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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

1826.



P R O C L A M A T I O N .

BY HIS HONOR

MICHAEL WALLACE.

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President and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the seventh day of July next :

I HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the Sixth day of October next, of which all Persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 30th day of June, 1825, in the Sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

BY HIS HONOR'S COMMAND,

WILLIAM HILL, Dep. Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

P R O C L A M A T I O N .

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT.

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

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the Sixth Day of October, instant :

I HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Tuesday, the Thirteenth Day of December next, of which all Persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 3d Day of October, 1825, in the Sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

WILLIAM HILL, Dep. Secretary.

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WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Tuesday, the Thirteenth Day of December instant:

I HAVE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Wednesday, the First Day of February next, *then to meet for the Dispatch of Business*, of which all Persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 5th day of December,
1825, in the 6th year of His Majesty's Reign.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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OF

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1826.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows:—

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

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

AFTER an absence from the Government, by His Majesty's gracious permission, it affords me sincere pleasure to meet you again in General Assembly; and it adds not a little to the satisfaction which I feel to have it in my power to congratulate you upon the general prosperity of the Province, and the peaceful contentment and happiness of the People.

From the best information which I have been able to obtain, it would appear that every Branch of our Industry is in a thriving condition.—The Provincial Revenue is steadily increasing,—Public Crime is of rare occurrence,—The laws are mildly and impartially administered, and every man securely enjoys the fruits of his Industry under their protection.

Such being our happy state, Commercial Freedom was almost the only blessing which we did not enjoy;—it is therefore with unfeigned pleasure that I now congratulate you upon the removal of those Restrictions to which the Trade of His Majesty's Colonial Possessions has hitherto been subject. **THE**

THE liberal Policy which the Mother Country has now adopted opens a wide field for Commercial Enterprize, and it is not unreasonable to expect that Nova-Scotia will participate largely in the many Public and Private Advantages which these enlightened measures must necessarily produce.

A VERY considerable increase of Revenue may, I think, be anticipated from certain Duties which the Imperial Parliament has deemed it just and politic to impose upon all Foreign Productions imported into the British Possessions abroad, in order to protect the produce of the Industry of His Majesty's Subjects.

THIS Wise Principle will I trust be preserved inviolate by all—and, I cannot but indulge a hope that the Revenue arising from that source, will enable these Colonies ere long to promote plans of internal improvement of more general and extensive utility than their limited means have hitherto permitted,—and incline them to relieve the Parent State from some Expenses of their Civil Establishments which are still defrayed out of the Revenues of the United Kingdom.

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

I SHALL direct the Public Accounts to be immediately laid before you, and I trust it will appear that the Collectors of the Revenue in the different Counties have discharged their duties with zeal and regularity. You will be happy to observe, upon an examination of these Accounts, that the Provincial Revenue has been very considerably increased by payments made into the Treasury by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs.

I SHALL also direct the usual Estimates to be submitted to you, and I rely upon your providing the Supplies necessary for the support of His Majesty's Government with your accustomed liberality.

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

AMONG the various matters of Public Interest which will occupy your attention, I know no one of more importance to the future Welfare and Prosperity of the Province, than the Establishment of Schools throughout the Country, and I hope to see that object effected upon some Judicious and Permanent Plan—with due provision for the free instruction of the Poor.

You will be gratified to learn that the practicability of forming a Canal, at a moderate expense, to connect the Harbour of Halifax with the Basin of Mines, has been fully ascertained by a competent Engineer, who was very judiciously employed upon that service last summer by the President then administering the Government—Copies of his able Report, and accompanying Plans will be laid before you;—It is a work from which many Public Advantages may be expected to result, and you will doubtless take in it a corresponding interest.

THE Charter of the Provincial Agricultural Society will soon expire;—and I submit to your consideration the expediency of renewing it,—for that valuable Institution has certainly been productive of much good.

ALTHOUGH a free Trade and extensive Markets are the natural and best Encouragements which our Fisheries can receive, yet, you will not I am sure lose sight of so important a Branch of our Industry, nor fail to extend to it the fostering Aid of Government, should further encouragement appear to you to be in any manner necessary.

I do not enter into farther details, because I feel that your own experience and knowledge of the great interests of the Province render it unnecessary. In the wisdom of your united deliberations for the general prosperity I have perfect reliance, and you may depend upon my steadily pursuing the same impartial course of Public Duty by which I have hitherto had the good fortune to obtain your Confidence in my Administration of the Government.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

John Young, Esq. returned duly elected a Representative for the County of Sydney, in the room

room of J. G. Marshall, Esq. (whose Seat has been vacated by his appointment as Chief-Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and President of the Court of Sessions for the County of Cape-Breton) took his Seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

William Henry Shey, Esq. returned duly elected a Representative for the Town of Falmouth, in the room of William Young, Esq. deceased, took his Seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. R. Dickson, and Mr. B. Dewolf, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. T. Dickson and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Flemming, Mr. Wier, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Shey and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee of Privileges.

Resolved, That no Petition of a private nature be received after Wednesday, the 22d day of February, instant.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

THURSDAY, 2d FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

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

FRIDAY, 3d FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

The Address in answer to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech being engrossed, pursuant to the order of yesterday, the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

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

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY--

May it Please Your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of His loyal People of Nova-Scotia, impressed with a grateful sense of the interest Your Excellency has ever manifested for the welfare of the Colony, derive from your return to it, after so long an absence, the highest gratification; and we acknowledge ourselves truly sensible of the prosperity and happiness enjoyed in this part of His Majesty's Dominions.

It affords us peculiar satisfaction to learn from your Excellency the prosperous condition of the Province and the increase of its Revenue. Of the former, no greater proof can be given than the rare occurrence of Public Crime—the prevention of which is justly attributable to the due administration of the Laws—to the improved circumstances and moral character of the People.

WE thank your Excellency for the pleasure you have expressed upon the removal of the restrictions on the Colonial Trade; and we sincerely hope the policy of our Mother Country, now equally just and liberal, will be attended with the extensive commercial advantages and other benefits anticipated to the Province. In the course of a few years the effect of this great measure will become better known and more fully appreciated.

THE expectation of a considerable increase of Revenue from the Duties which the Imperial Parliament has deemed it proper to impose upon Foreign Productions imported into the Colonies will, we sincerely hope, be fully realized.

THE additional Revenue will tend to increase and protect the industry of the Province, to promote plans for internal improvement, and eventually enable us to enter upon the important consideration of relieving the Parent State in some degree from the expense of our Civil Establishment.

WE thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be laid before us at this early period; and are pleased to know that the Revenue has been zealously and regularly collected, and been so greatly increased by the payments from the Officers of His Majesty's Customs; and your Excellency may rely upon our providing, to the extent of the means of the Province, the necessary Supplies for the supporting His Majesty's Government.

WE most cordially concur in your Excellency's sentiment upon the importance of establishing Schools throughout the Country, and of making due provision for the instruction of the Poor. The necessity of now adopting some effectual and permanent system for their support, is acknowledged by all, and this subject will therefore command our immediate and most serious attention.

WE are equally sensible with your Excellency of the importance to this Colony of an inland navigation between the Harbour of Halifax and the Basin of Mines: the experience of similar works in the old and new Countries, shews the great and important benefits resulting therefrom, and it affords us no little satisfaction to find that the practicability of this important undertaking has been ascertained by the scientific report of a competent Engineer during the past year.

WE trust the Province has received advantage from the establishment of the Provincial Agricultural Society; and we will duly consider the expediency of supporting the farming interests by a renewal of the Charter of that Institution or by such other encouragement as this great branch of public industry so justly deserves: nor shall we be unmindful of the value and importance of the Fisheries, which, that they may derive the full effect of a free trade and extensive markets, it will be our duty to protect and assist by such aids as it may be in our power to bestow.

THE firm, judicious and impartial manner in which your Excellency has discharged your public duties, demands our warmest acknowledgements; and we beg your Excellency to believe, that on our part nothing shall be wanting to insure the continuance of that perfect reliance which has ever been reposed on your Excellency's Administration.

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

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the Address do wait on His Excellency, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he would receive the Address of the House, that the Committee had, pursuant to Order, waited on His Excellency, and that His Excellency was pleased to appoint this day, at one quarter past three of the Clock, at the Government-House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

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

The Council agree to a Conference on the General State of the Province, as requested by this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Uniacke, be a Committee for the purpose of conferring with a Committee of the Council, on the General State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of this day.

And being returned, Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to give this Answer :

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

I RECEIVE this Address with peculiar pleasure. While harmony prevails between the different branches of the Legislature, the public prosperity is seldom lost sight of, and it is very gratifying to me to receive this renewed expression of your confidence and good opinion.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock:

SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

The House met, and there being no business before the House,

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

MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Lawson presented an Account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all Monies received by him into, and payments by him made from, the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1825; also,

A Report from the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Expenditure of the several sums of Money, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, in the year 1825.

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

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the subject of the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

Mr. O'Brien moved, that the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province, be enlarged; which being seconded and put,

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and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve; against it, fourteen: so it passed in the negative.

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

TUESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

On motion, the Report of the Joint Committee of His Majesty's Council, and this House, made in the last Session on the subject of Schools, was read by the Clerk, and the House having taken the same into consideration; thereupon,

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz.

Resolved, That the principles contained in the Report of the Joint Committee of this House and His Majesty's Council, made last Session, upon the subject of Schools, be generally adopted, subject to such modification in the details of the system thereby recommended, as will render its adoption in each and every School District altogether dependent upon the concurrence of the majority of two thirds of the rateable Inhabitants thereof respectively: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen, against it, eleven:

For the Motion,

<i>Mr. Chipman,</i>	<i>Mr. R. Dickson,</i>
<i>Mr. Poole,</i>	<i>Mr. Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. Wells,</i>	<i>Mr. O'Brien,</i>
<i>Mr. Albro,</i>	<i>Mr. Hartshorne,</i>
<i>Mr. Fairbanks,</i>	<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>
<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>	<i>Mr. Flemming,</i>
<i>Mr. Wier,</i>	<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>
<i>Mr. B. Dewolf,</i>	

Against the Motion,

<i>Mr. Gesner,</i>	<i>M. James,</i>
<i>Mr. Ruggles,</i>	<i>Mr. Young,</i>
<i>Mr. J. R. Dewolf,</i>	<i>Mr. Dennison,</i>
<i>Mr. Uniacke,</i>	<i>Mr. Church,</i>
<i>Mr. Fraser,</i>	
<i>Mr. Shey,</i>	
<i>Mr. Heckman,</i>	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Smith, be a Committee accordingly.

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

JAMES KEMPT,

MESSAGE,

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informs the Assembly, that His Majesty's Government, having taken into consideration the expediency of establishing the British Metallic Currency as the Circulating Medium of all the Colonial Possessions of the Crown, had given directions that His Majesty's Troops, serving in the several Stations abroad, should in certain cases be paid in British Silver and Copper Money, and that with the view of securing the circulation of such Money in those Colonies, His Majesty was pleased, by an Order in Council, dated the 23d of March last, to establish the rate at which such money shall pass current.

His Excellency lays before the Assembly, for its information, the following Papers upon this subject, viz.

No. 1. Copy of a Dispatch from Earl Bathurst, to the President administering the Government.

No. 2. Copy of an Order of the King in Council.

No. 3. Copy of the President's Proclamation, promulgating the same.

No. 4. Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Treasury to the Officer in charge of the Commissariat.

No. 5. Copy of a Minute of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in answer to some observations which the President transmitted to Earl Bathurst, stating difficulties as likely

to arise to the circulation of such **Metallic Currency** in the **Province**, at the rate specified in the **Order in Council**—a **Provincial Statute** having assigned a less value to **British Silver Money**.

In these several **Documents** the measure is so fully and clearly stated, that **His Excellency** has only to recommend to the **Assembly**, to make such **Legislative Enactments** as are necessary to give effect to the intentions of **His Majesty's Government**, by ensuring the general use of this **Money** as a circulating medium in the **Province**.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the **House**, by **His Excellency's Command**, the several **Papers** referred to in the foregoing **Message**; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a **Bill** for exempting certain **Military Officers** from local **Taxes**, and the same was read a first time.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the **Message** of **His Excellency** the **Lieutenant-Governor**, of **Yesterday**, with the **Papers** accompanying the same, was read by the **Clerk**; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this **House** will, **To-morrow**, take the said **Message** and **Papers** into consideration.

