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PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT GENERAL

SIR JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,

Knight of the Most Honourable 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.

WHEREAS the *General Assembly* of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday the 16th instant:—

And *Whereas* the exigency of Public Affairs requires that the same be Convened without delay :

I have thought fit, further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, until Tuesday, the 21st July, instant, 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 1st day of July, 1812, in the 52d year of His Majesty's Reign.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. H. COGSWELL.

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Tuesday, 21st July, 1812.

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

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

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

And being returned,

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

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

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

THE Government of the United States of America having declared War against the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland and her Dependencies, I have felt it my duty to convene the General Assembly on this occasion; as from the local situation of the Province its safety and interests are likely to be so materially affected by this event.

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

I fully confide in your liberality and wisdom to make the necessary provision for the extra Pay allowed by the Statute for the Militia when embodied, (part of which Force I have already directed to be called into Actual Service) and for such other expences as the Security of the Province, at this important crisis, may demand.

Every facility in my power shall be given to afford you such information as you may wish, relative to the receipts and expenditure of the Public Money since you last met, and upon all other subjects which you may require.

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

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

I shall rely upon your assiduous exertions to expedite the public business as much as possible, and I make no doubt but you will agree with me in the necessity of putting the Province into such a respectable state of defence as shall ensure its security against any attack which may be meditated against it.—This necessary duty performed, I shall have great pleasure in releasing you from further attendance for the present.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee to prepare an answer to His Excellency's Speech.

James Lent, Esq. Member for the County of Shelburne, took his Seat, having previously taken the usual oaths, and subscribed the usual declaration, at the table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Wednesday, 22d July, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pyke, (Quarter-Master General of Militia) delivered to the House an Account of Arms and Accoutrements delivered to the Militia from the 22d April last, to the 17th instant, amounting to £3011 2 2½.

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the Table.

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

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight of the Most Honorable 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.

May it Please your Excellency,

WE, the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal People of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session, and for convening the General Assembly on the occasion of the War declared by the Government of the United States of America, against the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and her Dependencies: a War by which the safety and interest of this Province are likely to be materially affected.

We thank your Excellency for the assurances you have made us relative to the receipts and expenditure of the Public Money; and your Excellency may rely upon our making such Provision for the Services recommended in your Excellency's Speech, as the importance of those Services requires.

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We shall use our utmost exertions to expedite the Public Business and most cheerfully adopt such measures as shall be necessary to put the Province in the best possible state of defence.

We have great satisfaction in assuring your Excellency of the loyal and affectionate attachment of our Constituents to His Majesty's Person and Government; and we have the most entire confidence, that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, and the powerful protection of the Parent State their patriotism and spirit, guided by the greatly distinguished talents to which the command of this Province is intrusted, will be adequate to the preservation of the security and tranquility it has so long enjoyed.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Purdy, Mr. Wiswall and Mr. Crane be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Mr. Speaker read to the House a Letter which he had received from Mr. Warwick, Member for Digby, requesting to be excused from his attendance in the House this Session: and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Warwick be excused from his attendance accordingly.

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

Thursday, 23d July, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Purdy reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know 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 a quarter before two of the clock, at the Government House.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to inform his Excellency, that the House are desirous of immediately proceeding to the consideration of the several subjects recommended to them in his Excellency's Speech; and to request that his Excellency will be pleased to cause such Estimates for the Services contemplated by his Excellency, as he shall be of opinion will be necessary to be performed, to be laid before the House; and that the Committee be further instructed to receive from his Excellency any information which his Excellency may think proper to communicate for the information of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

And being returned,

Mr.

Mr. Speaker reported that his Excellency had been pleased to give this answer:

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

YOUR present Address is peculiarly gratifying to me, and demands my sincere thanks.

