are aware, that it has been observed, that Your Excellency issues the Marriage License now in use, in your capacity an Ordinary, and that it would be absurd for the Ordinary to issue a License or Dispensation to a Dissenting Minister, who does not recognize his authority in that capacity; but they beg leave to observe, that it is an exemption from the penalty imposed by our Provincial Statutes, that is sought by the Dissenters, many of whom came from Scotland, where no such penalty is imposed. And the object of this Bill is to preserve the License now in use for the Clergy of the Established Church, and to authorize Your Excellency, in your capacity of Governor, to grant a License to Dissenters which will relieve them from the penalty imposed by the Law of the Province.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, beg leave to assure Your Excellency, that they proceeded to the consideration of this Bill, with mature deliberation; that it originated at an early period of the Session in the House of Assembly, where it passed unanimously; and was revised and amended in His Majesty's Council, who passed it by a majority of two to one; that it was generally known throughout the Province; that this Bill was under the consideration of the Legislature, yet no Petitions have been presented against it, and His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, think that they may venture to assure Your Excellency, that the principle of it is approved of by the majority of the Members of the Church, as a measure calculated to remove jealousies, and to introduce, and preserve that harmony among persons of different religious persuasions, so essential to the peace and happiness of the Province.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly feel themselves warranted in making the above assertion, as many of the warmest supporters of this Bill, in both Houses, are Members of the Established Church, and profess an ardent attachment to that venerable Institution. The purity of its Doctrine, the pious sentiments and sublime language of its excellent Liturgy, the mild and tolerating spirit of the majority of its Professors, will ever command the attachment of its Members, and the respect even of those who dissent from it; and it can only be injured in the Province of Nova-Scotia, by the misguided zeal of its intemperate friends.

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

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

The Clerk, pursuant to Order, presented to the House an engrossed Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, and the said Bill was read, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Albrow, be a Committee to join Mr. Speaker in the correspondence he is directed to carry on by the joint Report of the Committee of His Majesty's Council and this House, on the subject of the Convention between His Majesty's Government and the United States of America.



On motion, *Resolved*, That this House do unanimously agree in the opinion so generally expressed by former Houses of Assembly, that the jurisdiction exercised by the Instance-Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Province, is grievous and oppressive; and do therefore request Mr. Speaker to continue his correspondence with the Agent of the Province, and to state, that from the manner in which all the official situations in that Court are held, it is more particularly objectionable than at any former period, and most earnestly to solicit His Majesty's Government to abolish that Court.

*Resolved*, That the above named Committee do join Mr. Speaker upon the subject above-mentioned.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, continue and amend, an Act to provide for the support of a Light-House at the South end of Coffin's Island, on the Eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and amendment of an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have appointed the Honorable the Treasurer, the Attorney-General, and James Frazer, a Committee for the purpose of uniting with a Committee to be appointed by the House of Assembly, to take such measures as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects expressed by the joint Address of both Houses to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the late Convention with the United States of America, and the other objects reported on by the joint Committee of both Houses in the present Session.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

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

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Prescott, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

On motion, the engrossed Bill from the Council, in further addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors; 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 accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

to them referred, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

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

*Ordered*, That the amendment be engrossed.

*Resolved*, That the Bill with the amendment be read a third time.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment made by the Council to the Liverpool Light-House Bill, and the same was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the said amendment, and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten of the clock.

*Saturday, 17th April, 1819.*

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of His present Majesty's Reign; entitled, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors; and also, the engrossed amendment, were read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Cogswell moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, *Viz.*

Whereas the improvement of the New Road leading from Dartmouth to Colchester Road, will much promote the convenience of the Eastern parts of the Province; and whereas the Money due from the County of Halifax for Grain, Flour, Meal, &c. supplied to indigent Settlers, has not yet been applied to the Road Service, under the Provisions of the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly for that purpose: *Resolved*, that the sums so due, be applied to the use and service of the above mentioned Road, under the direction of the Commissioner of the said Road; which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the amendment made by this House to the Insolvent Debtors Bill.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, continue and amend, an Act to provide for the support of a Light-House, at the South end of Collin's Island, on the Eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House on the subject of the Whale Fishery, and also,