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

THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

The **Order** of the **Day** was read; and thereupon,

On motion, the **Message** of **His Excellency** the **Lieutenant-Governor**, on the subject of the new **British Metallic Currency**, and the **Papers** accompanying the same, were read and considered by the **House**; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That a **Committee** be appointed to join a **Committee** of **His Majesty's Council**, to take **His Excellency's Message** to this **House**, and the various **Papers** relative to, and connected with, the new **British Silver Coinage**, into consideration, and report what **benefits** and **inconveniences** are likely to result from the change contemplated, and what **measures** are proper to be adopted thereon.

Ordered, That **Mr. Young**, **Mr. Fraser**, **Mr. Hartshorne**, **Mr. Lawson** and **Mr. J. R. DeWolf**, be a **Committee** agreeably to the foregoing **Resolution**.

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

A **Bill** for exempting certain **Military Officers** from local **Taxes**, was read a second time.

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

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

FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A **Message** from the **Council**, by **Mr. Hill**:

Mr. Speaker,

The **Council** have agreed to the **Resolution** of this **House**, on the subject of the **British Silver Coinage**, and appointed a **Committee** to meet the **Committee** of this **House** thereon.

And

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

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

TREASURER OF THE PROVINCE.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance in his hands 12,037 2 6

COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE.

HALIFAX.

His Account to the 31st December last, has been received, and is correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands. 23,391 9 9

SHELBURNE.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands. £342 17 7½
This Sum being a Moiety of a Seizure, has not been remitted. 12 18 8
355 16 5½

YARMOUTH.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands, 1240 11 1

LIVERPOOL.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands, 2163 19 4½

LUNENBURG.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands. 2,029 19 0

The Estate of the late Henry Wollenhaupt, still remains accountable, for the sum of £1684 10, part of which is expected to be received.

The Balance Due by the late Collector, Mr. John Owen, has been collected by his Son, and paid the Treasurer without any loss to the Province.

KING'S COUNTY.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands. 650 10 7½

CUMBERLAND.

His Account Current has been received: it is incorrectly stated.

Returns were received for the Year 1824, by which there appeared to have been secured

Ditto	Ditto	for 1825.	£160 0 0
			143 3 0
He is accountable for so much short charged for Duties on Sugar, 1s. per Cwt. and 5 per Cent on £88 0 0.			} 4 14 0
			<u>£807 17 0</u>

He paid the Treasurer in the Year 1824, £97 14 1.

Ditto Ditto Ditto in 1825. 100 0 0,

197 14 1

Leaving him accountable for 110 2 11

COLCHESTER.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands, 496 11 0

PICTOU.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands, 2871 8 6

Carried Forward, £45,942 9 5½

Brought forward £45,842 9 1½

HANTS.

His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands 45 18 3½

WEYMOUTH.

His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands 118 11 2

ANNAPOLIS.

His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands 44 10 11

An Account Current to the 31st December last has been received from the former Collector, by which there appears a Balance due by him of £154 11 6

Amount of Bonds in his hands, to be prosecuted by direction of the Attorney-General

£412 3 0

56 11 8

355 11 4

He has paid the Treasurer on Account

Leaving him accountable, subject to his Commissions, &c.

510 2 10

SYDNEY.

His Accounts to the 1st November last, have been received. Balance of Bond in his hands £114 11 5

He is accountable for two Orders, not received 16 13 4

131 4 9**DIGBY.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands 342 17 8

ARGYLE.

His Account Current has been received, to the 31st December last, incorrectly stated.

He is accountable for the Balance reported last year £21 1 2½

His Returns have been received to the 31st December last, by which there appears to have been secured 71 18 11½

93 0 2**CAPE-BRETON.**

His Accounts Current have been received for the years 1823 and 1824, by which there appears to be a Balance of Bonds in his hands of £605 15 11

No Account Current for the last year

Returns have been received to the 30th September last, by which there appears to have been secured 1,299 5 4

2,205 1 3£45,838 16 1**CUSTOM-HOUSE.**

The Collector of His Majesty's Customs has rendered Quarterly Returns of Duties collected by him to the 5th January, 1826, amounting to £8,990 10 0, which sum has been paid the Treasurer

LOAN OFFICES.**KING'S COUNTY.**

No Accounts have been received for the last year, from the Commissioners, they remain accountable as reported last year £3,554 17 5

It appears by the Treasurer's Account they have paid 624 12 6

Leaving a Balance to be accounted for, exclusive of Interest for the last year,

2,930 4 11**ANNAPOLIS.**

Balance of Securities in their hands, as reported last year £2967 7 6

The Commissioners' Accounts have been received to the 31st December last. They have paid the Treasurer £212 19 10, on account of Principal, and £127 5 11, on account of Interest, leaving Securities in their hands, exclusive of Interest, of 212 19 10

2,744 7 8**ISLE OF SABLE.**

The Commissioner's Accounts have been received, to the 31st December last, and are correct. Balance due him £108 0 0

There is also due to the Superintendent and Men, their wages for the last year

The Commissioner states that a Dwelling House has been built, is now inhabited, and wants very little to complete it, and that it will be absolutely necessary to have a Barn built the ensuing summer.

PROVINCE NOTES.

Amount in circulation the 31st December last £61,627 10 0

Delivered the Treasurer in lieu of Notes torn, &c. 3,000 0 0

£64,627 10 0

Carried forward.

	<i>Brought Forward</i>	£64,627 10	
Worn and defaced Notes, destroyed by the Committee	£3,000	0 0	
Notes destroyed in-compliance with the Resolution of the House of Assembly	8,000	0 0	
Ditto Ditto for which Certificates have been issued, bearing Interest	21,750	0 0	
		<u>32,750 0 0</u>	
Leaving in Circulation, the 31st December last		£31,877 10 0	

COLLECTORS OF LIGHT DUTY.

HALIFAX.—His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and paid the Treasurer, deducting the Sum of £29 9 7½, for re-admeasuring Vessels		752 10 7
SYDNEY.—His Accounts to the 1st November last, have been received—are in correctly stated. The Balance as reported last year	£180 14 0½	
His Returns have been received to the 1st November last, by which there appears to have been collected	141 16 4	
	<u>£322 10 4½</u>	
LESS:		
For two Drafts not paid	£27 15 5	
For expenses at Antigonish and other places	22 11 6	
For Commissions on £182 6 4	13 5 7	
For Cash paid the Treasurer	132 6 4	132 6 4
	<u>195 18 10</u>	
	£126 11 6½	

CAPE BRETON.—No Accounts or Returns. He remains accountable for the balance reported last year	£66 9 2	
SHELburne.—His Accounts have been received to the 31st Dec. last. Balance due by him	13 4 0	40 0
He has paid the Treasurer		
LIVERPOOL.—His Accounts to the 31st Dec. last, have been received, he has collected and paid		8 15 2½
PICTOU.—His Accounts to the 31st Dec. last, have been received. Balance due by him	13 2 0	30 0 0
He has paid the Treasurer		
COLCHESTER.—His Accounts have been received to the 31st Dec. last, he has collected and paid		10 10 0
YARMOUTH.—His Accounts have have been received to the 31st Dec. last. He has collected, and paid		35 5 11
GUT OF CANSO.—No Accounts or Returns. He remains accountable for balance reported last year	110 14 2	
He has not made any remittance.		
DIGBY.—No Accounts, Return or Remittance. He remains accountable for balance reported last year	16 16 2	
ANNAPOLIS.—His Accounts have been received to the 31st Dec. last. He has collected and paid		20 14 0
WEYMOUTH.—His Accounts have been received to the 31st Dec. last. He has collected, but not paid	13 18 1½	
ARGYLE.—No Accounts or Remittance last year. He has paid the amount as last reported		1 2 4½
HANTS.—His Accounts to the 31st Dec. last have been received. He has collected and paid	<u>£360 15 2</u>	40 0 0
		<u>£1115 4 5½</u>

The Commissioners Accounts to the 31st Dec. last have been received for Supplies, amounting to £2033 6 10. They have received of the Treasurer £1,250—leaving a Balance due them of £783 6 10. The Balance of £260 17 1½, due by the former Collector of Colchester, has not been paid. The Treasurer reports he has received £98, not included in his Account, there still remains due £162 17 1½.

The Committee find in the Accounts of the Out-Port Collectors of Impost and Excise, that the charge made of Five per Cent. for gauging, is calculated on the whole amount of Duties collected, including the 3¼ per Cent. Duty : which amounts to £1974 6 0, and the excess of Commissions deducted by them as above mentioned, amounts to £98 14 0, per Abstract.

Committee-Room, Halifax, 11th February, 1826.

ENOS COLLINS,
S. B. ROBE,
CHARLES R. PRESCOTT, } *Committee of Council.*

WILLIAM LAWSON,
GEORGE SMITH,
L. HARTSHORNE,
ROBERT DICKSON,
BENJAMIN DEWOLF, } *Committee of the House of Assembly.*

DR. THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOZIA.

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1825-		1825-	
Dec. 31. To the following Sums appropriated and not drawn from the Treasury, viz: Dec. 31.		By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer..	
For Roads and Bridges, per abstract	£1,114 8 3	ditto for Light House.	1155 4 5 1/2
Shubenacadie Ferry	25 0 0	ditto Collector of Colchester	98 0 0
Assembly Room	145 0 0	ditto ditto Hants	52 12 6
Loan Certificates to sundry persons	38,150 0 0	Loans to Dalhousie College
Interest Due thereon to the 31st December last	946 10 0	Securities in the hands of the Collector	£23,981 8 8
Notes in circulation, Ditto	91,877 10 0	of Impost and Excise, Halifax,	} 4361 8 8
Balance of Agricultural Vote	632 10 0	Deduct probable Drawbacks,	
Balance of Ditto his Salary	200 0 0		
Secretary of Ditto	100 0 0		
Dock at Aylesford	280 19 4		
Balance of Shubenacadie Canal Vote	8 10 0		
Ditto of Hras dor Lake, Cape Breton	676 0 0		
Ditto of Stone Bridges	125 0 0		
Ditto Mills for Cape Breton	250 0 0		
Altering Court House	100 0 0		
Eliza Monk	59 10 9		
Balance Arisag Pier	19 15 0		
Ditto Poultry on Salt	337 4 10		
Ditto Province and Government Buildings	50 0 0		
Clearing out Salmon River, Township of Clare	50 0 0		
Ditto ditto St. Mary's, Sydney	50 0 0		
Ditto ditto Annapolis	100 0 0		
Ditto River Denny, Cape Breton	300 0 0		
Ardeise Hill	50 0 0		
Acts of Parliament	450 0 0		
Dixley Sheep	100 0 0		
Lake Arichal	733 6 10		
Balance Due Commissioners of Light-Houses	103 0 0		
Ditto ditto Isle of Sable	221 18 0		
Ditto Survey of Caps Breton	109 0 0		
Avon Bridge		
	<u>£77,311 9 0</u>		
		By Balance
		By so much Due on Account of Loan to King's County
		Ditto ditto ditto to Annapolis
		Ditto ditto by Collector of Colchester
		Ditto ditto ditto of Light Duty
		Deduct probable Drawbacks
			<u>£13,415 4 11</u>
			3415 4 11
			10,000 0 0
			2,980 4 11
			2,744 7 8
			162 17 1 1/2
			860 15 2
			<u>28,769 18 8</u>
			<u>£77,311 9 0</u>

COMMITTEE-ROOM, HALIFAX, FEBRUARY 11, 1826.

ENOS COLLINGS,
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CHARLES F. PRESCOTT, } Committee
of
Council

WILLIAM LAWSON,
GEORGE SMITH,
LAWRENCE HARTSHORNE,
ROBERT DICKSON,
BENJAMIN DEWOLF, } Committee of
the House of
Assembly.

