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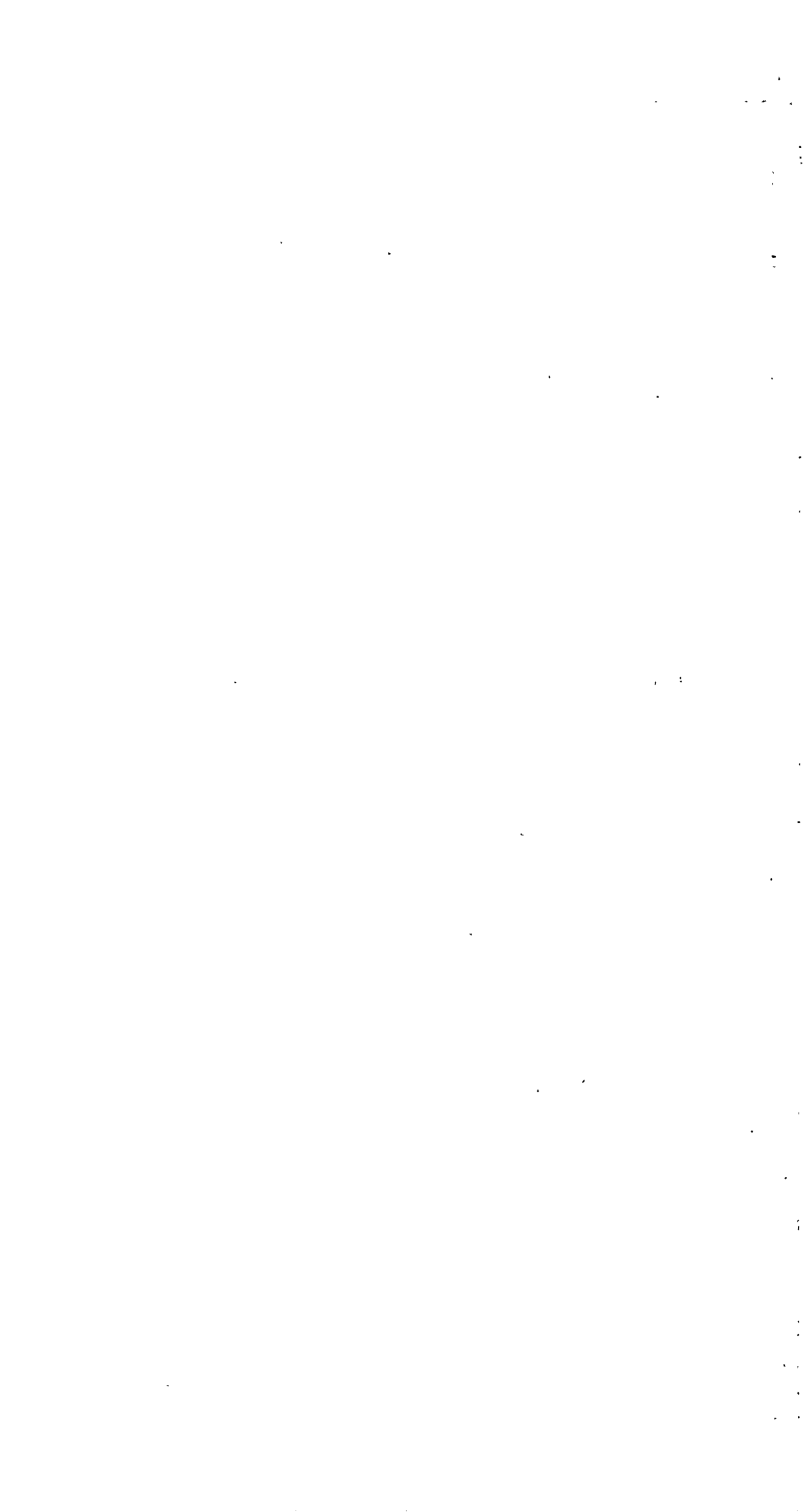
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(L. S.) By His Honor. WARD CHIPMAN, Esquire, President and  
Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

WARD CHIPMAN.

## A Proclamation.

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Wednesday the fourth day of June next, ensuing, I have thought fit, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to Wednesday the twenty-fifth day of the same month of June; *then to meet at Fredericton for the dispatch of business.*

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the second day of April; in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and in the fourth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Honor's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.

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(L. S.) By His Honor WARD CHIPMAN, Esquire, President and  
Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

WARD CHIPMAN.

## A Proclamation.

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of June next, then to meet for the dispatch of Business: And whereas for divers weighty and important considerations, it has been deemed expedient further to prorogue the same General Assembly: I do therefore further prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to Wednesday the tenth day of September next ensuing; whereof all persons concerned will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and in the Fourth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By the President's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.

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(L. S.) By His Honor WARD CHIPMAN, Esquire, President and  
Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

WARD CHIPMAN.

## A Proclamation.

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Wednesday the tenth day of September next, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to the first Wednesday in December next ensuing.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the thirtieth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and in the Fourth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By the President's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.



(L. S.)

By His Honor *WARD CHIPMAN*, Esquire, President and  
Commander-in-Chief, of the Province of New-Brunswick. *Ec. Ec. Ec.*

WARD CHIPMAN.

## **A Proclamation.**

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Wednesday the third day of December next, I have thought fit further to prorogue said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to Wednesday the twenty-first day of January next ensuing---then to meet at *Fredericton for the dispatch of Business.*

Given under my Hand and Seal at, Fredericton, the thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, and in the Fourth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Honor's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.

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The Honorable WARD CHIPMAN, Esquire, PRESIDENT.

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FREDERICTON,

WEDNESDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1824.

**T**HE General Assembly having been, by several Proclamations, prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business---

The House being met---

A Message was delivered from His Honor the President, by *Xenophon Jorutt*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber---

And accordingly the House attended---

When the Honorable Chief Justice *Saunders*, by command of His Honor the President, directed the House to return to their usual place of Sitting, and elect a Speaker, (in the room of their late Speaker, *William Botsford*, Esquire, who has been appointed to a Seat in His Majesty's Council), and present the person so chosen, to His Honor the President, immediately.

And the House being returned, Mr. *Wetmore*, a Member for King's County, addressed the Clerk, and said, "That being commanded by His Honor the President, to elect a suitable person to be the Speaker, he thereupon moved that *Ward Chipman*, Junior, Esquire, being a man of superior abilities, and well acquainted with the orders and usages of the House, and well qualified for so great a trust, might take the Chair, as Speaker."

Which motion was seconded by Colonel *M'Kay*, a Member for Charlotte.

Then

Then Mr. *C. Simonds*, a Member for St. John, after opposing the motion for Mr. *Chipman*, recommended *Peter Fraser*, Esquire, a Gentleman who had been for a long time a Member of this House, and fully competent to the duties of so important an office, and thereupon moved that he might take the Chair of the House.

Which motion was seconded by Mr. *Stubs*.

Mr. *Fraser* having declined accepting the situation, and the House appearing unanimous to the election of Mr. *Chipman*, he was taken from his Seat, and conducted to the Chair; and when on the Steps, he expressed to the House his humble acknowledgment for this mark of their confidence and good opinion. He submitted to the wishes of the House, in the full persuasion that his deficiencies would be viewed with indulgence, and that he should receive their constant aid and support in the discharge of the arduous duties of this high and honorable station."

And thereupon he took the Chair *nem. con.*

A Message from His Honor the President, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.---Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* elect, with the House, attended His Honor the President, in the Council Chamber---

And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* informed the House, that he had addressed His Honor the President, in the words following :

" May it please your Honor,

" The House of Assembly, in obedience to your Honor's Command, and in the exercise of their undoubted right, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and now humbly attend your Honor, to present me as the person chosen. Sensible of my own inexperience and inadequacy to discharge the duties of this high office, I trust that your Honor will be pleased to disapprove of their choice, and command them to elect a more fit person."

Whereupon the Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Saunders*, spoke as follows :---

" *Ward Chipman*, Esquire.

" I am commanded by His Honor the President, to acquaint you, that he hath so good an opinion of your integrity, diligence, and sufficiency, for executing the important office into which you are elected, that His Honor is perfectly satisfied with the choice which the House of Assembly have made, and doth allow and confirm you to be their Speaker."

And that then His Honor the President made a Speech to both Houses; of which, Mr. *Speaker* said he had, to prevent mistakes, procured a copy, which he read to the House, and which is as follows :---

" *Gentlemen of the Council,*

" *and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

" It was my intention to meet you in General Assembly, at an earlier period after the close of the last Session, for the purpose of supplying and correcting some defects and irregularities occasioned by the haste in which some of the Acts of that Session were passed, in consequence of the alarming illness, so immediately succeeded by the sudden and lamented death, of His Excellency the late LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR :

" But, upon further consideration and advice, it was conceived that calling you together at a busy season of the year, so soon after the labours of a long Session, would be attended with greater inconveniences than could be compensated by any benefits to be derived from an immediate recourse to the measures which may now with facility be adopted.

" I also

“ I also entertained a hope and expectation, of the speedy arrival of a  
 “ Successor to the late LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR ; and, although I deeply  
 “ regret my disappointment in this respect, yet I am happy to have it in my  
 “ power now, to congratulate you upon the additional mark of HIS MA-  
 “ JESTY’S gracious attention to the interests of the Province, in the appoint-  
 “ ment of Major-General Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, to the Government of it :  
 “ an Officer whose character and talents may be justly considered as an earn-  
 “ est of the most essential benefits to be derived from his Administration, to  
 “ this rising Colony ; which, under a vigorous development and a judicious  
 “ application of its natural resources and advantages, cannot fail speedily to  
 “ vie in importance with any one of HIS MAJESTY’S North American Pro-  
 “ vinces.

“ When we look back to the state of this Province at the time of its erec-  
 “ tion, in the year 1784, then recently assigned by His late MAJESTY, of ever  
 “ blessed memory, as an Asylum for his faithful and loyal Subjects, of whom,  
 “ we are the Survivors and Descendants : When we recollect that, by the sig-  
 “ nal blessings of Divine Providence, upon the labours and exertions of its In-  
 “ bitants, it has been advanced, during the short period since elapsed, in a  
 “ rapid, though silent progress, from a barren wilderness to its present state  
 “ of cultivation and improvement : When we contemplate the fostering and  
 “ unabated care of HIS MAJESTY’S paternal Government, and the constant  
 “ attention of Parliament to the Commercial Interests of this and all the other  
 “ parts of His widely-extended Dominions : When we reflect upon the bles-  
 “ sings of Peace and of health and competency so extensively enjoyed among  
 “ us, and upon the pledges, if we are not wanting to ourselves, of our future  
 “ prosperity, we shall feel abundant encouragement to continue unabated our  
 “ exertions, to promote the public welfare, from which our private happiness  
 “ must be ever inseparable.

“ It affords me peculiar pleasure, that I can, upon this occasion, further  
 “ congratulate you upon the prosperous state of our Provincial Finances,  
 “ increased by the Parliamentary Duties imposed for the regulation of the  
 “ Trade and the improvement of the Commercial Interests of the Colonies ;---  
 “ that the Revenue of the last, has been much more productive than that of  
 “ the preceding year ; and that the demands against the Province are to a great  
 “ extent liquidated.

“ The Institutions for the Education of Youth, which have been already  
 “ so deservedly encouraged by the Legislature, I feel it incumbent upon me to  
 “ recommend to your continued patronage and support.---The Public Roads  
 “ will also merit your renewed attention ; and as the expence, in the aggre-  
 “ gate, of completing all the great Roads of communication, would be too  
 “ heavy to be at once incurred, I suggest for your consideration, whether it  
 “ may not be advisable, without delay, to make some systematic provision for  
 “ this object, that may, in the best manner, eventually ensure its completion.

“ The Returns of the Inspecting Field Officer of the Militia, will be laid  
 “ before you, from which additional proof will be derived of the expediency  
 “ of a continued provision for this Service.

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ I shall direct the Treasurer’s Accounts and such other Papers as may be  
 “ necessary for your further information, to be laid before you. I rely upon  
 “ your making the usual provision for the ordinary services of the Province ;  
 “ and the state of the Treasury is fortunately such, that it will also enable you  
 “ to provide for any other objects to which the Public interests may require  
 “ your immediate attention.

“ *Gen-*

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

“ It is a source of great satisfaction and relief to me, that, in the exercise  
“ of the arduous and anxious duties of the situation in which I am placed, I  
“ have to co-operate with those who participate with me in zealous and loyal  
“ attachment to HIS MAJESTY’S Person and Government, and whose indi-  
“ vidual interests, like my own, are indissolubly connected with the welfare  
“ and prosperity of the Province.---In the temporary Administration of the  
“ Government, until the arrival of His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GO-  
“ VERNOR, it has been, and will continue to be, the object of my earnest  
“ endeavours to preserve unimpaired all our existing Institutions ; and I shall  
“ be ready cordially to concur with you in any measures that the Public  
“ good may require.”

Mr. *C. Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill, to amend an Act, intituled, “ an Act to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same.”

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Allen*, Resolved that an humble Address be presented to his Honor the President, in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session.

Ordered that Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *H. Peters*, Mr. *Fraser*, and Mr. *M’Kay*, be a Committee to prepare the same.

Mr. *Stubs* moved for leave to bring in a bill “ for the safe keeping of Lunatics who may be found at large within this Province.”

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Allen*---Ordered, that one hundred Copies of His Honor the President’s Speech, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*---Ordered, that no Petition be received after the 10th day of February next, except by special order of the House.

On motion of Mr. *Smith*---Ordered, that the *Speaker* do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in General Assembly, for the County of Westmoreland in the room of the Honorable *William Botsford*, Esquire, the late Speaker of this House, who is appointed a member of His Majesty’s Council in this Province.

On motion of Mr. *H. Peters*---Ordered, that the Journals of this House, be daily, or so soon as a copy of the same can be prepared by the Clerk, printed by the King’s Printer, and that he furnish ninety copies thereof, for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*---Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to examine what Laws have expired, or are near expiring, and report thereon.

Ordered that Mr. *Stubs*, Mr. *Campbell*, and Mr. *Ritchie*, be a Committee for that purpose.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o’clock.

THURSDAY, 22d JANUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Magistrates for the City and County of St. John, praying that an Act might pass, authorizing them to assess the Inhabitants of the said City and County of Saint John, in  
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the sum of £500, to enable them to erect a building for the accommodation of the Courts; and also, that a further sum may be granted them out of the Provincial fund, to aid them in erecting the said building.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Stubs*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Chamber of Commerce of Saint Andrews, praying that the provisions of the Acts of 56 Geo. 3, ch. 26, and 57 Geo. 3, ch. 3, granting a bounty on Fish taken by vessels owned and fitted out in this Province, may not extend to vessels belonging to the Province of Nova-Scotia.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

On Motion of Mr. *H. Peters*---Resolved, that the House do go into consideration of the Speech of His Honor the President, in Committee of the whole, on Saturday next.

Mr. *C. Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill "to authorize the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace, for the City and County of Saint John, to levy an assessment for building a Court-House within the said City."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Clarke*, by leave, presented a Petition from John Hall, praying that the sum of £39 : 4 : 6, may be granted to him, being the amount of duties paid on nine puncheons of Rum exported by him to the United States in the year 1817.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Stubs*, by leave, presented a Petition from Elisha Andrews, Esquire, Sheriff for the County of Charlotte, praying that the sum of £8 : 10 may be granted to him, being the amount of his fees on an Extent against Farnum A. Dustin, a prisoner confined in the Gaol of the said County, at the suit of the King, and who was discharged from said suit by order of His Excellency the late Lieutenant-Governor.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Stubs*, Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine what Laws have expired or are near expiring, made the following report:---

"An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of the Trespasses therein mentioned, in the City of Saint John---59, Geo. 3. cap. 6, will expire at the end of this Session.

"An Act in amendment of an Act for making further provision for preventing the importation and spreading of contagious Distempers in the City of Saint John---59 Geo. 3, ch. 7, will expire at the end of this Session.

"An Act to prevent Desertion from His Majesty's Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters---59, Geo. 3. cap. 15, will expire at the end of this Session.

"An Act to continue an Act to regulate the Herring Fisheries in the Parishes of West Isles, Campo Bello, Pennfield, and Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, and an Act to extend the provisions of the said Act, to the Parish of Grand Manan---3, Geo. 4, cap. 3, will expire at the end of this Session.

“ An Act to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act to prevent the destruction of Moose on the Island of Grand Manan---50, Geo. 3, cap 22, and continued 3, Geo. 4, cap 5, will expire at the end of this Session.

“ An Act to continue the Acts for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John---50, Geo. 3, cap. 16, and continued 3 Geo. 4, cap. 18, will expire at the end of this Session.

“ An Act further to continue the Acts for laying out, regulating and repairing Highways and Bridges in the several Towns and Parishes in this Province---50 Geo. 3, cap. 6, and continued 3, Geo. 4, cap. 22, will expire at the end of this Session.

“ An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force for assessing, collecting, and levying of Rates for public charges---3 Geo. 4, cap. 24, will expire at the end of this Session.

“ An Act to provide for, and maintain an armed Cutter, for the protection of the Revenue of this Province---3 Geo. 4, cap. 32, will expire at the end of this Session.

“ An Act to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act for raising a Revenue in “ this Province”---3, Geo. 4, cap. 3, and continued 4, Geo. 4, cap. 1, will expire on the 1st day of April next.

“ An Act to amend an Act, intituled, “ An Act to provide for and maintain “ an armed Cutter, for the protection of the Revenue of this Province,” will expire at the end of this Session.

“ An Act further to increase the Revenue of the Province, by imposing a duty upon all Rum and other Spiritous Liquors that shall be distilled within the Province---4 Geo. 4, cap. 29, will expire on the 1st day of April next.”

Which he read in his place, and being delivered in at the Clerk's table, was again read.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. *Ritchie*---Ordered that a Committee be appointed to direct and superintend the fitting and furnishing of the two rooms in the Northwest wing of the Province Building, for immediate use as Committee Rooms for the Assembly.

Ordered that Mr. *Ritchie*, Mr. *C. Simonds*, and Mr. *Slason*, be a Committee for that purpose.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 23d JANUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “ for the safe keeping of “ Lunatics who may be found at large, within this Province.”

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Stubs*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, “ to prevent the disorderly “ riding of Horses and driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleighs, or any o- “ ther Carriage whatsoever, within the Towns and Parishes in the Province.”

Leave granted.

Mr. *Slason*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, “ to repeal all the Laws now “ in force respecting Firewards and Fire Companies, so far as relates to the “ Town of Fredericton, and to make regulations better adapted to the local “ situation of the said Town.”

Leave

Leave granted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to authorize the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of St. John, to make an assessment for building a Court-House within the said City."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to authorize Commissioners to establish and maintain a Revolving Light, near Grand Manan."

Leave granted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill "to authorize Commissioners, to be appointed for that purpose, to establish and maintain a Revolving Light upon one of the Islands or Rocks near the Southeast Coast of the Island of Grand Manan."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Smith*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to repeal an Act passed in the sixtieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the rates at which certain Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current in this Province."

Leave Granted.

Mr. *Stubs*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to amend an Act intituled, "an Act for regulating the size and contents Lime Hogsheads within this Province," and also for ascertaining the standard size of Bricks."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses and driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleighs or any other Carriage whatsoever, within the Towns and Parishes in the Province."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Stubs*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Chamber of Commerce at St. Andrews, praying that measures may be adopted for the regulation of the Custom House Fees on Coasting Vessels.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. *Allen*, Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honor the President, praying that His Honor will be pleased to direct the Receiver General of His Majesty's casual Revenue, or his Deputy, in this Province, to lay before this House the amount of money paid into that office since February, 1822.

Ordered that Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Ritchie*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Honor the President.

On motion of Mr. *Wetmore*, Resolved, that all the Laws now in force for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province, be referred to a select Committee, to revise, amend, and consolidate the same, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that Mr. *Wetmore*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *C. Simonds*, Mr. *Miles*, and Mr. *H. Peters*, be a Committee to attend to that duty.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "in amendment of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for regulating the size and contents of Lime Hogsheads within this Province," and for ascertaining the standard size of Bricks."

Which



Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Stubs* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to authorize the Justices of Charlotte, to regulate the rates of Wharfage and Cranage of Ships, Vessels; and Goods, for the Market Wharf at Saint Andrews, and to appoint a Wharfinger for the same."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*---Ordered that a Committee of Privileges be appointed, to whom may be referred all matters which may hereafter arise that may in any way be supposed to affect the Privileges of this House.

And further ordered, that Mr. *C. Simonds*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Fraser*, Mr. *H. Peters*, and Mr. *Stubs*, be the select Committee of Privileges.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, Resolved, that a select Committee be appointed to revise all the Laws now in force for laying out, repairing and amending Highways, Roads and Streets, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that Mr. *Stubs*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *J. Wilmot*, Mr. *Vail*, and Mr. *Clarke*, be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. *Allen*, Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Honor the President's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported a draft of the same, which he read in his place, and delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where the same being again read, was ordered to be received, and (on motion of Mr. *Allen*), ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time, a bill, "in amendment of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same."

And, on motion of Mr. *Johnston*, was ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Read a second time, the following bills:---

"A bill to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for regulating the size and contents of Lime Hogsheads within this Province, and for ascertaining the standard size of Bricks":

"A bill to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses, and driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleights or any other Carriage whatsoever, within the Towns and Parishes in the Province": And

"A bill to authorize Commissioners (to be appointed for that purpose) to establish and maintain a Revolving Light upon one of the Islands or Rocks near the Southeast Coast of the Island of Grand Manan."

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to authorize the Justices of Charlotte, to regulate the rates of Wharfage and Cranage of Ships, Vessels, and Goods, for the Market Wharf at Saint Andrews, and to appoint a Wharfinger."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Smith*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to repeat an Act passed in the 60th year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the

“ the rates at which certain Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current in this Province.”

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Stubs*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, “ to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Herring Fisheries in the Parishes of West Isles, Campo Bello, Pennfield, and Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, and an Act to extend the provisions of the said Act to the Parish of Grand Manan.”---

And also a bill, “ to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act to prevent Desertion from His Majesty’s Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters.”

Leave granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of the draft of the Address in answer to His Honor the President’s Speech, reported by Mr. *Allen*, Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare the same.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Address, and agreed to the same with amendments, which he read, and the Address as amended being delivered in at the Clerk’s table, was there read and agreed to by the House, and is as follows :---

“ To His Honor WARD CHIPMAN, Esquire, President and Commander-  
“ in-Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

“ THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

*May it please your Honor,*

“ The House of Assembly are confident, that in postponing the meeting of the General Assembly until this period, your Honor consulted the convenience of the several Branches of the Legislature, so far only, as was consistent with the public good, and they rejoice to find, that not the slightest injury has accrued to the general interests of the Province, by their not having been called together at an earlier, and more busy season. And while the House, with your Honor, deplored the sudden death of His Excellency the late Lieutenant-Governor, they were happy to find, that the Administration of the Government devolved on a Gentleman with whose acknowledged talents they were so well acquainted, and who, by his zealous and faithful discharge of the high and important duties he was called upon to perform, has so amply verified their anticipations.

“ The House thank your Honor for informing them of the appointment of Major-General Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, to the Government of this Province, from whose high and distinguished character, in all respects, they look forward to the happiest results.

“ The House reflect with gratitude, that through the blessings of Divine Providence, upon the exertions of all classes of the community, aided by the fostering care of His MAJESTY’s paternal Government ; this Province has, within a few years, emerged from obscurity, and rapidly increased in wealth, importance, and resources : and your Honor may rest assured that the House will feel it their imperative duty to give every encouragement to the laudable efforts of its Inhabitants.

“ The House feels great satisfaction, on being informed of the flourishing state.

state of the Provincial Revenue, and that the demands against the Province are thereby, to a great extent, liquidated.

“ The House acknowledge the importance of supporting the Institutions already established for the Education of Youth, and will give that subject due attention.---They also consider the improvement of the Public Roads an object which demands their earliest and most serious consideration.

“ The House learn with pleasure that the Returns of the Inspecting Field Officer of Militia, are satisfactory to your Honor ; and they trust the Report will show the propriety of making further provision for that Service.

“ The House thank your Honor for directing the Treasurer’s accounts and such other papers as may be necessary for their information, to be laid before them. They feel pleased that the flourishing state of the Treasury will enable them, not only to provide for the ordinary, but such extraordinary services as may appear most immediately connected with the welfare and interest of the Province.

“ Aware of the arduous duties and high responsibility attached to your Honor’s present situation, the House with great sincerity participate with your Honor in that loyal attachment to His MAJESTY’S Person and Government, for which your Honor’s character has been so eminently distinguished.

“ And the House anticipate the peculiar advantages that will arise to the Province, on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s assuming the Government, from the public measures that have been adopted during your Honor’s judicious administration.”

Thereupon resolved unanimously, that the same be engrossed, signed by the *Speaker*, and presented to His Honor the President, by the whole House.

Ordered that Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Clarke*, and Mr. *W. Peters*, be a Committee to wait upon His Honor the President, to know when he will be pleased to receive the House with their Address.

The order of the day being read, for going into Committee of the whole House, in consideration of His Honor the President’s Speech.

Thereupon ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the House do go into Committee on the same on Monday next.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next, at ten o’clock.

MONDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message, as follows :

“ I am commanded by His Honor the President, to lay before the House of Assembly, the Treasurer’s accounts for the last year.”

And then Mr. Secretary *Odell* withdrew.

Ordered that Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Stubs*, and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee to examine the Treasurer’s accounts, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “ to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Herring Fisheries in the Parishes of West Isles, Campo Bello, Pennfield, and Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, and an Act to extend the provisions of the said Act to the Parish of “ Grand Manan.”

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Stubs*, also, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “ to continue an Act, “ intituled,

“ intituled, “ An Act to prevent Desertion from His Majesty’s Forces, and  
“ to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters.”

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from John Kinnear, a Merchant of Saint John, praying that the sum of £63 11 2, may be granted to him; it being the amount of duties paid by the Petitioner and his late Partner, George Pidgeon, on a consignment of Rum, Sugar, and Molasses, received by them at St. John from Campo Bello in the County of Charlotte, where the duties had been before paid.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Stubs*, by leave, presented a Petition from Archibald McLauchlan, a Settler on the Road between St. John and St. Andrews, praying that a sum may be granted to assist him in keeping an establishment on the said Road for the accommodation of Travellers.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Honor the President, with the Address, in pursuance of a resolution of Friday the 23d inst. “ praying that His Honor would be pleased to direct the Receiver General of His Majesty’s casual Revenue, or his Deputy in this Province, to lay before this House the amount of money paid into that office since February, 1822” --- Reported, that the Committee had attended to that duty, and that His Honor was pleased to reply, “ That the King’s casual Revenue in this Province, being “ under the controul of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury, “ His Honor does not feel himself authorized to direct the communication required in the Address, without instructions from their Lordships.”

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from John Kinnear and George Pidgeon, praying that the sum £42 3 6, may be granted to them, being the amount of drawback on 10 puncheons of Rum exported by them to Moose Island, in the year 1821.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion---Ordered, that the order of the day for the commitment of a bill, “ in amendment of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, “ who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting “ bounties on the same,” be discharged, and further ordered, that the House do go into Committee on the same on Friday next.

Read a second time, a bill, “ to authorize the Justices of the General “ Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of St. John, to make an assessment for building a Court-House within the City of St. John.”

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill to amend an Act, intituled, “ An Act for regulating “ the size and contents of Lime Hogsheads within this Province, and for as- “ certaining the standard size of Bricks.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair,

Mr. *Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration

deration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was resolved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Honor the President, to know when His Honor would be pleased to receive the House with their Address---Reported, that the Committee had attended to that duty, and that His Honor was pleased to inform them, that he would receive the House with their Address, to-morrow at 2 o'clock, at his residence.

Mr. *Smith*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, "intituled "An Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small Debts."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Baldwin and William Ball, Tidewaiters, appointed by His Excellency the late Lieutenant-Governor, praying for an increased allowance for their services.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill "to authorize Commissioners (to be appointed for that "purpose) to establish and maintain a Revolving Light upon one of the "Islands or Rocks near the Southeast Coast of the Island of Grand Manan."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of a bill, "for erecting and maintaining a Light-House upon one of "the Islands or Rocks near the Southeast coast of the Island of Grand Manan."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed under the title as amended.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of His Honor the President's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *C. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of His Honor the President's Speech, and that the Committee had directed him to report two Resolutions, which he read, and the same being delivered in at the Clerk's table, were there again severally read, and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

1st.---That a Committee, consisting of a Member from each County, be appointed to inquire and ascertain what monies may be necessary for the further improvement of the great Roads of communication throughout the Province, and also to revise the Laws relating to the great Roads, and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

2nd.---That a Committee be appointed, consisting of a Member from each County, to enquire and report what monies may be necessary for the further improvement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr.