I shall place the fullest reliance upon the loyalty and patriotism of your Constituents, and in your own zealous exertions for the public good, to enable me to repel any attempts which may be made by the Enemy upon the Coasts of this Province.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

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

Friday, 24th July, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pyke presented to the House an Abstract from Mr. Treasurer Wallace of the Receipts, and Payments made, at the Provincial Treasury, between the 31st December, 1811, and the 21st July, 1812, amounting to £14 340 9 8¹/₂.

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee appointed, by the Resolution of yesterday, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that the Committee had waited on his Excellency accordingly, and that his Excellency had been pleased to communicate certain information to the said Committee, which information he reported to the House; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that a Supply be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government: and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a Supply accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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 Nine of the Clock.

Saturday, 25th July, 1812

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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 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 the same 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 not exceeding Eight Thousand Pounds should be granted for erecting Block Houses, and other temporary Works, at the most exposed points; and for providing and arming Boats, and for defraying the incidental Expenses incurred by this species of Defence for the security of the Province; and for erecting Telegraphs, Signal Posts, or other means of communication, from one part of the Province to the other, to be placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Twelve Thousand Pounds should be granted for the Extra Pay, pursuant to the Law of the Province, of the Non-Commissioned Officers, Trumpeters, Drummers, Fifers and Private Men of the Militia, now about to be embodied.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Pounds, should be granted, to be expended, in case his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor shall find it necessary, on any extraordinary occasion, to call into actual service, the whole or any further part of the Militia, for the Extra Pay of such Militia, pursuant to Law.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Sixty Five Pounds should be granted to defray the expense of a Clerk for the Paymaster General of the Militia, at the rate of seven shillings and six pence per day.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Sixty Five Pounds should be granted to defray the expense of a Clerk for the Adjutant General of Militia and the Quarter Master General of Militia, at the rate of seven shillings and six pence per day.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, should be granted for defraying the expense of transporting Arms and Ammunition from the Capital to the several parts of the Province, for the use of the Militia.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Forty Pounds should be granted for defraying the expense of Stationary and Printing for the Militia.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, should be granted to defray the expense of Medical Attendance on the Militia Men when embodied.

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

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

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

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. Sargent took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and 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, towards raising the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Defence of the Province, the sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds should be raised by Loan, to be charged upon the Revenue of the Province, with Interest at the rate of Six per cent. to be paid half yearly.

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 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 foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council for 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. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Monday, 27th July, 1812.

PRAYERS.

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. Sargent took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the several Resolutions of this House of Saturday last, for granting certain Sums of Money for the Service of the Militia, and the Defence of the Province.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for raising the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds by Loan. The

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the General Defence of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Lawson, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wiswall 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 to consider further of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that an additional Excise Duty of Four Pence per Gallon, should be levied and paid on all Rum; and Nine Pence per Gallon on all other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, now on hand, or hereafter to be imported into the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that an additional Excise Duty of Nine Pence per Gallon should be levied and paid on all Wine now on hand, or hereafter to be imported into this Province.

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 Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Haliburton, do prepare and bring in a Bill conformably to the foregoing Resolutions.

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

Tuesday, 28th July, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wiswall reported from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for laying an additional Excise Duty on Wine, Rum, &c. and accordingly presented a Bill for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue, to defray the Expence of the War, and the same was read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee, on the subject matter of the last Conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Dimock, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wiswall 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 to consider further of the Bill for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expence of the War.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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.

Wednesday, 29th July, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to obtain, on the part of the Province, a Loan of Thirty Thousand Pounds, required by the Province, the Interest of which Sum shall be paid half yearly—for the payment of which Interest, and liquidating the Principal, certain additional Duties shall be exclusively appropriated.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House, on the subject of a Loan for Thirty Thousand Pounds.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee to join the Committee of the Council, agreeably to the Resolution of the House, and that they do meet the said Committee of the Council accordingly.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expence of the War.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further 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.

A Petition of James Hall was presented by Mr. Robie, and read, praying for the restoration of Two Bales of Cloths, detained by the Collector of Impost and Excise at Lunenburg.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Thursday, 30th July, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expence of the War.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Shaw took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for authorizing the Issuing of Province Notes : and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Friday,

Friday, 31st July, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Bill, for authorising the Issuing of Province Notes : was read a second time.
Resolved, That 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. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Saturday, 1st August, 1812.