**ABSTRACT of Monies undrawn from the Treasury, on account of Roads and Bridges on the
31st December 1825.**

1824	For improving the Road to the Lime Spring in Windsor.	£20	0	0
	For the Road between Annapolis and Digby	70	0	0
	For the Road north side of the Mountain, from Parker's to McKenzies,	10	0	0
	For the Road from Little River to Petite Passage	10	0	0
1825.	For making and repairing Roads in the County of Cape Breton	710	0	0
	From Dalhousie Settlement to Annapolis	100	0	0
	From Herring Cove to Ketch Harbour	10	0	0
	From Ketch Harbour to Sambro,	8	0	0
	To assist the Inhabitants to build a Bridge on the west Branch of the East River	10	0	0
	For the new Road leading from Macan Settlement towards Oman Lewis's	5	0	0
	For the new Road from M. Dill's to Winckworth	25	0	0
	For the road from Rines's to the Petit Road	7	0	0
	For the road from George Mosher's to Constantine's	8	0	0
	For the road from Parker's Mill to James Sterling's	4	0	0
	For the Main Road in Granville to the Bay of Fundy	12	10	0
	For Balance due on the road from the District Line to Blanchard's, on the West River, and to complete the Bridge at McGillvary's, and the alteration on McGillvary's Hill	94	18	3
	For Balance due on the road from Creighton's Ferry to Horn's, and from Horn's, in the Eastern Passage, to Cole Harbour, and for a Bridge thereon	10	0	0
		<hr/> £1,114 8 3 <hr/>		

Committee-Room, Halifax, 11th February, 1826.

ENOS COLLINS,
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WILLIAM LAWSON,
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L. HARTSHORNE,
ROBERT DICKSON,
BENJAMIN DEWOLF, } *Committee of the
House of Assembly.*

Mr. Lawson also delivered to the House two Abstracts of Dutiable Articles imported into the Province.

The said Abstracts were read by the Clerk, and are as follow :

**ABSTRACT of Dutiable Goods imported into the Province of Nova-Scotia between the 1st
January and 31st December, 1825.**

COUNTIES and DISTRICTS.	BRANDY and GIN. Gallons.	RUM. Gallons.	WINE. Gallons.	MOLAS-SES. Gallons.	SUGAR. Ccts.	COFFEE. Pounds.	AMOUNT OF GOODS		AMOUNT OF DUTIES SECURED.
							LIABLE TO 3½ PER CENT. DUTY.		
HALIFAX	32,561	386,248	42,209	142,592	9,385	6,704	£196,586	0 0	£35,414 3 1
LIVERPOOL	112	39,936	348	20,761	812	1,948	387	16 4	2,433 2 3
LUNENBURG	269	47,636	172	40,210	2,964	9,389	1,125	7 5	3333 4 11
YARMOUTH		26,608		13,118	546	2,160	6,701	5 6	1,815 7 10
PICTOU	6,987	16,668	382	5,205	714	7,683	22,587	10 0	2,393 4 5
KING'S COUNTY	26	10,791		2,230	169		1,594	1 5	669 4 10
SHELBURNE		8,091		2,566	12		118	11 8	415 13 7
COUNTY OF SYDNEY	6	1,100	6	2,605	59		467	19 0	145 5 6
DIGBY		2,283		623	54		1,788	1 9	195 16 0
ANNAPOLIS		2,659		1,637	30	426	1,944	7 0	226 18 2
WEYMOUTH		1,470		3,760	40		276	18 2	111 19 9
COLCHESTER	670	3,350		684	40		2,319	0 0	343 8 0
WINDSOR	378	1,255		400	2		116	13 1	97 3 8
CAPE-BRETON, to Sept. 30.	600	12,942	509	4,821	360		11,003	9 6	1,299 5 4
CUMBERLAND	132	1,566		97	6		1,470	12 1	143 3 0
ARGYLE		605		600	48		768	18 3	71 19 0
TOTAL	41,541	563,708	44,626	251,875	15,221	28,810	£249,256	11 2	£49,113 19 3

Abstract of Articles imported into the Port of Halifax, and Duties on Tonnage received, between the 10th day of January, 1825, and the 5th day of January, 1826, under the Acts of the British Parliament, passed in the 3d and 4th Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, and amount of Duties paid into the Provincial Treasury, by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, agreeably to said Acts.

	Wheat	Timber	Figs	Almonds			TONNAGE	AMOUNT
							OF	OF
							SHIPPING	DUTIES.
17,532	Barrels Wheat Flour,							
8,219	Barrels Rye Flour,							
524	Pieces & half Pieces Rice,							
1,150	Barrels & Bags Bread,							
767	Boxes & Kegs Crackers							
2906	bags							
6460	Bushels							
2	Barrels Buck Wheat,							
126	Feet							
8188	Pieces							
24	Bushels Beans,							
281	Pipes & Casks Wine,							
8,100	Gallons Brandy,							
1606½	Boxes & Casks Raisins,							
210	Frills							
6	Boxes							
18	Sercons							
30	Bags							
20	Boxes							
27	Boxes Brandy Fruits,							
10	Cases Pickles,							
121	Boxes Oranges & Lemons,							
73	Boxes, Cases & Baskets Olive & Florence Oil,							
18	Bags Filberts,							
50	Jars Grapes,							
1	Cases Macaroni,							
4	Hdds. Walnuts,							
25	Boxes & Cases Vermicelli,							
1	Case Marble Ornaments,							
250	No. Staves,							
29	Dozens Bottles,							
4	Boxes Sweetmeats,							
1	Hdd. Linsced Oil,							
							9114½	£ s. d.
								8990 10 0½

Ordered, That the said Report, Account and Abstracts, do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

A Petition of Dennis Brophy, and others, Inhabitants of Lower and Upper Prospect, Dover and Margaret's Bay, engaged in the Shore Fisheries, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying that a Bounty may be granted upon the importation of Salt, and such other encouragement afforded to the Fisheries, as to the House may seem meet.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor lays before the House of Assembly, a General Report of the Surveys made under His Excellency's directions, of the Boundary Lines of certain Counties and Districts of the Province, together with an explanatory Plan, and it is gratifying to His Excellency to state that the funds placed at his disposal for this service, have been more than sufficient to defray the attending expenses, as will appear by the accompanying Account.

This important work having been so far completed in a most satisfactory and effectual manner, His Excellency considers it highly desirable, in order that permanent advantages may result from it, that the Boundary Lines, as now opened, should be established by an Act of the Legislature, and he therefore recommends the expediency of such a measure to the consideration of the Assembly.

His Excellency has further to make known to the Assembly, that the whole of this service has been executed under the immediate and able superintendance of the Surveyor-General, in strict conformity to His Excellency's Instructions; and, as much extraordinary labour has consequently devolved on that Officer during the last five years, His Excellency cannot but express the confident expectation which he entertains, that the Assembly will gladly make an adequate remuneration to the Surveyor-General for his services on the occasion.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the several Papers referred to in the foregoing Message, viz.

A General Report from the Surveyor-General to His Excellency of the Surveys of the Lines and Boundaries of Counties and Districts in the Province, made under the orders and directions of His Excellency, in pursuance of the Votes of the Legislature, in the years 1821, 1822, 1823, and 1824; also,

A Report from the Surveyor-General to His Excellency, of the Surveys of County Lines, and of cutting out the same under the directions of His Excellency, performed in the year 1824; also,

An Account from the Surveyor-General of the expense incurred for Surveying and Cutting out the Lines of the Counties and Districts of the Province, in pursuance of the Votes of the Legislature, in the years 1821, 1822, 1823 and 1824; and also,

A Sketch of Nova-Scotia, made by the Surveyor-General, whereon is delineated, in coloured Lines, the Surveys made under the Orders of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Ordered, That the said Message of His Excellency, and the Papers, above-mentioned do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented .

A Bill to continue an Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue several Acts for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue the Acts for the Summary Trial of Actions; also,

A Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing a sufficient Watch at Night; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, also,

A Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates. And the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue an Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue several Acts for the repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue the Acts for the Summary Trial of Actions; also,

A Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing a sufficient Watch at Night; also,

A Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates, were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of Frederic F. Woodman, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying compensation for a Public Road passing through his land.

A Petition of W. C. Moore, and others, Inhabitants of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Wells, and read, praying for further aid towards clearing out the obstructions in the Cornwallis River.

A Petition of Joseph Dimock, of Chester, was presented by Mr. Church, and read, praying for a grant of a sum of Money awarded him for the damage done him by a new Road opened through his land, between Chester and Windsor.

A Petition of Angus McDonald, of Little Harbour, Pictou, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying for a Bounty upon the erection of a Grist Mill, and a Kiln for Oats, lately completed by him.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Joseph Smith, Sen. and others, of Sambro, and the Harbours adjacent, engaged in Shore Fisheries, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying aid for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

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

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in fulfilment of the intention which he expressed on opening the present Session of the Legislature, now lays before the House of Assembly Copies of the Report and Plans, made by Mr. Hall, the Engineer employed in the last summer by the President then administering the Government, to examine a route for the Canal, intended to connect the Harbour of Halifax with the Basin of Mines.

The funds placed at the disposal of the Executive, to defray the expense of such a Survey, not having been wholly expended in that service, the President considered a part of the surplus available for a similar object, and very judiciously took advantage of the presence of the able Engineer above named, to obtain a Report as to the practicability and expense of opening a Canal between the Bras d'Or Lake, and St. Peter's Bay; a work which at no distant period His Excellency hopes to see accomplished. Copies of that Report, and accompanying Plan, His Excellency lays before the Assembly.

His Excellency, also aware of the lively interest which the Legislature here take in the internal improvement of the neighbouring Province, submits for their information Copies of the Reports made by the same Engineer, acting under the instructions of His Excellency Sir Howard Douglas, relative to the opening of the following proposed Canals, viz.

- 1st. From Cumberland Basin, by the Peticoudiac River, to Chediac Bay, upon the Gulf of St. Lawrence.
- 2d. From Chediac Bay, by the Memramcook River, to Cumberland Basin.
- 3d. From Cumberland Basin to the Bay of Verte, with a Plan.

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

THE Lieutenant-Governor informs the Assembly, that having experienced considerable difficulty in discharging his duties as Chancellor, for want of a competent Legal Assistant, unconnect-

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ed with any of the Common Law Courts of the Province he had deemed it his duty to represent to His Majesty the necessity of appointing a Master of the Rolls; and His Excellency, at the same time recommended to His Majesty the Honorable S. B. Robie, the late Speaker of the House of Assembly, as a professional Gentleman, highly qualified to fill that Office.

His Excellency thinks it proper to lay before the Assembly, a Copy of his Letter to Earl Bathurst, containing his representation, as it more fully explains the ground upon which it is made. His Excellency also transmits, for the information of the Assembly, the Copy of a Dispatch which he has received from Earl Bathurst in answer thereto, signifying His Majesty's approval of Mr. Robie's appointment, and instructing His Excellency to bring under the consideration of the Legislature, the expediency of making a suitable provision for the same.

His Excellency has accordingly granted a Commission to Mr. Robie, as Master of the Rolls, under a perfect conviction that such an Office is indispensably necessary to the due Administration of Justice in the Court of Chancery, and he now brings the subject under the consideration of the Legislature, by His Majesty's Command, with his earnest recommendation.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by His Excellency's Command, the under-mentioned Papers, referred to in His Excellency's said Messages, viz.

Copies of the Report and Plan relative to a proposed Canal, intended to connect the Harbour of Halifax with the Basin of Mines.

Copies of the Report and Plan relative to a proposed Canal between the Bras d'Or Lake and St. Peter's Bay, in the County of Cape-Breton.

Copies of the Report and Plan relative to a Canal between the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Copy of a Letter from His Excellency Sir James Kempt, to Earl Bathurst, dated London, 18th April, 1825, relative to the Office of Master of the Rolls, in the Court of Chancery.

Copy of a Dispatch from Earl Bathurst to His Excellency, dated Downing-Street, 26th April, 1825, in answer to the above named Letter; also,

An Estimate of the charge for defraying the expense of the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government of the Province of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1826.