Mr. *Simonds* further reported, that he was directed by the Committee, to ask for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Ordered that Mr. *Fraser*, Mr. *C. Simonds*, Mr. *Stubs*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *W. Peters*, Mr. *Miles*, and Mr. *Vail*, be the Committee to carry into effect the first Resolution---

And that Colonel *McKay*, Mr. *J. Wilmot*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Wetmore*, Mr. *Scovil*, and Mr. *Dow*, be the Committee to carry into effect the second Resolution.

Mr. *Smith*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, intituled "An Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small Debts."

Which was read a first time.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'Clock.

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TUESDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Speaker* laid before the House, a Report from Dr. John Boyd, Surgeon to the Provincial Vaccine Establishment.

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the table for the information of Members.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from Elizabeth Tilton, Widow of the late Clayton Tilton, praying for further pecuniary Legislative aid, to assist her in her distressed situation.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a second time, a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Herring Fisheries in the Parishes of West Isles, Campo Bello, Pennfield, and Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, and an Act to extend the provisions of the said Act to the Parish of Grand Manan."---

Also a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act to prevent Desertion from His Majesty's Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters."

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to continue and amend an Act intituled, "An Act to provide for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Herring Fisheries in the Parishes of West Isles, Campo Bello, Pennfield, and Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, and an Act to extend the provisions of the said Act to the Parish of Grand Manan."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *J. Wilmot* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

Mr. *Slason*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to repeal all the Laws

“ now in force respecting Firewards and Fire Companies, so far as relates to  
 “ the Town of Fredericton. and to make regulations better adapted to the  
 “ local situation of the said Town.”

Which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, “ to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act to prevent Desertion from His Majesty’s Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with  
 “ Soldiers or Deserters.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Keene* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported that they had made progress in the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee, to ask for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

The House waited upon His Honor the President, at his residence, with their Address in answer to His Honor’s Speech at the opening of the Session --and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reported, that His Honor was pleased to make the following reply thereto :

“ *Gentlemen*,

“ This Address affords me peculiar satisfaction.

“ It is highly gratifying to my feelings, that the measures of my Administration have been such as to call forth so unequivocal an expression of your  
 “ approbation.

“ The assurances of your encouragement to all classes of the Community,  
 “ in the exertions in which they have so unremitingly persevered for the settlement and prosperity of the Province, and of your attention to the objects recommended to your consideration, as well to such others as may appear most immediately connected with the public welfare, are sure pledges  
 “ of your continued devotion to the faithful discharge of your duties to our  
 “ King and Country.”

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on a bill, “ to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses and driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleighs, or any other Carriage whatsoever,  
 “ within the Towns and Parishes in the Province.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was resolved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read a second time, a bill, “ to repeal an Act passed in the sixtieth year of His late Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the rates at which  
 “ certain Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current in this Province.”

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o’clock.

WEDNESDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee appointed to direct and superintend the fitting and furnishing of the two Rooms in the Northwest Wing of the Province Building, for immediate use as Committee Rooms for the Assembly, made the following Report :---

.. That the Committee proceeded to examine the said Rooms, and find that " they are not, in any respect, finished in a workmanlike manner, and in the " opinion of the Committee they cannot be used for the purposes intended, " until nearly the whole of the finishing and plastering be taken down and re- " placed in a proper and workmanlike manner : For these reasons, the Com- " mittee do not feel warranted in proceeding to fit up and furnish these Rooms, " without further instructions from the House."

Ordered that the report be received and lie on the table.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, " to continue an Act, intituled, " An " Act to regulate the Herring Fisheries in the Parishes of West Isles, Campo " Bello, Pennfield, and Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, and an Act " to extend the provisions of the said Act to the Parish of Grand Manan."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Clarke*, do carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, " for erecting and maintaining a " Light-House upon one of the Islands or Rocks near the Southeast coast of " the Island of Grand Manan."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *C. Simonds* and Mr. *Ritchie*, do carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message.

" NEW-BRUNSWICK.

" MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

" 27TH JANUARY, 1824.

" WARD CHIPMAN.

" The President conceiving it to be of great public utility and importance, " to ascertain from time to time the state of the Population of the Province, " and a Return of the same being required, by the Royal Instructions, to be " annually made to His Majesty's Government, which has hitherto been as- " certained by vague and uncertain calculations from the Returns of the Mi- " litia in the several Counties, recommends to the House of Assembly, that " provision be made by Law, for taking a Census of all the Inhabitants of " the Province, and for repeating the same from time to time, within such " periods as may be deemed requisite. " W. C."

Mr. *Wetmore*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Dunn, a Licenced School Master, praying that the Provincial allowance may be granted him for teaching a School in the Parish of Hampton, in King's County, for the year 1822.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a second time, a bill, " to authorize the Justices of Charlotte, to re- " gulate the rates of Wharfage and Cranage of Ships, Vessels, and Goods, for " the Market Wharf at Saint Andrews, and to appoint a Wharfinger."

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*---Resolved, that no bill be brought in (except appropriation bills) after the 10th day of February next, except by special leave of the House.

Read



Read a second time, a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, intituled "An Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small Debts."

On motion of Mr. C. Simonds---Resolved, that the House do, to-morrow, go into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the Message of His Honor the President, received this day, respecting a Census of all the Inhabitants of the Province.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Johnston, Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, made the following Report :--

No. 1, is the Province Treasurer's General Account Current with the Province, by which it appears there was remaining in the Treasury, in Bonds and Cash, on the 31st day of December last, £29,743 7 11.

No. 2, is an abstract of the Revenue raised in the Province, in the year 1823, amounting to . . . £33,978 11 Viz :

Saint John, . . . . .	£17,482 11 6½		
Saint Andrews, . . . . .	9,904 0 10½		
West Isles, . . . . .	441 18 4		
Miramichi, . . . . .	5,665 19 10½		
Richibucto, . . . . .	259 16 3½		
Saint Peters, . . . . .	84 8 1		
Westmorland, . . . . .	29 0 0		
Fredericton, . . . . .	110 16 0	-----	33,978 11 0

No. 3, is a particular account of the duties on West-India Produce, Wine, Gin, Brandy, and Whisky, imported into Saint John, in 1823, amounting to . . . . . £13,024 0 6½

No. 4, is the amount of duties collected at the Custom House in Saint John, and paid to the Province Treasurer, by virtue of the Acts of Parliament, . . . . . 3,809 11 4

No. 5, is the account of Light-House duty collected at Saint John, in 1823, amounting to } £849 12 4

From which is deducted---  
 Amount paid Wm. Donald, for supplies in 1822, £355 10 5  
 Amount of Keeper's Salary 150 0 0-----505 10 5

Balance, 344 1 11

No. 6, is the account of Auction duty paid at St. John, in 1823, amount . . . . . 225 10 10

No. 7, is the account of the 5 per cent. duty collected at St. John, in 1823 amount . . . . . 51 6 10½

No. 8, is the account of duty on Cattle collected at St. John, in 1823, amount . . . . . 28 0 0-----17,482 11 6½

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These accounts of the Province Treasurer, are very correct, clearly stated, and highly satisfactory.

No. 9, is the general account current of the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrew's, shewing a balance in his hands, in Bonds and Cash, on the 31st day of December last, of £8425 4 10.

No. 10, is a particular account of the duties on West-India Produce, Gin, Brandy, Wine, and Whisky, imported into St. Andrews, in 1823, amounting to

No. 11, is the account of duties collected by the Customs at St. Andrew's, in 1823, under the Acts of Parliament, amounting to

No. 12, is the account of Auction duty collected at Saint Andrew's, in 1823, amounting to

No. 13, is the account of duties collected on Cattle at St. Andrew's, in 1823, amounting to

Amount of duties secured and collected at St. Andrew's, in 1823,	}	£9904 0 10
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The Deputy Treasurer of St. Andrew's, in his account of drawback, charges the Province with £4, paid to J. N. Clarke, for debenture on Rum, more than he was entitled to, which sum he is required to credit in his next account current.

No. 14, is the account of ordinary duties collected at West Isles, in 1823, amounting to £441 18 4.

No. 15, is the account current of the Deputy Treasurer at Miramichi, shewing a balance in his hands, in Bonds and Cash, on the 31st day of December last, of £4149 13 8.

No. 16, is an account of the ordinary duties collected at Miramichi, in 1823, amounting to £5665 19 10.

These accounts are correctly stated, and are very satisfactory.

No. 17, is the account current of the Deputy Treasurer at Richibucto, shewing a balance in his hands, in Bonds and Cash, on the 31st day of December last, of £500 9 2.

No. 18, is an account of the ordinary duties collected at Richibucto, in 1823, amounting to £259 16 3.

No. 19, is a corrected account current of the Deputy Treasurer at Richibucto, for 1822, which is now satisfactory.

No. 20, is an account of the ordinary duties collected at St. Peters, in 1823, amounting to £84 8 1.

The Deputy Treasurer at St. Peters, has not furnished an account current for 1823; and your Committee recommend that he be required to do so, and also to furnish a full and complete statement of all his accounts with the Province, to the Treasurer, previous to the next meeting of the Legislature.

No. 21, is the account current of the Deputy Treasurer at Westmorland, shewing a balance, in Bonds and Cash, in his hands on the 31st day of December last, of £268 13 6.

He charges in this account Toler Thomson's order for £41 4, which is not credited him by the Province Treasurer. The whole balance in his hands is long past due; and your Committee recommend that he be directed to remit the balance due, to the Province Treasurer, forthwith.

No. 22, is the account of duties collected at Westmorland, in 1823, amounting to £29 0 0.

No. 23, is the Deputy Treasurer's account of duties on Cattle collected at Fredericton, in 1823, amounting to £110 16.

Also a general account exhibiting a balance in the Deputy Treasurer's hands, principally in Cash, of £79 14 5.

The Province Treasurer in his general account, credits £40 15, received from the Deputy Treasurer at Restigouche, but no accounts have been received from thence, neither have any accounts been received from the Deputy Treasurer at Shediac.

The following is a statement of money collected on account of sick and disabled Seamen---viz.

Saint John, . . . .	66,116	at Id.	£275	9	8
Miramichi, . . . .	101,592	"	423	6	0
St. Andrew's, . . . .	28,872	"	120	6	0
West Isles, . . . .	1099	"	4	11	7
Richibucto, . . . .	10,429	"	43	9	1
St. Peters, . . . .	5725	"	23	17	1

Total 213,833 Tons. . . . . £890 19 5

No. 24, is the Province Treasurer's general account of the duty collected for sick and disabled Seamen, shewing a balance of £ 619 18 10.

No. 25, is a general account of contingent expences incurred in the Treasurer's office, in 1823, including two accounts of John Chaloner, for Guaging, amounting to £110 13 6---also an account of Alexander Miller, Tidewaiter, amounting to £91 10---and an account for Postages and Advertising, £18 1 2.

No. 26, is an account for extra Tidewaiters at Saint John, amounting to £209 5---which your Committee recommend the House to make provision for.

No. 27, is the account of the one per cent. duties collected for the support of the armed Cutter---viz.

At St. John, . . . . .	£335	5	1
At St. Andrew's, . . . . .	75	3	9
	£410	8	10

From which deduct balance due Province Treasurer, December 1822, } 5 8 7-----405 0 3

Your Committee do not observe that any part of the Loan for which the Province is paying interest, was liquidated during the last year.

All of which is respectfully submitted to this Honorable House---and for further particulars, they beg leave to refer to the respective accounts.

HUGH JOHNSTON, JUN.

(Signed) PETER STUBS,  
RUFUS SMITH.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. Johnston moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled "An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be " guilty of the Trespasses therein mentioned, in the City of St. John."

Leave granted.

Mr. C. Simonds, by leave, presented a Petition from the Chamber of Commerce of the City of St. John, praying for a reduction of the Fees upon Coasting Vessels owned in this Province, and small Vessels owned in Nova-Scotia, and that annual Licences may be granted them.

Which

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*—Resolved, that a select Committee be appointed to enquire and report what will be the probable amount of the disposeable Funds of the Province, for the ensuing year.

Ordered that Mr. *Stubs*, Mr. *Johnson*, and Mr. *Smith*, be the Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the further consideration of a bill, “to continue an Act, intituled, “An Act to prevent Desertion from His Majesty’s Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair,

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

Mr. *Smith*, by leave, presented a Petition from Joshua Cook, a Pauper, removed backwards and forwards between the Township of Amherst, in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the Township of Westmorland, in this Province, not being able to get relief from the Overseers of the Poor of either of the Townships. praying for Legislative provision to meet his case.”

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table

Mr. *Ritchie* moved for leave to bring in a bill, “to continue an Act, intituled, “An Act in amendment of an Act, for making further provision for preventing the importation and spreading of contagious Distempers in the City “of St. John.”

Leave Granted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Chamber of Commerce of the City of St. John, praying that a Law might pass to alter and amend the Law now in force relating to the Surveying of Lumber.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received, and lie on the table.

Mr. *Stubs* moved for leave to bring in a bill, “to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses and driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleighs or any other Carriage whatsoever, within the Town Plots of Fredericton and Saint Andrew’s.”

Leave granted.

Read a second time, a bill, “to authorize the Justices of Charlotte, to regulate the rates of Wharfage and Cranage of Ships, Vessels, and Goods, for the Market Wharf at Saint Andrew’s, and to appoint a Wharfinger.”

Ordered that the said bill be now committed.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee, reported that they had made progress in the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee, to ask for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Mr. *Ritchie*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “to continue an Act, intituled

titled "An Act in amendment of the Act for making further provision for preventing the importation and spreading of contagious Distempers in the City of St. John."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Johnston*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled "An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of the Trespass therein mentioned, in the City of St. John."

Which was read a first time.

Read a second time, a bill, "to repeal all the Laws now in force respecting Firewards and Fire Companies, so far as relates to the Town of Fredericton, and to make regulations better adapted to the local situation of the said Town."

On motion of Mr. *Allen*---Ordered that the said bill be committed on Monday next.

Read a second time, a bill, "for the safe keeping of Lunatics who may be found at large, within the Province."

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Portland, and of the Loch Lomond and Black River Settlements, praying that the Act for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges, in the City and County of St. John, which was made and passed in the 50th year of the Reign of His late Majesty Geo. 3, and continued the 3rd year of the Reign of His present Majesty Geo. 4, may not be further continued.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Stubs*, Chairman of the Committee appointed in pursuance of a Resolution of Friday the 23d inst. to revise all the Laws now in force for laying out, repairing and amending Highways, Roads and Streets, within theseveral Towns and Parishes in this Province---Reported, that the Committee had attended to that duty, and that they had prepared a bill for that purpose, under the title of "A bill to repeal the Acts for regulating, laying out, and repairing the Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

And the said bill being brought in, was read a first time.

The order of the day being read, for going into Committee of the whole House, in consideration of His Honor the President's Message to the House, received yesterday, recommending that provision should be made by Law, for taking a Census of all the Inhabitants of the Province.

The House according thereto resolved itself into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said Message.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Wetmore* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wetmore*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Message referred to them, and that the Committee had directed him to report one Resolution, which he read, and handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where being again read, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows:---

"Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to make provision for taking a Census of all the Inhabitants of the Province, and for repeating the same from time to time, within such period as may be deemed requisite, and that a select Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for this purpose."

Ordered

Ordered that Mr. *C. Simonds*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Slason*, and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, be a Committee to prepare the same.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*—Resolved, that the House do on Saturday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, on Ways and Means of raising a Revenue in the Province.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. *Miles*—Ordered, that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, or his Deputy, do attend this House, with the Writ issued to the Sheriff of the County of Sunbury, for the Election of a Member for the said County, with the return thereon, as soon as the same may have been made.

Mr. *Wetmore*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Grammar School at Kingston, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid to assist them in erecting a Grammar School-House.

Which he read in his place.

And on motion, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply—the House divided, and it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Stubs* moved for leave to bring in a bill, “to establish regulations for the Poor-House of the Parish of St. Andrew’s.”

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*—Resolved, that it is expedient to make provision for ascertaining the Boundary Lines of the different Counties in this Province, and that a select Committee be appointed to prepare a bill, to authorize the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, to adopt measures to effect the object.

Ordered that Mr. *Stubs*, Mr. *H. Peters*, and Mr. *Smith*, be the Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. *Smith*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, “to alter and amend an Act, intituled “An Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small Debts.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was resolved, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses and driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleighs, or any other Carriages whatsoever, within the Town Plots of Fredericton and St. Andrew’s.”

Which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*—Ordered, that the order of the day for the commitment of a bill, “in amendment of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same,” be again discharged, and further ordered, that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City and County of St. John, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid, to assist them in supporting the transient Poor within the City of St. John, for the year 1823.

Which he read in his place.

Accompanying the Petition is an account from the Overseers of the Poor, of the expenditures for the year 1823, amounting to £408 6 2.

Ordered that the Petition with the account, be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a second time, a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled "An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of the Trespasses therein mentioned, in the City of St. John."

Also a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act in amendment of the Act, for making further provision for preventing the importation and spreading of contagious Distempers in the City of St. John."

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled "An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of the Trespasses therein mentioned, in the City of St. John."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair,

Mr. *M'Kay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Ritchie*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled "An Act in amendment of the Act, for making further provision for preventing the importation and spreading of contagious Distempers in the City of St. John."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

Read a second time, a "bill to repeal the Acts for regulating, laying out, and repairing the Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes of this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Thereupon, ordered that the said bill be committed on Wednesday next.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act to prevent Desertion from His Majesty's Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Welmor* and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the City of St. John, and the Settlers residing at Quaco, and on the Road leading thereto, praying that the Act for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges, in the City and County of St. John, passed in the 50th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George III. and which was continued by an

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Act passed in the 3rd year of His present Majesty's Reign, until the end of this present Session, may be further continued.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table

A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the following Messages.

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 30TH JANUARY, 1824.

“ WARD CHIPMAN.

“ The President directs to be laid before the House, the Report of the  
 “ Commissioners appointed to examine that part of the Great Road of com-  
 “ munication from St. John to Westmorland, which lies between the Forks  
 “ of the Great Marsh in the County of St. John, and Hampton Church--and  
 “ also the new Road leading from Hampton Church, by the way of Darling's  
 “ Lake, to Gondola Point Road, near John Hennegar's, and thence to the  
 “ Forks of the Great Marsh--and recommends the making provision for the  
 “ payment of the expence of the Plan and Survey accompanying the same  
 “ Report. “ W. C.”

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 30TH JANUARY, 1824.

“ WARD CHIPMAN.

“ The President directs to be laid before the House, the documents respect-  
 “ ing the extra expences (not payable out of the Military Chest) of the De-  
 “ tachment of the 74th Regiment lately stationed at Miramichi--and recom-  
 “ mends to the House to make provision for the payment of the same.  
 “ W. C.”

The Report of the Commissioners, and the several documents relating to the expences of the Detachment of the 74th Regt. at Miramichi, which accompanied the Messages, were read and ordered to lie on the table for the information of the Members.

Mr. *Stubs*, Chairman of the Committee appointed (in pursuance of a resolution of yesterday) to examine and report what will be the probable amount of the disposeable Funds of the Province, for the ensuing year---reported as follows :

That the Balance, in Bonds and Cash, in the Province Treasury, is	}	£29,743	7	11
Balance at the Deputy Treasurer's office in St. Andrew's,				
„ at West Isles, . . . . .		8,425	4	10
„ „ Miramichi, . . . . .		441	18	4
„ „ Richibucto, . . . . .		4,149	13	8
„ „ Westmorland, . . . . .		500	9	2
„ „ Fredericton, . . . . .		268	13	6
„ „ Fredericton, . . . . .		79	14	5
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		Total amount,	£43,609	1 10

The exact balance due at St. Peters, Restigouche, and Shediac, cannot be ascertained, but they are small.

The amount of duties on goods entered at St. John, for exportation, in 1823, on which the drawbacks have not been claimed, amount to £2091 2 8---of which



it is not probable more than two-thirds will be demanded,		£1,394	1	10	
Do.	at St. Andrew's,	1,592	5	9	
"	" West Isles,	297	18	4	
Supposed balance due on Fish Bounties,		1000	0	0	
"	on Grain,	2000	0	0	
"	on grants for Bye-Roads,	5000	0	0	
"	on Province Loan,	2250	0	0	
"	for Schools,	1000	0	0	-----14,534 5 11
					Balance, £29,070 15 11

Independent of the above, several Warrants for Services performed, have not been paid.

Your Committee, therefore, are of opinion, that £28,000 is the full extent of disposeable Funds for the ensuing year.

All which is respectfully submitted to this Honorable House.

(Signed) PETER STUBS,  
HUGH JOHNSTON, JUN.  
RUFUS SMITH.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'Clock.

SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Stubs*, by leave, presented a Petition from William Harvey, praying that the sum of £24 15, may be allowed to be indorsed on bonds given by the Petitioner as security with one John Harvey, deceased---which bonds are now in the hands of the Attorney General for collection : The said sum being the amount of drawback on 6 puncheons of rum exported to the United States in the year 1822, by the said John Harvey.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Bennett, Provincial Tide-Surveyor for the Port of St. John, appointed by His Excellency the late Licutenant Governor, praying for an increased allowance for his services as such.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

The order of the day being read, the House according thereto resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on Ways and Means of raising a Revenue in the Province.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported that in the Committee one Resolution was made, which he read, and delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where, being again read, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :---

“ Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the existing Imposts be continued, and that the Law for raising a Revenue in this Province, be continued and amended.”

And

And Mr. *Smith* further reported, that he was directed by the Committee to ask for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Ordered that Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Stubs*, and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee to prepare a bill for continuing and amending the Laws for raising a Revenue in this Province.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next, at ten o'clock.

MONDAY, 2d FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled "An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of the Trespasses therein mentioned, in the City of St. John."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Ritchie* and Mr. *J. Wilnot*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled "An Act in amendment of the Act, for making further provision for preventing the importation and spreading of contagious Distempers in the City of St. John."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *H. Peters*, and Mr. *Johnston*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *C. Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to explain an Act made and passed in the 58th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the 3rd, intituled, "An Act to exclude certain descriptions of persons from serving as Representatives in General Assembly."

Leave granted.

Ordered that Mr. *R. Simonds* be added to the Committee, appointed on the 26th ultimo, to enquire what monies may be necessary for the improvement of the Great Roads throughout the Province---

And that Mr. *Munro*. be added to the Committee (appointed the same day) to enquire what monies may be necessary for the improvement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in the Province.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill, "to authorize the Justices of Charlotte, to regulate the rates of Wharfage and Cranage of Ships, Vessels, and Goods, for the Market Wharf at Saint Andrew's, and to appoint a Wharfinger."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of "A bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace of the County of Charlotte, to make regulations for the Market Wharf at St. Andrew's."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed under the title.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "for the safe keeping of Lunatics who may be found at large within the Province."

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Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *C. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Botsford* delivered the Message, as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---The Council have passed a bill, “ for confirming public Acts,” to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.”

And then Mr. Justice *Botsford* withdrew.

Mr. *Simonds* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of “ A bill for the safe keeping of Lunatics whom it may be dangerous “ to permit to go at large within the Province.”

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

Read a second time, a bill, “ to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses and “ driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleighs or any other Carriages whatsoever, “ within the Town Plots of Fredericton and Saint Andrew’s.”

Read a first time, a bill sent down from the Council, intituled, “ An Act “ for confirming public Acts.”

On motion of Mr. *Slason*, the House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, “ to repeal all the Laws “ now in force respecting Firewards and Fire Companies, so far as relates to “ the Town of Fredericton, and to make regulations better adapted to the “ local situation of the said Town.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Black* delivered the Message---as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have “ agreed to the bill, ‘ to continue an Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to regulate the “ ‘ Herring Fisheries in the Parishes of West Isles, Campo Bello, Pennfield, “ ‘ and St. George, in the County of Charlotte, and an Act to extend the pro- “ ‘ visions of the said Act, to the Parish of Grand Manan.”’

And then Mr. *Black* withdrew.

Mr. *Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Shore* delivered the Message---as follows :

“ *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed “ to the bill, ‘ to continue an Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to prevent Desertion “ ‘ from His Majesty’s Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers “ ‘ or Deserters.”’

And then Mr. *Shore* withdrew.

Mr. *Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title

title of "A bill to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Town of Fredericton, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town."

And that he was directed by the Committee further to report, that in the Committee it was moved and seconded, that the word "Land" in the 2d Sec. of the bill, which provides for the assessment of the Inhabitants of Fredericton, for sinking public Wells, and keeping the Engines in repair, be struck out: And that upon the question for striking out the said word, the Committee divided---YEAS 10---NAYS 7. And it therefore passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to explain an Act to disqualify certain descriptions of Persons from serving as Representatives in General Assembly."

Which was read a first time.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'Clock.

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TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Dipper Harbour and the neighbourhood thereof, in the County of St. John, praying that the Act for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges, in the City and County of St. John, passed in the 50th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George III. and continued the 3rd year of His present Majesty's Reign, until the end of this present Session, may be further continued.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to establish regulations for the Poor House in the Parish of St. Andrew's."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Members of the Kirk of Scotland, residing at Miramichi, in the County of Northumberland, praying that a sum may be granted out of the Provincial Fund, to assist them in the erection of a Church in the Parish of Northesk, in the said County.

Which he read in his place.

And on motion, that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply---the House divided, and it was carried in the negative.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Parish of Lancaster, in the County of St. John, praying that the Act passed in the 50th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George III, and continued by an Act passed in the 3rd year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John, may be further continued.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Wetmore*, Chairman of the Committee, appointed in pursuance of a Resolution of the 23rd day of January last, to revise, amend and consolidate the Laws for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province---

Reported,

Reported, that the Committee had attended to that duty, and had prepared a bill for that purpose, under the title of "A bill to repeal all the Laws now in force for the organization and regulation of the Militia, and to make further provision for the same."

And the said bill being brought in, was read a first time.

The Clerk of the Crown attended with the Writ and Return, pursuant to an order of the 30th ult. and it appeared thereby, that *William Wilmot*, Esquire, was duly elected a Member to serve in General Assembly for the County of Sunbury, in the room of *Amos Perley*, Esquire, deceased.

Read a second time, a bill, "to explain an Act to disqualify certain descriptions of Persons from serving as Representatives in General Assembly."

Mr. *Stubs* moved the following resolution :---

"Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made and passed in the 58th year of His late Majesty's Reign, it is provided, 'that no person shall be capable of being elected a Member to serve in General Assembly, or of sitting or voting therein, who shall be a Minister of the Church of England, or of the Church of Scotland, or a Minister, Priest, Ecclesiastic, or Teacher, under any other form of Religious Faith or Worship whatever.'---And whereas *William Wilmot*, Esquire, a Gentleman returned for the County of Sunbury, is disqualified by the said Act, to sit and vote in General Assembly---

"Resolved therefore, that the said *William Wilmot*, be not allowed to take a Seat in this House."

And on motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, for the previous question, viz.---"That the question upon the resolution be not now put."---the House divided---YEAS 12---NAYS 11. It was therefore carried in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*---Resolved, "that a select Committee be appointed to search for precedents applicable to the case of *William Wilmot*, Esq. a Gentleman who has in a former Session been excluded from sitting in this House, under the operation of an Act of the 58th Geo. III, and who has since been returned for the County of Sunbury."

And upon the question being put, for passing the said Resolution, the House divided---as follows :

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. C. SIMONDS,	Mr. FRASER,
Mr. R. SIMONDS,	Mr. MUNRO,
Mr. RITCHIE,	Mr. CAMPBELL,
Mr. ALLEN,	Mr. STUBS,
Mr. WILMOT,	Mr. MILES,
Mr. SLASON,	Mr. WETMORE,
Mr. W. PETERS,	Mr. SCOVIL,
Mr. J. WILMOT,	Mr. H. PETERS,
Mr. M'KAY,	Mr. JOHNSTON,
Mr. DOW,	Mr. CLARKE,
Mr. WILSON.	Mr. SMITH,
	Mr. VAIL.

It was therefore carried in the negative.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Street* delivered the Message---as follows ;

"Mr. *Speaker*.---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, 'for erecting and maintaining a Light-House near Grand Manan'---and the bill, 'to continue an Act, for the more effectual punishment

“punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of the Trespasses therein mentioned, in the City of St. John.”