The Resolution relative to the road from Dartmouth to the Colchester road.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, That the Real Estate belonging to John Thomas,

Esq. of Liverpool, subject to a Judgment obtained in the Supreme Court, at the suit of the King, (he being a public delinquent) be immediately Sold, and that the determination of this House be made known to the Commissioners of the Revenue.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That the Clerk of this House do procure, against the next Session, Robes for the Speaker and himself, and also a Mace: for the payment of which this House will provide. And also, that a Chair be provided for the Chairman when the House is in Committee.

Mr. Haliburton moved, That the House do come to the following Resolution, Viz:

Whereas, it has been represented that several of the Sheriffs and Collectors of Impost and Excise in this Province, execute their respective Offices without having given security, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the manner of taking Bonds of Sheriffs, and Collectors of Impost and Excise, and of the Treasurer of the Province. *Resolved*, therefore, that the Speaker of this House do apply to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor upon this subject, and request that His Excellency will be pleased to Order such steps to be taken as will enforce the Provisions of the said Act, and that he will be pleased to appoint other persons to fill the Offices of such delinquent Sheriffs and Collectors—which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, Viz.

An Act in further addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An Act to revive, continue and amend, an Act, to provide for the support of a Light House at the South end of Coffin's Island, on the Eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour.

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

An Act for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province.

The President of His Majesty's Council then presented to His Excellency the Joint Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, to His Excellency, on the subject of the Convention lately concluded between His Majesty and the United States of America; and also, the Address to His Excellency relative to the Act respecting Marriage Licenses: to which Addresses His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would take the earliest opportunity of complying with the request of the Council and the House, as expressed therein.

After which, Mr. Speaker spake as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

I BEG leave to present to Your Excellency, on the behalf of His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Nova-Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in the present Session for the support of His Majesty's Government for the present year, and to request Your Excellency's Assent to the same.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill following, Viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies

Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech :—

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

I HAVE observed, with great satisfaction, the zealous and continued attention which you have given to the Public service during this unusually long Session of Assembly. Your loyal Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the death of Her late Majesty the QUEEN, has been transmitted to His Majesty's Secretary of State.

It is now my duty to express my sentiments on the measures which have come under your discussion, and particularly those which appeared to me to deserve your serious consideration.

The means you have provided for the founding a College in Halifax, and for the forming a Provincial Agricultural Society, are, I trust, sufficient to enable me to accomplish the first object ; and to meet with effect, in the other, the desire of the Country to promote its Agriculture : I do entertain a confident hope that both of these Institutions will prove, in time, to be sources of great and permanent advantage to the Province.

I regret that the alterations I suggested for your consideration, in the system of Militia, and for the improvement of the Public Roads, have not been adopted ; I regret this the more, that I had been led to entertain better hopes in the commencement of the Session, and because I have seen that my intentions have been entirely misunderstood on both subjects.

I thank you for the Supplies granted for the Public Services of the year, and particularly for the means you have placed at my disposal upon the new line of Road from Annapolis.

I observe, with regret, that the Appropriation Act contains a Vote which I could not approve under any circumstances, much less under the difficulties which are felt in a Revenue inadequate to the wants of the Public Service. I mean the addition of Pay to Members of the House of Assembly ; upon that point, however, I have yielded my own opinion in deference to that of the other two Branches of the Legislature.

I have nothing now to recommend to you more earnestly, than that, in returning to your homes, you would animate in your respective Counties, the same loyal spirit which has distinguished your proceedings in Assembly ; and that you would encourage that spirit of industry and improvement in Agriculture, which appears to be general at this time in the Province.

DALHOUSIE.

Afterwards the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's Command, said :

GENTLEMEN,

IT is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this General Assembly be Prorogued to Thursday, the fifteenth Day of July next, to be then here held ; and this General Assembly is accordingly Prorogued to Thursday, the fifteenth Day of July next.