



# JOURNALS AND VOTES

OF THE

HOUSE of ASSEMBLY,  
For the Province of *Nova-Scotia*.



Tuesday *April* 20th, 1773.

THE House being met, a Message came from his Excellency the Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber.

The House met. Message from the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, and the House attended accordingly, and being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council-Chamber; where his Excellency was pleased to make the following *SPEECH* to both Houses.

The House attend in the Council Chamber.

*Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly,*

“ I Have been very desirous of meeting you early; that there might be sufficient Time for you to deliberate on the best Measures to pursue, in the present Circumstances of the Province; before the annual Acts expire.

His Excellency's Speech.

“ The unexpected Severity of this Season prevented your meeting as soon as I wished, but, I hope you will be able to dispatch the most material Business; before the approaching Season shall require your Attention to domestick Concerns.

“ The proper Officers shall lay before you the Papers necessary for your Inspection. And I shall communicate to you  
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“ by Message, such further Matters as may arise from the Nature of the Business, which will come under your Consideration, during the Proceedings of this Session.”

Address ordered.

*Ordered*, That an Address in Answer to his Excellency the Governors Speech, be prepared, to thank his Excellency for his Speech from the Chair, and to assure his Excellency that this House will with Zeal for the Publick Service, take under Consideration the best Measures to be pursued for the welfare of the Province, under its present Circumstances; that this House will also pay due Attention to all such Matters as his Excellency shall be pleased to lay before it by Message.

And that as the Urgency of the present Season of the Year requires the utmost Dispatch, the House doubt not his Excellency's Readiness to second its Wishes for that purpose.

Mr. Scob and Mr. Philipps, Members returned for the County of Halifax, admitted.

*W. H. South*, Esq; and *Mr. John Philipps*, returned as Members for the County of *Halifax*, having taken the Oaths before his Majesty's Council, to qualify them, were admitted, and took their Seats accordingly.

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

Wednesday April 21st, 1773.

Address reported.

According to Order, the Address to his Excellency the Governor, in Answer to his Excellency's Speech of yesterday, having been prepared was read, and agreed to;

Presented.

Mr. Speaker, and the Members waited on his Excellency, and presented the same as follows;

To his Excellency the Right Honorable

**LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL,**

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

*The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Assembly,*

*May it please your Excellency,*

“ **W**E his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of this Province met in *General-Assembly*,  
“ bly,

“ bly, give your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech from  
“ the Chair, and beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we  
“ shall with zeal for the publick Service, take under Consider-  
“ ation the best Measures to be pursued for the Welfare of the  
“ Province, under its present Circumstances.

“ We shall also pay due Attention to all such Matters as your  
“ Excellency shall be pleased to lay before us by Message.

“ The Urgency of the present Season of the Year, requires  
“ the utmost Dispatch, and we doubt not your Excellency’s  
“ Readiness to second our Wishes for that Purpose.

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following  
A N S W E R.

“ GENTLEMEN,

“ **Y**OUR Assurances of paying due Attention to the present  
“ State of the Province, and those Matters which may  
“ be layed before you, gives me great Satisfaction; I shall con-  
“ cur with you in every thing that may promote the speediest  
“ Dispatch of Business for your immediate return to those Occu-  
“ pations, which the present Season of the Year may require.”

His Excellency's  
Answer.

Mr. Secretary of the Province, by Order of his Excellency  
the Governor, acquainted the House, “ That his Excellency de-  
“ fires they would proceed to a revision of the Revenue Laws, in  
“ Order to amend such Defects as have been found therein, and  
“ continue those Laws, and the Estimate of Expences for the  
“ Support of Government, to the End of the present Year, in or-  
“ der that at a Session to be held early in the Fall, when all the  
“ Members may be able to attend, such further Measures may  
“ be taken for the above Purposes, as shall seem proper to the  
“ Legislature.

Message from the  
Governor.