And then Mr. *Street* withdrew.

The order of the day being read for the commitment of a bill, “in amendment of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same”---

The House according thereto resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of the same.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee the following Resolution was moved and seconded:---“Resolved, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed for three months.” And that upon the question being put for adopting the same, the Committee divided---YEAS 4---NAYS 16.

It was therefore carried in the negative.

And that he was directed by the Committee further to report, that they had agreed to the bill with amendments, under the title of “A bill to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same.”

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

Read a second time, a bill “to repeal all the Laws now in force for the organization and regulation of the Militia, and to make further provision for the same.”

Whereupon ordered, that the said bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Mr. *C. Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill, “to regulate all Fees to be taken at the several Custom-Houses in the Province, upon Coasting Vessels.”

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*---Ordered, that the House do go into Committee of the whole, on Friday next, in consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Ritchie* moved for leave to bring in a bill, “to continue an Act, intituled, “An Act further to increase the Revenue of the Province, by imposing a duty upon all Rum and other Spirituous Liquors that shall be distilled within the same.”

Leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Slason* moved for leave to bring in a bill, “to repeal an Act, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the Counties of York and Charlotte respectively, to regulate the Assize of Bread in the Towns of Fre-

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“derickton and Saint Andrew's, so far as relates to the Town of Fredericton,  
“and to make more effectual provision for the same.”

Leave granted.

Mr. *Ritchie*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Parish of Portland, in the County of Saint John, praying that the Law for repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John, passed in the 50th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the III, may be further continued.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*.---“Whereas *William Wilmot*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected, a Member to serve in General Assembly for the County of Sunbury, in the room of *Amos Perley*, Esquire, deceased: And whereas the said *William Wilmot*, Esquire, is disqualified by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made and passed in the 58th year of His late Majesty's Reign, which provides, ‘that no person shall be capable of being elected a Member to serve in General Assembly, or of sitting or voting therein, who shall be a Minister of the Church of England, or of the Church of Scotland, or a Minister, Priest, Ecclesiastic, or Teacher, under any other form of profession of Religious Faith or Worship whatever.’---Therefore resolved, that the said *William Wilmot*, be not allowed to take a Seat in this House.”

Read a second time, a bill, “to establish regulations for the Poor-House of the Parish of St. Andrew's.”

Read a second time, a bill sent down from the Council, intituled, “An Act for confirming public Acts.”

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, “to explain an Act intituled, “An Act to exclude certain descriptions of persons from serving as Representatives in General Assembly.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them---That in the Committee it was moved and seconded---“That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.”

And upon the question being put for the postponement, the Committee divided---YEAS 12---NAYS 11.

And it therefore passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

The order of the day being read, the House according thereto resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, “to repeal the Acts for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes of this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *R. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the following Messages.

“NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“3rd FEBRUARY, 1824.

“WARD CHIPMAN.

“The President directs to be laid before the House of Assembly, the account of the Commissioner appointed to expend the sum granted at the Session of the General Assembly, in 1822 for the Road from the Gary Settlement to St. John; and informs the House, that a Warrant was inadvertently granted for the whole sum £500 specified in the Appropriation Act, which was accordingly expended by the Commissioners, without deducting the sum of £59 0 2, directed to be paid to General Coffin, being so much expended by him over and above the sum allowed to the Nerepis Road the preceding year---and recommends to the House to make provision for the sum last mentioned.

“W. C.”

“NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“4th FEBRUARY, 1824.

“WARD CHIPMAN.

“The President directs to be laid before the House of Assembly, the Report of the Commissioners for the Government-House, and recommends the making of provision for the balance stated in their account, and for the contract with the Gardener, and the repairs stated in their Report. And as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor is expected to arrive in the spring, the President recommends to the consideration of the House, the making provision for suitable Furniture for the Public Rooms, and the adoption of such further measures as may be deemed requisite for the accommodation of His Excellency and his Family.

“W. C.”

The Report of the Commissioners for the Government House, and the account accompanying the same, being read, were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. *R. Simonds* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported that they had made progress in the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee, to ask for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'Clock.

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THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Ritchie*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Wetmore, of the Parish of Kingston, in King's County, praying that the sum of £8 may be granted to him, for repairs made on the Road and Bridges between his House and Bates' Mill-Pond.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr.



Mr. *Smith*, from the standing Committee appointed to examine, liquidate, and report on public and private accounts; reported as follows:—

That No. 1, is the account current of *James A. Maclauchlan, Esquire*, Supervisor of the Great Road from Fredericton to Canada, with the Province.

By this account it appears, that the Supervisor has expended on the Great Road from Fredericton towards Canada, the sum of . . . . . £577 2 0  
His allowance of 10 per cent. . . . . 57 14 2

£634 16 2

He credits three sums received from the Treasury, £15. }  
£500, and £61 . . . . . 576 0 0

Leaving a balance due the Supervisor of . . . . . £58 16 2

The several contracts in this account, amount to the sum of £424 9 8

The Supervisor's account for exploring, . . . . . 137 4 6

Do. Do. for Assistants, . . . . . 12 0 0

Sundry other expences of Printing, &c. . . . . 3 7 10

£577 2 0

An affidavit accompanies the account current, and vouchers are produced for the several charges therein contained.

The Supervisor has also produced the several tenders made to him by persons wishing to contract for different parts of the Road.

A report accompanies the Supervisor's accounts, containing much useful information--which report the Committee recommend to the attention of the House.

An estimate is also furnished by the Supervisor, of the sums required for the Great Road to Canada. By this estimate, the Supervisor thinks that upwards of £1000 can be expended by him this year, with advantage to the Public, and £1500 more the following year, or as soon as possible.

This estimate will be useful to the Committee of Great Roads.

The whole of the accounts, the report and estimate, are satisfactory.

2. This is an account of *William F. Odell, Esquire*, Commissioner for the Road from Fredericton to the Maryland Settlement.

He charges the sum of £50 expended on the said Road, and credits that amount received from the Treasury. No charge is made by the Commissioner for his trouble.

The account is accompanied by an affidavit and vouchers, and is satisfactory.

3. Is an account of *George H. Hazen*, Commissioner for the Road leading from Little River to Loch Lomond, by which it appears that he has expended £40 on the said Road.

The requisite vouchers are produced, and an affidavit is made to the account. No charge is made for his time and trouble. The whole is satisfactory.

4. Is *W. H. Mowat's* account, for the sum of £26, expended on the road leading from St. Andrew's to Chamcook, with a receipt from the Contractor for that sum.

He charges 20s. paid for measuring and viewing the Road, and 60s. for his own expences, making altogether the sum of £30, which sum he has received from the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrew's.

There is no affidavit to this account.

5. Is

5. Is a letter and receipt from Mr. George Harding, by which it appears that he has paid the sum of £39 3 2½ remaining in his hands, belonging to the Province, to Edward N. Scovil.

6. Is Jacob Young's account for £30 expended by him on the Road from Quintin's to Pagan's Mill-Stream, and in repairing a Bridge.

An affidavit accompanies this account. The appropriation for this Road was made in 1820.

7. Is William John Layton's account against Jacob Kollock, Esq. for exploring the proper direction of a Road to be laid out between the Konchiak and Richibucto, and between Miramichi and Buctouche, and for making plans, writing contracts, and making a report. This account amounts to £87 10 8. Jacob Kollock, the Supervisor, certifies that the account is according to agreement with him, and correct. The Committee beg leave to call the attention of the House to this account, the report of the Surveyor, and the report of the Supervisor.

8. Is an account of William B. Cripps, for the sum of £25 expended by him on the Road from Hands' Farm to the Great Road leading from St. Andrew's to St. John.

An affidavit and voucher accompany the account, and the whole are satisfactory.

9. This is an account of Bijah Ingraham, for work done at the Meductic Falls, in the year 1816, under the inspection of Major M'Kay and Major Ketchum, amounting to £146 13 3.

10. Is another account from the same person, for work done at the same place in 1817, amounting to £4 13 9.

11. An account from the same person, for work done at the same place in 1819 and 1820, amounting to £7 10 9.

12. This is James Taylor's account for money paid Bijah Ingraham, amount £150---for which sum he credits a warrant on the Treasury.

13. Is John M'Kay's report of the expenditure of £150, granted by the Legislature for the improvement of the Navigation of the River St. John, at Meductic Falls, under the direction of Majors M'Kay and Ketchum, shewing a balance due to B. Ingraham, of £1 17 9.

Affidavits accompany the accounts No. 9, 10, and 11.

14. A report from Richard Ketchum, Esquire, Commissioner for laying out £150 at Meductic Falls, and £25 at Feroes Rocks, by which it appears that he has received the above sums from the Treasury, and has paid £96 16. The balance is to be paid when the Contracts made by him are completed.

An affidavit is made to the report, and vouchers for £88.

15. This is an account current of Edward N. Scovil, with the Province, by which it appears that he has received from the Treasury, £750, and from George Harding, £39 3 2½---making £789 3 2½.

Mr. Scovil has expended £674 on the Road from St. John to the Province Line, and from Dorchester to Chediac, and thence to the Petticodiac.

He charges 10 per cent. on the money expended, which } amounts to

And £10 for inspecting the Roads and making a report } in 1822, by order of the Lieutenant-Governor,

Money expended . . . . . £74 0 0

£751 8 0

Leaving a balance due to the Province of . . . . . £37 15 2½

£789 3 2½

An affidavit and vouchers accompany the account, and the whole are satisfactory.

16. Is Thomas Wyer's account current with the Province, for money expended on the Road from St. John to St. Andrew's, amount L356 6 8.

He credits L335 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance due to Thomas Wyer, Esquire, of L21 6 8.

An affidavit accompanies the account, which is satisfactory.

A report is also made by the Supervisor, to which the Committee beg leave to call the attention of the House.

17. Is the account current of Colin Campbell, Esq. Supervisor of the Great Road from Fredericton to St. Andrew's, with the Province.

By this account it appears that the Supervisor has expended on the said Road,

His allowance at 10 per cent.	49	15	4
	451	2	3

He credits the sums received from the Treasury, L248 15, }  
and L190 . . . . . } 438 15 0

Leaving a balance due him of	12	7	3
The several contracts in the account amount to the sum of	L315	16	0
The Supervisor's account for exploring and Assistants,	66	19	5
	L382	15	5

An affidavit accompanies the account, and vouchers are produced for the whole, except a few small charges of small consequence. The Supervisor has also furnished vouchers for L137 10, which was required the last Session.

A report and plan accompany the Supervisor's account, containing much information, which report the Committee recommend to the attention of the House. The whole is satisfactorily stated.

18. This is an affidavit from Jacob Allen, to the account which he furnished at the last Session of the General Assembly, for the expenditure of L25 on the Road from Poquiac Bridge toward Ingraham's Mills. Jacob Allen's accounts for the said expenditure, are now satisfactory.

19. This is an account from Thomas Jones, for money expended on the Road between George Jones' and Jacob Ellegood's, in the Parish of Prince William.

The proper vouchers and affidavit are also produced.

The Commissioner has expended	L49	18	0
And he charges 5 per cent. commission,	2	10	0
	L52	8	0

He credits a warrant on the Treasury, for . . . . . 50 0 0

Leaving a balance due to him, of . . . . . L2 8 0

20. This is an application from Thomas C. Lee, Esquire, late a Supervisor of Great Roads, by which it appears that the sum of L18 7 6, which he was required to account for in 1822, should have been L17 11 11½, since which he expended L20 for cutting wind falls, which was allowed to him last year. The balance due to him would therefore be L2 8 0½.

Mr. Lee prays, that the House will reconsider the charge of L6 which was not allowed to him at the last Session, and that they will now direct that he

may receive that sum. If the House allow this sum, the balance due to Thos. C. Lee, Esq. will be £8 8 0½.

Ordered that the report be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Ritchie*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Red Head and Marsh Districts, in the County of St. John, praying that the Act passed in the 50th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Geo. III. and continued by an Act passed in the 3rd year of the Reign of His present Majesty, until the end of this Session, for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John, may be further continued.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Magistrates and Inhabitants of the Parish of Lancaster, in the County of Saint John, praying that the Act for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John, which was passed in the 50th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George III. and continued by an Act passed in the 3rd year of His present Majesty's Reign, until the end of this present Session, may not be further continued.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, praying that the provisions of the Act, "to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of York," and for making rules and regulations for the management of the same, may be extended to the said County, and that a sum not exceeding £700, may be raised by assessment upon the Inhabitants of the Parishes of New-Castle, Nelson, Northesk, Chatham, Ludlow, Alnwick, and Glenelg, for the building of the same.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, also, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Merchants of Miramichi, praying that a Law might pass imposing a duty of 5 per cent. on all goods imported by Non-Residents into the County of Northumberland, and also on all goods received by resident Merchants there, on Consignment.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Stubs* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to repeal the Acts for imposing a duty on certain articles imported into this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Ritchie*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to continue an Act, intitled, "An Act further to increase the Revenue of the Province, by imposing a duty upon all Rum and other Spirituous Liquors that shall be distilled within the same."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Deer Island, in the County of Charlotte, praying that a Law might pass to authorize the Landholders on the said Island, to erect Swing Gates across the Highway.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, praying that a sum not less than £500, may be granted, for the purpose of exploring a better Road between Fredericton and Restigouche.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee appointed to enquire what sums are wanted for the improvement of the Great Roads throughout the Province.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from Alexander Davidson, Esquire, praying that the sum of £70 9 2, may be granted to him, it being a sum expended by him in building a Bridge over the Cove which separates the Parishes of Nelson and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, also by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Parish of New-Castle and the Parishes contiguous thereto, in the County of Northumberland, praying that a sum may be granted from the Provincial Fund to assist in the erecting a School-House for the Madras School.

Which he read in his place.

And on motion that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply, the House divided, and it was carried in the negative.

Mr. *Campbell* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across the Highway leading through Deer Island; in the Parish of West Isles in the County of Charlotte."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Allen*, by leave, presented a Petition from Samuel Buchanan, Door-keeper to His Majesty's Council, praying that provision may be made towards his future support in his present advanced stage of life.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Campbell*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across the Highway leading through Deer Island, in the Parish of West Isles and County of Charlotte."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Slason*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to repeal an Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the Counties of York and Charlotte respectively, to regulate the Assize of Bread in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrew's, so far as relates to the Town of Fredericton; and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Which was read a first time.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "for the safe keeping of Lunatics whom it may be dangerous to permit to go at large within the Province."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Stubs*, and Mr. *Munro*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Town of Fredericton, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Slason* and Mr. *Allen*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to authorize the Justices of the Peace of the County of Charlotte, to make regulations for the Market Wharf at Saint Andrew's."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Clarke*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Wetmore*---Resolved, "that all reports from Supervisors and others, relating to the Great Roads of communication, or any alterations or amendments therein, that have been, or may be laid before this House during the present Session, be referred to the select Committee on the Great Roads, to consider and report on the same to the House, by bill or otherwise as the said Committee may think fit.

According to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill "to repeal all the Laws now in force for the organization and regulation of the Militia, and to make further provision for the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported that they had made progress in the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee, to ask for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Mr. *R. Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of Northumberland, and for making rules and regulations for the management of the same."

Leave granted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to regulate all Fees to be taken at the several Custom-Houses in the Province, upon Coasting Vessels."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *H. Peters*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Red Head and Marsh Districts, in the County of St. John, praying that the Act for repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John, which was passed in the 50th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George III. and continued by an Act passed in the 3rd year of the Reign of His present Majesty, may be further continued.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Stubs*, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Donahoe, a Settler on the Road between St. John and St. Andrew's, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid to assist him in keeping an establishment on the said Road for the accommodation of Travellers.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to repeal the Acts to impose a duty on certain articles imported into this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Which was read a first time.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Ritchie*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “ further to continue and amend the Acts, for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John.”

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Weimore*, by leave, presented a Petition from several Inhabitants of Shediac, praying that the sum of £50 granted to build a Bridge over Scoudouc River, may be regranted to the Petitioners, to enable them to complete and finish the said Bridge.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee on Bye-Roads.

Mr. *M'Kay*, from the Committee appointed (in pursuance of a resolution of the 26th ultimo,) to enquire and ascertain what sums are necessary for the impovement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges throughout the Province---reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that in their opinion the sum of £4000, should be granted for that purpose, and that that sum should be divided in the following proportions to the respective Counties---viz.

To the County of St. John,	£400
Do. Westmorland,	650
Do. Northumberland,	700
Do. York,	640
Do. Charlotte,	518
Do. Sunbury,	175
Do. King's,	517
Do. Queen's,	400

£4000

HUGH M'KAY,  
RUFUS SMITH,  
D. B. WETMORE,  
H. MUNRO,  
JOHN DOW,  
ELIJAH MILES,  
SAMUEL SCOVIL,  
M. WILMOT.

Ordered that the report be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee appointed (in pursuance of a Resolution of the 30th ultimo), to prepare a bill, to make provision for ascertaining the Boundary Lines of the several Counties throughout the Province---Reported, that they had attended to that duty, and had prepared a bill for that purpose, under the title of “ A bill in addition to and to explain an Act, intituled, “ An Act for the better ascertaining and confirming the Boundaries of the “ several Counties within this Province, and for subdividing them into Towns “ or Parishes.”

Which being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. *Smith*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Trustees and Directors of the Grammar School of the County of Westmorland, praying that a proportion of the Provincial allowance made for the establishment of Grammar Schools throughout the Province, may be granted to the Rev. C. Milner, for the intermediate time between the 6th day of September, 1820, the time when  
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the said C. Milner commenced teaching the said School, and the 6th day of January, 1821.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. R. Simonds moved for leave to bring in a bill, "for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province."

Leave granted.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill sent down from the Council, intituled, "An Act for confirming public Acts."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. M'Kay took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. M'Kay, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that they had agreed to the same.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Robinson delivered the Message---as follows:

"Mr. Speaker,---i am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the following bills:---

"The bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act, for making further provision for preventing the importation and spreading of contagious Distempers in the City of St. John.

"The bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to make regulations for the Market Wharf at St. Andrew's.

"The bill to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Town of Fredericton, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town."

And then Mr. Robinson withdrew.

The bill intituled, "An Act for confirming public Acts" being read a third time, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered that Mr. Wetmore and Mr. Scovil, do return the said bill to the Council, and inform them that the House have concurred therein.

Read a second-time, a bill, "to regulate all Fees to be taken at the several Custom-Houses in the Province, upon Coasting Vessels."

On motion of Mr. Smith---Ordered, that the order of the day for going into Committee of the whole House, in consideration of supplies to be granted for public services, be discharged,---and further ordered, that the House do go into Committee on the same; on Tuesday next.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill, "to repeal all the Laws now in force for the organization and regulation of the Militia, and to make further provision for the same."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. H. Peters took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Peters, from the Committee, reported, that they had made further progress in the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to ask for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

Mr. R. Simonds, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province."

Which was read a first time.

Read



Read a second time, a bill, "to repeal the Acts to impose a duty on certain articles imported into this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. *Miles*---Ordered, that the *Speaker* do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in General Assembly, for the County of Sunbury, in the room of *Amos Perley*, Esquire, deceased.

Mr. *Ritchie*, by leave, presented a Petition from Robert Ludgate, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid to assist him in finishing a house erected by him on the Road between St. John and St. Andrew's, for the accommodation of Travellers.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to establish regulations for the Poor-House in the Parish of St. Andrew's."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *C. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and agreed to the same, under the title of "A bill to provide for making rules and regulations for the management of the Poor-House in the Parish of St. Andrew's."

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed under the title as amended.

Mr. *Stubs* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to continue and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force for assessing, collecting, and levying of rates for public charges."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*---Ordered, that the bill, "to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same," be recommitted.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into the further consideration of the bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report, that they had made further amendments to the said bill, and had agreed to the same under the title of "A bill to extend the provisions of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same"---

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as further amended engrossed.

Mr.

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to continue and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force for assessing, collecting, and levying of rates for public charges."

Which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses and driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleighs, or any other Carriages whatsoever, within the Town Plots of Fredericton and Saint Andrew's."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had made progress in the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to ask for leave to sit again.

Leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next, at ten o'clock.

MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time, a bill, "to continue and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force for assessing, collecting, and levying of rates for public charges."

Mr. *Smith*, from the standing Committee appointed to examine, liquidate, and report on public and private accounts, further reported, as follows:---

21. Is John M'Allister, and James Buchanan's account, with affidavit and vouchers, for £192 10 3, expended by them as Commissioners for improving the Navigation of the River Saint Croix. They credit £200 received from the Province Treasury, which leaves a balance in their hands of £7 9 9.

22. Is Joseph N. Clarke, Esq. and Timothy Crocker's account, as Commissioners for the expenditure of £76 15 10, for improving the Road between Porter's in St. Stephen, and M'Allister's at Oak Bay. They charge £3 16 9 for commissions---the whole amounting to £80 12 7.

An affidavit accompanies the account, and vouchers for £57 18 1. They give no credit for any money received from the Province Treasury.

23. Is James Gilmour and William Abrams' account, with affidavit and vouchers for £203 14, expended by them as Commissioners for building a Bridge across Fort Cove, 210 feet long and 21 feet high. They credit £200 received from the Province Treasury, and £3 14 from the Commissioners of Highways of New-Castle.

24. Is John Hazen, Junior's account, as Commissioner on the Nerepis Road, with affidavit and vouchers for the expenditure of £443. He charges for commissions at 10 per cent. £50. He credits £440 19 10, and also £50 9 2, received from the Province Treasury, which leaves a balance in his hands of £7.

25. Is the account of the Commissioners of the Revenue Cutter, to amount of £2438 6 5½. They credit £929 11 9, received from the Province Treasury---which leaves a balance due them of £1508 14 8½.

Ordered that the report be received and lie on the table.

Read a second time, a bill, "in addition to, and to explain an Act, intituled,

led, "An Act for the better ascertaining and confirming the Boundaries of the several Counties within this Province, and for subdividing them into Towns and Parishes."

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Ordered that the order of the day for going into Committee of the whole House, in consideration of supplies to be granted for Public Services, be again discharged.

The melancholy account of the Death of His Honor the President, having been communicated to the House, they adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and again adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, and again adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, and again adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, and again adjourned until Monday morning next, at eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, and again adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, and again adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, and again adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, and again adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, and again adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1824.

The House met, and again adjourned until Monday morning next, at ten o'clock.

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MONDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

A Message from His Honor the President:

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message:

“NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“23d FEBRUARY, 1824.

“J. M. BLISS.

“The business of the Legislature having been suspended by the death of the Honorable WARD CHIPMAN, the late President, the House of Assembly are informed, that the Honorable JOHN MURRAY BLISS, has taken upon himself the Administration of the Government, and that they are at liberty to resume business.

“J. M. B.”

Read a third time, as engrossed; a bill, “to provide for making rules and regulations for the management of the Poor-House in the Parish of Saint Andrew’s.”

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *M’Kay* and Mr. *Campbell*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, “to extend the provisions of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same”

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *C. Simonds* and Mr. *Johnston*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, from the Committee appointed, in pursuance of a resolution made and passed the 29th ultimo, to prepare a bill to make provision for taking a census of all the Inhabitants of the Province,---reported that the Committee had attended to that duty, and had prepared a bill for that purpose, under the title of “A bill for taking an account of the Population of this Province.”

The said bill being brought in, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*---Ordered that the time for receiving Petitions and bringing in Bills, which was limited, by two orders of the House, to the 10th instant, be extended to Friday the 27th instant; and that no Petitions be received, and no Bills brought in, after that time (with the exception of Appropriation Bills) except by special leave of the House.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Portland, in the County of St. John, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid to assist them in the support of transient Poor within the said Parish, for the year 1823.

Which he read in his place.

Accompanying the Petition is an account and vouchers, for the expenditure of £441 18 0¼. There is a credit to the account of £120 paid out of the sum assessed on the Inhabitants, for the support of the Poor of the said Parish.

Ordered that the Petition, with the account and vouchers accompanying it, be received and referred to the Committee of Supply. Mr.

Mr. *Wetmore*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kingston, in King's County, praying that the sum of £82 11 6½, may be granted out of the Provincial fund, to reimburse that sum expended for the support of transient Poor in the said Parish, from the 1st Jan. 1821, to 1st Jan. 1824.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Parishes of New-Castle and Northesk, in the County of Northumberland, praying that an Act might pass to alter the division line between the said Parishes.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Stubs*, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Sime, Keeper of the Gaol at St. Andrew's, in the County of Charlotte, praying that a sum may be granted out of the Provincial fund to reimburse the expence of supporting Farnum A. Dustin, while confined in the said Goal, under an Extent at the suit of the King: The said Farnum A. Dustin, having been discharged by order of His Excellency the late Lieutenant-Governor.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Black* delivered the Message---as follows:

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to a bill, ‘ for the safe keeping of Lunatics whom it be may ‘ dangerous to permit to go at large within the Province,’ with amendments---to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

“ The Council have passed a bill, ‘ to provide for the permanent interment ‘ of the Remains of the late Lieutenant-Governor Smyth, within the walls ‘ of the Parish Church of Fredericton,’---to which they likewise desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.”

And then Mr. *Black* withdrew.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “ to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of Northumberland, and for making rules and regulations for the management of the same.”

Which was read a first time.

Mr. *Wetmore*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Nerepis Settlement, praying that a sum may be granted out of the Province fund, for the purpose of defraying the expence of removing rocks and sand bars which obstruct the passage of the Nerepis river.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Slason*, by leave, presented a Petition from Rachel Martin, praying that the sum of £40 may be granted to her, for teaching a School in Fredericton, under the Madras system, for two years, from the 1st April, 1822.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Vail*, by leave, presented a Petition from Samuel Freese, praying that the sum of £150 may be granted to assist him in rebuilding the bridge across the

the Kennebecacis river, carried away a short time since by the ice, which bridge was built by the Petitioner in the year 1817, and was to be kept in repair until the year 1827.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee appointed, in pursuance of a resolution of the 31st ultimo, to prepare a bill for continuing and amending the Law for raising a Revenue---reported, that the Committee had attended to that duty, and had prepared a bill for that purpose, under the title of "A bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled, " An Act for raising a Revenue in this Province."

The said bill being brought in, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, " to repeal the Acts for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes of this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *R. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and in the Committee it was resolved, That the further consideration of the same be postponed for three months.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of Lancaster, in the County of St. John, praying that pecuniary Legislative aid may be granted to Richard Lawrence, to assist him in erecting a Grist Mill in the said Parish.

Which he read in his place.

And upon the question that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply, the House divided, and it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Slason*, by leave, presented a Petition from William Morgan, a Settler on the road leading to the Cardigan Settlement, in the Parish of St. Mary's, in the County of York, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid to assist him in erecting a Grist and Hulling Mill on the middle branch of the Nashwalksis stream.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of St. John, praying that an Act passed in the 33rd year of His late Majesty's Reign, for regulating the size and contents of Lime Hogsheads within this Province, may be revised and amended.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Stubs* moved for leave to bring in a bill, " to continue the Acts for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes of this Province."

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. *Johnston* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to regulate the size and contents of Lime Hogsheads within this Province, and to repeal the Laws now in force regulating the same."

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to continue and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force for assessing, collecting, and levying of rates for public charges."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that they had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of "A bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force for assessing, collecting and levying of rates for public charges."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Carleton and its vicinity, praying that that part of the City of Saint John, situated on the westerly side of the Harbour, may be (for all purposes connected with Ecclesiastical matters) separated from the Parish of St. John, and erected into a separate Parish, and that an Act might pass providing for the same.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Read a second time, a bill, "to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across the Highway leading through Deer Island, in the Parish of West Isles and County of Charlotte."

Mr. *Johnston* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for erecting a Parish in the City of Saint John, and Incorporating the Rectors, Church-Wardens and Vestries, of the Church of England, in the several Parishes in this Province."

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. *C. Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, for regulating the exportation of Lumber."

Leave granted.

Read a second time, a bill, "to repeal an Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the Counties of York and Charlotte respectively, to regulate the Assize of Bread in the Towns of Fredericton and St. Andrew's, so far as relates to the Town of Fredericton, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*---Ordered, that the House do go into Committee of the whole, on Wednesday next, in consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from John Chaloner, Esquire, Register of Deeds, &c. for the City and County of St. John, praying that a sum may be granted from the Province Treasury, to defray the expense of a Book-case for containing the Books of Registry.

Which he read in his place.