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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for authorising the Issuing of Province Notes, 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.

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.

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

Monday, 3^d August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

An Engrossed Bill for authorising the Issuing of Treasury Notes, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to authorise the Issuing of Province Notes. Mr.

Mr. Mortimer moved that the Bill be not, at present, sent to the Council for concurrence : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twelve, against it sixteen.

For the motion,		Against the motion,	
Mr. MORTIMER,	Mr. CHIPMAN,	Mr. LAWSON,	Mr. SHAW,
Mr. ROBIE,	Mr. ARCHIBALD,	Mr. CRANE,	Mr. LENT,
Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. HALIBURTON,	Mr. RUDOLF,	Mr. PURDY,
Mr. MARSTERS,	Mr. ROACH,	Mr. SARGENT,	Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. PRYOR,	Mr. KENT,	Mr. RITCHIE,	Mr. MANNING,
Mr. HARRIS	Mr. PYKE,	Mr. PARKER,	Mr. MARSHALL,
		Mr. BISHOP,	Mr. BAKER,
		Mr. FREEMAN,	Mr. COLLINS.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to appoint Commissioners to Borrow Thirty Thousand Pounds on the part of the Province : and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, that the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill to authorize the Issuing of Province Notes.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Archibald 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.

Pursuant to leave given, Mr. Haliburton presented a Bill to regulate the expenditure of money granted for the additional payment of the Militia, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Tuesday, 4th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to appoint Commissioners to borrow Thirty Thousand Pounds on the part of the Province ; and also,

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A Bill to regulate the expenditure of money granted for the additional payment of the Militia, were severally read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell;

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Issuing of Province Notes.

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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to appoint Commissioners to Borrow Thirty Thousand Pounds on the part of the Province; and also the Bill for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue, to defray the Expence of the War, and that they had had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively—and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with their amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

Wednesday, 5th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to appoint Commissioners to borrow Thirty Thousand Pounds on the part of the Province, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Robie moved, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The said amendments 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.

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An engrossed Bill to appoint Commissioners to borrow Thirty Thousand Pounds on the part of the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be. An Act to appoint Commissioners to Borrow Twenty Thousand Pounds on the part of the Province; and to authorise the Issuing of Treasury Notes.

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

An Engrossed Bill for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expence of the War, was read a third 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. Shaw took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the Bill, entitled, An Act to appoint Commissioners to borrow Twenty Thousand Pounds on the part of the Province, &c.

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. Wifwall, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Haliburton, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned.

Mr. Wifwall 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 to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Shaw took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Thursday, 6th August, 1812

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Shaw took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, unanimously, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform him that the House hath received information that the Coast of the Province, particularly the Eastern part thereof, is much exposed to the depredations of the Enemy's Privateers; and that before any measures can be adopted by the House to prevent them, serious losses may be sustained; and to request his Excellency would be pleased to make application to the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Navy on this Station, that some Armed Vessels, of which there are several recently taken from the Enemy now lying in this Harbour, may be manned, and sent out for the Protection of the Coast, in case that none of his Majesty's Ships can conveniently be employed on that Service.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Parker, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Roach and Mr. Sargent, be a Committee for the above 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. Crane 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 it in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, should be drawn by warrant on the Treasury, by the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, and paid into the hands of Commissioners to be appointed by him, to be appropriated and applied in Bounties, not exceeding Five Guineas to each man, to induce Seamen to enter into the Service of His Majesty. *Provided always*, That no part of the said sum shall be paid to any person but such as shall, without impressment, voluntarily enter and go on board some of His Majesty's Ships of War on this Station.