And the House having taken the said Message into Con-  
sideration,

*Resolved*, That the several Laws, relating to the Duties of  
Import and Excise, on Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous  
Liquors, Cider, Loaf Sugar and Wines,

Considered.

Resolutions thereon.

The License Act.

And the Act for raising a Fund for making and repairing  
Bridges and Roads, be continued to the 31st of *December* next.

*Resolved*, That the Estimate of Expences for the Support of  
Government be also continued to the 31st. of *December* next.

*Resolved*, That a Conference be desired by a Committee of  
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this House, and a Committee of his Majesty's Council, to consider of such Amendments as are necessary to be made to the Impost and Excise Acts :

And his Majesty's Council having agreed to the said Conference.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fillis*, Mr. *Bridge*, and Mr. *Denson*, be a Committee of this House for that Purpose

Then adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 a Clock.

Thursday *April* 22d, 1773.

Report of the Committee of Conference.

The Committee of this House appointed to confer with a Committee of Council, to take into Consideration such Amendments as are necessary to be made to the Impost and Excise Acts, *Reported* Heads of a Bill for that Purpose, and the same were read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be prepared accordingly.

Bill for amending and continuing Act for Bridges and Roads.

A Bill for amending and continuing an Act, made in the 12th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication, thro' the Province ;

Bill for continuing license Act.

And a Bill for further continuing the several Acts, relating to the Duty on licensed Houses.

Presented.

Were presented to the House, and read,

And passed.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass,

*Ordered*, That they be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

The Treasurer of the Province by Order of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House, the several publick Accounts to the 31st of *March* last.

*Ordered*, That they lie on the Table.

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

Friday,

Friday April 23d, 1773.

According to Order, a Bill in further Amendment of the several Acts of the *General-Assembly* of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for continuing an Act made in the 12th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act in Amendment of, and for continuing the several Acts of the GENERAL-ASSEMBLY of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise, on Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Cider, Loaf Sugar, and Wines therein mentioned.*

Bill for continuing  
Impost and Excise  
Acts.

Was presented to the House and read,

Presented,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Passed.

Ordered, That it be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

A Memorial from sundry Persons concern'd in the Boat Fishery, was presented to the House and read, complaining of several Injuries suffer'd by the Memorialists, for Want of a Law for regulating the said Fishery.

Memorials from  
sundry Persons con-  
cerned in the Boat  
Fishery.

And another Memorial having been presented from sundry other Persons, desiring to be heard on the Subject of the said Memorial.

Presented.

Was also read,

Read.

And the House having taken the said Memorials into Consideration.

Consider'd.

Ordered, That the Memorialists be directed to attend the House To-morrow Morning.

Order thereon.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Bill *for amending and continuing the Act for making and repairing Bridges and Roads, &c.*

Bills agreed to by  
the Council.

To the Bill for further continuing the Duty on licensed Houses,

And to the Bill for continuing the Duties of Impost and Excise on Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Cider, Loaf Sugar and Wines.

A Memorial from *John Woodin*, Master of the Work-House and Poor-House, in the Town of *Halifax*, was read setting forth, that he has maintained a Number of poor, old, sick and lame

Memorial from *John  
Woodin.*

lame People in said House, who have not any legal Settlement in the Province, for which he has not received any Allowance since *January 1772*, and praying the House to take the same into Consideration.

And the House having accordingly taken the Merits of the said Memorial into Consideration.

Vote thereon.

*Voted*, That there be paid to the said *John Woodin*, the Sum of One Hundred and Forty Three Pounds One Shilling, for Provisions supplied to the poor, old, sick, and lame People in the Poor-House, who have not any legal Settlement.

*Ordered*, That this Vote be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

Memorial from Dr. *Thomas Reeve*.

A Memorial from Dr. *Thomas Reeve*, was presented to the House and Read, setting forth that he has attended a Number of Sick, and Hurt poor People of the Province, to whom he has given constant Attendance every Day, and furnished them Medecines, and praying an Allowance for his said Services, Attendance, and Medecines.