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And on motion that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply, the House divided, and it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Fraser*, by leave, presented a Petition from Charles Stewart, a Settler at the Great Falls of the River St. John, praying that a sum may be granted from the Province Treasury, to reimburse him for expenses incurred in supporting poor Emigrants travelling on the road to Canada.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Loch Lomond and Mispec, in the County of St. John, praying that the sum of £100 may be granted from the Province Treasury, for the purpose of removing rocks and other obstructions in Mispec river, and for deepening the Thoroughfare between the Loch Lomond Lakes.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the bill, "for the safe keeping of Lunatics whom it be may dangerous to permit to go at large within the Province," sent down for concurrence this day, and which are as follow :---

"At A, insert I.

"At B, dele "and" insert II."

Resolved, that the House do agree to the said amendments, and ordered that Mr. *Stubs* and Mr. *W. Peters*, do return the said bill with the amendments to the Council, and inform them that the House have concurred therein.

Mr. *H. Peters*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Governor and Trustees of the Madras School in New-Brunswick, praying that further pecuniary Legislative aid may be granted for the support of the Institution.

Which he read in his place.

Accompanying the Petition is the annual report of the state of the said School, for the year 1823.

Ordered that the Petition with the report accompanying the same, be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, praying for further Legislative aid to assist them in extending the Breakwater at the mouth of the Harbour.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a first time, a bill, "to provide for the permanent interment of the Remains of the late Lieutenant-Governor Smyth, within the walls of the Parish Church of Fredericton."

Which bill was sent down from the Council this day for concurrence.

Mr. *J. Wilmot*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Lancaster, in the County of St. John, praying that the sum of £23 14 6, may be granted them, to reimburse them for that sum expended for the support of two indigent Emigrants in the said Parish.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*,---Resolved, that the Petitions and accounts for  
Legislative



Legislative aid towards the support of transient Poor and indigent Emigrants, that have been or may be presented to this House during the present Session; be referred to a select Committee, to examine and report upon the same, and that the several orders heretofore made during this Session, for referring such Petitions and accounts to the Committee of Supply, be rescinded.

Ordered that *Mr. Stubs, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Miles, Mr. W. Peters, Mr. Slason, Mr. R. Simonds, and Mr. Wetmore,* be the Committee for that purpose.

*Mr. Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from *Hugh Johnston, sen. John Thomson, Alexander Edmond, and John Currie*, the surviving Trustees of the Kirk of Scotland, praying that the Acts passed in the 56th and 58th years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, incorporating the Minister and Elders of the Kirk of Scotland, may be amended.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

On motion of *Mr. C. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to regulate all Fees to be taken at the several Custom-Houses in the Province, upon Coasting Vessels."

*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair.

*Mr. Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair.

*Mr. Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same, under the title of "A bill to regulate all Fees to be taken at the several Custom-Houses and Naval Offices in the Province, upon Coasting Vessels."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed under the title as amended.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

The House met, and again adjourned for half an hour.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

*Mr. Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from the President, Directors and Company, of the Bank of New-Brunswick, praying that the Act passed in the 60th year of His late Majesty's Reign, regulating the rates at which certain Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current in this Province, may not be repealed.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

*Mr. Ritchie* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to repeal an Act to alter an Act, to provide for sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to the Province, and to provide buildings for the accommodation of the same."

Leave granted.

*Mr. C. Simonds*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, for regulating the exportation of Lumber."

Which was read a first time.

*Mr. R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from *Robert Reid, Esquire*, late Register of Deeds for the County of Northumberland, praying for pecuniary

niary Legislative aid, to enable him to support himself and wife in their advanced age.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Stubs*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Saint Andrew's, in the County of Charlotte, praying that the sum of £112 8 10, may be granted, for the support of transient Poor in the said Parish, for the year 1823.

Which he read in his place.

Accompanying the Petition is an account of the sum expended.

Ordered that the Petition with the account accompanying it, be received and referred to the Committee appointed (in pursuance of a resolution of yesterday) to examine and report upon accounts for the support of transient Poor and indigent Emigrants throughout the Province.

Mr. *M'Kay*, by leave, presented a Petition from William Kennedy, of the Parish of St. Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid, to assist him in his present distressed situation.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Fraser*, by leave, presented a Petition from James Woodd, of Fredericton, in the County of York, Surgeon, praying that a sum may be granted from the Province Treasury, to remunerate him for professional services rendered to poor and indigent persons, and for vaccinating many persons, among whom were sixty Indians.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from Thomas Ryan, praying that the sum of £10 16 may be granted to him, being the sum paid by the Petitioner and his late Partner, William M'Guire, for transient duty on goods imported by them into Miramichi, in the year 1818.

Which he read in his place.

And upon the question that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply, the House divided, and it was carried in the negative.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from William Walker, of the City of Saint John, Merchant, praying that the amount of duties paid by him on 50 barrels of flour, by virtue of an Act of Parliament, "imposing a duty" on certain articles imported from any Foreign State in North or South "America," may be returned---the said Flour being for the use of Government.

Which he read in his place.

And upon the question that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply, the House divided, and it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Parishes of Carleton and Wellington, in the County of Northumberland, praying that a bridge may be built over the Little River of Buctouche, at Dominique's Point, and not opposite the house of Elijah Ayres, and that a sum of money may be granted for that purpose.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee appointed to enquire what sums are wanted for the improvement of the Great Roads throughout the Province.

Read a second time, a bill, "further to continue and amend the Acts, for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John."

On motion of Mr. *Wetmore*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill, "to repeal all the Laws now in force for the organization and regulation of the Militia, and to make further provision for the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to regulate all Fees to be taken at the several Custom-Houses and Naval Offices in the Province, upon Coast-ing Vessels."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *C. Simonds*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force for assessing, collecting, and levying of rates for public charges."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Vail*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Smith*, from the standing Committee appointed to examine, liquidate, and report on public and private accounts, further reported, as follows:--

No. 26. Is William P. Sayre's account, with affidavit and vouchers for £19 12 6, which with the vouchers furnished last year, satisfactorily account for the amount of the two grants of money, one on the road from New-Horton to Cape Enragè, and the other on the road from Dorchester Island to the Main.

No. 27. Is Daniel Morchouse's account, with affidavit and vouchers, as Commissioner for laying out £25 for the improvement of the road from the river St. John to the Caverhill back settlement, in the Parish of Queensbury. He credits £25 received from the Province Treasury.

No. 28. This is an account of Wm. John Drummond and J. White, Commissioners for the new Shepody road. This account amounts to the sum of £211 8 3. Of the above sum, vouchers were produced last year, for the sum of £103 19 10,; and vouchers are now produced for £46 9 2. There is a charge in the account for supplies had of Mr. Jonah Dyer, to the amount of £60 16 10, and for freight of supplies, £3 6.

No vouchers are produced for the supplies had of Jonah Dyer, nor is there any account from the said Dyer, for the the amount of supplies.

There is no affidavit to this account, and consequently the whole is unsatisfactory.

No. 29. Is Allan M'Lean's account and vouchers, as Supervisor of the

Great Road from Fredericton to the river Ristigouche, for the expenditure of	£487 9 6
He charges for Commissions,	49 5 5½
Ditto for exploring road from Miramichi to the great Barabogue,	5 5 4
	£542 0 3½

He credits £550 received from the Province Treasury, which leaves a balance due the Province, £7 19 8½. A report accompanies the account, but no affidavit, for which reason it is unsatisfactory.

No. 30. Is Nathaniel H. De Veber's account with affidavit and vouchers, as Supervisor of the Great Road from Fredericton to the Fork of the Great Marsh, for the expenditure of	£586 4 0
He charges his Commissions,	60 0 0
Ditto for extra charges and Printing,	7 6 8
	£653 10 8

He credits £600 received from the Province Treasury, which leaves a balance due him of £53 10 8.

A report accompanies the account.

No. 31. Is Nathaniel H. De Veber's account, with affidavit and vouchers, as Commissioner for expending £43 6 8, on the Road between Daniel Currie's and Dingle's Mill, in Queen's County. He charges commissions at 10 per cent. £5. He credits £50 received from the Province Treasury, which leaves a balance in his hands £1 13 4.

Ordered that the report be received and lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to repeal the Acts to impose a duty on certain articles imported into this Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was moved and seconded, "That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months." And upon the question for the postponement, the Committee divided, and it passed in the negative.

And Mr. *Allen* further reported, that he was directed to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*--Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this House be given to *Thomas Bonnor*, Esquire, for his services as Agent of this Province, in Great-Britain; and that Mr. *Speaker* be requested to communicate the same to Mr. *Bonnor*. And whereas it is thought that it would be attended with greater advantage to the interests of the Province, if persons more intimately acquainted with its commercial and local concerns were appointed its Agents in Great-Britain; Therefore resolved unanimously, that *John Bainbridge*, Esquire, a Merchant of London, well acquainted with the commercial interests of this Province, which he has been for many years very zealous in promoting, and *Henry Bliss*, Esquire, a native of this Province, and now residing in London, and possessing from personal observation and experience, an intimate knowledge of its local circumstances and concerns, be appointed joint Agents of this Province, in Great-Britain, in the room of the said *Thomas Bonnor*, Esquire.

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On motion of Mr. *Allen*---Ordered that a Committee of this House, inform His Majesty's Council, of the appointment of *John Baunbridge* and *Henry Bliss*, Esquires, as joint Agents of this Province, in Great-Britain, and request their concurrence.

And further ordered, that Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Johnston*, be the Committee for that purpose.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee appointed (in pursuance of a resolution of the 26th ultimo,) to inquire and ascertain what sums are necessary for the further improvement of the Great Roads of communication throughout the Province---Reported that they had attended to that duty, and that in their opinion the sum of £7000, should be granted for that purpose, in the following manner:---

From Fredericton to St. John, by the Nerepis	£1000
„ Fredericton to the Canada Line,	1300
„ Fredericton to St. Andrew's,	700
„ Fredericton to the Ristigouche,	1300
„ Fredericton to the Finger Board,	300
„ St. John to St. Andrew's,	700
„ St. John to Westmorland,	650
„ The Forks on the Marsh to Belleisle,	150
„ Shediac to Chatham,	600
„ Shediac to Dorchester,	150
„ The Bend of the Peticodiac to Shediac,	150
	£7000

P. FRASER,  
CHARLES SIMONDS,  
PETER STUBS,  
WILLIAM PETERS,  
R. SIMONDS,  
ELIJAH MILES.

Ordered that the report be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Allen*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Parishes of St. Mary's and Queensbury, in the County of York, praying that the Parish of St. Mary's may be divided into two separate Parishes, and that the upper line of the said Parish of St. Mary's, may be extended to the upper line of the Lot owned by Nehemiah Estey, and known as Lot number 55, in the Parish of Queensbury.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Ritchie*, by leave, presented a Petition from Alexander Edmond and Isaac L. Bedell, of the City of St. John, Merchants, praying for a return of the Provincial duty paid by them on a quantity of coffee imported from Halifax, in the Province of Nova-Scotia, in the year 1816---the said Coffee having been damaged by the salt water.

Which he read in his place.

And upon the question that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply, the House divided, and it was carried in the negative.

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On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across the Highway leading through Deer Island, in the Parish of West Isles and County of Charlotte."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message :

" NEW-BRUNSWICK.

" MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

" 23d FEBRUARY, 1824.

" J. M. BLISS.

" The President directs to be laid before the House, a letter from the Collector and Comptroller at St. Andrew's covering a Report from Mr. Wetmore, an officer in that department. And recommends to the House, the making of provision for the Officers proposed.

" J. M. B."

The letters and report accompanying the Message, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Martins, in the County of St. John, praying that the Act for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John, which was made and passed in the 50th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, and continued by an Act passed in the 3rd year of His present Majesty's Reign, may not be further continued.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Allen*, by leave, presented a Petition from the Commissioners of the Alms-House and Work-House of the County of York, praying that the sum of £110 14 9, may be granted, to reimburse them for that sum expended for the support of transient poor old Soldiers and indigent Emigrants, between the 1st day of January, 1823, and the 3rd day of February, 1824.

Which he read in his place.

Accompanying the Petition are accounts and affidavits for the expenditure of the sum.

Ordered that the Petition with the accounts be received and referred to the Committee appointed to examine the accounts for the support of transient Poor and indigent Emigrants.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, reported a supplementary statement, as follows :---

No 28. Is the account of the Deputy Treasurer at St. Peters, for the ordinary duties collected in 1822---amount £163 1 4;

And the statement of sick and disabled Seamen's duty, on 3621 tons, at 1d £15 1 9 :

Also his General Account, which your Committee cannot comprehend. No

notice is taken in this account of the balance due by him to the Province in 1821, amounting to £213 18 3.

No. 29. Is the account of the Deputy Treasurer at Shediac, for the ordinary duties collected in 1823---amounting to £117 10.

He short credits the duty on 111 gallons of Shrub at 2d per gallon. The duty charged by him being 1d. per gallon instead of 3d. per gallon.

No. 30. Is his account of sick and disabled Seamen's duty on 3898 tons, at 1d.---£16 4 10.

No. 31. Is his General Account shewing a balance in his hands, in Bonds and Cash, of £165 4 11.

The duty short paid on Shrub, and his Commission thereon, amounting to 19s. 5d. he is requested to credit in his next account current.

All of which is respectfully submitted to this Honorable House.

HUGH JOHNSTON, Jun.  
PETER STUBS,  
RUFUS SMITH.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. *R. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from John Clarke, Esquire, of the County of Northumberland, praying that a sum may be granted him from the Province Treasury, as a remuneration for services performed as Adjutant of the first Battalion of the Militia of the said County, from the year 1813 to the year 1822.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

The order of the day being read, the House according thereto resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Robinson* delivered the Message---as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, ‘ for making rules and regulations for the management of the Poor-House in Saint Andrew’s.’---

“ And the bill, ‘ to extend the provisions of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries.’ ”

And then Mr. *Robinson* withdrew.

Mr. *Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee sundry resolutions were made, which he was directed to report, and having read the same in his place, they were delivered in at the Clerk's table, and there again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved that there be granted to the Chaplain of the Council in General Assembly, the sum of £25.

To the Chaplain of the House of Assembly, the sum of £25.

To the Clerk of the Council in General Assembly, the sum of £50, and 20s. per diem during the present Session.

To

To the Clerk of the Council, the sum of £25, for defraying the expences of an Assistant during the present Session.

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the sum of £50, and 20s. per diem during the present Session.

To the Clerk-Assistant of the House of Assembly, the sum of 20s. per diem during the present Session.

To the Sergeant at Arms attending the Council in General Assembly, the sum of 20s. per diem during the present Session.

To the Sergeant at Arms attending the House of Assembly, the sum of 20s. per diem during the present Session.

To the Doorkeepers and Messengers attending the Council and Assembly, the sum of 10s. per diem each, during the present Session.

To the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the sum of £150, and to the Members of the said House of Assembly, the sum of £40 each, for defraying their expences of attendance during the present Session, and 20s. per diem travelling charges, reckoning twenty miles for each day's travel, to be certified by the Speaker, agreeably to a Law of this Province.

To John Chaloner, Tide-Surveyor in the City of Saint John, the sum of £100, for his services and expences from the 1st day of March, 1823, to the 1st day of March, 1824.

To Thomas Bonner, Esquire, such sum as will procure a Bill of Exchange on England for £100 Sterling, for his services as Agent for the Province, for the year 1823.

To Nathaniel Atcheson, Esquire, Secretary to the Society of British North American Merchants, and Agent to some of His Majesty's North American Colonies, for his services from February, 1823, to February, 1824, such sum as will procure a Bill of Exchange on England for £100 Sterling, to be remitted by the Committee of Correspondence.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, for defraying the contingent expences of the Province, a sum not exceeding £250, for the year 1824.

To John Chaloner, for Gauging and Weighing in the year 1823, the sum of £110 13 6.

To the Treasurer of the Province, to defray the expences incurred by him for stationary, blanks, and advertising, the sum of £18 1 2.

To His Honor the President or Commander in Chief, for the purpose of enabling the Treasurer to pay Alexander Miller, a Tide-Waiter in the City of St. John, for his services from the 28th day of March, 1823, to the 28th day of March, 1824, the sum of £91 10.

To John Robinson, Esquire, Treasurer of the Province, for his services from the 1st day of March, 1823, to the 1st day of March, 1824, the sum of £600.

To Samuel Buchanan, the sum of £20, for airing and taking care of the Province Hall, for the year 1823.

To the Keeper of the Light-House on Partridge Island, the sum of £150, for his services for the year 1824.

To His Honor the President or Commander in Chief for the time being, for the encouragement of Schools, the sum of £3000, agreeably to a Law of this Province.

To His Majesty's Attorney-General, for his services for the year 1823, the sum of £100.

To His Majesty's Solicitor-General, for his services for the year 1823, the sum of £50.

To



To the Governor and Trustees of the College of New-Brunswick, the sum of £250, for the year 1824, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To the President and Directors of the St. John Grammar School, the sum of £250, for the year 1824, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To the President and Directors of St. Andrew's Grammar School, the sum of £200, for the year 1824, towards the support of a Master, and to defray the contingent expences of the said School, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

And Mr. *Peters* further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Read a second time, a bill, "to continue and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for raising a Revenue in this Province,"---

Also a bill, "to continue the Acts for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Mr. *R. Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to alter the division line between the Parishes of New-Castle and Northesk, in the County of Northumberland."

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first time.

Read a second time, a bill, "to regulate the size and contents of Lime Hogsheads within this Province, and to repeal the Laws now in force regulating the same."

Mr. *Ritchie*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to repeal an Act, intituled "An Act to alter an Act to provide for sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to the Province, and to provide buildings for the accommodation of the same."

Which was read a first time.

Read a second time, a bill, "to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of Northumberland, and for making rules and regulations for the management of the same."---

Also a bill, "for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province."

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to continue the Acts for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Slason*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to repeal an Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the Counties of York and Charlotte respectively, to regulate the Assize of Bread in the Towns of Freder-

" icton

“iction and Saint Andrew’s so far as relates to the Town of Fredericton, and to make more effectual provision for the same.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *C. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Petition from Duncan M’Arthur, of Campo Bello, in the County of Charlotte, praying that the sum of £148 may be granted to him, being the amount of the fishing bounty on 800 quintals of cod fish taken on a fishing voyage to the Labrador, between the 12th day of June and the 1st day of November, in the year 1822.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a second time, a bill, “for taking an account of the Population of this Province.”

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, “in addition to and to explain an Act, intituled, “An Act for the better ascertaining and confirming the Boundaries of the several Counties within this Province, and for subdividing them into Towns and Parishes.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was resolved, “That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months.”

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read a second time, a bill, “to alter and amend an Act, intituled, “An Act for erecting a Parish in the City of Saint John, and Incorporating the Rectors, Church-Wardens and Vestries, of the Church of England, in the several Parishes in this Province.”

Read a second time, a bill, sent down from the Council, intituled, “A bill to provide for the permanent interment of the Remains of the late Lieutenant-Governor Smyth, within the walls of the Parish Church of Fredericton.”

And on motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *R. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and that the Committee had directed him to report that they had agreed to the same with an amendment, which he read, and the same being delivered in at the Clerk’s table, was there again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

The bill being then read a third time, was agreed to by the House, as amended.

Ordered that Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, do return the said bill with the amendment, to the Council.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, "to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of Northumberland, and for making rules and regulations for the management of the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and that the Committee had directed him to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. *H. Peters*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of the reports of the standing Committee appointed to examine the public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *R. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to make the following report, which he read, and is as follows :---

No. 2. Is the account of W. F. Odell, Esq. Commissioner for the road from Fredericton to Maryland Settlement. It is accompanied by affidavit and vouchers, and is satisfactory.

No. 3. Is the account of G. H. Hazen, Esq. Commissioner for the road from Little River to Loch Lomond. The requisite vouchers and affidavit accompany the account, and the whole is satisfactory.

No. 4. Is W. H. Mowat's account for money expended on the road leading from St. Andrew's to Chamcook. No higher charge than 5 per cent for his expences, can be allowed. The balance due by him to the Province, will then be £1 13 0. The requisite affidavit to the account has been made.

No. 5. A letter and receipt from George Harding, which are satisfactory.

No. 6. Jacob Young's account, which is satisfactory.

No. 7. W. J. Layton's account, which is altogether unsatisfactory.

No. 8. W. B. Cripps' account, which is satisfactory.

Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14, are accounts and a report of monies expended at Meductic Falls and Feroe's rock. Vouchers are produced for the expenditure of £88. The Commissioner is directed to produce at the next Session of the General Assembly, vouchers for the expenditure of the balance of the monies received by him from the Treasury.

No. 15. Is the account of Edward N. Scovil, with affidavit and vouchers. The whole of which are satisfactory.

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- No. 16. Thomas Wyer's account and affidavit, which are satisfactory.
- No. 18. Is Jacob Allen's affidavit to the account furnished by him at the last Session of the General Assembly. The said account is now satisfactory.
- No. 19. The account of Thomas Jones, accompanied by the requisite affidavit and vouchers. The whole are satisfactory.
- Resolved, that this account be referred to the Committee of Supply.
- No. 20. The application of Thos. C. Lee, Esq. It appears that there is a balance due to him of £8 8 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- Resolved, that Mr. Lee's application be referred to the Committee of Supply.

No. 21. Is the account of John M'Allister and James Buchanan, with affidavit and vouchers.

Resolved, that they expend the balance of £7 9 9 remaining in their hands, for the purpose for which it was appointed, and render an account thereof at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 22. The account of Joseph N. Clarke, Esq. and Timothy Crocker.

Resolved, that the said Commissioners do furnish at the next Session of the General Assembly, some vouchers which are now wanting.

No. 23. Is the account of James Gilmour and William Abrams, with affidavit and vouchers. All of which are satisfactory.

No. 24. The account of John Hazen, Jun. Balance due by him to the Province, £12 14.

No. 25. Is the account of the Commissioners of the Revenue Cutter, which is satisfactory.

Resolved, that this account (by which there appears a balance of £1508 14 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , due to the Commissioners), be referred to the Committee of Supply.

And Mr. *Simonds* further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

The report being handed in at the Clerk's table, was there again read, and ordered to be accepted and leave to sit again granted.

Mr. *C. Simonds*, by leave, presented a Petition from Crookshanks & Johnston, of the City of St. John, Merchants, praying that the sum of £13 15, may be granted to them, it being a sum short allowed as drawback on 15 puncheons of rum, exported to the United States, in the year 1821.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Stubs*, by leave, presented a Petition from Cadwallader Curry, of Campo Bello, in the County of Charlotte, Merchant, praying that the sum of £34 16 8, may be granted to him, being amount of drawback on 90 hhds. molasses, exported to the United States, in 1819.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message :

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 26th FEBRUARY, 1824.

“ J. M. BLISS.

“ The increase of Trade, Commerce, and Population, and the prosperous  
state

“ state of the Province, having augmented in a proportionate degree, the business both Civil and Criminal in the Courts of Law, and it being advisable in order to the more regular administration of Justice in the several Counties, that fixed Terms should be appointed for holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery and Nisi Prius, annually in the same---The President informs the House of Assembly, that he purposes, with the advice of His Majesty’s Council, to establish two Terms for the City and County of St. John, on the second Tuesday in January, and the fourth Tuesday in August---For King’s County, on the fourth Tuesday in July---For Charlotte County, on the second Tuesday in August---For Westmorland, on the second Tuesday in September---For Northumberland, on the fourth Tuesday in September---For Sunbury, on the third Tuesday in October---For Queen’s County, on the fourth Tuesday in October---upon suitable provision for the same being made by the House, which he therefore recommends to their consideration.

“ J. M. B.”

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 26th FEBRUARY, 1824.

“ J. M. BLISS.

“ The President informs the House of Assembly, that an expence amounting to the sum of sixty-eight pounds fifteen shillings, has been incurred by order of Government, for special Messengers to Sussex Vale and to Saint John, on occasion of the death of His Excellency the late Lieutenant-Governor Smyth, and of His Honor the late President Chipman, and recommends to the House to make provision for payment of the same.

“ J. M. B.”

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented two Petitions from John Patterson, of Campo Bello, in the County of Charlotte, Merchant, one praying that the sum of £82 19 9, may be refunded to him, and that the several bonds which are in the hands of His Majesty’s Attorney General for collection, may be cancelled, the articles upon which the duties were paid and secured to be paid, having been exported to the United States---and the other praying that a sum paid and secured to be paid for transient duty on West-India produce exported to the United States, may be refunded to him, or ordered to be placed to his credit with the Deputy-Treasurer of the said County.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, “ to continue the Acts for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province.”

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Vail* and Mr. *Clarke*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, “ to repeal an Act, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the Counties of York and Charlotte respectively, to regulate the Assize of Bread in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrew’s, so far as relates to the Town of Fredericton, and to make more effectual provision for the same.”

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Slason* and Mr. *Wilson*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across the Highway leading through Deer Island, in the Parish of West Isles and County of Charlotte."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Munro*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on a bill, "to continue and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for raising a Revenue in this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses and driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleighs, or any other Carriage whatsoever, within the Town Plots of Fredericton and St. Andrew's."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill, and that he was directed to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of "A bill to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses and driving of Carriages within the Town Plots of Fredericton and St. Andrew's."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to regulate the size and contents of Lime Hogsheads within this Province, and to repeal the Laws now in force regulating the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *C. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had made progress in the bill to them referred, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. *Wilson*, by leave, presented a Petition from Ichabod Lewis and Lewis Mills, of Dorchester, in the County of Westmorland, praying that a sum may be granted from the Province Treasury as a compensation for injury done to their farms, by laying out the road to Shediac through their improved lands.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Stubs* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to regulate the driving of Carriages throughout the Province."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Allen* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to continue an Act to pro-

“ vide for and maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of this Province.”

Leave granted.

Read a second time, a bill, “ to alter and amend the Act, for the exportation of Lumber.”

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Smith*, from the standing Committee appointed to examine, liquidate, and report on public and private accounts, further reported, as follows :---

No. 32. This is a report, an account current, and several statements of the Commissioners for managing the Provincial Marine Hospital in the City of St. John.

The Commissioners have expended in 1823, . . . . .	£449 4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
They credit several sums received, . . . . .	303 1 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Leaving a balance due the Commissioners of . . . . .	£146 3 8
Other sums are due from the Commissioners for rent, } medicines, fuel, &c. &c. amounting to . . . . . }	129 14 11

Which leaves a debt against the Hospital, of £275 18 7

The following ways and means are pointed out by the Commissioners, for discharging the above debt- -viz.

A balance in the hands of the Province Treasurer, . . . . .	}	£30 0 0
Amount of tonnage duty collected at Miramichi in 1822 and 1823, less warrants in favour of the Overseers of the Poor, £398 11 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .		
Duties collected for 1822, at St. Andrews, . . . . .		
“ “ “ Richibucto, . . . . .		
“ “ “ Shediac, . . . . .		
“ “ “ St. Peters, . . . . .		

Since the 1st July, the Medical Officer has been allowed at the rate of £150 per annum for his services.

An affidavit accompanies the account current, which, with the report and statements made by the Commissioners, are highly satisfactory.

No. 33. Is Jacob Kollock's report, as Supervisor on the great road from Shediac to Chatham, wherein he mentions the necessity of opening a road from the Nicholas river to Peticodiac river, and two contracts for opening a new road, fourteen feet wide, at a price your Committee think unusually high. The whole is unsatisfactory, as no account or affidavit accompanies the report.

No. 34. This is an account of Geo. K. Lugin, for Printing the Laws of the Session of 1823, amounting to £60 0 0

He credits a warrant on the Province Treasury for 50 0 0

Leaving a balance due to him of £10 0 0

No. 35. This is another account of Geo. K. Lugin, for Printing the Journals

Journals for 1823, the Treasurer's accounts, and returns of Naval Officer---  
amount £143 0 0

He credits a draft on the Treasury, 100 0 0

Leaving a balance due to him, £ 43 0 0

No. 36. Is also an account of Geo. K. Lugin, for Printing Proclamations, Militia General Orders, &c. &c. amounting to £20 17 6.

The above accounts are not accompanied by affidavit. If allowed, there will be due to Geo. K. Lugin, the sum of £73 17 6.

No. 37. Is Wm. F. Odell's account, for 338 Warrants issued between the 6th day of March, 1823, and the 26th day of February, 1824, at 5s. each, amounting to £84 10 0.

Ordered that the report be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Petition from Moses Vernon, Esquire, praying that a sum may be granted from the Province Treasury, to remunerate him for money expended in clearing and improving the navigation of the river Magagaudavic, in the County of Charlotte, over and above the sum of £100 granted for that purpose in the year 1819.

Which he read in his place.