Resolved. That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Rents of the Market House in the Town of Halifax, now in the hands of the Commissioners, amounting to the sum of Eight Hundred Pounds, should be paid into the Treasury of the Province, and applied towards the defence of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, should be authorized to draw, by warrant from the Treasury in favor of such person or persons, as he may think proper, a sum not exceeding

exceeding four hundred pounds, to be applied by the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, in paying such person or persons, as may by him be appointed, as Deputy Paymaster or Paymasters to the Militia. *Provided*, that no one Paymaster shall be allowed to receive any larger sum than two shillings and six pence per day.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifteen Pounds should be granted to the Reverend Robert Stanfer, for his services as Chaplain to His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty Five Pounds should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly for his services during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-Five Pounds should be granted to the Clerk of the Council for his services during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifteen Pounds should be granted to John Angus, for his Services as Serjeant at Arms to the House of Assembly during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Seven Pounds should be granted to the Door-Keeper of His Majesty's Council for his attendance during the present Session.

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

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the resolution of this Day, respecting the protection of the Coast of the Province, that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency accordingly, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would consult with the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Naval Forces, on this Station, on the said subject, and otherwise do all in his power to perfect the wishes of the House, and protect the shores of the Province.

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

Friday, 7th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that his Excellency will be pleased to direct the several Collectors of His Majesty's Customs to lay before this House, at their next Sessions, and annually thereafter, a return of the number of Ships, Vessels, and Crews and the Exports from the Province of all Denominations, to Great Britain, the West Indies and Elsewhere.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Fryor, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Marshall, be a Committee for the above 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. Shaw took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell, acquainted the House that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to this House, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House: and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly:—

The repetition of Criminal Offences, of a Capital Nature, in different parts of the Province, has made it necessary that I should, from time to time, order proper persons to attend as Counsel on behalf of the Crown, to prosecute such criminals before the Courts competent to take cognizance of such Offences in different parts of the Province: I therefore request that you will make the necessary provision to enable me, from time to time to pay a reasonable compensation to such professional persons as I may have occasion to order, to perform the foregoing services.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

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

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and request that his Excellency will be pleased to direct the Attorney General to prosecute all such Collectors of Impost and Excise at the Out-Ports of the Province, who are reported, by the joint Committee of the Council and House of Assembly last Session, as Delinquents, and who shall fail to close their Accounts, and secure the Balances, by the 31st day of December next.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Manning, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to appoint Commissioners to borrow Twenty Thousand Pounds on the part of the Province; and to authorise the Issue of Treasury Notes, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the amendments made by the Council to the Bill above-mentioned were read by the Clerk: and thereupon,

Resolved, That the consideration of the amendments to the Title, and to the

the first and second Clauses of the said Bill, be deferred to this day Three Months.

Resolved, That this House do not agree to the several other amendments made by the Council, but adhere to their Bill as originally sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council; and also acquaint them with the foregoing Resolutions of the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to appoint Commissioners to Borrow Twenty Thousand Pounds on the part of the Province : and to authorise the Issuing of Treasury Notes.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Saturday, 8th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pryor reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Resolution of Yesterday, on the subject of the Navigation and Exports of the Province, that the Committee had, pursuant to order, waited upon, and delivered to his Excellency, the said Resolution, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say that he would give the necessary directions to the Collectors of the Customs respecting the same.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Resolution of Yesterday, on the subject of the Out-Port Collectors, that the Committee had, pursuant to order, waited upon, and delivered to his Excellency the said Resolution : and that his Excellency had been pleased to say that he would direct the Attorney-General to carry into effect the request of the House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which 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 under the Exigencies of the Times it may be expedient to appoint Commissioners to Borrow Money for the Use of the Province, from time to time as his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or the Commander in Chief for the time being, may require it, and that a clause to that effect should be added to the Bill for granting to his Majesty an additional Revenue for the Defence of the Province. The

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

On motion, the Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House of the 7th instant, was read by the Clerk, and the House having proceeded to the consideration of the said Message, thereupon,

Resolved, That the following answer in the form of an address be delivered to his Excellency by a committee of this House, viz.