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

Mr Young reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, on the subject of the British Silver Coinage, that the Joint Committee had drawn up a Report, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

The Joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, appointed to take into consideration His Excellency's Message relative to the British Money lately transmitted to this Province:

Report that they conceive the object which His Majesty's Government have in view of establishing the British Metallic Currency, as the circulating medium of all His Majesty's Colonial Possessions, would be productive of much convenience to the Mercantile World, and to every Member of the Community, in this Colony; but, they are of opinion that it would not be expedient for the local Legislature of this Province, to pass an Act to that effect, as its operation would be confined to Nova-Scotia alone, while the neighbouring Provinces would continue to conduct their Money transactions as heretofore.

The Committee further report that His Excellency should be respectfully requested to bring under the consideration of His Majesty's Government the expediency of extending the Act, which lately passed the Imperial Parliament, for assimilating the Currency of Great-Britain and Ireland, to His Majesty's Dominions abroad.

The Committee also report that it is necessary to repeal the Law which fixes the British Crown Piece at Five Shillings and Six Pence Currency, and leave the Crown Piece and the Spanish Dollar to pass in this Province according to their respective values.

J. YOUNG,
W. FRASER,
L. HARTSHORNE,

J. R. DEWOLF,
WILLIAM LAWSON,

MICHAEL WALLACE,
BRENTON HALLIBURTON,
S. B. ROBIE.

Ordered,

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

On motion of Mr. Uniacke, *resolved*, that a Supply be granted to His Majesty.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Estimate for the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government, for the year 1826, be referred to the Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

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

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

On motion of Mr. Smith, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Provincial Paper Currency.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of £12,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed, to be composed of a Member for each County and District, to prepare and bring in a Scale of the General Division of the Sum of £12000 appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province, for the present year.

Ordered that Mr. Lawson, Mr. Flemming, Mr. Smith, Mr. T. Dickson, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Morse, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Chipman, Mr. James, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Sargent, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that this House will, on Thursday next, take into consideration that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the Fisheries of the Province.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of Ways and Means.

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

WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Provincial Paper Currency.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Treasurer should lay before the House a Statement of the Balance of Cash in his hands to the present time, and what number of Provincial Notes, distinguishing such as are fundable from those that are not.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do furnish the Treasurer with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

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

THURSDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Lawson reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a scale for the general division of the sum appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, that the Committee had drawn up a Scale of Appropriation accordingly; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows

SCALE of Appropriations for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, viz.

FOR THE GREAT ROADS.

For the road from M'Alpine's to Fultz's	£90 0 0
From Fultz's to Mount Uniacke, on the Windsor Road	125 0 0
From Mount Uniacke to the Three Mile Plain	125 0 0
From the Three Mile Plain to Avon Bridge	50 0 0
From Avon Bridge to the west side of Mud Bridge, in Horton, near Fowler's : one-half of which sum to be laid out from the Half-way River to said bridge	90 0 0
From Mud Bridge, in Horton, to Hamilton's Inn, to complete the Bridge and Causeway at Forsyth's and Elderkin's	40 0 0
From Hamilton's Inn to the Great Causeway on the Annapolis Road, to the west bounds of Cornwallis	40 0 0
From the west bounds of Cornwallis to the west bounds of Aylesford : five pounds of which sum to be laid out upon the Bridge and Causeway near Samuel Parker's	15 0 0
From the west bounds of Aylesford to Hicks's Bridge	30 0 0
From Hicks's Bridge to Annapolis	30 0 0
From Annapolis to Bear River Bridge	30 0 0
From the Eastern side of Bear River Bridge to Digby	40 0 0
From Digby to the north side of Scissabou Bridge, and to pay £22 9 9, to Francis Armstrong, for work done last year	50 0 0
From Scissabou Bridge to Taylor's Barn	15 0 0
From Taylor's Barn to the French Chapel	25 0 0
From Montegan to Yarmouth Line	40 0 0
From Yarmouth Line to James B. Moody's	30 0 0
From Moody's to Tusket Bridge	45 0 0
From Tusket Bridge to Pubnico	50 0 0
From Walter Larkin's, at Pubnico, to Barrington	50 0 0
From Barrington to Clyde River	30 0 0
From Clyde River to Shelburne	30 0 0
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From Shelburne to Jordan River	£10 0 0
From Jordan River to Queen's County	55 0 0
From Shelburne Bounds to Port Jolly	25 0 0
From Port Jolly to Port Mutton	50 0 0
From Port Mutton to Liverpool	50 0 0
From Liverpool to Mills Village	25 0 0
From Mills Village to Lunenburg	100 0 0
From Liverpool to Brookfield	50 0 0
From Brookfield to Annapolis County Line	50 0 0
From Maxener's, through Hammond Plains, to the Bounds of Lunenburg County	100 0 0
From the bounds of Halifax County to Chester	50 0 0
From Chester to Martin's River	50 0 0
From Martin's River to the Town of Lunenburg	40 0 0
From the Town of Lunenburg to Pernette's Ferry	30 0 0
From Pernette's Ferry to Petit River	40 0 0
From Petit River to Broad Cove	25 0 0
From Broad Cove to the Boundary Line of Queen's County	50 0 0
From Chester to Card's, on the road to Windsor	£75 0 0
From Card's to Windsor	75 0 0
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	150 0 0
From Hammond Plain to Sherbrooke	100 0 0
From Sherbrooke, through Dalhousie Settlement, beginning in Sherbrooke Settlement, on the east line of King's County, extending to the west line of the said County	100 0 0
For the road from the west line of King's County, through the Dalhousie Settlement, to the west bounds of said Settlement	100 0 0
From Dalhousie Settlement to Annapolis, in addition to the sum of £100, granted last year, and not expended	100 0 0
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	400 0 0
For opening the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool	50 0 0
For the new Windsor Road, near Hiltz's, past Beaver Bank, to the County Line	100 0 0
From the County Line to Rawdon and Noel,	100 0 0
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	200 0 0
From Dartmouth to Fletcher's	200 0 0
From Fletcher's, on the Truro road, to the North end of Gay's River Bridge	100 0 0
From Gay's River Bridge to M'Keen's Mills, Truro	180 0 0
For repairing Salmon River Bridge, Truro	10 0 0
For repairing Slack's Causeway, Onslow	25 0 0
For the repairing the Line Bridge, the North River bridge, and securing the Banks of said River in Onslow	25 0 0
From the Chigonise Bridge to the bounds of the County of Cumberland	50 0 0
From Londonderry to the North end of Folly Lake	40 0 0
From the North end of Folly Lake to Pugwash	30 0 0
From Onslow to Tatamagushe—£20 of which to be laid out through the new Annan Settlement	150 0 0
From Dewar's Bridge, Cumberland line, to Forbes's, on the road to river John: £50 of this sum to be expended on the road from Currie's to Forbes's	60 0 0
From Forbes's to the River John	20 0 0
From the River John Bridge to the Halifax Road	75 0 0
From the Court House Hill at Truro, to John Christie's	40 0 0
From John Christie's to the district line of Pictou	60 0 0
From the district line of Pictou to Blanchard's, on the west river; and to complete the Road and Bridge at M'Gillvery's	120 0 0
From Blanchard's to the Town Gut	40 0 0
From Blanchard's, on the Antigonishe Road, to the east river Bridge	40 0 0
From the East River Bridge to Cook's	30 0 0
From Cook's to the County of Sydney line, £30 of this sum to be expended on the road from Cook's to Sutherland's	120 0 0
From William Fraser's, on the Post Road, to Fisher's Grant, and to enable the Inhabitants to finish the Ferry Wharf	40 0 0
From Sydney County line to Malignant Cove	50 0 0
From Malignant Cove to Antigonishe	75 0 0
From Antigonishe to the Gut of Canso, on the new line	95 0 0
From Antigonishe to Guysborough Church, to be equally divided between the two Districts of the County of Sydney	50 0 0
From Guysborough to Canso	75 0 0
From Guysborough Church to the line of Sydney County	60 0 0
From Sherbrooke to the Forks of St. Mary's on the road to Dorchester	40 0 0
From Musquodoboit to the line of the County of Sydney	50 0 0
From Parrsborough to the line of the County of Cumberland	30 0 0
From Cumberland Bounds to Napan Bridge	30 0 0
From Partridge Island to the Five Islands	50 0 0
From the bounds of Colchester to the River Philip	30 0 0
From River Philip to the Bounds of New-Brunswick	120 0 0
From Preston to the upper Settlement of Musquodoboit	200 0 0
From Nictaur to Queen's County line	50 0 0
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	£5,180 0 0
	For

	<i>Amount Brought Forward</i> £5,180 0 0
For the District of Halifax	L.500
Colchester	500
Pictou	550
For the County of Sydney	550
Cumberland	495
Hants	520
King's County	520
Annapolis	565
Shelburne	560
Lunenburg	490
Queen's County	490
Cape-Breton	1080
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	£12000 0 0

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

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

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, that, on receiving intelligence of the calamitous Fire which lately took place at Miramichi, in New-Brunswick, he convened His Majesty's Council, to consult with them as to the steps which it would be proper for this Government to take, to alleviate the sufferings which that melancholy event occasioned.

It was then determined that prompt and effectual assistance ought to be afforded by this Province to a Sister Colony in distress ; and, with this view, a Committee of Council was appointed to co-operate with a Committee named by the Town for the same laudable purpose.

The Committee of the Town requested the Committee of the Council to suggest to His Excellency the propriety of advancing the sum of One Thousand Pounds from the Provincial Treasury in aid of the funds which they were collecting, which suggestion was approved of by His Majesty's Council, and adopted by His Excellency, who well knew that the Legislature would gladly sanction an advance made for such an object: It was therefore intimated to the Committee of the Town, that that Sum would be placed at their disposal whenever they might require it.

A Communication was also made to Sir Howard Douglas, the Lieutenant-Governor of New-Brunswick, of what had been done on this occasion, by the Government here ; in reply to which, His Excellency received a Letter expressing the grateful feelings which the humane and liberal conduct of the people of Nova-Scotia had occasioned in their fellow Subjects in New-Brunswick.

His Excellency has much gratification in stating, that private Contributions for the same praise-worthy purpose, were made from all parts of the Province, with such promptitude and liberality, that the Committee of the Town did not find it necessary to draw the sum in question, from the Treasury. Distress however still exists to a great extent at Miramichi, payment therefore of this Sum will probably be soon required, and a pledge having been given that it will be paid, His Excellency trusts that the Legislature will enable him to redeem that pledge.

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

A Petition of James Gates, and others, of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Gesner, and read, praying aid towards building a public Wharf, on the shore of the Bay of Fundy, for the convenience and security of Vessels.

A Petition of Francis Parker, and others, was presented by Mr. O'Brien, and read, praying for aid towards removing obstructions from, and clearing out, the River called Petite Riviere, in the County of Hants.

A Petition of William Campbell, and others, was presented by Mr. Wells, and read, praying for remuneration for their services as Commissioners in expending a sum of money upon the late Cornwallis Bridge.

A Petition of Thomas Lydiard, and others, Tallow Chandlers, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying a Drawback on all imported Tallow, manufactured in the Province.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Thomas McKenzie, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying a Grant of the amount of the Import Duty, paid by him upon the importation of Machinery for carding Wool, and also a Bounty for the erecting of Carding Machines at Gay's River.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Petition be dismissed.

A Petition of Bryant Rogers, and others, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying for aid towards the building of a Bridge over an Arm of Pirate Cove, in the County of Sydney.

A Petition of John Van Beuren, and others, was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, and read, praying a grant of money for making the Annapolis River navigable beyond the present limits.

A Petition of William Bent, and others, was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, and read, praying that the Bridge at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, may be made a Draw-Bridge.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of E. Morton was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, and read, praying a Salary as a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Annapolis.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed.

A Petition of Patrick Condon, was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, and read, praying compensation for a road opened through his Lands, to the Light-House on Rogers's Point, from the main road in Digby.

A Petition of J. G. A. Creighton, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying a grant of certain Duties by him paid on the importation of Foreign Wheat.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Sufferers by Fire at Miramichi, was read by the Clerk, and the House having considered the same, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *resolved unanimously*, That the House of Assembly highly approve of the promptitude and zeal manifested by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in the measure adopted by him for the relief of the Sufferers in the late calamitous Fire at Miramichi, and that this House will gladly provide the sum of One Thousand Pounds, to be placed at His Excellency's disposal, to enable him to redeem the pledge made by him on that occasion.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hartshorne and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee accordingly.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

On motion, that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to the Fisheries; also, the Petition of Dennis Brophy, and others; and the Petition of Joseph Smith, Sen. and others, were severally read by the Clerk, and the House having had the same under consideration, thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Saturday next, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province.