Accompanying the Petition are accounts and vouchers for the expenditure of £186 1 4.

Ordered that the Petition with the accounts accompanying it, be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Campbell*, also, by leave, presented a Petition from Hugh Craig, an Inn-Keeper, settled on the road between Magaguadavic and St. John, praying for pecuniary Legislative aid, to assist him in finishing a house for the comfort and accommodation of persons travelling the said road.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. *J. Wilmot*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to authorize the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace, for the City and County of St. John, to make an assessment for building a Court-House within the City of St. John."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

Mr. *H. Peters* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to extend the powers of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, for preventing the incumbering and filling up of the Harbour of the said City, to the waters and places of anchorage in the vicinity thereof."

Leave granted.

And the said bill being brought in was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "for taking an account of the Population of this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr.



Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and that he was directed to report progress, and ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Ordered that Mr. *Vail*, be added to the Committee appointed to examine the accounts for the support of transient Poor and indigent Emigrants, in the place of Mr. *Wetmore*, who is absent from illness.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to prevent the disorderly riding of Horses and driving of Carriages within the Town Plots of Fredericton and St. Andrew's."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Stubs* and Mr. *Dow*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to continue and amend an Act, intituled An Act for raising a Revenue in this Province."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *R. Simonds*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *C. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, for regulating the exportation of Lumber."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report that they had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

Mr. *Stubs*, Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Petitions and accounts for the support of transient Poor and indigent Emigrants---reported as follows :---

A, is the account for transient Poor, &c. in the City of St. John, £408 6 2

This account is accompanied with the requisite certificate of the Clerk of the Peace, and is correctly stated. The charges appear to be reasonable.

B, is the account for the same at Portland, 321 18 0

This account is not satisfactory, not being accompanied with the items of expenditure or the requisite certificate from the Clerk of the Peace.

C, is the account for the same at Fredericton, 120 11 1

This account is satisfactory, and is accompanied with the requisite certificate from the Clerk of the Peace. The charges appear to be reasonable.

D, is the account for the same at St. Andrew's, 112 8 10

This account is satisfactory, but is not accompanied with the requisite certificate from the Clerk of the Peace. The charges are reasonable.

E, is the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for Lancaster, praying to be reimbursed for sums advanced on account of transient Poor, &c. 23 14 6

£986 18 7  
Accounts

Amount brought forward, £986 18 7

Accounts and vouchers for only £16 0 9, accompany this Petition, and the requisite certificate from the Clerk of the Peace, is wanting.

F, is the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for Kingston, praying to be reimbursed for sums on account of transient Poor, &c.

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This Petition is attested, but not accompanied with any other document.

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All which is respectfully submitted to this Honorable House.

PETER STUBS,  
RUFUS SMITH,  
AND. S. RITCHIE,  
ELIJAH MILES,  
WILLIAM PETERS,  
JEDEDIAH SLASON,  
R. SIMONDS,  
JOHN C. VAIL.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and lie on the table.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition from William Peters, Samuel Peters, and William Wilmot, praying for a Loan of £2000, for the purpose of enabling them to cut a Canal through the Great Falls, for the purpose of sluicing Timber and other Lumber in safety from above the said Falls to the river St. John below.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Allen*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "to continue an Act to provide for and maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of this Province."

Which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and that in the Committee it was resolved, "That the further consideration of the same be postponed for three months."

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Petition from John Wilson, of St. Andrew's, in the County of Charlotte, praying that certain duties paid by him on bonds given in security for certain articles imported from the West Indies and other places, to Moose Island, during the late war with the United States of America, may be regranted.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *M. Wilmot*, by leave, presented a Petition from George Hayward, jun. and William Gibson, of the Parish of Lincoln, in the County of Sunbury,

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praying that an Act might pass granting to them a Patent for a number of years of the exclusive privilege of erecting a Steam Grist Mill in the said County.

Which he read in his place.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. *Fraser*, Resolved, "that an humble Address be presented to His Honor the President, praying that His Honor will be pleased to direct the requisite measures to be taken for paying off the principal and interest of the Loan due from the Province, agreeably to the directions of the several Acts of Assembly, in that behalf made."

Ordered that Mr. *Fraser*, Mr. *Dow*, and Mr. *R. Simonds*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Honor.

Read a second time, a bill, "to alter the division line between the Parishes of New-Castle and Northesk, in the County of Northumberland."

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and that he was directed to report that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

Mr. *M. Wilmot* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to encourage the erection of a Steam Grist Mill and Carding Machine, in Lincoln, in the County of Sunbury."

Leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work-House within the County of Northumberland, and for making rules and regulations for the management of the same."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *R. Simonds* and Mr. *Munro*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to alter the division line between the Parishes of New-Castle and Northesk, in the County of Northumberland."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *R. Simonds* and Mr. *Munro*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, for regulating the exportation of Lumber."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *J. Wilmot* and Mr. *Scovil*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, the resolutions of appropriation made and passed the 25th instant.

Ordered that Mr. *Clarke* and Mr. *Ritchie*, do carry the said resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston* the House resolved itself into a Committee of the

the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for erecting a Parish in the City of Saint John, and Incorporating "the Rectors, Church-Wardens and Vestries, of the Church of England, in "the several Parishes in this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of "A "bill for erecting a separate Parish in the City of St. John."

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

On motion of Mr. *H. Peters*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill, "for taking an account of "the Population of this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and that he was directed to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*--- "Resolved, that the consideration of the Petition of the Trustees of the Kirk of Scotland in St. John, be deferred until the next Session of the General Assembly : And in the mean time, that "a copy of the Petition be furnished by the Clerk of this House to the Minister and Elders of that Church."

Read a second time, the following bills :---

A bill, "to continue an Act to provide for, and maintain an armed Cutter "for the protection of the Revenue of the Province."

A bill "to extend the powers of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, "of the City of St. John, for preventing the incumbering and filling up of "the Harbour of the said City, to the waters and places of anchorage in the "vicinity thereof."

A bill, "to repeal an Act, intituled "An Act to alter an Act, to provide for "sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers belonging to the Province, and "to provide buildings for the accommodation of the same."

And a bill, "to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act further to increase "the Revenue of this Province, by imposing a duty upon all Rum and other "Spirituous Liquors that shall be distilled within the same."

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to repeal the Acts to impose a duty on "certain articles imported into this Province, and to make more effectual "provision for the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that they had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of "A bill to "amend the Acts for imposing a duty on certain articles imported into this Province."

Ordered

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed under the title as amended.

Mr. *R. Simonds* moved the following resolution :---

“ Resolved, that the order for sending up the resolutions of appropriation to the Council for their concurrence, be rescinded.”

And upon the question for passing the said resolution, it was carried in the negative.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next, at ten o'clock.

MONDAY 1st MARCH, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time, as engrossed, the following bills :---

A bill, “ to authorize the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace, for the City and County of St. John, to make an assessment for building a Court-House within the City of St. John.”

And a bill, “ to amend the Acts for imposing a duty on certain articles imported into this Province.”

Resolved that the said bills do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Ritchie* and Mr. *J. Wilmot*, carry them to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Botsford* delivered the Message, as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this Honorable House, that the Council have agreed to the amendment to the bill, ‘ to provide for the permanent interment of the Remains of the late Governor Smyth.’

“ And likewise that they have agreed to the resolution sent up by the Assembly, appointing *John Bainbridge* and *Henry Bliss*, Esquires, joint Agents for the Province, in the room of *Thomas Bonner*, Esquire.”

And then Mr. Justice *Botsford*, withdrew.

A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message, as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am commanded by His Honor the President, to lay before this House, the Returns from the several Custom-Houses of the Ports of St. John and St. Andrew’s.”

And then Mr. Secretary *Odell*, withdrew.

Mr. *Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Street* delivered the Message, as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this Honorable House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, ‘ to continue the Acts for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads,’ &c.

“ And the bill, ‘ to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across the Highway leading through Deer Island.’”

And then Mr. *Street*, withdrew.

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Mr. *Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that they had made sundry resolutions, which he read, and delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved that there be granted to His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, a sum not exceeding £3000, to be paid for the encouragement of raising Bread Corn on new Lands, agreeably to a Law of this Province.

To His Honor the President, a sum of £3000, to be paid for the encouragement of the Fisheries of this Province, for the year 1824, agreeably to Law.

To the Adjutants of the Militia of the different Counties in this Province, a sum not exceeding £225, for the year 1824.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, a sum not exceeding £120, to pay the Serjeant-Majors of Militia of this Province, for the time being, who are actually employed : Provided that each Serjeant-Major who shall appear by a certificate from his Commanding Officer, to have faithfully performed his duty, shall receive £7 10 0, and no more in each year.

To the Commissioners to be appointed by His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, for defraying the expences of a Courier employed between Fredericton and New-Castle in the County of Northumberland, for the year 1824, the sum of £125.

To the Commissioners to be appointed by His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, for defraying the expence of a Courier employed between New-Castle and St. Peters in the County of Northumberland, for the year 1824, the sum of £70.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £100, to be applied towards the support of the Light-House on Brier Island, in the Province of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1824.

To three such Commissioners as His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief may appoint, the sum of £150, for the support of a Packet to ply between Digby and St. John, for one year, to commence the 5th day of April next : Provided no Packet is established at the exclusive expence of the General Post Office for that purpose.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £175, for the support of a Master of the Grammar School in the County of Northumberland, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, the sum of £175, for the support of the Master of the Grammar School in the County of Sunbury, for the year 1823, and a like sum for the year 1824, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, the sum of £175, for the support of the Master of the Grammar School in the County of Westmorland, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, the sum of £175, for the support of the Master of the Grammar School in the County of King's, agreeably to the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To the High Sheriff of the County of Sunbury, the sum of £20, for returning

turning William Wilmot, Esquire, a Member from that County to serve in General Assembly, in the room of Amos Perley, Esquire, late Member, deceased.

To Dr. John Boyd, Inoculating Surgeon for the Vaccine Institution, the sum of £25, for the services performed by him in the year 1823.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £ as a provision for a Staff Officer to inspect the Militia of the Province and superintend the details of the same, for the year 1824.

On the motion for filling up the blank with the sum of £200, the Committee divided as follows:---YEAS 6---NAYS 14. It therefore passed in the negative. And on motion that the said blank be filled up with the sum of £250, it passed in the affirmative.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, the sum of £75, for the purpose of enabling the Treasurer to pay Peter Smith, a Tide-Surveyor at Saint Andrew's, for his services as such from the 18th day of May, 1823, to the 18th day of May, 1824.

To the Adjutant General of the Militia Forces, the sum of £50, for the duties of his office for the year 1824.

Whereas it appears by the account of the Commissioners of the Revenue Cutter, that there is a balance due them of £1508 14 8½: And whereas it also appears by the Province Treasurer's accounts that there is in his hands a balance of £405 0 3, on account of the one per cent duty collected for the support of the said Cutter: Therefore resolved, that there be granted to the Commissioners of the Revenue Cutter, the sum of £1103 14 5½, being the nett balance due to them.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £47 1 0, to enable him to defray the expence incurred in the hire of a building for the accommodation of the Detachment of the 74th Regiment at Miramichi, in the year 1822.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £18 11 0, to enable His Honor to defray the expence of the examination, plan and survey of the roads which lie between the Forks of the Great Marsh in the County of St. John, and Hampton Church.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £59 0 2, to enable His Honor to pay the amount expended on the Nerepis road over and above the sum allowed for that road in the year 1822.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £300, to enable His Honor to defray the balance of the account of the Commissioners for the Government House, and to provide for the contract with the Gardener, and for the necessary repairs of the said House and the premises belonging thereto.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, such a sum as will procure Bills on London for £750 Sterling, to be expended in providing Furniture for the Public Rooms in Government House.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £68 15 0, being the expence incurred for Special Messengers to Sussex Vale and to St. John, on occasion of the death of His Excellency the late Lieutenant-Governor Smyth, and of His Honor the late President Chipman.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, the sum of £128 10 0, to defray the expences of several persons appointed by His Excellency the late Lieutenant-Governor, to assist in collecting the duties imposed by the late Acts of Parliament on importations into this Province.

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To the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of St. John, the sum of £1000, towards building a Court-House within the City of St. John.

Resolved, that the Petition of John Hall, praying to be reimbursed the sum of £39 4 6, for duties paid on 9 puncheons of rum shipped to the U. States, in 1817, be not complied with.

And likewise that the Petition of Elisha Andrews, Sheriff of Charlotte, praying for payment of his fees on account of Farnum A. Dustin, a prisoner in St. Andrew's Gaol, at the suit of the King, be not complied with.

That there be granted to John Kinnear, the sum of £63 11 2, for duties on rum, sugar, and molasses, paid by him at St. John, the same having been previously paid at St. Andrew's.

Resolved, that the Petition of Archibald M'Lauchlan, a Settler on the road leading from St. John to St. Andrew's, be not complied with.

That there be granted to John Kinnear, the sum of £42 3 6, drawback on 10 puncheons of rum exported by Kinnear & Pidgeon, to the United States.

To Thomas Baldwin and William Ball, the sum of £91 5 0 each, for their services as Tidewaiters at the Port of St. John, from the 1st day of February, 1823, to the 1st day of February, 1824.

And Mr. *Peters* further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 2d MARCH, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill "for erecting a separate Parish in the City of St. John."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *H. Peters*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "for taking an account of the Population of this Province."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *C. Simonds* and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Clarke*, Resolved, "that an humble Address be presented to His Honor the President, praying that His Honor will be pleased to direct His Majesty's Attorney General to inform the House of Assembly, whether the suits commenced against those Persons concerned in the Bonds given at the Treasurer's office, for duties (called Moose Island Bonds), have been abandoned or relinquished, on the ground of the Bonds not being recoverable by Law, and if not abandoned or relinquished, the probable time when the Province may expect to be in possession of the proceeds of those Bonds."

Ordered that Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *M'Kay*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Honor.

A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message:



“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.  
“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,  
“ 1st MARCH, 1824.

“ J. M. BLISS.

“ The President directs to be laid before the House of Assembly, a Petition  
“ of sundry Merchants of Miramichi, praying the appointment of a Tide  
“ Surveyor; and recommends to the House, to make provision for the pay-  
“ ment of such an officer, at Miramichi.

“ J. M. B.”

The Petition accompanying the Message, being read, was ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Shore* delivered the Message, as follows:

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this Honorable House, that the  
“ Council have agreed to the following bills :---

“ A bill ‘ to amend the Acts for imposing a duty on certain articles import-  
“ ed into this Province.’

“ A bill, ‘ to authorize the Justices of the City and County of St. John,  
“ to make an assessment for building a Court-House.’

“ A bill, ‘ to continue and amend an Act for raising a Revenue.’

“ And a bill, ‘ to repeal the Act to authorize the Justices of York and  
“ Charlotte, to regulate the Assize of Bread and to make more effectual pro-  
“ vision for the same.”

And then Mr. *Shore*, withdrew.

Mr. *Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Botsford*, delivered the Message, as follows:

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council  
“ have agreed to the resolutions of appropriation, dated 25th February, sent  
“ up by the House.”

And then Mr. Justice *Botsford*, withdrew.

Mr. *Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that they had made a number of resolutions, which he was directed to report, and having read the same in his place, and delivered them in at the Clerk's table, they were again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved that there be granted to Elizabeth Tilton, the sum of £20, further to relieve her from her distressed situation, having been reduced to extreme want in consequence of the death of her husband, who was killed while apprehending Deserters from His Majesty's Service.

To James Dunn, a Licenced School-Master in the Parish of Kingston, King's County, the sum of £20, being the Provincial allowance for keeping a School in the year 1822---he not having been enabled to obtain such allowance by reason of his having kept School part of the year in a Dwelling-House, while the School House was erecting.

To

To William Harvey, the sum of £24 15 0, for drawback on 6 puncheons of rum exported to the United States, in the year 1822, to be endorsed on his bonds now in the hands of the Attorney General for collection.

To James Bennett, Tide-Surveyor at the Port of St. John, appointed to assist in collecting the duties under the late Acts of Parliament, for his services from the 1st day of February, 1823, to the 1st day of February, 1824, the sum of £182 10 0.

To James Wetmore, of the Parish of Kingston, in King's County, the sum of £8, for repairs made on the roads and bridges between his house and Bates' mill-pond.

To Alexander Davidson, Esquire, the sum of £72 9 4, being a balance due him for building a bridge over the Cove which divides the Parishes of Nelson and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland.

To Thomas Donahoe, a Settler on the Great Road leading from St. John to St. Andrew's, the sum of £25, to reimburse him in part for services rendered to poor Travellers and distressed Emigrants, conformably to the prayer of his Petition.

To Samuel Buchanan, upon his retiring from his office as Doorkeeper of His Majesty's Council, which he has faithfully discharged for thirty-three years, and in consideration of his advanced age and infirmities, the sum of £25, for the year 1824.

To the Rev. Christopher Milner, the sum of £33 6 8, to remunerate him for teaching the Grammar School in the County of Westmorland, from the 6th day of September, 1820, to the 6th day of January, 1821.

Upon reading the Petition of Robert Ludgate, the following was moved :--

“ That there be granted to the said Robert Ludgate, the sum of £ to enable him to complete a house for the accommodation of Travellers on the road between St. John and St. Andrew's.”

And upon the question for sustaining the said resolution, the Committee divided--YEAS 10, NAYS 11. It was therefore carried in the negative.

Resolved, that the Petition of Thomas Sime, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol at St. Andrew's, praying to be reimbursed for keeping Farnum A. Dustin, a prisoner in that Gaol, be not complied with.

Resolved, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Nerepis Settlement, praying for a grant to remove rocks and sand bars in the said river, be not complied with.

That there be granted to Rachel Martin, the sum of £40, for her services as Teacher of a free Madas School at Fredericton, two years from the 1st day of April, 1822.

To Samuel Freeze, the sum of £100, to assist him in rebuilding the bridge over the Kennebecasis river, on the great road of communication, which bridge was built by him in the year 1817, and was to be maintained till 1827---the same having been lately carried away by an unusual rise of water. Provided, the said sum be not paid to him, until he produces a certificate from the Supervisor, of the bridge having been built of good materials and completed in a workmanlike manner.

Resolved, that the Petition of Charles Stewart, praying for pecuniary aid to reimburse him in expences incurred in assisting Travellers on the Canada road, be not complied with.

That there be granted to William Morgan, the sum of £50, towards building a Grist and Hulling Mill on the middle branch of the Nashwalksis-stream, leading to the Cardigan Settlement, in the Parish of St. Mary's, in the County

ty of York. The said sum not to be paid to the said Wm. Morgan, until it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the President or Commander-in-Chief, that such Mill has been erected and is ready to go into operation.

To such Person or Persons as His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, may be pleased to appoint, the sum of £100, for the purpose of removing rocks and other obstructions in Mispec river, and for deepening the Thoroughfares between the Loch Lomond Lakes.

To the Governor and Trustees of the Madras School in New Brunswick, the sum of £600, towards the support of that Institution throughout the Province. Such part of the said sum as may be necessary, for that purpose; to be appropriated to the revival and support of the School for children of colour in the City of St. John.

To the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, the sum of £500, to assist them in further extending the Breakwater at the mouth of the Harbour.

And Mr. *Peters* further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

Mr. *Smith* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the ordinary services of the Province."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Allen* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "for erecting a part of the Parishes of St. Mary's and Queensbury, in the County of York, into a separate and distinct Town or Parish."

And the said bill being brought in pursuant to leave, was read a first time.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 3d MARCH, 1824.

PRAYERS.

The House met, and again adjourned for half an hour.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, upon the recommitment of the bill, "to repeal all the Laws now in force for the organization and regulation of the Militia, and to make further provision for the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the bill, and that they had made a further amendment thereto, which he read, and the said amendment being again read, was agreed to by the House.

And the bill was then read a third time, as engrossed.

Thereupon resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *H. Peters*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *R. Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the establishment, regulation and improvement of the Great Roads of communication through the Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

And

And the said bill being brought in pursuant to leave, was read a first time.

Read a second time, a bill, "for erecting a part of the Parishes of Saint Mary's and Queensbury, in the County of York, into a separate and distinct Town or Parish."

Mr. *Vail* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to appropriate a part of the public revenue for the services therein mentioned."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *H. Peters*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of the report of the Committee appointed to enquire what sums are wanted for the improvement of the Great Roads throughout the Province.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *C. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that in the Committee the following resolution was moved :---

"Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £7000 be granted for the Great Roads of communication in this Province the present year, and that the said sum be apportioned in the following manner :---

" From Fredericton to St. John, by the Nerepis,	£ 800
" Fredericton to the Canada Line,	1000
" Fredericton to St. Andrew's	800
" Fredericton to the Ristigouche,	1000
" Fredericton to the Finger Board,	300
" St. John to St. Andrew's,	800
" St. John to Westmorland,	1000
" The Forks on the Marsh to Belleisle,	400
" Shediac to Chatham,	600
" Shediac to Dorchester,	150
" The Bend of the Peticodiac to Shediac,	150
	£7000

And upon the question for adopting the resolution, the Committee divided, as follows :---

YEAS---Mr. *Speaker*, Mr. *Vail*, Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *R. Simonds*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *H. Peters*, Mr. *M. Wilmot*, Mr. *Scovil*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *J. Wilmot*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Stubs*, Mr. *Campbell*.

NAYS---Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Slason*, Mr. *W. Peters*, Mr. *M'Kay*, Mr. *Munro*, Mr. *Dow*, Mr. *Fraser*.

And it therefore passed in the affirmative.

The report being handed in, was again read. And upon the question being put for accepting the report, the House divided, as follows :---

YEAS---Mr. *Vail*, Mr. *R. Simonds*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *H. Peters*, Mr. *M. Wilmot*, Mr. *Scovil*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *J. Wilmot*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Stubs*, Mr. *Campbell*.

NAYS---Mr. *Fraser*, Mr. *Dow*, Mr. *Munro*, Mr. *M'Kay*, Mr. *W. Peters*, Mr. *Slason*, Mr. *C. Simonds*.

It likewise passed in the affirmative.

## A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Robinson* delivered the Message, as follows:

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, ‘ to alter the division line between the Parishes of New-Castle and Northesk.’

“ And the bill, ‘ for erecting a separate Parish in the City of St. John.’

“ And I am likewise directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, ‘ to alter and amend an Act, for the exportation of Lumber.’ with an amendment---To which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.”

And then Mr. *Robinson*, withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment made by the Council to the bill, “ to alter and amend an Act for the exportation of Lumber.”---Which being read is as follows:---

“ Dele the second Section, and insert,

“ II. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Surveyor of Lumber shall neglect or refuse to mark upon the Timber to be surveyed by him, the length and also the contents of the same, he shall be liable to the party injured, for all damages sustained by him, and be subject to the penalty of        for every piece of timber so passed without the length and also the contents being marked upon the same; which said penalty shall be recovered in like manner and applied to the same uses as is prescribed in and by the fifteenth Section of the hereinbefore recited Act.”

The question being put upon the said amendment, it was not concurred in by the House.

Mr. *M. Wilmot* moved the following resolution:---

“ Whereas certain Supervisors and Commissioners for expending monies on roads and bridges, have received the same and not reported their doings thereon, either as to the expenditure or conditions on which the said monies were laid out: Therefore resolved, that the Clerk of this House do forthwith cause an advertisement to be inserted in the Royal Gazette; requiring all Supervisors and Commissioners who have not reported the same specifically, to exhibit proper accounts, not only as to the amount received and expended, but also to report particularly the manner in which such contracts have been made for any work on any roads or bridges under their direction, with proper vouchers for the same, to this House at its next Session.”

## A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message:

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am commanded by His Honor the President, to lay before this House, the Returns of the Inspecting Field officer for the last year.”

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee appointed (in pursuance of a resolution of the 27th ultimo) to wait upon His Honor the President with the Address of that date, praying that His Honor would be pleased to direct the requisite measures to be taken to pay off the principal and interest of the Loan due from the Province,---Reported, that they had performed that duty, and that His Honor was pleased to say, that he would give directions for complying with the wishes of the House.

Mr. *Clarke*, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Honor the President, with the Address (in pursuance of a resolution of yesterday), praying that His Honor would be pleased to direct His Majesty’s Attorney General

neral to inform this House, whether the suits commenced upon the Moose Island Bonds, have been abandoned or relinquished,--Reported, that they had performed that duty, and that His Honor was pleased to say, that he would give the necessary directions.

Read a second time, a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the establishment, regulation and improvement, of the Great Roads of communication through the Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that they had made several resolutions, which he was directed to report, and having read the same in his place, they were handed in at the Clerk's table, and there again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :--

Whereas William Kennedy, of St. Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, served his Country faithfully during the whole of the Revolutionary War with the United States, and upwards of thirty-five years in the Charlotte County Militia: And whereas the said Kennedy, is not able to earn his livelihood by reason of his having lost the use of his right hand, and being without any means of support, and otherwise aged and infirm; Be it therefore resolved, that there be granted to him the said William Kennedy, the sum of £25, to assist him in the support of himself and family.

Resolved, that the Petition of James Woodd, praying for compensation for attending poor and indigent persons, and for vaccinating, in Fredericton, be not complied with.

That there be granted to William Walker, the sum of £14 15 0, for duties paid by him on 50 barrels of flour, supplied for the use of Government.

Whereas it appears by a certificate from the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion of Northumberland Militia, that John Clark, Esquire, had performed the duty of Adjutant of said Battalion, with diligence and attention, and entirely to his satisfaction, from the year 1813 to the year 1822, inclusive: And whereas the said John Clark, Esquire, has received no payment for his said services: Resolved therefore that there be granted to the said John Clarke, the sum of £45, for his services as Adjutant of the 1st Battalion of Northumberland Militia, from the year 1813 to the year 1822, inclusive.

And upon the question for passing the said resolution, the Committee divided equally, and the Chairman decided in the affirmative.

And Mr. *Peters* further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, 4th MARCH, 1824.

## PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*,

“ Resolved, that the thanks of this House, be given to *Nathaniel Atcheson*, Esq. Secretary to the Society of British North American Merchants, and Agent to some of His Majesty’s North American Colonies, for the zealous and useful services heretofore rendered by him: And whereas it is considered by this House, that the joint Agents of this Province, in Great-Britain, lately appointed, will be fully adequate to attend to and promote all its interests and concerns in the Mother Country---Further resolved, that this House cannot feel itself justified in continuing the allowance heretofore made to Mr. *Atcheson*, of one hundred pounds Sterling per annum.”

Mr. *Smith*, from the standing Committee appointed to examine, liquidate, and report on public and private accounts, made a further report, as follows :---

No. 38. Is John Ingraham’s vouchers for the expenditure of £50, in clearing the channel at Bear Island Bar, in the County of York, in pursuance of an order of the House of Assembly at the last Session, which are now satisfactory.

No. 39. Is the account with affidavit and vouchers, of the Hon. William Botsford, as Commissioner for exploring a new road from the Bend of the Peticodiac river to Fredericton, amounting to £50. He credits £50 received from the Province Treasury.---Annexed to the account is Martin Chapman, (the Surveyor’s) account, which is £19 10 0, over and above the grant voted by the Legislature; and he prays that the balance may be granted to him. Mr. Botsford states that he thinks the charges reasonable. Mr. Chapman’s report and plan is also furnished.

Ordered that the report be received and lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. *H. Peters*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of the reports of the standing Committee of public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *R. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to make the following report, which he read :---

No. 26. Is W. P. Sayer’s account with vouchers and affidavit. The whole of which is satisfactory.

No. 27. Is Daniel Morehouse’s account with vouchers and affidavit. The whole of which is satisfactory.

No. 28. Is the account of Wm. J. Drummond and J. White, Commissioners for the new Shepody road.

Resolved, that the said Commissioners do produce an account of the supplies had of Jonah Dyer, with the vouchers that are still wanting, together with an affidavit to their general account, at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 29. Is Allan M’Lean’s account as Supervisor of the Great Road from Fredericton to Ristigouche. There is an overcharge of 10s. 6d. for Commission. No affidavit accompanies his account, and it is therefore unsatisfactory.

Resolved, that the balance of £8 10 2½, due to the Province from Mr. M’Lean,

M'Lean, be expended on the said Great Road, under the direction of the Supervisor thereof for the present year.

No. 30. Is N. H. De Veber's account, with affidavit and vouchers. There is an error of £1 7 7½ on the Commission charged in this account. The charge of £7 6 8, for extra charges and printing, is inadmissible.

Resolved, that Mr. De Veber's account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

No. 31. Is N. H. De Veber's account for expending £43 6 8. There is an error in the charge of Commission in this account. The balance due to the Province from Mr. De Veber in this account corrected, is £4 10 0.