Vote thereon.

*Voted*, That there be paid to the said Dr. *Thomas Reeve*, the Sum of Forty Four Pounds Five Shillings, for his Attendance, Services and Medecines, to a Number of poor, sick and hurt Persons, who have no lawful Settlement in the Province.

*Ordered*, That this Vote be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

Bill to prevent Shipping Grain.  
Ordered.

Upon a Motion, *Ordered*, that a Bill be prepared to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation or Shipping off Wheat &c. from any of the Ports or Places in the Bay of Fundy.

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

Saturday *April 24th*, 1773.

Bill to prevent Shipping off Grain, &c.

Presented.

According to Order, a Bill to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation or Shipping off Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal and Pease from any of the Ports or Places in this Province within the Bay of Fundy, was presented to the House,

And the same was read, and taken into Consideration.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

Passed.

*Ordered*, That it be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

According to the Order of Yesterday, several Persons concern'd in the Fishery, in and near the Harbour of *Halifax*, attended, and were heard upon the Allegations set forth in their Memorials, presented to the House, and thereupon, *Resolved*,

Several Persons concerned in the Fishery,

Heard on Their Memorials.

That a Bill be prepared for regulating the Fishery within the Harbour of *Halifax*.

Bill prepared for regulating the Fishery in the Harbour of *Halifax*.

And a Bill for that Purpose having been presented accordingly, the same was read and agreed to.

*Ordered*. That it be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Resolution of this House of the 20th Instant, relative to the Estimate of Expences for the support of Government, and to the Votes in Favor of Dr. *Reeve* and *John Woodin*.

Bills &c. agreed to by the Council.

And also to the Bill sent up from this House to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation or Shipping off Wheat, &c.

Upon Consideration of sundry publick Services performed by *Charles Procter*, Esq; in his Office as late Deputy Provost-Marshal,

*Voted*, That there be paid out of the publick Money in the Treasury to the said *Charles Procter*, for his said Services, the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Vote to *Charles Procter*, Esq; for his Services.

*Ordered*, That this Vote be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do request his Excellency the Governor will please to order Writts to be issued for electing Members of this House for all such Seats as are Vacant, particularly,

Request to his Excellency the Governor concerning vacant Seats.

For the Town of *Sackville*,

For the County of *Sunbury*,

And for the Town of *Liverpool*.

Upon a Motion the House took into Consideration the amending

Considerations of the Act for the relief of insolvent Debtors.

mending and enlarging the Act now in Force for the Relief of insolvent Debtors.

Deferr'd.

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be deferred 'til next Session.

Motion for renewing Solicitations relative to the postponing payment of Quit Rents.

Upon a Motion, that Measures be taken for renewing the Solicitations to his Majesty in behalf of this Province, for postponing the Payment of the Quit Rents.

Deferr'd.

*Resolved*, That this House do at their next Session take the same into Consideration.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Bill for regulating the Fishery within the Harbour of *Halifax*.

And to the Vote in Favor of *Charles Procter*, Esq;

Message from the Governor.

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

The House attend his Excellency.

And Mr. Speaker with the House having attended accordingly, his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, viz.

Bills assented to.

A Bill in further Amendment of the several Acts of the *General Assembly* of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for continuing an Act made, in the 12th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act in Amendment of and for continuing the several Acts of the *General Assembly* of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Cider, Loaf Sugar, and Wines therein mentioned.

A Bill for further continuing the several Acts, relating to the Duty on licensed Houses.

A Bill for amending and continuing an Act, made in the 12th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication thro' the Province.

A Bill to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation or Shipping off Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal, and Pease; from any of the Ports or Places, in this Province, within the Bay of Fundy.

And to a Bill for regulating the Fishery within the Harbour of *Halifax*.

General Assembly prorogued.

Then the Clerk of the Council by his Excellency's Command, declared the *General Assembly* prorogued to Tuesday the 1st Day of *June* next, and the same was prorogued accordingly.