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

FRIDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Statement of the Balance of Cash in the Treasury, on the 16th inst. delivered to him by the Treasurer, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of Wednesday last.

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

Mr. Albro moved that the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Scale for the general division of the Sum appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, be agreed to by the House : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-five; against it six :

For the motion,

Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Young,

Mr. Albro,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Sargent,

Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Crowell,

Against the motion,

Mr. James,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. Church.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House the several papers undermentioned, received by him this day, from the Secretary of the Province, and recommended to the consideration of the House, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, viz.

No. 1, An Abstract of the expense incurred under a Resolution of the Legislature, by sending a person to Boston, to prosecute the Forgers of Province Notes	L. 174 10 6
No. 2, An Account of John Munro, for an additional Expenditure on the new Road from Fultz's to Thompson's, on the Windsor road	538 19 6
No. 3, An Abstract of the cost of Seed Potatoes, and Indian Meal, sent to the distressed Inhabitants of Tracadie, in May last	44 18 1
No. 4, An Account of Daniel Wier, for the expense incurred in finishing St. Croix Bridge.	127 6 5
No. 5, An Account of John Elder, for extra work in completing Avon Bridge.	126 8 0

L. 1012 2 6

Ordered, That the said Abstracts and Accounts be referred to Mr. Albro, Mr. Smith, and Mr. B. Dewolf, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Provincial Paper Currency.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House should provide for the issuing new Treasury Notes, and for cancelling those now in Circulation, under such regulations as that there shall not be kept in Circulation, at any one time, more than Sixty Thousand Pounds.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the same be not received by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Seven, against it, Twenty-five :

For

For the motion,

Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Hartshorne.

Against the motion,

Mr. Sargent,
Mr. James,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Gesner,

Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Roach,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Smith,

Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Albro,
Mr. Wier.

So it passed in the negative.

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

A Petition of the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Paul's, in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying that the Act before the House, for exempting Military Officers from certain Parish Rates and other Taxes, do not pass.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will on Monday next, consider of Ways and Means.

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

SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of John Allison, and John Miller, was presented by Mr. Wier, and read, praying aid towards building a Bridge over the Meander River, in Newport.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor lays before the Assembly, and recommends to their consideration, a Copy of a Letter from Sir Howard Douglas, the Lieutenant-Governor of New-Brunswick, representing the inconvenience experienced by Vessels belonging to, or trading with, that Province, from the mode in which they are made to contribute towards the support of the Light-House on Cranberry Island.

His Excellency also lays before the Assembly, a Copy of a Letter from Colonel Ready, the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, and a Copy of a Petition addressed to him by several Merchants of that Island, on the same subject.

Mr. Secretary George also, by command of His Excellency, delivered to the House, the under-mentioned Papers, referred to in His Excellency's said Message, viz.

A Copy of a Letter from His Excellency Sir Howard Douglas, to His Excellency Sir James Kempt, dated Fredericton, 20th Nov. 1825; also,

A Copy of a Letter from His Excellency Colonel Ready to Sir James Kempt, dated Prince Edward Island, the 6th Dec. 1825; and also

A Copy of a Petition of Ship Owners and Merchants of Prince Edward Island to Colonel Ready, dated Charlotte Town, 6th Dec. 1825.

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

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a copy of the Resolution passed on Thursday last, on the subject of His Excellency's Message relative to the Sufferers by Fire at Miramichi, that the Committee had accordingly

dingly waited upon, and delivered to His Excellency the said Resolution, and that His Excellency was pleased to reply that he was gratified on learning that the House had approved of the measures he had adopted on that occasion, and desired the Committee to express to the House his satisfaction of the readiness with which they took into consideration the subject of his Message.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the several Messages of His Excellency, now before the House.

Mr. Albro, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for working certain Mines of Iron in the County of Annapolis; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Gesner, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in alteration of an Act, for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Wells, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act, made and passed in the 56th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou in this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Petition of James Robertson, was presented by Mr. Robertson, and read, praying remuneration for loss sustained by the Forgery of Province Notes.

And thereupon, Mr. Chipman moved that that the Petition be dismissed: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen; against it, ten. So it passed in the affirmative, and the Petition was dismissed accordingly.

A Petition of Abel Benjamin was presented by Mr. Wells, and read, praying assistance in building a Mill Dam, in place of one carried away.

A Petition of Thomas Haliburton, and others, of the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, and read, praying aid towards erecting an Academy at Annapolis.

A Petition of Dowie Ditmars, and others, of Clements, was presented by Mr. Robertson, and read, praying that an may Act pass to prevent persons from firing guns within the Basin and River of Annapolis, and extending a certain distance into the Bay of Fundy, to the destruction of the Herring Fishery in the said Basin.

A Petition of John Black, and others, of the River Philip, was presented by Mr. T. Roach, and read, praying that the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, be held at River Philip.

A Petition of William Brown was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying aid on account of the establishment of a Linseed Oil Manufactory in Halifax.

A Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company was presented by Mr. Morse, and read, praying a grant of money in aid of that Establishment, and that the period for the continuance of their Charter may be enlarged.

A Petition of Matthew Ernst, and others, was presented by Mr. Heckman, and read, praying a grant of money towards erecting and supporting a Light-House upon Cross Island, in the County of Lunenburg.

A Petition of Joesph Crane, and others, of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, praying aid towards clearing out that part of the Annapolis River, running through Aylesford, in King's County.

A Petition of Joseph Austen, and others, of Halifax, Tobacconists, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying protection in favor of their Establishments for manufacturing Tobacco, against the Importers of that article.

A Petition of the Trustees of the National School, Halifax, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying further assistance towards the support of that Establishment.

A Petition of D. M'Farlane, and others, of Remsheg, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. T. Roach, and read, praying aid towards building a Bridge over Remsheg River.

A Petition of Richard U. Marsters, of Halifax, Watchmaker, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying encouragement in the making of Chronometers.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House the undermentioned Papers, received by him this day from the Secretary of the Province, and recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to the consideration of the House, viz.

A Letter from the Deputy-Postmaster-General, to His Excellency, stating that a sum of £.900 will be required for defraying the expense of Post Communication for the year 1826.

An Account of the expenditure of the sum of £860 11 3, granted to defray the expense of the Post Communication for the year 1825; and also,

An Account of John Howe & Son, for extra Printing in the year 1825, amounting to £39 2 6.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Papers be referred to Mr. Albro, Mr. B. Dewolf, and Mr. Smith, and that they do examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Committee appointed on Friday, the 3d February instant, to confer with a Committee of the Council on the General State of the Province, do hold that Conference, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

The Clerk reported that the Committee of the Council were ready to meet the Committee of the House in conference.

And the names of the Managers were called over,

And they went to the Conference.

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

MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Samuel Mack, Sen. and others, Inhabitants of Queen's County, was presented by Mr. J. R. Dewolf, and read, praying aid to remove obstructions in Port Medway River, in that County.

A Petition of Charles W. Weeks, and others, Inhabitants of Guysborough, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. T. Dickson, and read, praying that the Supreme Court may in future be held at Guysborough, as well as at Antigonish, in that County.

A Petition of Thomas Brady, and others, of the Township of New Dublin, was presented by Mr. Heckman, and read, praying aid in clearing out the River called Petit Riviere.

A Petition of Peter Smith, and others, Tanners and Curriers of Leather, in the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying protection in the manufacture of that article.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Bill in alteration of an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. T. Roach moved, that the consideration of the Bill be deferred to this day three months; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eleven; against it, eighteen:

For the motion,

Mr. Young,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. James,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Albro,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fraser,

Against the motion,

Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Chipman,

So it passed in the negative.

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A Bill to authorise the incorporation of a Company for working certain Mines of Iron, in the County of Annapolis, was read a second time.

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

A Petition of Robert Cutler, and others, of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying that a Law may pass for the appointment of Trustees of a School at that place, and for aid in support of the School.

A Petition of John Martin, and others, of Sambro, and the adjacent harbours, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying that an exclusive right to the Pilotage of Vessels may not be granted to certain Individuals.

A Petition of Alexander Mitchell, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying that protecting Duties may be imposed on the importation of manufactured Spirits of Turpentine, and Rosin.

A Petition of David Campbell, and others, of St. Mary's River, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying a further grant of money towards clearing out the said River.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Catholic School in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying aid towards the support of that School.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill on the subject of Schools, and accordingly presented

A Bill concerning Schools, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the several Messages of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, now before the House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

The Message of His Excellency on the subject of the Boundary Lines of the Counties of the Province, and of remuneration to the Surveyor-General, and the Papers accompanying the same, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Message and Papers should be referred to a select Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the subject matter thereof, and reporting thereon.

The Message of His Excellency relative to the Light-House, on Cranberry Island, and the Papers accompanying the same, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Message and Papers should be referred to a select Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the subject matter thereof, and reporting thereon.

The Message of His Excellency, on the subject of Canals, and the Papers accompanying the same, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Message and Papers should be referred to a select Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the subject matter thereof, and reporting thereon.

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

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

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, relative to the Boundary Lines of the Counties, be referred to Mr. T. Roach, Mr. Chipman and Mr. O'Brien, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency on the subject of Canals, be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Young, Mr. Smith, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Shey, Mr. Flemming and Mr. O'Brien, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency relative to the Light-House on Cranberry Island, be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Young, Mr. Smith, Mr. Crowell, and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed on the subject of Light-Houses generally throughout the Province; and also the Establishment on the Island of Sable, and that they do examine into the same, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Young, Mr. Smith, Mr. Crowell, and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee accordingly.

Ordered, That the Petition of Matthew Ernst, and others, be referred to the said Committee.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Saturday next, the 25th inst. consider of Ways and Means.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Saturday next, the 25th instant, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province.

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

TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent injury to the roads throughout the Province, by Persons trailing Logs or other Timber, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to the Halifax Steam-Boat Company, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Bill concerning Schools; and also,

A Bill in addition to an Act, made and passed in the 56th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, in this Province, were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of James Scott, and others, Cabinet Makers, of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying that a further Duty may be imposed upon imported Furniture.

A Petition of Samuel Head, and others, the Committee of the Acadian School in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a Grant of Money in aid of that Institution.

A Petition of John Ferguson, of Halifax, Chocolate Maker, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for the imposition of a Duty upon the importation of Chocolate.

A Petition of Joanna McKay, Female Teacher of the Royal Acadian School, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying renumeration for her services in that capacity.

A Petition of Josiah Richardson, Senr. was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying compensation for his loss, by a public Road running through his Land.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Thomas Boggs, and others, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have been appointed a Committee, by a number of the Freeholders, and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, to obtain Subscriptions for the opening of the Shubenaccadie

accadie Navigation, with the Harbour of Halifax, and praying pecuniary aid of the House for carrying into effect so beneficial a work.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee to whom the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of Canals was referred.

A Petition of Richard King and John King, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying compensation for the loss they sustain by a Road running through their Land.

A Petition of Edward Lippincott, and James Farnham, of the West River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying aid on account of the erection of a Pulling Mill.

A Petition of the Revd. Archibald Gray, and others, Trustees of the Pictou Academy, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying support for that Institution.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to the Halifax Steam-Boat Company, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill concerning Schools; also,

A Bill in addition to an Act, made and passed in the 56th year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, in this Province, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Lawson moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relating to the appointment of Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion Seventeen; against it, Fourteen; so it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

The Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relating to the appointment of Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery, and the Papers accompanying the same, were read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to make a suitable provision for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery.