No. 32. Is the report and account current, together with several statements of the Commissioners for managing the Provincial Marine Hospital, at St. John.

On motion---Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Committee, that the salary of the Medical Officer is far too high; and that it is also objectionable, in the opinion of the Committee, that the Medical Officer employed by the Commissioners, should be one of the Commissioners themselves.

Upon the question for sustaining the resolution, the Committee divided, as follows---

YEAS---Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vail, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Allen, Mr. H. Peters, Mr. M. Wilmot, Mr. Slason, Mr. W. Peters, Mr. J. Wilmot, Mr. Miles, Mr. Dow, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Wilson.

NAYS---Mr. C. Simonds, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Scovil, Mr. Stubs, Mr. Campbell, Mr. M'Kay.

And it therefore passed in the affirmative.

No. 33. Is the report of Jacob Kollock, Supervisor of the Great Road from Shediac to Chatham. It is not accompanied by either an account or affidavit, and is altogether unsatisfactory.

Nos. 34, 35, 36. Are accounts of Geo. K. Lugin, by which there appears a balance due to him of £73 17 6.

Resolved, that these accounts be referred to the Committee of Supply.

No. 37. Is W. F. Odell's account £84 10 0. Ordered that this account likewise be referred to the Committee of Supply.

And Mr. *Simonds* further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

The report being read again at the Clerk's table, was ordered to be accepted, and leave granted to sit again.

On motion of Mr. *Allen*, Resolved, "that an humble Address be presented to His Honor the President, requesting that His Honor will be pleased to give the necessary directions for a Deputy Treasurer being appointed to reside in the Parish of Woodstock, for the purpose of collecting the duties imposed by the Act 'for imposing a duty on certain articles imported into this Province.'"

Ordered that Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *H. Peters*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Honor.

A Message from His Honor the President.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message:

"NEW-BRUNSWICK.

"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

"3d MARCH, 1824.

"J. M. BLISS.

"The President directs to be laid before the House of Assembly, a Report  
"of Ro-



“ of Robert C. Minnette and Lloyd Johnstone, of a survey made by them  
 “ for the purpose of exploring a tract for a Canal from the Bay of Fundy to  
 “ Chediac, and recommends to the House to make provision for paying the  
 “ expences of that survey.

“ J. M. B.”

Ordered that the Plan and several documents accompanying the Report, lie on the table.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Black* delivered the Message, as follows:

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council  
 “ have agreed to the bill, ‘ to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and  
 “ ‘ Work-House within the County of Northumberland, and for making rules  
 “ ‘ and regulations for the management of the same,’ with an amendment---  
 “ ‘ To which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.’”

And then Mr. *Black* withdrew.

The amendment made by the Council to the bill, “ to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of Northumberland, &c.” as sent down for concurrence this day, was read, and is as follows :---

Sec. II. at A, dele “ the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered at their first General Sessions of the Peace, annually”---and insert “ it shall and may be lawful for the President or Commander-in-Chief of the Province, by warrant under his hand and seal, to be issued by and with the advice of His Majesty’s Council, from time to time.”

On motion of Mr. *Smith*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that they had made a number of resolutions, which he was directed to report, and having read the same in his place, they were handed in at the Clerk’s table, there again severally read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved, that there be granted to Crookshanks & Johnston, of the City Saint John, the sum of £13 15, amount of debendure short allowed them at the Treasury, on the exportation of 15 puncheons of rum to the United States, in the year 1822.

To Cadwallader Currie, the sum of £34 16 8, being the amount of drawback on 90 casks of molasses exported to the U. States, in the year 1819.

To Duncan M<sup>r</sup>Arthur, the sum of £148, being the amount of his claim for bounty on a fishing voyage performed by the schooner Concord, in the year 1822---the documents in support of this claim having been forwarded to the Secretary’s office, and by accident mislaid, and satisfactory proof of the justice of this claim having been produced by the said Duncan M<sup>r</sup>Arthur.

Resolved, that the Petition of Ichabod Lewis and Lewis Mills, praying for remuneration for damage done to their farms in altering the road leading to Shediac, be not complied with :

That the Petition of Moses Vernon, Esq. praying for remuneration for money expended by him in clearing and improving the navigation of the river Magagaudavic, be not complied with :

And

And that the Petition of Hugh Craig, a Settler on the great road leading from St. John to St. Andrew's, be not complied with.

Whereas the sum of £100 granted in the year 1818, in aid of individual subscription, for the erection of a church in Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, has never been paid: And whereas that church has been completed, and it has since been found necessary to build a church, in communion with the Church of Scotland, in the Parish of Northesk, in the said County: Resolved therefore, that the said sum of £100 so granted as aforesaid, (but not yet paid) be re-appropriated and applied in aid of individual subscription, towards erecting a church in Northesk, in communion with the Church of Scotland.

That there be granted to William Hazen, Solomon Perley, and Philip Nase, the sum of £21, for their services for 7 days each in exploring the proper route for the road leading from Fredericton to St. John, by the Oromocto and Nerepis.

To Benjamin Wilson, one of the Commissioners appointed by an order of the House of Assembly, on the 8th day of March, 1822, to examine and report on the most practicable method of carrying into effect the building a bridge over Hammond river, in King's County, on the great road of communication, near the late Nathaniel Golding's farm, the sum of £8, to remunerate him for that service.

To the Adjutant of the second Battalion of the Charlotte Militia, the sum of £5, to remunerate him for expences incurred in hiring a boat during his attendance on Militia duty, in the year 1822.

To the Overseers of the Poor for the City of St. John, the sum of £408 6 2, to reimburse them for expences incurred in the support of transient Poor and distressed Emigrants within the said City, for the year 1823.

To the Commissioners of the Alms-House and Work-House in the Parish of Fredericton, the sum of £120 11 1, for expenses actually incurred by them in support of transient Poor, distressed Emigrants, Soldiers and Sailors, for the year 1823.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, the following sums for the improvement of such parts of the great roads of communication as are hereinafter mentioned---that is to say,

The sum of £1000, for the great road from St. John to the Missiguash. The sum of (not exceeding) £80, part of the said sum of £1000, to be appropriated for rebuilding the bridge over Studholm's mill-stream, lately carried away, and to be laid out by a special Commissioner to be appointed for that purpose, if His Honor shall see fit. And the sum of £40, part of the said sum of £1000, to be appropriated for rebuilding the bridge over the Kennebecasis river, near Pitfield's lately carried away, and to be laid out by a special Commissioner to be appointed for that purpose, if His Honor shall see fit.

The sum of £            for the great road from Fredericton to St. Andrew's. Upon the question that the blank in this resolution be filled with the sum of £800, the Committee divided, as follows:

YEAS---Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vail, Mr. Smith, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Allen, Mr. M. Wilmot, Mr. Scovil, Mr. Slason, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Stubs, Mr. Campbell, Mr. M'Kay.

NAYS---Mr. Fraser, Mr. Dow, Mr. Munro, Mr. Miles, Mr. J. Wilmot, Mr. W. Peters, Mr. Johnston, Mr. C. Simonds, Mr. R. Simonds.

It therefore passed in the affirmative.

The sum of £1000, for the great road from Fredericton to Ristigouche. So much thereof as the Supervisor may find absolutely necessary, to be expended in ascertaining whether alterations may not be required in the line of that part of the said road which lies between Burntland Brook and the River Ristigouche.

The sum of £800 for the road from the Gary Settlement to St. John, by way of the Nerepis.

The sum of £800 for the great road from St. John to St. Andrew's.

The sum of £400 for the great road from the fork of the road on the great marsh near the City of St. John, to the head of the Bellisle.

The sum of £600 for the great road from Shediac to Chatham.

The sum of £1000 for the great road from Fredericton to the Canada line. And that £600 of the said sum be expended in opening and making the great road from Presqu' Isle to the Great Falls.

The sum of £300 from Fredericton to the Finger-Boord.

The sum of £150 for the great road from Shediac to Dorchester.

The sum of £150 for the great road from the bend of the Peticodiac to Shediac.

And Mr. *Peters* further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, 5th MARCH, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read as engrossed, the resolutions of appropriation made and passed the 2nd instant.

Ordered that Mr. *M'Kay* and Mr. *Stubs*, do carry them to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, the House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment made to the bill, "to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of Northumberland, and for making rules and regulations for the management of the same."

And upon the question being put for passing the said amendment, it was not concurred in.

Mr. *R. Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to provide for the better support of the Poor in certain Parishes in the County of Northumberland."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *H. Peters*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to extend the powers of the Mayor, Alderman, and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, for preventing the encumbering and filling up of the Harbour of the said City, to the waters and places of anchorage in the vicinity thereof."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and that he was directed to report that they had agreed to the same with an amendment.

Ordered

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*,---Resolved, "that a Committee be appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, respecting a bill, 'to regulate all Fees to be taken at the several Custom-Houses and Naval Offices in the Province, upon Coasting Vessels.'"

Thereupon, ordered that Mr. *Stubs* and Mr. *Johnston*, be a Committee to perform that duty.

On motion of Mr. *J. Wilmot*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee appointed to inquire what sums are necessary for the improvement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges throughout the Province.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that in the Committee the following resolution was moved :---

"Resolved, that the appointment of sums to be appropriated for the improvement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, be as follows :---

For the County of St. John,	£500
"    Westmorland,	600
"    Northumberland,	700
"    York,	640
"    Charlotte,	518
"    Sunbury,	175
"    Kings,	467
"    Queens,	400
	£4000

Whereupon it was moved as an amendment, that the whole of the resolution after the word "Resolved," be struck out, and the following inserted, viz.---

"That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £3590, be granted for Bye-Roads and Bridges throughout this Province, and that the same be divided in the following proportions to the respective Counties :---

St. John,	£400
Westmorland,	450
Northumberland,	700
York,	640
Charlotte,	480
Sunbury,	120
Kings,	450
Queens,	400
	£3590

And upon the question for the said amendment, the Committee divided---YEAS 3, NAYS 19. It was therefore carried in the negative.

That the question was then put for adopting the original resolution---Whereupon the Committee again divided---YEAS 10, NAYS 12. And it was likewise carried in the negative.

That then the following resolution was moved :---

"Resolved,

“ Resolved, that the report of the Committee to enquire and ascertain what sums are necessary for the improvement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, be sustained.”

And upon the question for sustaining this resolution, the Committee again divided---YEAS 15, NAYS 7. And it therefore passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the resolution as agreed on by the Committee, be adopted.

Mr. *R. Simonds* moved the following resolution :---

“ Whereas in consequence of the impossibility of obtaining the certificates required by the standing order of the House, of 31st January, 1821, from the Counties of Northumberland and Kings, before the close of the present Session : Resolved therefore, therefore, that that order, so far as regards the Counties of Northumberland and Kings, be dispensed with : Provided that no warrant issue for Bye-Roads in any Parish of the said Counties, until the Clerks of the Peace for the said Counties respectively, do furnish the Secretary of the Province, with the certificates required by the said order of this House.”

And upon the question for adopting the said resolution, the House divided---YEAS 14, NAYS 7. It therefore passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Allen*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, “ for erecting a part of the Parishes, of St. Mary and Queensbury, in the County of York, into a separate and distinct Town or Parish.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of the Messages of His Honor the President, of the 23d and 26th February, and 2nd instant.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Street* delivered the Message, as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, ‘ for taking an account of the Population of this Province.’ ”

And then Mr. *Street* withdrew.

Mr. *Ritchie* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the several Messages of His Honor the President, referred to them, and that he was directed to report, as follows :

That in the Committee the following resolution was moved :---

“ Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient that Circuit Courts should be established once a year in each County of this Province, except the County of York, and twice a year in the City and County of St. John.”

And

And upon the question for passing this resolution, the Committee divided, as follows :---

YEAS---Mr. Speaker, Mr. Johnston, Mr. M'Kay, Mr. Wilson.

NAYS---Mr. Vail, Mr. C. Simonds, Mr. R. Simonds, Mr. Smith, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Allen, Mr. H. Peters, Mr. M. Wilmot, Mr. Scovil, Mr. Slason, Mr. W. Peters, Mr. J. Wilmot, Mr. Miles, Mr. Stubs, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Munro, Mr. Dow, Mr. Fraser.

And it was therefore carried in the negative.

And that the Committee had passed the following resolution :---

“ Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that provision should be made for a Tide-Surveyor at Miramichi.”

Upon the question for accepting the report, the House divided---YEAS 4. NAYS 17. It was therefore carried in the negative.

Mr. *Speaker* laid before the House, a Letter received from His Majesty's Attorney General, relating to the suits commenced on the Bonds (called Moose Island Bonds.) Which being read, is as follows :---

“ *Fredericton, 4th March, 1824.*

“ SIR,---In obedience to the command of His Honor the President, I beg leave to state for the information of the House of Assembly, that for certain reasons which were (though not formally and officially) communicated through the late Speaker, in the year 1822, it was thought advisable that the suits on the Bonds, called Moose Island Bonds, should remain in the state in which they were, until further orders. They have never been abandoned or relinquished---and one or more of them, may be prosecuted to final Judgment, if it shall be deemed expedient, by next Trinity Term.

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your most obedient

“ Humble Servant,

“ THOMAS WETMORE, Attorney General.”

“ *The Honorable the Speaker of the House of Assembly,*

“ *New-Brunswick.*”

On motion of Mr. *R. Simonds*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that in the Committee a number of resolutions were made, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's table, where being again read, were agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

Resolved, that there be granted the following sums for the improvement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties throughout the Province :---

#### WESTMORLAND.

The sum of 50%. for the road from Stephen Ward's to the Bay Verte.

The sum of 50%. for the road from Gaspereau Bridge to the Chemogue.

The sum of 25%. for the road where it turns from the Chemogue road to the Little Chemogue.

The sum of 30%. for the road from Beaujoggin to Sackville.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from Chemogue to Feedish River.

The sum of 45*l.* for the road from Westcock to Cape Meranguin.

The sum of 20*l.* for the road from Sinton's to Gildart's.

The sum of 30*l.* for the road from George Colpit's to the Dutch Village.

The sum of 20*l.* for the road from Jacob Wortman's to the Butternut Ridge.

The sum of 20*l.* for the road from R. Scott's to the North River.

The sum of 40*l.* for the road from Peter Lutze's to M-Latchy's.

The sum of 100*l.* for the road from the Bay Verte to Cape Tormentine.

The sum of 15*l.* for the road from Bay Verte to Tignish River.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from Dutch Village to Widow Hamilton's.

The sum of 50*l.* for the road from Stultze's farm to the Cocagne River.

The sum of 15*l.* to explore a road from Ezra Stile's to William Parkin's, on the Coverdale River.

The sum of 50*l.* to assist in building a bridge over Turtle Creek.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from Sackville to the Settlement back of the Mill-Pond.

The sum of 15*l.* for the road from Caton's to Thomas Ayer's, on the Pct-ticodiac River.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND.

The sum of 30*l.* to explore, lay out, and open a road from the highway near Thomas Smith's, on the Southwest Branch of the Miramichi River, to the highway near David Tozer's, on the Northwest Branch of said River.

The sum of 30*l.* to explore, lay out, and open a road from the highway near Gretna Village, in New-Castle, to the Settlement in the rear thereof.

The sum of 60*l.* for the road through the Indian Tract between Oxford Brook and Caul's Cove.

The sum of 100*l.* for the road between Flatt's Cove and Barnaby's River.

The sum of 50*l.* for opening and repairing the road through the swampy grounds between Bartabogue and Oak Point.

The sum of 25*l.* for erecting a bridge over Oyster River.

The sum of 100*l.* to lay out and open a road from Tabusintac to Tracad-y.

The sum of 50*l.* to lay out and open a road from Tracad-y to Pocmouche.

The sum of 50*l.* to improve the Portage road from Pockmouche to Cara-quite.

The sum of 30*l.* to erect a bridge over the Northwest arm of Caraquite River.

The sum of 12*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* for opening a road from the Northwest arm of Caraquite River to the Settlement of Grandance.

The sum of 25*l.* for opening a road from New-Bandon to the new Settlement in the rear, and from thence out to Jacob Jaque's.

The sum of 25*l.* for erecting a bridge over Bass River, near St. Peters.

#### KINGS.

The sum of 35*l.* for the road from Picket's mill to the Kennebecasis.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from near Mabee's to the Kennebecasis.

The sum of 20*l.* for building a bridge over Ward's Creek on the old Cum-berland road.

The sum of 17*l.* for the road from Edward Parley's to Walton's.

The sum of 20*l.* for the road from Goslin's to the great road of communi-cation near Stockton.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from Gabriel Fowler's, jun. to Duncan Camp-bell's.

The

The sum of 15% for the road up Ward's Creek, in the Parish of Sussex.

The sum of 65% for the road from Hammond River to John Hennigar's.

And that the sum of 15% appropriated in the year 1822, for the road from the Lake near Warren's, to the Village Road in Hampton, be reappropriated and laid out on the said road between Hammond River and Hennigar's.

The sum of 15% for the road from the Lake on the North Branch of Hammond River, to the main road in Hampton, near Barne's.

The sum of 40% for the road from Henry Reubert's to the late William Spence's farm.

The sum of 25% for the road from Baxter's to Andrew M'Vay's.

The sum of 20% for the road from Drummond's to William Rodger's.

The sum of 15% from Sealey's Point, on the Long Reach, to the Kennebecasis, near Elson's.

The sum of 15% to finish the bridge over Smith's Creek, near Henry Leonard's, Esq.

The sum of 15% for the road from Bates's to Bostwick's.

The sum of 15% for the road from near Jones' mill to the settlement back of Kimball's manor.

The sum of 15% for the road from the settlement at the head of Milkish to St. John's River.

The sum of 15% for the road from Henry Stockton's to George Manning's.

The sum of 20% for the road from the Salmon River near Hallett's to Joseph Darling's.

The sum of 15% for the bridge near Monmouth Fowler's in Hampton.

The sum of 20% for the road from Snider's to Kiersted's mill-stream on the Kennebecasis.

The sum of 50% for the road between the churches in Westfield and Greenwich.

The Warrants for the said several sums hereby granted for Bye-Roads in the Counties of Northumberland and Kings, not to be issued until the certificates required by the standing order of this House of 31st day of Jan. 1821, shall have been forwarded by the Clerks of the Peace for the said Counties respectively, to the Secretary of the Province; which certificates cannot be obtained until the next General Sessions of the Peace for the said Counties, shall have been holden, at which Sessions (being the first in the year), the Commissioners are required by Law to make their returns.

#### QUEENS.

The sum of 50% for the road from Daniel Currie's to Dinge's mill.

The sum of 40% for the road from Swan Creek to Watson's Ferry.

The sum of 15% for the road from Zechariah Roberts' to New-Ireland Settlement.

The sum of 25% for the road from William Slip's to New-Ireland Settlement.

The sum of 25% for the road from the New-Jerusalem Settlement to the River St. John, near Jones' mill.

The sum of 25% for a bridge across Foster's mill-stream.

The sum of 25% for a bridge across the stream that empties in at the head of Cumberland Bay.

The sum of 50% for the road from the New-Canaan Settlement to Studholm's mill-stream.

The sum of 15% for the road from the New-Canaan Settlement to the Butternut Ridge.



The sum of 50*l.* for the road from New-Castle to the Forks of Salmon River.

The sum of 20*l.* for the road from William Robinson's to Yeamans' mill.

The sum of 40*l.* for the road on the West side of the Washademoack Lake, commencing at the Brook above Charles Robinson's to Picket's Cove.

The sum of 30*l.* for the road from Foster's mill to the Washademoack Lake.

Resolved, that the sum of 15*l.* granted in the year 1822, for the road from New-Ireland to Low Valley, be reappropriated and laid out upon the road from New-Jerusalem Settlement to the River St. John, near Jones' mill.

#### CHARLOTTE.

The sum of 125*l.* for causewaying, bridging, and repairing the road leading from the second Falls of the River Magagaudavic to the new Settlements on the great line of communication from Fredericton to St. Andrew's a distance of 18 miles, through an entire wilderness.

The sum of 51*l.* in aid of the Statue Labour of the Inhabitants of the district, to rebuild the bridge across Winder's mill pond, and repairing the bridge over Bonney River, in the Parish of St. George.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from Benjamin Hanson's farm to Peter McDiarmid's lot, on the western side of the River Magagaudavic.

The sum of 25*l.* for a road from the new Settlement on the Eastern side of Lake Eutopia, to communicate with the great road leading from St. John to St. Andrew's.

The sum of 38*l.* two-thirds of which sum to be laid out on the road from Lawrence William's to Joshua Shaw's, and one-third on the road from Eliphallet Scott's to Joseph McLachlan's, in the Parish of St. David's.

The sum of 62*l.* 10*s.* in addition to a former grant, for aiding in building a bridge over Frost's stream, in the Parish of St. Patrick.

The sum of 62*l.* 10*s.* for a road from Digdeguash River, to Whittier's by way of Peter Morison's, in the Parish of St. Patrick.

The sum of 40*l.* for the road between Linnikin's and Connick's, in the Parish of St. David.

The sum of 25*l.* for the road from the Ledge to Pagan's mill-stream, in the Parish of St. Stephen.

The sum of 40*l.* for the road between Stewart's mill and Potter's hill, in the Parish of St. James.

The sum of 24*l.* for the road from Robert Spence's to the River St. Croix, in the Parish of St. James.

#### ST. JOHN.

The sum of 50*l.* to improve the road from the entrance of the Harbour of Musquash to St. Andrew's road.

The sum of 20*l.* to improve the road from Dipper Harbour to the St. Andrew's road.

The sum of 10*l.* to improve the road from Pissurinko to the St. Andrew's road.

The sum of 40*l.* for the road from Little River Bridge to Black River Settlement.

The sum of 30*l.* for the road from Anthony's farm below Red Head, to the Settlement at Mispeck.

The sum of 15*l.* for the road from Little River Bridge to Anthony's farm.

The sum of 30*l.* for improving the road from the Westmorland road to the second Lake, and to the head of the third Lake, both belonging to the chain of waters called Loch Lomond.

The sum of 30% to improve the road from Little River to Loch Lomond.

The sum of 30% to the Commissioners for building a bridge across the Mispick River, at the foot of the Lake.

The sum of 15% for improving the road leading from the bridge at the foot of the large Loch Lomond, to the Black Settlement.

The sum of 15% to open a road from the Settlement at Tynemouth, on the Bay of Fundy, to the Quaco road.

The sum of 15% for improving the road from Gardiner's Creek to the Quaco road.

The sum of 100% for the road leading from the head of the large Loch Lomond to the Quaco Settlement.

#### YORK.

The sum of 100% towards completing the road from Daniel Hallett's, in St. Mary Parish, to the mouth of the Kiswick Creek, to commence where the improvements left off last year.

The sum of 40% toward completing the road from Estey's mill to the Cardigan Settlement, in the Parish of St. Mary.

The sum of 30% towards repairing the bridge over the Kiswick Creek near Estey's, in the Parish of St. Mary.

The sum of 50% towards improving the road from Jewett's, towards the new Settlement in the rear of Mactequack.

The sum of 70% towards erecting a bridge over the Mactequack Creek, below the Island in the said Creek.

The sum of 40% towards repairing the bridge over Long's Creek, in the Parish of Prince William.

The sum of 45% towards completing the bridge over Garden's Creek, in the Parish of Prince William.

The sum of 30% towards improving the road from William Harper's to John Parle's, in the Parish of Prince William.

The sum of 50% towards improving the road from Palmer's to the Poquiock, in the Parish of Prince William.

The sum of 50% towards improving the road from Joseph Woolverton's to Robert Phillip's, in the Parish of Northampton.

The sum of 75% towards improving the road from Robert Phillip's to the Beckaguimet Creek, in the Parish of Wakefield.

The sum of 40% towards improving the road from Elijah Tompkin's to the Monquart, in the Parishes of Wakefield and Kent.

The sum of 20% towards improving the road from the Magundy Settlement, in the Parish of Prince William, to the River.

Resolved, that there be granted to Wm. John Drummond, the sum of 211*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.* being the amount of expences incurred by him in opening the new Shepody road, laid out for settling Emigrants, by order of His Excellency the late Lieutenant-Governor.

And Mr. *Peters* further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, 6th MARCH, 1824.

## PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. *Clarke*---Resolved, that the two Petitions of John Paterson, which were ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply, be referred to a select Committee, to report thereon to the House.

And ordered that Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Stubs*, and Mr. *Simonds*, be the Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. *Smith*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to repeal an Act passed in the sixtieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the rates at which certain Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current in this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that in the Committee it was moved, "That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for three months."

And that upon the question being put for the postponement, the Committee divided---YEAS 5---NAYS 14.

And it was therefore carried in the negative.

And that he was directed further to report, that they had agreed to the bill with amendments.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill as amended engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the establishment, regulation and improvement of the Great Roads of communication through the Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

On like motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "to continue an Act to provide for and maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of the Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Allen*,---Ordered that the bill, "for erecting a part of the Parishes of Saint Mary's and Queensbury, in the County of York, into a separate and distinct Town or Parish," be recommitted.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, reported, that they had made progress in the bill, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. *R. Simonds* pursuant to leave brought in a bill, "to provide for the better support of the Poor in certain Parishes in the County of Northumberland."

Which was read a first and second time.

And on motion of Mr. *Simonds*, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a bill, "to regulate the size and contents of Lime Hogsheads within this Province, and to repeal the Laws now in force regulating the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *C. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that in the Committee it was resolved, "That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed for six months."

Ordered that the report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next, at ten o'clock.

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MONDAY, 8th MARCH, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a third, as engrossed, a bill, "to extend the powers of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, for preventing the encumbering and filling up of the Harbour of the said City, to the waters and places of anchorage in the vicinity thereof."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *H. Peters* and Mr. *Johnston*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to alter and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the establishment, regulation and improvement of the Great Roads of communication through the Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *C. Simonds* and Mr. *M. Wilmot*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed a bill, "to repeal an Act passed in the sixtieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to regulate the rates at which certain Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current in this Province."

Resolved

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *R. Simonds*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to continue an Act to provide for "and maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of the Province."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Ritchie* and Mr. *Clarke*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, "to provide for the better support "of the Poor in certain Parishes in the County of Northumberland."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *R. Simonds* and Mr. *Mauvo*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed, the resolutions of appropriation made and passed the 3d, 4th, and 5th instant.

Ordered that Mr. *J. Wilmot* and Mr. *Slason*, carry the said resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, (in pursuance of a Resolution of the 5th instant) to ascertain what entry was made thereon relating to the bill, "to regulate all Fees to be taken at the several Custom-Houses and Naval Offices "in the Province, upon Coasting Vessels,"---Reported, that they had attended to that duty, and found the following entry :---

"Thursday, 4th March, 1824.

"Read a third time, a bill, 'to regulate all Fees to be taken at the several "Custom-Houses and Naval Offices in the Province, on Coasting Vessels.'

"On the question whether this bill do pass, resolved in the negative."

On motion of Mr. *Smith*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of the reports of the standing Committee of public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *R. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to make the following report, which he read :---

No. 38. Vouchers produced by John Ingraham, which are satisfactory.

No. 39. The account, affidavit and vouchers, of the Hon. Wm. Botsford, which are satisfactory. Annexed thereto, is the account of Martin Chapman (Surveyor) which is ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

No. 1. On further investigation of J. A. Maclauchlan's accounts, the Committee directs the following charges to be deducted therefrom, viz.---

2s. 6d. per day on 44 days exploring---which reduces the sum allowed for that service, to 20s. per day,

	£5 10 0
Commission of 10 per cent. on £152 14 4, expended over } and above the contracts for work done on the road,	15 5 2
Canoe hire,	6 0 0
Printing and sundry other expences,	3 7 10
	£30 3 0

There is now a balance of £28 13 2, due to Mr. Maclauchlan.

No. 17. On further investigation of the account current of Colin Campbell, Esq. the Committee direct the following sums to be deducted therefrom---viz.

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On the commission charged which is on the whole amount received, whereas it should have been charged only on the amount actually expended for working the road, £9 3 9

The several sums of £13, £2 13 4, and £1 15 8, charged for the Supervisors time and trouble in exploring the route from Shin Creek to Fredericton; it appearing that a Land Surveyor was employed by him in that service, and the expences of the said Surveyor and his Assistants, are charged in the account, 17 9 0  
 For Printing, 2 13 6  
 £29 6 3

There is now a balance of £17 9 1, in the hands of Mr. Campbell.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that no account for exploring roads should be hereafter allowed and passed, except in cases where an express appropriation for such exploring is made by Law.