May it please your Excellency :

THE House of Assembly beg leave to assure your Excellency, that they feel great concern in not being able in the present Session, fully to consider your Excellency's Message, on the subject of Criminal Offenders, sent to this House on the 7th instant, being anxiously and wholly engaged in providing means to enable your Excellency to defend the Province, and therefore request your Excellency to rely on the assurance of this House, that, at their next meeting, they will resume the consideration of your Excellency's Message, and adopt such measures as they may think expedient to remove the Evil therein stated.

The House of Assembly further assure your Excellency that they highly appreciate the unremitting and minute attention of your Excellency, to the Interest and welfare of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Crane, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

Monday, 10th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robie moved that the three following clauses be added to the engrossed Bill for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expence of the War, which Bill was read a third time on Wednesday the 5th instant, viz.

Be it therefore Enacted, That Foster Hutchinson, George Grassie, and Winckworth Allan, Esquires, are hereby appointed Commissioners to borrow, from time to time, such Sum or Sums of Money, as the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, shall direct, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of £20,000, which money, so to be borrowed, shall be applied to the payment of the several appropriations made this Session, for the defence of the Province.

And be it further Enacted, That the Monies to be raised by virtue of the Duties hereby imposed, shall be appropriated, and applied, to the payment and discharge of the Monies, so to be borrowed, with the Interest thereof; and also to the payment of such part of the several appropriations, made this Session for the defence of the Province, as shall not be paid and discharged by the Monies so to be borrowed.

And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force, until the said Monies, with the Interest thereof, shall be paid off and discharged, and also until such parts of the appropriations, made this Session, as shall not otherwise be paid

paid, shall be paid and discharged, and no longer ;—which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative ; and thereupon,

The said clauses were engrossed, and thrice read by the Clerk ; and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, and made part of the said Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expense of the War : and to appoint Commissioners to borrow Money for the Use of the Province.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, and the same was read a first time.

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

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. Pyke 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. Crane reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address of this House, in answer to his Excellency's Message of the 7th instant, respecting Criminal Offences, that the Committee had, pursuant to order, waited upon, and delivered to his Excellency, the said Address accordingly.

An engrossed Bill to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to empower the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee on the subject of the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue, to defray the Expense of the War, &c.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Chipman, 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.

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

Tuesday, 11th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expense of the War, and to appoint Commissioners to borrow Money for the use of the Province—without any amendment.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes.

And then the messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Chipman, 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.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further 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 the sum of Fifteen Pounds should be granted to the Keeper of the House of Assembly and the Council Chamber, for her services in the present Session.

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

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

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Province Notes—without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to eight Resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, Viz:

750l. for bounties to Seamen.

25l. to the Clerk of the Council.

25l. to the Clerk of the Assembly.

15l. to the Chaplain to the Council and Assembly.

15l. to the Sergeant at Arms of the Assembly.

15l. to the Keeper of the Council Chamber and House of Assembly.

7l. to the Door Keeper of the Council.

400l. to the Deputy Paymasters of the Militia.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House for appropriating the Rents of the Market House at Halifax.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, upon which they had framed a Bill for applying certain Monies to the purposes therein mentioned—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the Resolutions and Clauses therein contained were severally read throughout, a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On motion the said Bill was read a first time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill for applying certain Monies to the purposes therein mentioned, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for applying certain Monies to the purposes therein mentioned.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies to the Purposes therein mentioned.

And then the messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wiswall 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 Two of the Clock.

Wednesday, 12th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

The House met, and adjourned until To-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, 13th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies to the purposes therein mentioned : with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved, unanimously*, That this House will not consider the amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill above mentioned, but adhere to the Bill as originally sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies to the purposes therein mentioned.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said Conference.

And

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wiswall reported that the managers had been at the Conference, and that they had received a written Paper from the Committee of the Council, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz.