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

Mr. W. H. Roach moved, that the said Resolution be not agreed to by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion Ten; against it, Twenty:

For the motion,

Mr. Gesner,

Mr. B. Dewolf,

Mr. Young,

Mr. Albro,

Mr. Church,

Mr. W. H. Roach,

M. Flemming,

Mr. Ruggles,

Mr. James,

Mr. Heckman,

Against the motion,

Mr. T. Dickson,

Mr. T. Roach,

Mr. Sargent,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

Mr. Campbell,

Mr. Crowell,

Mr. Fairbanks,

Mr. R. Dickson,

Mr. Unsacke,

Mr. Wells,

Mr. O'Brien,

Mr. Morse,

Mr. Shey,

Mr. Hartshorne,

Mr. Fraser,

Mr. Poole,

Mr. Chipman,

Mr. Smith,

Mr. Bishop,

Mr. Lawson,

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then agreed to by the House.

Then

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

WEDNESDAY, 22d FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and to state to His Excellency that the House have had under consideration His Excellency's Message relating to the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery, and have come to a Resolution to make a suitable provision for that Officer; but being desirous of obtaining information with regard to the duties and labours to be required of that Officer, request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Registrar and one of the Masters of the said Court of Chancery to lay before the House a Statement of the Causes now on the Docket of that Court, distinguishing such as have been placed on the Docket within the last three years, with such particulars as may convey to this House the requisite information.

Resolved, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Young and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a copy of the foregoing Resolution.

A Petition of W. A. Black and S. Black, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying relief from the Duties imposed on Foreign Wheat and Corn.

A Petition of William Cogswell, and others, was presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, praying aid in the erection of a Wharf on the Shore of the Bay of Fundy, in the Township of Cornwallis, for the security and convenience of Vessels.

A Petition of Robert Fletcher, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying remuneration for a loss sustained by him, in consequence of a Public Road running through his Land.

A Petition of Hugh Graham, and others, was presented by Mr. T. Dickson, and read, praying for a grant of money to aid C. Blackie in the erection of an Oat Mill at Sewiacke, for the benefit of that Settlement.

A Petition of Garret De Courcey was presented by Mr. T. Dickson, and read, praying remuneration for a loss sustained by him in the erection of a Bridge in Antigonish.

A Petition of Caleb H. Rand, and others, of Horton, was presented by Mr. Dennison, and read, praying aid in the erection of a School House at Horton Corner (so called) upon an extended plan, so as to allow of the introduction of the Madras System, and other advantages.

A Petition of D. McFarlane, and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Wallace, Wentworth and Pugwash, was presented by Mr. T. Roach, and read, praying the sale of the Court-House at Amherst, and that the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, and Common Pleas, for the County of Cumberland, be in future held at River Philip.

A Petition of Donald McKinnon, of the Gulf Shore, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying aid for the establishment of a Road from a Mill erected by him from the Highway.

A Petition of Cuthbert Vaux, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying a return of Duties paid on Wheat, imported by him from Trieste.

A Petition of James Irwine, and others, Cordwainers, in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying that no alteration may be made in the Duties on imported Leather, and Leather Manufactures.

A Petition of John Tremain, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying protection for his Manufacture of Cordage, established in Halifax.

A Petition of Samuel Storey, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying protection for the manufacture of Spirits of Turpentine at Halifax.

A Petition of Thomas Bauer, and others, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying remuneration for loss sustained by the forgery of Province Notes.

A Petition of William Hague was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying a Law may pass

pass to secure to him and his assigns, for a certain period, the exclusive use of a Cast Metal Patent Machine, or Weigh Bridge, for the purpose of Public Weighing, in the Town of Halifax.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of John V. Greenwood, Jun. was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying further remuneration for his time and expenses, in going to Boston, to attend as a Witness in the prosecution against certain Forgers of Provincial Notes in the last year.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to examine into, and report on, the Account of Expenses incurred by sending to Boston to prosecute the Forgers of Province Notes.

A Bill relating to the Halifax Steam Boat Company ; and also,

A Bill to prevent injury to the Roads throughout the Province, by trailing Logs or other Timber, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Petition of W. H. Crawley, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and recommended by His Excellency to the consideration of the House, praying compensation for his services as Head-Master of the Grammar School at Sydney, in the County of Cape-Breton, received by Mr. Speaker from the Secretary of the Province.

The said Petition was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon,

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

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the several Bills committed to a Committee of the whole House.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Saturday next, the 25th instant, take into consideration the several Private Petitions now before the House.

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

THURSDAY, 23d FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution passed yesterday, on the subject of the Court of Chancery, that the Committee had accordingly waited upon, and delivered to, His Excellency, the said Resolution, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would give directions that the information required by the House should be laid before them.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the House do come to a Resolution as follows, viz.

Information of the decease of Nathaniel Atcheson, the Agent of this Province, having been received by this House,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House, that John Bainbridge, Esq. of the City of London, Merchant, and Crofton Uniacke, Esq. of the same City, Barrister at Law, be the Joint Agents for this Province, resident in England ; which, being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Dewolf moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolution, as follows, viz.—After the word “Merchant” strike out the words “and Crofton Uniacke, Esq. of the same City, Barrister at Law, be the joint Agents,” and insert in place thereof the words “be the Agent ;” which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, ten ; against it, twenty-two :

For the Amendment,

Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Albro,
Mr. James,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Dennison

Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Fraser,

Mr. Robertson,
M. Flemming,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Poole,

Against the Amendment,

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Heckman,

Mr. Church,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Lawson,

So it passed in the negative.

The original Resolution was then put to the House, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution, twenty ; against it, twelve :

For the Resolution,

Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Heckman,

Mr. Poole,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Smith,

Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Robertson,

Against the Resolution,

Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. James,

Mr. Church,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. Albro,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Chipman,

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, the Petition of Thomas Bauer, and others, was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon, Mr. Chipman moved, that the Petition be dismissed : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen ; against it eleven. So it passed in the affirmative, and the Petition was dismissed accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to provide a suitable provision for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. T. Dickson, be a Committee accordingly.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to authorize the incorporation of a Company for working Mines of Iron in the County of Annapolis ; also, a Bill to continue an Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax ; also, a Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions ; also, a Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein ; also, a Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia ; also, a Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing a sufficient Watch at Night ; and also, a Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax. And that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House, without any amendment ; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee to whom the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Papers accompanying the same, on the subject of Canals ; and also the Petition of Thomas Boggs, and others, relative to the opening the Navigation of the Shubenaccadie with the Harbour of Halifax, were referred ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have considered the subject matters referred to them, and in the course of their enquiries thereon, found it necessary, for obtaining accurate information, to examine several Witnesses, whose testimony is contained in the accompanying minutes.

That the Committee find a subscription has been opened in Halifax, by the Petitioners, and others, for the formation of a Company, to be called the Shubenaccadie Canal Company, and for raising a Capital Stock of L.60,000, in Shares of L.25 each, towards which L.13,000 is already obtained, under the expectation that Legislative encouragement will be liberally bestowed upon their exertions, and a confident belief is expressed by the Petitioners who were examined, that when the extent of this is ascertained, there will exist no difficulty in raising the necessary funds for the whole work, from Subscribers within the Province, and abroad. In the meantime, though

though the Subscription increases rapidly, many who promise to take very large interest in the Association, abstain from joining it, till the sense of the Assembly is expressed.

That the Committee consider the Report and Survey made by Mr. Hall, last Summer, clear, explicit and satisfactory, and that the undertaking is practicable.

It having however been suggested, that, from the Mouth of the Shubenaccadie, to the point where Lock No. 19 is to be placed,—there might exist obstacles to a constant Navigation; the Committee examined witnesses, who, from long residence near the spot, and perfect acquaintance with the River, appeared the most competent to give satisfactory explanations in this particular. From their testimony it appears that during neap tides, and particularly in the Months of July and August, the Water will be deficient for an eight feet Navigation, over certain Bars in the River, composed of shifting sands, unless the Lock be placed further down, or measures, which are stated to be easy and of small expense, be adopted to remove the Bars. With that exception the Committee believe there exists not any obstacle to forming a regular communication for vessels drawing eight feet of water, and that the Canal may be constructed of that depth.

With respect to the Articles of Export, from that quarter—the testimony of the same persons concurs with the personal knowledge of two of the Committee, that Timber in very large quantities can be supplied from the lands contiguous to, or Rivers falling into, the Canal, and that Free-stone, Lime and Gypsum, are excellent and inexhaustible.

That the Committee conceive it impossible that any difference of opinion should exist, as to the advantages attendant on the effecting a passage with eight feet depth of water through the Interior from the Bay to Halifax. Such a communication cannot but confer the most essential and permanent benefit both on Halifax, and upon the Country that is connected with a large part of the Basin of Mines.

That the Committee regard the enterprize of opening a Canal of the dimensions before referred to as a measure of great importance to the Province and they have agreed to recommend the application of the Petitioners to the favorable consideration of this Honorable House.

If assistance be bestowed by a Grant of Money, the Committee recommend that it be paid as the work advances, and in proportion to the funds of the Company expended, leaving a considerable portion unpaid until the Canal be complete, and in actual operation for a definite period.

This has been stated, and urged by the Petitioners, as one of the most effectual and acceptable modes of furthering the measure; and the Committee are induced to recommend that mode of encouragement to the favorable consideration of the House, from an apprehension, that many years will elapse, before the Company receive returns for their expenditure,—all which is respectfully submitted.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, the 27th instant, take into consideration the said Report.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *ordered*, That the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council on the General State of the Province, do take the several Petitions of sundry Persons, relative to the Trade of the Province, now before the House, for the purpose of having reference to the subject matter thereof, on the said Conference.

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

FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with a Copy of the Joint Report of the Committee of His Majesty's Council, and of this House appointed to consider His Excellency's Message, on the subject of the new Silver Coinage lately introduced into this Province; and most respectfully to request that His Excellency would be pleased to use his influence to give effect to the subject matter of the said Report.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Young, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Albro, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to convey to Jacob Shaffroth part of an Old Road or Highway, as in part compensation for the injury done him by running a new Road through his land, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. W. H. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to provide a suitable provision for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery, and accordingly presented

A Bill to provide for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Scale of Appropriation for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, except such part thereof as relates to the Great Roads, reported by the Committee on the 16th instant, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts; and that the said Members for each County or District do prepare, and bring into the House on Monday next, the 27th instant, a Scale of the subdivision of the sum so appropriated for their respective County or District, for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Lawson presented to the House several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of John Kerr, and others, of Intrim Settlement, near Keys'.

A Petition of William Hamlin, and others, of Brookfield Settlement.

A Petition of William Cook, and others, of Gay's River.

A Petition of Samuel Graham, and others, of Hammond Plains Settlement.

A Petition of Jonathan Tremain.

A Petition of Michael Byrne, and John D. Hawthorn.

A Petition of David Archibald, Jun.

Mr. Smith presented to the House several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Robert C. Blair, and others, for a Bridge over Green's Creek, Shubenaccadie.

A Petition of Angus M'Donald, of Little Harbour.

A Petition of James Carmichael, and others, of New-Glasgow.

A Petition of Roderick M'Kenzie, and others, of West Branch River John.

A Petition of Robert M'Donald, and others, of New Larick.

Mr. Albro presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Conrad Deal, and others, of Halifax, and its vicinity.

A Petition of W. J. Long, and others, of the Dutch Village, near Halifax.

Mr. Gesner presented to the House several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.

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

A Petition of J. Van Beuren, and others, of the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of Henry Parker, and others, of Dalhousie Settlement.

A Petition of Chephas Wilton, and others, of Wilmot.

Mr. Hartshorne presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz:

A Petition of Isaac Wournell, and others, of Chezencook.

A Petition of John Annand, Junr. and others, of the County of Halifax.

A Petition of Alexander Cruikshanks, and others, of Musquodoboit.

A Petition of Timothy Nuttal, and others.

A Petition of Alexander Farquharson, and others, of Dartmouth.

A Petition of George Bisset, of Cole Harbour.

Mr. Chipman presented several Petitions to the House, praying aid for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Francis Tupper, and others, of Aylesford.

A Petition of Robert Stoddart, and others, of Sherbrooke Settlement.

A Petition of James Marsh, and others, of the Five Islands.

Mr. R. Dickson presented to the House several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Jeremiah M'Carthy, and others, of the Tatamagushe Road.

A Petition of John Sutherland, and others, of Earl Town.