And that he was likewise directed to ask for leave to sit again.

The report being again read at the Clerk's table, was ordered to be accepted; and leave to sit again granted.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee appointed to present an Address to His Honor the President, requesting that His Honor "would be pleased to give the necessary directions for a Deputy Treasurer being appointed to reside in the Parish of Woodstock, for the purpose of collecting the duties imposed by the Act for imposing a duty on certain articles imported into this Province,"---Reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that His Honor was pleased to say he would most certainly comply with the wishes of the House.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of the report of the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *C. Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that they had made the following resolutions, which he read, and then delivered them in at the Clerk's table, where they were again read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow :---

1.---Resolved, that the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrew's, be directed in his next account current, to credit the Province the sum of £4, paid to J. N. Clarke, for debenture on rum, more than he was entitled to.

2.---That the Deputy Treasurers at Westmorland and Fredericton, and the Collector at Woodstock, be directed to remit to the Province Treasurer, forthwith, the amount in their hands now due to the Province.

3.---That the Deputy Treasurer at Ristigouche, be directed to furnish the Province Treasurer, with his account current with the Province, for the year 1823, forthwith.

4.---That the Deputy Treasurer at Shediac, be directed in his next account current, to credit the Province the sum of 19s. 5d. short credited by him in his account current for 1823, for duties collected on 111 gallons Shrub, at that Port.

5.---That the Deputy Treasurer at St. Peters, be directed to furnish the

Province Treasurer, forthwith with a clear and explicit account current with the Province, for the years 1822 and 1823.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

And further ordered, that the Clerk of this House do furnish the Province Treasurer with a copy of the report of the Committee of the whole House made this day, respecting the Treasurer's accounts, and that the Treasurer do require from his respective Deputies, the particulars directed by that report to be furnished by them, to be laid before the House at the next Session of the General Assembly.

Likewise ordered, that the Clerk of this House do furnish the Province Treasurer and the several Deputy Treasurers, with a copy of the resolution of this House passed on the 26th day of February, 1822, requiring them to credit the Province with the increase in the current coin upon all monies remaining in their hands, in consequence of the operation of an Act, "to alter, and in addition to an Act for establishing a tender in all payments to be made in this Province."

On motion of Mr. *J. Wilmot*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of a bill, "further to continue and amend the Acts, for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Botsford*, delivered the Message, as follows:

"Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this Honorable House, that the Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriation, dated the first and second of March, excepting that granting one hundred and twenty-eight pounds ten shillings, to defray the expences of several persons appointed to assist in collecting the duties imposed by the late Acts of Parliament."

And then Mr. Justice *Botsford*, withdrew.

Mr. *Stubs* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and that he was directed to report, that in the Committee it was moved that the first Section be struck out, and the following inserted as an amendment:---

**W**HEREAS by the Charter of the City of St. John, ratified by an Act of the General Assembly, the number of days labour to be performed by the Inhabitants of the said City, on the Public Roads and Bridges, is not specified: And whereas it is just, equitable and expedient, that the Freemen and Inhabitants of the said City, should do and perform an equal number of days labour as other Inhabitants of the Province, for the purpose of clearing, maintaining and repairing, the Public Roads and Bridges.

*Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council and Assembly,* That the Inhabitants and Residents of the said City, shall be, and they are hereby made liable to do and perform an equal number of days labour in clearing, maintaining and repairing, the Public Roads, Highways, Streets and Bridges, as other Inhabitants and Residents of the Province, by Law are liable to do in their respective Parishes, and be subject to the same fines and penalties, and to the payment of like sums of money, for neglect of duty, to be recovered in the City Court, at the suit of the Surveyors of the respective Districts. by  
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action of debt, with costs of suit, as established by Law for the recovery of small debts.

*And be it further enacted,* That the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the said City, in Common Council convened, are hereby authorized and required, on the third Tuesday in March, or within the next four succeeding days, in each and every year, to appoint, by warrants under the Common Council Seal of the said City, a competent number of fit persons to be Surveyors of the Roads, Highways and Streets, for the said City, assigning to each of the said Surveyors, in such warrant, the limits of the district within and over which he shall exercise the duties and powers incident to his office, both with respect to the times and places where the work is to be performed, and the persons to be summoned to perform such work; and in case of the refusal of such person to accept such office, or in case of any vacancy by death, or removal, or other incapacity of any Surveyor to perform the duties of his office, the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, are authorized and required in like manner to appoint another in his place; and the Common Clerk of the said City, is hereby required to transmit to the several Surveyors so appointed, their warrants of appointment, and every person so appointed, shall within            days after receiving the same warrant, be duly sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of his office, before the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the said City, who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same, and indorse a certificate thereof upon each warrant of appointment.

*And be it further enacted,* That each and every person so appointed, who shall neglect or refuse to accept of the office of Surveyor as aforesaid, and to take the oath hereinbefore required, within the time limited as aforesaid, or shall neglect or refuse to do and perform any of the duties herein required of him, shall for each and every offence forfeit and pay the sum of            Pounds, to be recovered in the City Court, on complaint to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, upon the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, and levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, and when recovered, to be paid into the hands of the Chamberlain of the said City, to be laid out on the Highways, Streets and Bridges, within the said City.

*And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the several Surveyors of Highways within the said City, on or before the first day of May, in each and every year, to make out and transmit to the Chamberlain of the said City, lists of all the persons within their respective Districts, who are by Law liable to work upon the Highways, Streets and Bridges, specifying the number of days each person is bound to work, and to add thereto, from time to time, the names of any persons who may afterwards come to reside within the same, and to summon the said persons to work, and to superintend them, and to summon their teams to work, when necessary, in any part of their respective Districts, at their discretion, in the same manner as is provided in the Laws for regulating and repairing the Highways and Bridges in other parts of the Province, and to receive such sums of money as shall be paid in lieu of labour, at the rate established by such Laws, and recover and collect from all delinquents the fines incurred by them for neglecting or refusing to work when called upon as aforesaid, and by the first day of December in each and every year, or sooner if thereunto required by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, to render accounts of all sums so received and collected by them respectively, (stating from whom received) to the Chamberlain



lain of the said City, and at the same time render accounts and vouchers of all monies which they may respectively have expended, by order of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, upon the said Highways, Streets and Bridges, and at the same time, or before if required, pay to the Chamberlain any monies remaining in their hands.

*And be it further enacted,* That whenever the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, shall direct any Surveyor to work in a particular part of any particular Place or Bridge within his District, or to take any number of persons belonging to his District out of such District, into any other District within the said City, it shall be the further duty of the said Surveyor, to attend to the same, and to perform such duty so required of him.

*And be it further enacted,* That all the Roads, Streets and Highways, heretofore laid out, and which are now used as such, and also all Public Bridges heretofore built, and now used as such, shall be, and the same are hereby deemed and established to be the Public Roads, Streets, Highways and Bridges, of the said City and County, and shall continue so to be, until the same shall be altered by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the said City.

And to remove any doubts which may or can arise, as to the liability of the Inhabitants and Residents of the County of Saint John, to do and perform an equal a number of days labour on the Roads, Highways and Bridges, as other Inhabitants and Residents in the Province: *Be it further enacted,* That the Inhabitants and Residents of the County of Saint John, shall be, and they are hereby made liable to do and perform an equal number of days labour, in clearing, maintaining and repairing, the Roads, Highways and Bridges, throughout the said County, as other Inhabitants and Residents in the Province, by Law are liable to in their respective Parishes, and be subject to the same fines and penalties, and to the payment of the like sums of money for neglect of duty, to be recovered before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the City and County of Saint John, at the suit of the Surveyors of the respective Districts, by action of debt, with costs of suit as is established by Law, for the recovery of small debts.

*And be it further enacted,* That the Justices for the City and County of St. John, shall annually on the third Tuesday in March (or within the next four successive days), in each and every year, appoint three or more fit persons to be Commissioners, and a competent number of fit persons to be Surveyors of Highways in the several Towns or Parishes in the said County, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, in the same manner as Commissioners and Surveyors are sworn, in and by "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing, Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province," and shall be subject to the same fines and penalties, for refusal or neglect of duty, as Commissioners and Surveyors in the several and respective Towns and Parishes in the Province, as aforesaid; and the said Commissioners and Surveyors so appointed, shall do and perform all the duties appertaining to the offices of Commissioners and Surveyors, as prescribed in and by the said last recited Act, except laying out and altering Roads and Highways.

*And be it further enacted,* That in case of the refusal of any Commissioner or Surveyor appointed as aforesaid to Act, or in case of the death or removal of any of them, the said Justices, at any General or Special Session of the

Peace, are hereby authorized and required to appoint other fit persons in their places, in the same manner as is prescribed in the said last recited Act.

*And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall not extend, or be construed to extend to prevent the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, from making, laying out, altering, amending and repairing, the Streets, Highways and Bridges, in and throughout the County of St. John, whenever it may be necessary to do the same, by ordering the Inhabitants, Freemen, and Residents of the said City, to work on the said Streets, Highways and Bridges, in the said County, or by applying the Funds of the said City, for that purpose, agreeably to the duties required of them in and by the Charter of the said City, ratified as aforesaid.

That upon the question being put for the amendment, the Committee divided as follows :

YEAS---Mr. C. Simonds, Mr. R. Simonds, Mr. Smith.

NAYS---Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vail, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Allen, Mr. Johnston, Mr. H. Peters, Mr. M. Wilmot, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Slason, Mr. J. Wilmot, Mr. Campbell, Mr. M'Kay, Mr. Munro, Mr. Dow.

It was therefore carried in the negative.

That then the following was moved as an amendment to be added to the first Section :

“ Except so much of the same as authorizes the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty, to call forth the labour of the Inhabitants and Residents of the County of St. John.”

Which was likewise carried in the negative.

That upon filling up the blank in the said first Section with three years, the Committee again divided---YEAS 10---NAYS 9.

It was therefore carried in the affirmative.

And Mr. *Stubs* then further reported, that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the bill without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 9th MARCH, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, “ further to continue and amend the Acts, for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John.”

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *J. Wilmot* and Mr. *Ritchie*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Stubs*, moved for leave to bring in a bill, “ to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province.”

Leave granted.

Mr. *Smith*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “ to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the ordinary services of the Province.”

Which was read a first and second time.

And on motion of Mr. *Smith*, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee, reported; that they had gone into consideration of the said bill, and that he was directed to report, that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the select Committee appointed to examine and report on the Petitions of John Patterson, made the following report :---That the Committee are of opinion,

“ That his application for a return of transient duty on sundry importations of West-India produce, amounting to £124 4 7, should be allowed him---no part of the said produce having been landed in the Province.

“ That further proof is wanting of the exportation of the produce imported in the Halifax Packet, and until such proof is produced, they cannot recommend the payment of the drawback applied for.

“ That the documents in proof of the exportation of the cargo imported in the brig Robert, Palmeto, Master, from Trinidad, are satisfactory, and that the amount of the drawback on the same, should be allowed him.

“ That the requisite proof is produced of the exportation of 60 hhds. molasses and 32 barrels sugar, imported in the schooner Union, Hobbs, Master, and that the drawback on the same, amounting to £33 14 0, should be allowed him.

“ That no documents are produced in proof of the exportation of any produce in the brig Speculator, and they cannot recommend the payment of the drawback applied for.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *H. Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Robinson* delivered the Message, as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the following bills :---

“ The bill to extend the powers of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, for preventing the encumbering and filling up of the Harbour.

“ The bill to continue an Act to provide for and maintain an armed Cutter, &c.

“ The bill to alter and amend an Act, to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the establishment, &c. of the Great Roads.

“ And the bill to provide for the better support of the Poor in certain Parishes in Northumberland.”

And then Mr. *Robinson* withdrew.

Mr. *Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Black* delivered the Message, as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriation, dated the third and fourth March, sent up by the Assembly, excepting that granting £34 16 8, to Cadwal-

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“ lader Currie, and the re-appropriating £100 heretofore granted for the erection of a Church in Chatham, which are not agreed to.”

And then Mr. *Black* withdrew.

Mr. *H. Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had made several resolutions, which he read, and delivered them in at the Clerk's table, where being again severally read, were agreed to by the House, and are as follow:---

Resolved, that there be granted to Martin Chapman, the sum of £19 10 0, to remunerate him for exploring and surveying a new road from the Bend of the Peticodiac River to Fredericton, with a plan of the same, over and above the grant for that service.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £192 10 0, to defray the expences incurred the last year in exploring a rout for a Canal from the Bay of Fundy to Chediac.

To the Commissioners appointed for enlarging and improving the Province Hall, the sum of £370, for defraying the amount due on the contracts for erecting the Surveyor General's office, and raising and inclosing the Wings to the Province Hall.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £45 5 2, being the amount of expence incurred in securing the Secretary's office, in the year 1822.

To the Secretary of the Province, the sum of £78 5 0, for issuing 313 Warrants at 5s. each, between the 23d day of February, 1822, and the 6th day of March, 1823; and the further sum of £84 10 0, for issuing 338 Warrants, between the 6th day of March, 1823, and the 26th day of February, 1824.

To John Patterson, the sum of £124 4 7, amount of transient duty paid by him on sundry importations of West-India produce---no part of the said produce having been landed in this Province.

To John Patterson, the sum of £33 14 0, for drawback on 60 hhds. molasses and 32 bbls. sugar, imported in the schooner *Union*, Hobbs, Master, satisfactory proof being produced by him of the exportation of the same.

To John Patterson, the sum of £40, or such sum as will be sufficient to cancel a Bond given by him for duties on a cargo of rum, sugar, and molasses, imported in the brig *Robert*, Palmeto, Master, from Trinidad, in Sept. 1823, satisfactory proof having been produced by him of the exportation of the same.

To the Governor and Trustees of the College of New-Brunswick, for the present year, the sum of £75, in further aid and support of the Grammar School at Fredericton.

To Thomas C. Lee, Esquire, the sum of £8 8 0, being a balance due to him by the Province, as Supervisor for the Western District.

To William M. Hazen, the sum of £8, for his services in exploring on the Nerepis road, in the spring of 1823, by order of the Executive.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief, the sum of £37 5 0, to pay John Abrams, a Tidewaiter at the Port of St. John, for his services in 1823.

To Geo. K. Lugin, the sum of £80, for printing the daily Journals of the Assembly.

To Geo. K. Lugin, the sum of £73 17 6, being the balance due on his several accounts against the Province, for printing.

To His Honor the President or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, the sum of £50, towards defraying the expence of printing the Laws of the present Session; and a further sum, not exceeding £100, towards defraying the expence of printing the Journals of the present Session.

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for fuel, stationary, sleigh hire, and other contingent expences for the present Session, the sum of £200 4 8.

And Mr. *Peters* further reported, that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*---“Whereas great inconvenience and a loss of Public Revenue, has been sustained by reason of delays in printing and distributing to the Public Officers throughout the Province, the Laws passed at each Session of the General Assembly: Therefore resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Honor the President, representing the above circumstances, and praying that His Honor may be pleased to give directions for preventing such delays in future.”

Ordered that Mr. *Stubs*, Mr. *Wilson*, and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Honor.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 10th MARCH, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, “to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the ordinary services of the Province.”

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Vail*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Botsford*, delivered the Message, as follows:

“Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, ‘to continue and amend the Acts, for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in St. John.’

“And the bill, ‘to repeal the Act to regulate the rates at which certain Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current in this Province.’

“And I am likewise directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriation dated 5th March, for Bye-Roads and Bridges, excepting the following:---

“£30 for the road from the highway near Thomas Smith’s, on the S. W. Branch of Miramichi, to the highway near David Tozer’s on the N. W. Branch.

“£30 from the highway near Gretna Village, to the Settlement in the rear thereof.

“£60 for the road through the Indian Tract between Oxford’s Brook and Caul’s Cove.

“£100 for the road between Fletts’ Cove and Barnaby’s River.

“£40 for the road from Elijah Tompkins’ to the Monquart, in Wakefield and Kent.

“And the whole of the appropriation for King’s County, which are not agreed to.”

And then Mr. Justice *Botsford*, withdrew.

Mr.

**AN ACCOUNT** of the total number of Ships and Vessels that have entered and cleared at the Port of St. John and the Out-bays within the District thereof, in the year 1823, with their tonnage, number of men, and the quantity of goods imported and exported in the said Vessels.

**PORT OF SAINT JOHN.**

Vessels entered,	327	Number of Tons,	66,592	Number of Men,	3,050
Do. cleared,	328	Do.	76,083	Do.	3,357

**IMPORTS.**

Flour,	20,492 barrels.
Bread,	860 do.
Corn,	24,952 bushels.
Meal,	2,011 barrels.
Rice,	93 tierces.
Beef and Pork,	2,474 barrels.
Sheep,	795 number.
Neat Cattle,	18 ditto.
Peas and Beans,	219 barrels.
Wine,	15,366 gallons.
Brandy and Gin,	20,492 ditto.
Rum,	225,733 ditto.
Molasses,	112,884 ditto.
Coffee,	9,033 lbs.
Piniento,	9,909 ditto.
Sugar,	3,241 cwt.
Salt,	3,275 tons.
Naval Stores,	1,886 barrels.
Tobacco,	1,369 cwt.
Tea,	432 chests.
Cordage,	3,117 coils.
Hides,	2,564 number.
Coals,	1,658 chaldrons.
Oak Boards and Plak,	11,070 feet.
Staves,	107,000 M.
Shingles,	117,000 M.
Fruit and Seeds,	2,380 barrels.
Iron and Copper,	812 tons.

Packages of British Merchandise, including Cotton, Silk and Woollen goods, Sailcloth, Ironmongery, Shoes, &c.

19,386

Timber,	76,585 tons.
Pine Boards and Plank,	10,732,000 feet.
Staves,	1,664,000 number.
Shingles,	1,041,000 ditto.
Masts and Spars,	2,185 ditto.
Oar Rafters,	1,556 ditto.
Handspikes,	4,271 ditto.
Hogshead Shooks,	284 ditto.
Lathwood,	1,108 cords.
Dry Fish,	14,260 quintals.
Pickled fish and smoked Salmon,	8,691 barrels.
Herrings, smoked,	6,861 boxes.
Fish Oil,	186 barrels.
Gypsum,	3,770 tons.
Grindstones,	6,873 number.
Salt Meat,	143 barrels.
Potatoes,	9,522 bushels.
Flour,	145 barrels.
Bread,	63 ditto.
Rice,	6 tierces.
Rum,	26,950 gallons.
Wine,	1,935 ditto.
Piniento,	3,980 lbs.
Hides and Furs,	675 number.
Naval Stores,	1,155 barrels.
Tobacco,	376 cwt.
Coals,	120 tons.
Coffee,	1,260 lbs.
Soap and Candles,	486 barrels.
Fruit and Onions,	639 ditto.
Mahogany,	67 pieces.

**MIRAMICHI.**

Vessels entered,	348	Tons,	100,892	Men,	4,658
Do. cleared,	350	"	100,984	"	4,761

**IMPORTS.**

Flour,	1,359 barrels.
Bread,	598 ditto.
Corn,	9,453 bushels.
Rice,	4 tierces.
Beef and Pork,	3,658 barrels.
Wine,	2,154 gallons.
Brandy and Gin,	14,750 ditto.
Rum,	35,111 ditto.
Molasses,	5,394 ditto.
Coffee,	1,622 lbs.
Sugar,	3,769 cwt.
Salt,	575 tons.
Naval Stores,	16 barrels.
Tobacco,	28 cwt.
Tea,	133 chests.
Cordage,	16 coils.
Coals,	1,372 chaldrons.
Packages of British Merchandise, including Cotton, Silk, and Woollen goods, Sailcloth, Ironmongery, Shoes, &c.	7,180

**EXPORTS.**

Timber,	137,530 tons.
Pine Boards and Plank,	1,374,000 feet.
Staves,	423,000 number.
Shingles,	132,000 ditto.
Masts and Spars,	1,773 ditto.
Oar Rafters,	1,020 ditto.
Handspikes,	89½ ditto.
Lathwood,	3,423 cords.
Pickled Fish and smoked Salmon,	21 barrels.

**SAINT PETERS.**

Vessels entered,	27	Tons,	5,664	Men,	272
Do. cleared,	27	"	5,664	"	272

**IMPORTS.**

Bread,	40 barrels.
Beef and Pork,	48 ditto.
Neat Cattle,	2 number.
Rum,	216 gallons.
Salt,	50 tons.
Packages of British Merchandise, including Cotton, Silk, and	

**EXPORTS.**

Timber,	7,936 tons.
Pine Boards and Plank,	49,000 feet.
Masts and Spars,	241 number.
Lathwood,	285 cords.

Neat Cattle, 18 ditto.  
 Peas and Beans, 219 barrels.  
 Wine, 15,366 gallons.  
 Brandy and Gin, 20,492 ditto.  
 Rum, 225,733 ditto.  
 Molasses, 112,884 ditto.  
 Coffee, 9,033 lbs.  
 Pimento, 9,909 ditto.  
 Sugar, 3,241 cwt.  
 Salt, 3,275 tons.  
 Naval Stores, 1,886 barrels.  
 Tobacco, 1,369 cwts.  
 Tea, 432 chests.  
 Cordage, 3,117 coils.  
 Hides, 2,564 number.  
 Coals, 1,658 chaldrons.  
 Oak Boards and Plank, 11,070 feet.  
 Staves, 107,000 M.  
 Shingles, 117,000 M.  
 Fruit and Seeds, 2,380 barrels.  
 Iron and Copper, 812 tons.  
 Packages of British Merchandise, 19,386  
 including Cotton, Silk and  
 Woollen goods, Sailcloth, Iron-  
 mongery, Shoes, &c.

Vessels entered, 348  
 Do. cleared, 350  
**IMPORTS.**

Flour, 1,359 barrels.  
 Bread, 598 ditto.  
 Corn, 9,453 bushels.  
 Rice, 4 tierces.  
 Beef and Pork, 3,658 barrels.  
 Wine, 2,154 gallons.  
 Brandy and Gin, 14,750 ditto.  
 Rum, 35,111 ditto.  
 Molasses, 5,394 ditto.  
 Coffee, 1,622 lbs.  
 Sugar, 3,769 cwts.  
 Salt, 575 tons.  
 Naval Stores, 16 barrels.  
 Tobacco, 28 cwts.  
 Tea, 133 chests.  
 Cordage, 16 coils.  
 Coals, 1,372 chaldrons.  
 Packages of British Merchandise, 7,180  
 including Cotton, Silk and  
 Woollen goods, Sailcloth, Iron-  
 mongery, Shoes, &c.

Vessels entered, 27  
 Do. cleared, 27  
**IMPORTS.**

Bread,  
 Beef and Pork,  
 Neat Cattle,  
 Rum,  
 Salt,  
 Packages of British Merchandise,  
 including Cotton, Silk and  
 Woollen goods, Sailcloth, Iron-  
 mongery, Shoes, &c.

Vessels entered, 49  
 Do. cleared, 50

Hogshead Shooks,  
 Lathwood,  
 Dry Fish,  
 Pickled fish and smoked Salmon,  
 Herrings, smoked,  
 Fish Oil,  
 Gypsum,  
 Grindstones,  
 Salt Meat,  
 Potatoes,  
 Flour,  
 Bread,  
 Rice,  
 Rum,  
 Wine,  
 Pimento,  
 Hides and Furs,  
 Naval Stores,  
 Tobacco,  
 Coals,  
 Coffee,  
 Soap and Candles,  
 Fruit and Onions,  
 Mahogany,

**MIRAMICHI.**  
 Tons, 100,892  
 " 100,984  
 Men, 4,658  
 " 4,761

**EXPORTS.**

Timber, 137,530 tons.  
 Pine Boards and Plank, 1,374,000 feet.  
 Staves, 423,000 number.  
 Shingles, 132,000 ditto.  
 Masts and Spars, 1,773 ditto.  
 Oak Rafters, 1,020 ditto.  
 Handspikes, 891 ditto.  
 Lathwood, 3,423 cords.  
 Pickled Fish and smoked Salmon, 21 barrels.

**SAINT PETERS.**  
 Tons, 5,664  
 " 5,664

**EXPORTS.**

40 barrels,  
 48 ditto.  
 2 number.  
 216 gallons.  
 50 tons.  
 Timber,  
 Pine Boards and Plank,  
 Masts and Spars,  
 Lathwood,  
 7,936 tons.  
 49,000 feet.  
 241 number.  
 285 curds.

Men, 272  
 " 272

**RICHIBUCMO.**

Tons, 10,305  
 " 10,558  
 Men, 489  
 " 494

**IMPORTS.**

Flour, 52 barrels.  
 Bread, 40 ditto.  
 Corn, 420 bushels.  
 Meal, 30 barrels.  
 Beef and Pork, 101 ditto.  
 Wine, 122 gallons.  
 Brandy and Gin, 610 ditto.  
 Rum, 2,630 ditto.  
 Molasses, 160 ditto.  
 Coffee, 170 lbs.  
 Sugar, 54 cwt.  
 Salt, 138 tons.  
 Naval Stores, 16 barrels.  
 Tobacco, 14 cwt.  
 Cordage, 9 coils.  
 Coals, 43 chaldrons.  
 7 tons.

Iron and Copper,  
 Packages of British Merchandise,  
 including Cotton, Silk and  
 Woollen goods, Sailcloth, Iron-  
 mongery, &c. 332

Vessels entered, 23  
 " cleared, 23

**IMPORTS.**

Bread, 40 barrels.  
 Beef and Pork, 39 ditto.  
 Brandy and Gin, 266 gallons.  
 Rum, 1,300 ditto.  
 Molasses, 315 ditto.  
 Salt, 75 tons.  
 Iron and Copper, 10 tons.  
 Packages of British Merchandise,  
 including Cotton, Silk and  
 Woollen goods, Sailcloth, Iron-  
 mongery, Shoes, &c. 288

N. B.—To the value of Exports might, with propriety, be added the following number of Ships and Vessels built within the year 1823, by persons resident at this Port, for Proprietors in the United Kingdom, or sent there for sale, as remittances for British Merchandise imported or to be imported:—

24 Ships and Vessels, measuring in the aggregate 7000 Tons, valued at £10 per Ton, £70,000.

Sterling value, £309,110 : 0 : 0.

(Signed) HY. WRIGHT, Col.

**PORT OF SAINT ANDREW'S.**

Vessels entered, 135  
 " cleared, 146

**IMPORTS.**

Flour, 616 barrels.  
 Bread, 22 ditto.  
 Indian Meal, 356 ditto.  
 Fruit, 46 ditto.  
 Shrub, 388 gallons.  
 Rum, 177,407 ditto.  
 Molasses, 29,425 ditto.  
 Salt, 1,289 tons.  
 Gin and Brandy, 2,294 gallons.  
 Packages of Merchandise, 912 number.  
 Earthenware, 133 crates.  
 Sugar, 1,722 cwt.  
 Cordage, 382 coils.  
 Naval Stores, 3 barrels.  
 Soap and Candles, 311 boxes.  
 Staves, 40 M.  
 Tea, 36 chests.  
 Butter, 50 firkins.  
 Nails, 21 casks.  
 Glass, 147 boxes.  
 Paint, 207 kegs.  
 Iron, 406 tons.  
 Coals, 184 chaldrons.  
 Wine, 2,937 gallons.  
 Timber, 32 pieces.  
 Anchors, 6 number.  
 Peas and Beans, 13 barrels.  
 Lead, 92 cwt.  
 Whiskey, 118 gallons.  
 Porter, 53 barrels.  
 86 hhd.

**EXPORTS.**

Timber, 14,383 tons.  
 Pine Boards and Plank, 108,000 feet.  
 Staves, 8,000 number.  
 Masts and Spars, 227 ditto.  
 Oar Rafters, 233 ditto.  
 Handspikes, 252 ditto.  
 Lathwood, 415 cords.

**SHEDDIAC, &c.**

Tons, 5,453  
 " 5,453

Men, 262

**EXPORTS.**

Timber, 2,972 tons.  
 Pine Boards and Plank, 32,000 feet.  
 Staves, 1,000 number.  
 Masts and Spars, 193 ditto.  
 Oar Rafters, 171 ditto.  
 Handspikes, 261 ditto.  
 Lathwood, 205 cords.