“His Majesty's Council having received, from the House of Assembly, a Message, informing the Council, that the House will not consider the amendments proposed by the Council, to a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies to the purposes therein mentioned, the Council have, therefore, requested this Conference, for the purpose of receiving an explanation of the causes which have induced the House to deny the right of His Majesty's Council to amend the Bill received from the House of Assembly.”

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the said Paper: and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Message be sent to His Majesty's Council, in answer to the Paper received in Conference, as follows, viz.

The House of Assembly do not admit that His Majesty's Council have any Right to demand from the House the Reasons which induced the House to refuse to consider the amendment proposed by His Majesty's Council to the Appropriation Bill: yet, as the acts of the House are always influenced by Reasons, which the House can never be unwilling to disclose, the House has no hesitation in informing His Majesty's Council, that the House refused to consider the proposed amendment, because the substance of that amendment had before been suggested by the Council, in conference, and not agreed to by the House; of which dissent His Majesty's Council had been informed. The House also refused to consider it because, even admitting that it is not an amendment to a Money Bill, the House are unanimously of opinion, that the amendment proposed is insulting to the Speaker and the Members of the House: but as the House was not willing to suppose that His Majesty's Council intended to propose an offensive amendment, it was thought best, by refusing again to consider it, to prevent the altercation, a discussion might have produced.

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee, on the subject matter of the last Conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said Conference, and that they also deliver to the Committee of the Council, the Resolution of this House in answer to the Paper received from them in conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wiswall reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and, pursuant to the order of the House, delivered to the Committee of the Council, the answer to the Paper received from them.

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

Friday, 14th August, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Message from His Majesty's Council, by Mr. Cogswell, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies to the purposes therein mentioned—but declare, unanimously, that the consideration of the present State of the Province, alone induces them to submit to measures, so subversive of the Principles of Constitutional Legislation : the House of Assembly having, by Message, announced to the Council, that the House would not take into its consideration, an amendment which the Council considered it their duty to make to a Bill, originating in the House, would, if submitted to by the Council, totally annihilate the Legislature of the Province : the House, therefore, are not to receive the assent of His Majesty's Council to this Bill, as a precedent, that can, in any shape convey an acquiescence, on the part of the Council, to an assumption of Power, on the part of the House, that were it not for the present situation of Public Affairs, the Council would consider itself bound to resist to the last extremity.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved, unanimously*, that this House, in refusing to consider the amendment proposed by His Majesty's Council to the Act of Appropriation, exercised their Constitutional Right, and did not assume a power which they do not possess.

Resolved, unanimously, That this House can never admit it to be the right of His Majesty's Council, to amend a Money Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following, *Viz* :—

An Act for granting to His Majesty an additional Revenue to defray the expense of the War : and to appoint Commissioners to borrow Money for the Use of the Province.

An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

May it please your Excellency,

I BEG leave to present to your Excellency, on the behalf of the Commons of Nova Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies, granted in the present Session, for the Support of His Majesty's Government, and to request your Excellency's assent to the same.

His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the said Bill following, *viz*,

An Act for applying certain Monies to the Purposes therein mentioned.

His

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 :—

THE critical situation in which this Province was placed by the unexpected declaration of War, on the part of the United States of America, imposed upon me the duty of calling you together, to provide for the public safety, at a season when I am aware it must have been very inconvenient to many of you to have quitted your homes ; I cannot, therefore, dismiss the General Assembly, without offering the Members my acknowledgments for their ready attendance on this occasion.

I have further, Gentlemen, to return you my best thanks for the liberal Supplies you have so cheerfully granted, and which will, I trust, be applied in such a manner, as (under the blessing of Divine Providence) fully to answer the important ends for which they were intended.

Trusting to your patriotism and judgment, I feel confident that you will, both by your advice and example, afford every encouragement to those sentiments of loyalty and public spirit which have already manifested themselves among the inhabitants of your respective Districts, and a continuation of which will be, at this period, so honourable to them, and so necessary to the preservation of this Province.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

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 Twelfth Day of November next : to be then here held ; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Twelfth day of November next.