A Petition of Robert Logan, and others, of Sewack.

Mr. Hemming presented to the House a Petition of Hugh M'Benvie, and others, of Gerrish's Mountain, District of Colchester, praying an aid for a Road.

Mr. Bishop presented to the House several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of John Hanning, and others, of the Five Islands.

A Petition of John Hatfield, and others, of Middle District, Parrsborough.

Mr. O'Brien presented to the House a Petition of Archibald Fraser, and others, of Douglas, praying an aid for a road.

Mr. B. Dewolf presented to the House a Petition of James Cauty, and others, of Shubenacadie, praying an aid for a road.

Mr. Wells presented to the House a Petition of Henry Gesner, and others, of the North Mountain, Cornwallis.

Mr. W. H. Roach presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Thomas Westcot, and others, of Little River, Digby.

A Petition of Anthony Hannan, and others, of Dalhousie Settlement.

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

Mr. T. Roach presented to the House several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Thomas Smith, and others, of the County of Cumberland.

A Petition of Samuel Wilson, and others, of Londonderry.

Mr. Robertson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Henry Parker, of the County of Annapolis.

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

A Petition of Henry Messenger, and others, of Do.

A Petition of John Ditmars, and others, of Clements.

Mr. T. Dickson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of James Bears, and others, of New Harbour, County of Sydney.

A Petition of Michael Ireland, for a Bridge over Morris Town Lakes.

A Petition of Francis Maxwell, and others, of St. Mary's, County of Sydney.

Mr. Church presented to the House a Petition of Joseph Gates, and others, of Dalhousie Settlement, praying an aid for a road.

Mr. Heckman presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of James Nicholson, and others, of Lahave.

A Petition of Paul Gilmore, and others, of Do.

A Petition of George Muldrum, and others, of Do.

A Petition of John Wentzel, and others, of Do.

Ordered, That the several Petitions praying aids for the service of Roads and Bridges, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts who are to prepare and bring in a Scale for the subdivision of the Sums to be appropriated for the same.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the 53th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Young reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant

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ant-Governor, with a Copy of the Joint Report of the Committee of His Majesty's Council and of this House, relative to the new Silver Coinage, that the Committee had accordingly waited upon, and delivered to, His Excellency the said Report, and that His Excellency was pleased to say to the Committee that he would use his influence to give effect to the subject matter of the said Report.

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

SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery, was read a second time; and thereupon, Mr. B. Dewolf moved that the consideration of the Bill be postponed to this day three months; which passed in the negative.

A Bill to provide for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery, was read a second time. *Resolved*, That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to continue an Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Act in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and also for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act, made and passed in the 56th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act in addition to an Act, made and passed in the 56th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, in this Province.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill concerning Schools, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House. That the Committee recommend that the Bill relating to the Steam Boat Company should be referred to a Committee, to be appointed by the House, to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

The Amendments to the Bill concerning Schools were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed to this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion Ten; against it, Twenty:

For the motion,

Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Gebner,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Church,
Mr. James,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Sargent,

Against the motion,

<i>Mr. Flemming,</i>	<i>Mr. Albro,</i>
<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>	<i>Mr. Young,</i>
<i>Mr. O'Brien,</i>	<i>Mr. T. Roach,</i>
<i>Mr. B. Dewolf,</i>	<i>Mr. Fairbanks,</i>
<i>Mr. T. Dickson,</i>	<i>Mr. R. Dickson,</i>
<i>Mr. Morse,</i>	<i>Mr. Lawson,</i>
<i>Mr. Wells,</i>	<i>Mr. Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. Bishop,</i>	<i>Mr. Chipman,</i>
<i>Mr. Heckman,</i>	<i>Mr. Hartshorne,</i>
<i>Mr. Uniacke,</i>	<i>Mr. Crowell,</i>

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Bill concerning Schools, with the several amendments, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill relating to the Halifax Steam-Boat Company, be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. W. H. Roach and Mr. Smith, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of the whole House.

Mr. T. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Hartshorne, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal the last Clause of the Act, to prevent the Circulation of Base and Counterfeit Half-pence, and other Copper Coin, and to establish the Current value of English Crowns, half Crowns and Shillings, in this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved,* that this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the several Private Petitions before the House.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, the 28th instant, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province.

Resolved, That this House will, on Saturday the 4th March next, consider of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, several printed Pamphlets, containing copies of a Circular Letter, written by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as President of the Provincial Agricultural Society, and addressed to the several Societies, on the subject of the establishment of that Society, and the answers received to the said Letter, delivered to Mr. Speaker, by the Secretary of the Province, by command of His Excellency, for the perusal of the Members the House.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at Twelve of the Clock.

MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill concerning Schools, was read a third time, and thereupon, Mr. James moved, that

that the Bill do not pass, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Eight; against it, Twenty.

For the motion,

Mr. Poole,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. James,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Robertson,

Against the motion,

Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

Mr. Young,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Albro,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Bishop,

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act concerning Schools.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill entitled, An Act to continue the Act, to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their March from one part of the Province to another; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act, to continue an Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act, to continue the Act, for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Act in amendment thereof; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act, for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch of Night; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same; severally without any amendment.

The Council have passed a Bill entitled, An Act for establishing and confirming the boundary Lines of certain Counties and Districts of the Province, as Surveyed and Defined, in pursuance of the Votes of the Legislature, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Orders of the Day were read, and thereupon,

On motion, that part of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech at the opening of the Session, on the subject of a Canal to connect the Harbour of Halifax with the Basin of Mines; also the Message of His Excellency, and the Report of the Committee of the House relative to the same, were severally read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Report, and the subject matter thereof.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is expedient to encourage the opening of the Shubenacadie Navigation, between the Harbour of Halifax and the Basin of Mines, by granting a Sum of Money to the Company now forming for that purpose.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move,

for leave to sit again, on the consideration of the business to them referred, which the House agreed to.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that, for encouraging the opening the Shubenacadie Navigation between the Harbour of Halifax and the Basin of Mines, a Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds should be granted and paid to the Company now forming for that purpose, in manner following, viz.

The Company to be entitled to the sum of Four Thousand Pounds when the Communication is open and navigable for Vessels drawing eight feet of water, from the mouth of the Shubenacadie River to the south end of Lake William;—to the sum of Three Thousand Pounds when the Communication is complete of the same depth from Lake William to Lake Charles;—to the sum of Three Thousand Pounds when the Communication is complete of the same depth from Lake Charles to the south end of the Dartmouth Lake;—and to the sum of Five Thousand Pounds when the Communication is so completed to the same depth from the Dartmouth Lakes into the Harbour of Halifax. *Provided always*, That no greater sum than Three Thousand Pounds be paid out of the Treasury in any one year, on account of this Grant.

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

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

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

On motion of Mr Fairbanks, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and inform His Excellency that this House have had under its consideration that part of His Excellency's Speech, which relates to the Shubenacadie Navigation, and also His Excellency's Message thereon, and that the House have come to a Resolution on the subject. A copy of which the Committee are directed to deliver to His Excellency.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Albro and Mr. T. Dickson, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Young delivered to the House, to be laid upon the Clerk's Table, pursuant to the Order of the House, bearing date the 23th February, 1821,

An Account from the Secretary of the Provincial Agricultural Society, of the partial expenditure of the Grant made by the Legislature to that Society, in the year 1824.

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

Pursuant to Order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House a Scale of the Subdivision of the several Sums of Money appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the respective Counties and Districts of the Province, viz.

Mr. Lawson for the District of Halifax.

Mr. Smith for the District of Pictou.

Mr. R. Dickson for the District of Colchester.

Mr. T. Dickson for the County of Sydney.

Mr. T. Roach for the County of Cumberland.

Mr. B. Dewolf for the County of Hants.

Mr.

Mr. Campbell for the County of Annapolis.
 Mr. Chipman for the County of King's County.
 Mr. Sargent for the County of Shelburne.
 Mr. Heckman for the County of Lunenburg.
 Mr. J. R. Dewolf for the County of Queen's County.

And the House having taken the same into consideration ; thereupon,

Resolved, That the sum of L.500, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the District of Halifax, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road from Salmon River Bridge in Preston to Porter's Lake	£25	0	0
From Porter's Lake Road down the west side of the Lake to the Mills	15	0	0
From the Mills to Myra's, to aid the Inhabitants in opening the road towards Lawrence Town	10	0	0
From head of Porter's Lake to Musquedoboit Road	15	0	0
From Porter's Lake Bridge to the head of Chezencook, in aid of the Inhabitants, and towards repairing Bridges and Causeways	12	0	0
From Dartmouth Lake Causeway to Lake Loon	15	0	0
From R. Gammon's to Crook's Mill	20	0	0
From Crook's Mill towards Mira's	7	0	0
From Creighton's Ferry towards Horn's	25	0	0
To aid the Proprietors of the 20 and 80 acre Lots in Dartmouth to complete the road through the same	10	0	0
From Dartmouth Town to Sackville, to be expended principally on the Bridges	15	0	0
From Musquedoboit Harbour to the Lake, in aid of the Inhabitants, and to repair Bridges	5	0	0
To aid the Inhabitants to open the road to Hasset's Road, near Flinn's, from the Porter's Lake Road	15	0	0
To open and improve the road from the west side of Lake Egmont to Robert Blade's	10	0	0
To improve the road from M'Phie's Bridge to Tremain's Bridge, on Shubenacadie	10	0	0
From the road leading to Musquedoboit from near James Key's	25	0	0
From Moore's, at Gay's River, to Johnson Callbeck's	15	0	0
From the bridge near Johnson Callbeck's to John Lindsay's, and thence to M'Heffey's Upper Line	15	0	0
From Stewiack to the New Road from Dartmouth to Musquedoboit	20	0	0
To aid the Inhabitants of Musquedoboit to improve the road from William Logan's, on Gay's River Road, to the new road from Dartmouth to Musquedoboit	20	0	0
From the Falls, near Sheet Harbour to Little, River Bridge, leading to Musquedoboit	8	0	0
From Beaver Dam to Rocky Brook, Sheet Harbour	20	0	0
From Truro Road to the Boundary Line of Hant's County	10	0	0
From A. Veith's to Dutch Village	20	0	0
From head of the North-West Arm to Do.	10	0	0
From Hosternan's Mill to Spry Field	20	0	0
From Spry Field towards Ketch Harbour and Sambro	10	0	0
From Spry Field towards Harriet Fields and Sambro	10	0	0
From Spry Field towards Margaret's Bay	10	0	0
From the forks of Margaret's Bay and Prospect Roads towards Prospect	10	0	0
From the Dutch Village to Margaret's Bay, by Keizer's	40	0	0
From Wooden's Bridge to Peggy's Cove	10	0	0
From Wooden's Bridge up the east side of Margaret's Bay	10	0	0
From the north-east part of Margaret's Bay to road leading to Chester, from Hammond Plains	10	0	0
From Hosterman's Mill to Beechy Hill	5	0	0

Resolved, That the Sum of L.500, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges, in the District of Colchester, be applied as follows, viz :

From Johnson Caulbeck's through the Settlement of Musquedoboit	£10	0	0
From Upper Stewiack to Musquedoboit	5	0	0
From Dickie's, on the Halifax road, to the Bridge at Middle Stewiack	20	0	0
From Davison's Hill, in Upper Stewiack, to the Pictou line, by New Larwick	25	0	0
From Moses Wright's, in Upper Stewiack, to Beuvie's, in Musquedoboit	5	0	0
From Middle Stewiack to Truro, by Henry Millar's	20	0	0
To repair the Bridge at Joseph Fulton's, in Upper Stewiack	10	0	0
To assist in opening the road from Middle Settlement of Stewiack, to the Middle Settlement of Musquedoboit	10	0	0
From George Taylor's, in Middle Stewiack, to the Settlement of Upper Brookfield	5	0	0
From Halifax road to Stewiack, by Brookfield	10	0	0
From Charles Moore's, eastward through the Settlement of Brookfield	5	0	0
From Shubenacadie Meeting House to Gay's River	20	0	0
From Stewiack to Halifax, by the new Middle road	5	0	0
From the half-way Brook, between Upper and Middle Stewiack, through the new Settlement to Millar's, on the Truro road	5	0	0
From Halifax road to Middle Stewiack, by Peter Steven's	5	0	0
From old Barns to the Mouth of Shubenaccadie	10	0	0
From old Barns to Phillips's, on the Shubenaccadie	10	0	0
From Thomas Wilson's, towards Shubenaccadie, by the Shore	5	0	0
From the Mouth of the Shubenaccadie to Robert Pollock's, by Fort Ellis	20	0	0
From Christie's, in Truro, to Greenfield	10	0	0
From Pictou road, near Salmon River, down the North Branch to the Great Falls	5	0	0
From John Christie's to Andrew Christie's	5	0	0
From Richard Elliot's to J. Johnston's, Kemp's Town	5	0	0
From Greenfield road, in Truro, to James M'Gabe's, on the line between John and Thomas Dickson	5	0	0
From Crowe's Mill, on the Halifax road, to the Lower Village of Truro	10	0	0