Men, 1,600

Tons, 33,415

" 29,610

**EXPORTS.**

Rum, 32,895 gallons.  
 Molasses, 3,900 ditto.  
 Flour, 73 barrels.  
 Bread, 178 ditto.  
 Salt, 217 tons.  
 Indian Meal, 36 barrcls.  
 Indian Corn, 230 bushels.  
 Oats, 20 barrels.  
 Vinegar, 4 ditto.  
 Pine and Birch Timber, 24,486 tons.  
 Boards, 6,581 M. feet.  
 Shingles, 2,148 M.  
 Staves, 169 ditto.  
 Hhd. Shooks, 880 number.  
 Masts, 8 ditto.  
 Spars, 1,882 ditto.  
 Poles, 1,004 ditto.  
 Lathwood, 835 cords.  
 Oars and Oar Rafters, 2,342 number.  
 Handspikes, 436 ditto.  
 Spruce Staves, 1,800 ditto.  
 Laths, 8 M.  
 Dry Fish, 7,002 quintals.  
 Pickled Herrings, 653½ barrels.  
 Salmon, 102 bbls. & kts.  
 Smoked Herrings, 1,300 boxes.  
 Oil, 31 barrels.  
 Naval Stores, 180 ditto.  
 Tobacco, 4 hhd. & kgs.  
 Brick, 31 M.  
 Potato, 30 b rrel.



**IMPORTS.**

Flour, 52 barrels.  
 Bread, 40 ditto.  
 Corn, 420 bushels.  
 Meal, 30 barrels.  
 Beef and Pork, 101 ditto.  
 Wine, 122 gallons.  
 Brandy and Gin, 610 ditto.  
 Rum, 2,630 ditto.  
 Molasses, 160 ditto.  
 Coffee, 170 lbs.  
 Sugar, 54 cwt.  
 Salt, 138 tons.  
 Naval Stores, 16 barrels.  
 Tobacco, 14 cwt.  
 Cordage, 9 coils.  
 Coals, 43 chaldrons.  
 Iron and Copper, 7 tons.  
 Packages of British Merchandise, 332  
 including Cotton, Silk and  
 Woollen goods, Sailcloth, Iron-  
 mongery, &c.

Vessels entered, 23  
 " cleared, 23  
**IMPORTS.**

Bread, 40 barrels.  
 Beef and Pork, 39 ditto.  
 Brandy and Gin, 266 gallons.  
 Rum, 1,300 ditto.  
 Molasses, 315 ditto.  
 Salt, 75 tons.  
 Iron and Copper, 10 tons.  
 Packages of British Merchandise, 288  
 including Cotton, Silk and  
 Woollen goods, Sailcloth, Iron-  
 mongery, Shoes, &c.

N. B.—To the value of Exports might, with propriety, be added the following number of Ships and Vessels built within the year 1823, by persons resident at this Port, for Proprietors in the United Kingdom, or sent there for sale, as remittances for British Merchandise imported or to be imported:—  
 24 Ships and Vessels, measuring in the aggregate 7000 Tons, valued at £10 per Ton, £70,000.

Sterling value, £309,110 : 0 : 0.

**PORT OF SAINT ANDREW'S.**

Vessels entered, 135  
 " cleared, 146  
**IMPORTS.**

Flour, 616 barrels.  
 Bread, 22 ditto.  
 Indian Meal, 356 ditto.  
 Fruit, 46 ditto.  
 Shrub, 388 gallons.  
 Rum, 177,407 ditto.  
 Molasses, 29,425 ditto.  
 Salt, 1,289 tons.  
 Gin and Brandy, 2,294 gallons.  
 Packages of Merchandise, 912 number.  
 Earthenware, 133 crates.  
 Sugar, 1,722 cwt.  
 Cordage, 382 coils.  
 Naval Stores, 3 barrels.  
 Soap and Candles, 311 boxes.  
 Tea, 40 M.  
 Butter, 36 chests.  
 Nails, 50 firkins.  
 Glass, 21 casks.  
 Paint, 147 boxes.  
 Iron, 207 kegs.  
 Coals, 406 tons.  
 Wine, 184 chaldrons.  
 Timber, 2,937 gallons.  
 Anchors, 32 pieces.  
 Peas and Beans, 6 number.  
 Lead, 13 barrels.  
 Whiskey, 92 cwt.  
 Porter, 118 gallons.  
 Canvas, 53 barrels.  
 Pork, 86 bolts.  
 Fustick, 149 barrels.  
 28 tons.

**EXPORTS.**

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 Pine Boards and Plank, 108,000 feet.  
 Staves, 8,000 number.  
 Masts and Spars, 227 ditto.  
 Oar Rafters, 233 ditto.  
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Men, 262

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 Lathwood, 205 cords.

**PORT OF SAINT ANDREW'S.**

(Signed)

HY. WRIGHT, Col.

**PORT OF SAINT ANDREW'S.**

Tons, 33,415  
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Men, 1,600

**EXPORTS.**

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 Molasses, 3,900 ditto.  
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 Smoked Herrings, 1,300 boxes.  
 Oil, 31 barrels.  
 Naval Stores, 180 ditto.  
 Tobacco, 4 hhd. & kgs.  
 Brick, 31 M.  
 Potatoes, 30 barrels.  
 Mahogany, 11 logs.  
 Grindstones, 40 number.  
 Soap and Candles, 1,325 boxes.  
 (Signed)  
 COLIN CAMPBELL, Col.  
 JOHN DUNN, Compt.

Abstract of Duties collected and secured at St. Peters, New-Brunswick, in the year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.	Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Wine,			
Rum,	29 Gallons,	1s. 6d.	2 3 6
Molasses,	1433 do.	1s.	71 13
Sugar,	1051 Gallons,	1d.	4 7 7
	314s. Cwt.		6 4
Deduct Deputy Treasurer's Commission,			£ 84 8 1
Nett amount of Duties,			£ 10 16 1

(Signed) P. DUMARÉSE, Deputy Treasurer.  
 NOTE.—The Deputy Treasurer's Commission in this account is charged on the further sum of £23 : 17 : 1, collected for the support of Sick and Disabled Seamen.

Abstract of Duties collected and secured at Shediac, in the year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.	Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Rum,	1766 Gallons,	10d.	73 11 8
Do.	114 do.	1s.	5 14
Brandy,	266 do.	1s. 6d.	19 19
Wine,	134 do.	1s. 6d.	10 1 4
Molasses,	1048 do.	1d.	4 7 4
Sugar,	17½ Cwts.	2s. 6d.	2 3 9
Do.	6 do.	4s.	1 4
Shrub,	111 Gallons,	3d.	1 7 9
Deduct Deputy Treasurer's Commission,			£ 118 8 6
Nett amount of Duties,			£ 11 15 6

(Signed) WM. HARRINGTON, Deputy Treasurer.

Account of Duties on Horses and Cattle, imported from the United States, into St. John, in the year 1823.

4 Horses at	-	-	-	£ 5	£ 20
6 Oxen,	-	-	-	1	6
4 Cows,	-	-	-	10	2
Credited in General account,					£ 28

(Signed) JOHN ROBINSON, Province Treasurer.

Account of Duties on Horses and Cattle, imported from the United States, into St. Andrew's, in the year 1823.

6 Horses,	-	-	-	£ 5	£ 30
460 Oxen,	-	-	-	1	460
15 Cows,	-	-	-	0 10	7 10
Credited in General account,					£ 497 10

(Signed) THOS. WYER, Treasurer.

Account of Duties on Horses and Cattle, imported from the United States,  
into Fredericton, in the year 1823.

16 Horses,	£	3	11	10
22 Oxen,	£	1	10	6
1 Cow,	£	10	6	
Cash received from Collector at Woodstock,	£	110	16	
Deduct Deputy Treasurer's Commission,	£	11	1	7
Balance,	£	99	14	5

(Signed) H. G. CLOPPER, Deputy Treasurer.

Abstract of Revenue raised in New-Brunswick, in the year 1823.

Places of Entry.	Light-House Duty.	Ordinary Duties.	Five per Cent Duty.	Cattle & Timber Duty.	Auction Duty.	Duties per Act of Parliament.	Total Amount. £ s. d.
St. John,	344	13024	61 51 6	28	225	3809	17482 11 6 1/2
St. Andrew's,		9074	5 11 1/2	497 10	1 6 5	330	9904 0 10 1/2
West Isles,		4118	4				4418 4
Miramichi,		5665	19 10 1/2				5665 19 10 1/2
Richibucto,		259	16 3 1/2				259 16 3 1/2
St. Peters,		84	8 1				84 8 1
Westmorland,		29		110 16			29
Fredericton,							110 16
Total,	344	28579	91 51 6 10 1/2	636 6	226 17 3 1/2	4140	33978 11

Deputy Treasurer's Commissions to be deducted.

Province Treasury, St. John, 31st December, 1823.  
JOHN ROBINSON, Province Treasurer.

NOTE.---The account of Duties collected and  
secured at Shediac, in the year 1823, is not in-  
cluded in the above General Abstract:---  
£118: 8: 6.

C. P. WETMORE, Clerk of Assembly.

Account of Disabled Seamen's Duty, Collected in  
St. John, in the Year 1823.

When Collected.	No. of Tons at Id.	Amount.
In January,	355	1 7 9
February,	459	1 18 3
March,	411	1 14 3
April,	1821	7 11 9
May,	17522	73
June,	8159	33 19 11
July,	6235	25 19 7
August,	2996	12 9 8
September,	9960	41 10
October,	12029	50 2 5
November,	4681	19 10 1
December,	1510	6 5 10
Total,	66116	£275 9 8

Province Treasury, St. John, New-Brunswick,  
31st December, 1823.  
JOHN ROBINSON, Province Treasurer.

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Province Treasury in Account for Disabled Seamen's Fund.

Dr.

1823		1823		1823	
	Dr.				
1823	Jan.	£ 180	175	14	By Cash paid Commissioners of Marine Hospital,
	Jan.	404	124	21	do. do. do.
	April,	18	12	9	do. do. do.
	June,	51	50	17	By Amount of 2 Warrants in favor of Overseers
	July,	15	19	17	of Poor in Chatham, paid by T. H. Peters, Esq.
	"	275	98	"	By Amount of 2 ditto, in favor of Overseers of
	"	120	60	"	Poor in New-Castle, paid by ditto.
	"	4	117	"	By amount of a Warrant in favor of Overseers of
	"	423	60	"	Poor in Alnwick, paid by ditto.
	"	39	22½	"	By Amount of a Warrant in favor of Overseers of
	"	23	171	24	Poor in Northesk, paid by ditto.
	Sept.			"	By Amount of a Warrant in favor of Overseers of
	"			"	Poor in Nelson, paid by ditto.
	"			"	By Commissions charged by Deputy Treasurer's
	"			"	at Richibucto and St. Peters, on Amount collect-
	"			"	ed in 1822---10 per cent.
	Oct.			27	By Cash paid Commissioners of Marine Hospital,
	"			27	By Balance carried to Account.
		£ 1556	102½		£ 1556
					10 2½

Province Treasury, St. John, 31st December, 1823.  
 JOHN ROBINSON, Province Treasurer.



# PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK,

General State of Public Accounts with John Robnson, Province Treasurer,

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Dr.

Dates.	Amount	Dates.	Amount.
1823 Dec.		1823 Jan.	29171 09
31 To Amount of 313 Warrants on the Treasury, paid between 1st January, 1823, and this date, as per Account. - - - - - No. 8	24456 8 11	29 By Cash received from J. M. Johnson, for duty on goods sold at Auction at Miramichi in 1822, By do. received from the Attorney General, as per Account, - - - - - No. 12	1310 10 1823 2 2
" To do. of 75 Cases of Drawbacks paid at the Treasury, as per Account. - - - - - No. 9	1231 4 4	" 11 By do. from the Collector of the Customs, for Duties imposed by Acts of Parliament, - - - - - No. 5	3809 11 4 344 1 11
" To do. paid on account of interest of the Loan, as per account. - - - - - No. 10	123 2 4	" 12 By Balance of Light House Account, - - - - - No. 3	13024 0 6 1/2
" To do. of Bonds sent to the Attorney General to be put in Suits, as per List. - - - - - No. 11	555 13 4 1/2	" 13 By Amount of Ordinary Duties at St. John, in 1823, as per Account and 90 Entries, No. 4	51 6 10 1/2 28
" To Balance remaining in the Treasury in Bonds and Cash this day,	29748 7 11	" 14 By do. of 5 per cent. Duty at do. to 24th March 1823, as per Account, and 9 Entries, No. 5	225 10 10 1/2
		" 15 By do. of Cattle Duty, as per Account, - - - - - No. 6	3352 10 2 1/2 3997 0 7
		" 16 By do. of Auction Duty, at do. as per Account, - - - - - No. 7	15 50 100 72 5 40 15
		" 17 By Amount of remittances from Deputy Treasurers, viz: From Deputy Treasurer of Charlotte, Miramichi, From ditto Richibucto, From ditto Shediac, From ditto Westmoreland, From ditto St. Peters, From ditto Ristigouche,	7027 11 1 1/2
	£ 56109 16 11 1/2		£ 56109 16 11 1/2

Province Treasury, St. John, New-Brunswick, 31st December, 1823.

**JOHN ROBINSON,**  
Province Treasurer.

Abstract of Duties collected and secured at St. John, New-Brunswick, in the year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.		Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Wine,	Gallons,	8773	1s. 3d.	548 6 3
Wine, Brandy and Gin,	do.	29733	1s. 6d.	2229 19 6
Rum and Whiskey,	do.	196844	10d.	8201 16 8
Do. and do.	do.	19121	1s.	956 1 15
Shrub,	do.	60	3d.	38 1 2
Coffee,	Lbs.	9134	1d.	511 5 1
Molasses,	Gallons,	122701	1d.	405 11 10½
Brown Sugar,	Cwt.	3244½	2s. 6d.	132 4
Ditto,	do.	661	4s.	
			Amount.	£13024 0 6½

Province Treasury, St. John, New-Brunswick, 31st December, 1823.  
 JOHN ROBINSON, Province Treasurer.

Abstract of Duties collected and secured at St. Andrew's, New-Brunswick, in the year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.		Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Sugar,	Cwts.	1227½	2s. 6d.	153 8 1½
Sugar,	do.	813½	4s.	162 13
Molasses,	Gallons.	28740	1d.	119 15
Rum,	do.	147478	10d.	6144 18 4
Rum,	do.	42553	1s.	2127 13
Brandy,	do.	1671	1s. 6d.	125 6 6
Wine,	do.	2458	1s. 3d.	153 12 6
Wine,	do.	438	1s. 6d.	32 17
Gin,	do.	607	1s. 6d.	45 10 6
Santa,	do.	560	3d.	7
Santa,	do.	96	4d.	1 12
			Amount.	£9074 5 11½
Deduct Deputy Treasurer's Commission,				300
Nett amount of Duties,			£	8774 5 11½

(Signed) THOMAS WYER, Deputy Treasurer.  
 Saint Andrew's, 31st December, 1823.

Abstract of Duties collected and secured at West Isles,  
New-Brunswick, in the year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.	Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Landed.---Rum, . . . . .	Gals. 3300	10d.	£157 10
Brown Sugar, . . . . .	Cwts. 282	6d.	3 10
Molasses, . . . . .	Gals. 720	1d.	3
Entered } for Ex- } portation. }	Rum, . . . . .	do. 10d.	297 18 4
Amount,			£441 18 4
Consigned to Merchants at St. } 110 Puncheons Rum.			
Andrew's, and Bonded at the } 10 ditto Molasses.			
Treasurer's office there. } 1 ditto Shrub.			
(Signed) R. E. ARMSTRONG, Deputy Treasurer.			

Abstract of Duties collected and secured at Miramichi, in the  
year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.	Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Rum, . . . . .	Gallons. 71889	1s.	£594 9
Rum, . . . . .	do. 3995	10d.	166 9 2
Brandy and Gin, . . . . .	do. 15850	1s. 6d.	£188 15
Wine, . . . . .	do. 3467	1s. 6d.	260 6
Cordials, . . . . .	do. 2480 $\frac{1}{4}$	4d.	41 6 9
Whisky, . . . . .	do. 137	1s.	6 17
Sugar, . . . . .	Cwts. 1439 0 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ s.	1s.	287 16 3
Sugar, . . . . .	do. 24 0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.	6d.	3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Molasses, . . . . .	Gallons. 23186	1d.	96 12 2
Coffee, . . . . .	Lbs. 4967	1d.	20 13 11
Deduct Deputy Treasurer's Commission, . . . . .			£ 5665 19 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nett amount of Duties, . . . . .			300
			£ 5865 19 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
THOS. H. PETERS, Deputy Treasurer for the District of Miramichi.			

Abstract of Duties collected and secured at Richibucto,  
in the year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.	Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Wine, . . . . .	Gallons 232	1s. 6d.	17 8
Rum, . . . . .	do. 3269	1s.	163 9
Gin and Brandy, . . . . .	do. 825	1s. 6d.	61 17 6
Coffee, . . . . .	Lbs. 170	1d.	14 2
Molasses, . . . . .	Gallons. 570	1d.	2 7 6
Sugar, . . . . .	Cwts. 70 0 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ s.	1d.	14 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Deduct Deputy Treasurer's Commission, . . . . .			£ 259 16 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nett amount of Duties, . . . . .			25 19 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
			£ 233 16 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Richibucto, 31st December, 1823. BEN. L. GOLDSMITH, Deputy Treasurer.			

Abstract of Duties, collected and secured at Westmorland,  
from the 31st of December, 1821, to the 31st of Decem-  
ber, 1823.



Abstract of Duties collected and secured at West Isles,  
New-Brunswick, in the year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.		Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Landed.	Rum,	Gals.	10d.	£15 10
	Brown Sugar,	Cwts.	28 2s. 6d.	3 10
	Molasses,	Gals.	1d.	3
Entered for Ex- portation.	Rum,	do.	10d.	97 18 4
Consigned to Merchants at St. Andrew's, and Bonded at the Treasurer's office there.		Amount,		£4 18 4
	110 Puncheons Rum.			
	10 ditto Molasses.			
	1 ditto Shrub.			

(Signed) R. E. ARMSTRONG, Deputy Treasurer.

Abstract of Duties collected and secured at Miramichi, in the  
year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.	Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Rum,	Gallons.	1s.	359 4 9
Rum,	do.	10d.	166 9 2
Brandy and Gin,	do.	1s. 6d.	1188 15
Wine,	do.	1s. 6d.	260 6
Cordials,	do.	4d.	41 6 9
Whisky,	do.	1s.	6 17
Sugar,	Cwts.	9 4s.	237 16 3
Sugar,	do.	7 2s. 6d.	3 1 1 1/2
Molasses,	Gallons.	1d.	96 12 2
Coffee,	Lbs.	1d.	20 13 11
Deduct Deputy Treasurer's Commission,			£ 5665 19 10 1/2
Nett amount of Duties,			300
			£ 5365 19 10 1/2

THOS. H. PETERS,  
Deputy Treasurer for the District of Miramichi.

Abstract of Duties collected and secured at Richibucto,  
in the year 1823.

Dutiable Articles.	Quantities.	Rates of Duty.	Amount.
Wine,	Gallons	1s. 6d.	17 8
Rum,	do.	1s.	163 9
Gin and Brandy,	do.	1s. 6d.	61 17 6
Coffee,	Lbs.	1d.	14 2
Molasses,	Gallons.	1d.	2 7 6
Sugar,	Cwts.	1d.	14 1 1/2
Deduct Deputy Treasurer's Commission,			£ 259 16 3 1/2
Nett amount of Duties,			25 19 7 1/2
Richibucto, 31st December, 1823.			£ 233 16 8 1/2

BEN. L. GOLDSMITH, Deputy Treasurer.

Abstract of Duties, collected and secured at Westmorland,  
from the 31st of December, 1821, to the 31st of Decem-  
ber, 1823.

449 Gallons Rum,	at 1s.	22 9
Cwt. 32. 3, Sugar,	at 4s.	6 11
Amount of Commission on £29, at 10 per cent.		£ 29 2 18
		£ 26 2

JOHN KEILOR, Deputy Treasurer.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee appointed to wait on His Honor the President, with the Address of yesterday, relating to the delays in printing and distributing the Laws,---reported, that the Committee had presented the said Address, and that His Honor was pleased to say, in answer thereto, that he would use all the means in his power to meet the wishes of the House.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, " for erecting a part of the Parishes " of St. Marys and Queensbury, in the County of York, into a separate and " distinct Town or Parish."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Dow* and Mr. *Slason*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Stubs*, pursuant to leave brought in a bill, " to provide for opening " and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province."

Which was read a first and second time.

And on motion of Mr. *Stubs*, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report, that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of the Messages from His Honor the President.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had made the following resolution :---

" Whereas it has been deemed expedient to continue the Act ' to provide " ' for and maintain an armed Cutter for the protection of the Revenue of " ' the Province,' and it is considered that the said Cutter, under good man- " agement, is fully adequate to that purpose---Therefore resolved, That it is " the opinion of this Committee, that it is not necessary to make provision " for any additional Tidewaiters in the County of Charlotte."

Ordered that the resolution reported from the Committee, be adopted.

On motion of Mr. *Smith*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of supplies to be granted for public services.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Stubs*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee having completed the business referred to them, it was resolved that the Committee do now rise.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. *Smith*, from the standing Committee appointed to examine, liquidate, and report on public and private accounts, made a further report, as follows :---

No. 40. Is James Brown, junr's account, with affidavit and vouchers, as  
B2 Commissioner

Commissioner for the expenditure of £30 on the road from Oak Bay to Tower Hill. He gives no credit for money received from the Province Treasury.

No. 41. This is the account of C. P. Wetmore, Esquire, Clerk of the House, for contingent expenses of the present Session, amounting to £200 4 8. Vouchers are produced for the whole accounts, and the same is therefore satisfactory.

Ordered that the same be received and lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. C. Simonds, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in further consideration of the reports of the standing Committee of public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. R. Simonds, took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Simonds, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business referred to them, and that he was directed to make the following report, which he read:---

No. 40. The account, affidavit and vouchers, of James Brown, jun. which are satisfactory.

No. 41. The account of C. P. Wetmore, Esq. with the requisite vouchers, all of which are satisfactory.

The report being again read at the Clerk's table, was ordered to be accepted.

Read as engrossed, the resolutions of appropriation made and passed the 9th instant.

Ordered that Mr. *Ritchie* and Mr. *Smith*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Shore* delivered the Message, as follows:

" Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, 'to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue, to provide for the ordinary services of the Province.'

" And I am likewise directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, 'for erecting a part of the Parishes of St. Mary and Queensbury, in the County of York, into a separate and distinct Town or Parish,' with amendments---To which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House."

And then Mr. *Shore* withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the bill, "for erecting a part of the Parishes of St. Mary and Queensbury, in the County of York, into a separate and distinct Town or Parish."

The amendments being severally read at the Clerk's table, are as follow :

Sec. I. at A, dele "and thence a due North course between the Nashwack grants and the Cardigan Settlement," and insert "or the prolongation of that line, thence North until it meets the River Nashwack."

At B, insert "in the grant to the Guides and Pioneers."

At C, insert "thence North twenty-five degrees East, until it meets the River Nashwack aforesaid, thence down the said River Nashwack, along its Southern bank or shore until it meets the beforementioned line running North from the lower line of Lot No. 1, in the grant to Daniel Sawyer and others."

Resolved, that the House do agree to the said amendments.

Ordered

Ordered that Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Slason*, return the bill with the amendments to the Council, and inform them that the House have concurred therein.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Black* delivered the Message, as follows:

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriation sent up by the Assembly, dated “ 9th March, 1824.”

And then Mr. *Black* withdrew.

Mr. *Vail*, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, “ to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.”

Which was read a first and second time.

And on motion of Mr. *Vail*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, in consideration of the said bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that he was directed to report that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the bill engrossed.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

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THURSDAY, 11th MARCH, 1824.

PRAYERS.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, “ to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.”

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Vail* and Mr. *Ritchie*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time, as engrossed, a bill, “ to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province.”

Resolved that the bill do pass, and ordered that Mr. *Stubs* and Mr. *J. Wilmot*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Botsford*, delivered the Message, as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---I am directed to inform this House, that the Council have agreed to the bill, ‘ to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.’

“ And the bill ‘ to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges.’ ”

And then Mr. Justice *Botsford*, withdrew.

A Message from His Honor the President, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,---His Honor the President commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House, in the Council Chamber.”

The House attended in obedience to His Honor's command, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reported to the House, that he had addressed His Honor, as follows :---

“ May it please your Honor,

“ The House of Assembly have made very liberal grants for the Roads and  
“ other

“ other Branches of the Public Service. They now tender for your Honor’s  
 “ acceptance, the several Bills of Appropriation, together with a Bill for  
 “ continuing the existing Revenue; and pray your Honor’s assent to the  
 “ same. They entertain a full confidence that the grants they have thus  
 “ made, will under your Honor’s direction, be rendered effectual for the be-  
 “ neficial purposes which they are intended to promote.”

And that His Honor was then pleased to give his assent to the following Bills :---

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act to prevent Desertion from  
 “ His Majesty’s Forces, and to punish unlawful dealings with Soldiers or  
 “ Deserters.”

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Herring  
 “ Fisheries in the Parishes of West Isles, Campo Bello, Pennfield, and Saint  
 “ George, in the County of Charlotte,” and “ An Act to extend the provi-  
 “ sions of the said Act to the Parish of Grand Manan.”

“ A Bill for erecting and maintaining a Light-House upon one of the Islands  
 or Rocks near the South-East Coast of the Island of Grand Manan.

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act for the more effectual punish-  
 “ ment of persons who shall be guilty of the Trespasses therein mentioned,  
 “ in the City of Saint John.”

A Bill to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the  
 better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relates to the Town of Frede-  
 rickton, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town.

An Act for confirming Public Acts.

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled, “ An Act in amendment of the Act  
 “ for making further provision for preventing the importation and spread-  
 “ ing of contagious Distempers in the City of St. John.”

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte,  
 to make regulations for the Market Wharf at St. Andrew’s.

A Bill for the safe keeping of Lunatics whom it may be dangerous to per-  
 mit to go at large within the Province.

A Bill to provide for making rules and regulations for the management of  
 the Poor-House in the Parish of St. Andrew’s.

A Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, to encourage the Inhabitants of  
 this Province who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries,  
 by granting bounties on the same.

A Bill to provide for the permanent Interment of the Remains of the late  
 Lieutenant-Governor Smyth, within the walls of the Parish Church of Frede-  
 rickton.

A Bill to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across the High-  
 way leading through Deer Island, in the Parish of West Isles and County of  
 Charlotte.

A Bill to continue the Acts for regulating, laying out and repairing High-  
 ways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of High-  
 ways within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province.

A Bill to amend the Acts for imposing a duty on certain articles imported  
 into this Province.

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for  
 the City and County of St. John, to make an assessment for building a Court-  
 House within the City of St. John.

A Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled, “ An Act for raising a  
 “ Revenue in this Province.”

A Bill

A Bill to repeal an Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the Counties of York and Charlotte respectively, to regulate the Assize of Bread in the Towns of Fredericton and St. Andrew's," so far as relates to the Town of Fredericton, and to make more effectual provision for the same.

A Bill for erecting a separate Parish in the City of St. John.

A Bill to alter the division line between the Parishes of New-Castle and Northesk, in the County of Northumberland.

A Bill for taking an account of the Population of this Province.

A Bill to continue an Act to provide for and maintain an armed Cutter, for the protection of the Revenue of the Province.

A Bill to provide for the better support of the Poor in certain Parishes in the County of Northumberland.

A Bill to extend the powers of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of St. John, for preventing the encumbering and filling up of the Harbour of the said City, to the waters and places of anchorage in the vicinity thereof.

A Bill to alter and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the establishment, regulation and improvement, of the Great Roads of communication through the Province, and to make more effectual provision for the same."

A Bill to repeal an Act passed in the sixtieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the rates at which certain Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current in this Province."

A Bill further to continue and amend the Acts for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of St. John.

A Bill for erecting a part of the Parishes of St. Mary and Queensbury, in the County of York, into a separate and distinct Town or Parish.

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue to provide for the ordinary services of the Province.

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue, for the services therein mentioned.

A Bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province.

And that His Honor was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:---

*"Gentlemen of the Council,*

*and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

"The business of the present Session being now finished, I have the satisfaction of dispensing with your further attendance in General Assembly. The unprecedented dispatch with which, by your assiduity, the public business has been conducted---the liberal grants which you have made, and the harmony and unanimity which have prevailed through the whole of the Session, demand my thanks, and will, no doubt, meet with the approbation of our most gracious Sovereign."

After which, His Honor the Chief Justice, said,---

*"Gentlemen of the Council,*

*and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

"It is His Honor the President's will and pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to the first Wednesday in June next, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the first Wednesday in June next."