From

From Crow's Mills, Onslow, to Barnhill's	£5 0 0
From R. Upham's to M'Collum's Bridge	8 0 0
From R. Blair's Mills to B. Lynd's Mills	8 0 0
From Tatamagoushe road to S. Rude's, by Cutten's	8 0 0
From Rude's Bridge to John Graham's	8 0 0
From Samuel Rude's to Higgin's Mills	5 0 0
From S. M'Cully's, to T. Robertson's	10 0 0
From Kempt Town to Sutherland's, in East Town	8 0 0
From M'Collum's Bridge to Upham's	8 0 0
From Roderick M'Kenzie's (Upper Settlement of West Branch of River John) to John M'Keen's	8 0 0
John Dickson's to Cross road by Blair's	5 0 0
John Blair's to David Blackmore's	15 0 0
From Baird's lane to Crow's Mills	8 0 0
To repair Upper Chegonoise Bridge, near John Thomas's	10 0 0
From B. O'Brien's to John Staple's	8 0 0
From Tatamagoushe road to new Annan	8 0 0
From R. M'Nutt's to J. Cottan's	8 0 0
J. Cottan's to Rensheg road	8 0 0
From Folly Hill to James Tottan's	8 0 0
From Rensheg road to Cumberland road, by Asa Clarke's	8 0 0
From A. Clarke's to road leading from Bass River to the River Philip	8 0 0
From Fulton's to Cumberland road, by Davison's and M'Lellan's Farms	16 0 0
From Great Village to Economy line	8 0 0
Through Economy to Parrsborough line	8 0 0
From Economy to River Philip	5 0 0
Samuel Hill's to the back Settlement, by M'Laughlan's Farm	5 0 0
From Faulkner's to Crow's, on the back Settlement	5 0 0
From J. M. Spenser's to M'Elmen's, by John Dill's	6 0 0
From Murry's, Portipique, to Sutherland's, West Chester	6 0 0
From Carr's, Portipique, to Purdy's, West Chester	6 0 0
From Bass River, to the River Philip	10 0 0
From Economy Bridge to the boat landing	5 0 0
From Richard Dunn's to William Fletcher's	5 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.550, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Pictou, be appropriated as follows, viz.

For the road from New Glasgow towards Fisher's Grant	£10 0 0
From the Ferry at Abercrombie's Point, toward's the Lower Settlement, East River	20 0 0
From Andrew Anderson's to New Glasgow	10 0 0
From Fisher's Grant to Little Harbour	10 0 0
From Little Harbour to Cook's	10 0 0
From the District Line, on the road leading from the Garden of Eden to the East River, by M'Lellan's Brook	20 0 0
From David Murray's, past Wm. M'Kenzie's, to the back Settlement	20 0 0
From John Marshall's, by the Marsh, to the West Branch Bridge, on the East River	15 0 0
From Christopher M'Donald's to Alexander Fraser's, Forks Middle River	10 0 0
From David M'Lean's, past Donald Shaw's, to the Lake, East River	10 0 0
From Wilkin's Grant to John Marshall's	10 0 0
From David Marshall's to Alexander Fraser's, Middle River	15 0 0
From Andrew Marshall's to John M'Donald's, Middle River	10 0 0
From Alexander Fraser's, on the road leading to West Branch East River	15 0 0
From John Matheson's, Roger's Hill, to the Pictou Road	10 0 0
From John Matheson's to Andrew M'Cara's	15 0 0
From M'Cara's towards Earl Town, and to assist in building a Bridge on the River John, near R. M'Kenzie's	10 0 0
From Roderick M'Kenzie's to the District Line, through Earl Town	10 0 0
From Mount Dalhousie to Roger's Hill	10 0 0
From the District Line, East River, towards River John	15 0 0
From Carribou to Cape John	10 0 0
From the East Branch Bridge, East River, towards St. Mary's	20 0 0
From the East River Meeting House, Lower Settlement, to the bridge at Gray's	20 0 0
From M'Lellan's Mount to the head of the tide	10 0 0
From John M'Donald's, Middle River, through New Larig, to Stewiacke	20 0 0
From River John Road towards Robert M'Connell's	10 0 0
From the West River Bridge on South side West River, by John Robson's	10 0 0
From the Meeting House, Salt Springs, towards Blanchard's	10 0 0
From John Moore's towards River John	10 0 0
From Barney's River, on the Mountain road, to Antigonishe	15 0 0
From the Meeting House, East River, to M'Lellan's Brook, on the St. Mary's road	15 0 0
For the Shore road past Joseph Begg's, on the Middle River, to the Ferry	10 0 0
From Denoon's towards Carribou	10 0 0
From the Meeting House, West Branch East River, to the Lower Settlement	15 0 0
From the Little Island to John Crocker's, Middle River	10 0 0
From John Crocker's to the main road, by J. Douglas's	10 0 0
From the Little Island to the West River Bridge	10 0 0
From Donald Fraser's, up South side West River	15 0 0
From Donald Fraser's towards D. M'Donald's, Green Hill	10 0 0
From Green Hill to new Larig on the road leading past Thomas Fraser's Mill	20 0 0
To assist the Inhabitants to build a Bridge across the East Branch, East River, at the Black Rock	10 0 0

From

From Bridge at Duff's Mills towards D. McLean's, East River £10 0 0
 From the Meeting House, Roger's Hill, to the Saw Mill, at McKenzie's 10 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.495, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, within the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows, viz:

For the Road and Bridges from River Philip to Bass River in Londonderry, to meet the Noel Road from Beaver Bank: the Money to be first expended in cutting and opening said Road to Londonderry line	£30 0 0
For the road from Macan to River Philip	15 0 0
For the road from Macan to Five Islands	10 0 0
For the road from Amherst, to commence at Trueman's Mill, to the River Philip, by Goose River Settlement, to meet the Leicester Road, leading to said River Philip	50 0 0
For the Road near Horton's to the Gulf Shore near to Peter McElman's, including Bridge over Tidnish	25 0 0
For the road from Gabriel Purdy's to Bebee's on the Remsheg River	25 0 0
For the road from Bebee's to Harbour of Remsheg	25 0 0
For the road from Pugwash Harbour to Peter Anjevine's	20 0 0
For the road from the Town Plot of Remsheg, by John Tuttle's, to the road leading to Amherst, from Capt. Forshner's to the River Philip Settlement	15 0 0
For the road from Pugwash to River Philip	15 0 0
For the road from the River Philip to Andrew Forshner's in Remsheg	25 0 0
For the road from Pipe's at Napan to the post Road near William Black's	10 0 0
For the road from Little Fork Bridge at Macan to the new settlement leading towards L. Hunter's	10 0 0
For the road from Horton's in Remsheg to Dewar's Bridge, towards Tatamagoushe	15 0 0
For the road from Fox Harbour on the Gulf Shore to Tuttle's, Remsheg	10 0 0
For the road from A. Fountain's in Westchester, to Carr's in Londonderry	10 0 0
For the new road leading from Macan Settlement near Furlong's towards Oman Lewis's, including a Bridge over Macan River, in addition to the sum granted last year	10 0 0
For the road from Fox Harbour towards Amherst	10 0 0
For the road from Fox Harbour to the Gulf Shore Settlement	10 0 0
For the road from the Forks of Macan to the main Post Road near William Chapman's	10 0 0
For the Bridge over the River Hobert near Brine Shipley's, in addition to the sum granted last year	45 0 0
For the road from John Morse's at River Philip to the main Post Road, near Black River Bridge	5 0 0
For the Leicester road from the Post road to the River Philip	25 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants to open and improve the road from Goose River to the Leicester road, and thence to River Philip, five pounds of said sum to be expended from Leicester road to River Philip	15 0 0
From Sutherland's, on the Cumberland Mountain, to Murry's in Portpique	10 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants of Remsheg to erect a Bridge over Remsheg River, near John Rindros's, in addition to the sum of £150, subscribed by the Inhabitants	45 0 0

Resolved, that the sum of L.520, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Hants, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road from Petite to Tenecape	£12 0 0
For the road from Salter's to Petite	20 0 0
For the road from Cambridge to Petite Bridge	15 0 0
To alter and improve the road from Hambly's to Moses Greno's	12 0 0
For the road from Shiverce to Cambridge	8 0 0
For the road from Cambridge, by Scott's, to Salter's Road	6 0 0
For the road from D. Gorman's at Glensbrook to the Douglass road	8 0 0
From Taggart's to Wm. McPhee's	8 0 0
From Wm. McPhee's to Shubenaccadie	8 0 0
From Evan McPhee's to Tremain's by the way of Ballanan	18 0 0
From Kilcup's to Hall's	12 0 0
To open and continue the road from Carver's, on the Campbell Grant, to Shubenaccadie	10 0 0
For the road from Nine Mile river road, to the County line, on the west side of the Grand Lake	5 0 0
For the road from Peter Grant's to Wardrobe's	8 0 0
For the road from Five-mile River to Wardrobe's	20 0 0
For the new road from Noel road on the back-tier of Lots towards Petite	6 0 0
For the road from Tenecape to Noel	10 0 0
For the road from Noel to Shubenaccadie	16 0 0
For the road from James Mosher's to Noel road	16 0 0
For the road from the mouth of Noel road to Shubenaccadie	8 0 0
For the road from the Base-line of Kenticook lots to the Noel Road	4 0 0
For the road from James M'Donald's towards Wright's	8 0 0
For the road and Bridge at Tom-Cod	5 0 0
From John Dimock's to Glensbrook	15 0 0
For the road from Stephens's, by the line of the Glebe lot, to the School House near Cole's	10 0 0
For the road from Cole's to Isaac Whitear's	8 0 0
For the road from Beaver Bank to the Windsor Road on the County line	4 0 0
For the road from Wilson's to Jacob Withrow's, including the Bridge	10 0 0
For the road from Meek's to Thompson's	10 0 0
For the road from Bond's Mill towards Best's	6 0 0
For the road from Isaac Whitear's to Taggart's	10 0 0
For the road from the Douglas line to Pitch-pine Point, including the Bridges	10 0 0
From Kentecook Bridge to the Cockmagun Bridge, including Cockmagun Bridge	16 0 0
From John Cockran's to Archibald Wier's	15 0 0
From Archibald Wier's to John Dimock's	10 0 0
From Simon Ward's towards John Lockhart's on the new Road	10 0 0
From Caravan's to Arnold Shaw's	5 0 0

From George Mosher's to Felix Cochran's	£8 0 0
From Trevor's to Felix Cochran's	8 0 0
From Hugh Smith's to Richard Anthony's	10 0 0
For the road from Proctor's to the new Panuke settlement	10 0 0
For the road on western Ardoise, coming from Wallace's line to Shey's Lot	15 0 0
For Chester road, from Rocky point to Hemlock Hill	15 0 0
For the road from Panuke Bridge towards Bordain's	7 0 0
For the Cannable Bridge leading to Falmouth	10 0 0
For the Shore road from Mount Denson bridge, to the Township line	8 0 0
For the Causeway, at Half-way River in Falmouth	22 0 0
For the Back-road, from the old Horton Road to Jesse's	10 0 0
From Jesse's to the upper Settlement, at the Fork's Bridge	8 0 0
For Fork's Bridge	7 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of **L.520**, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in King's County, be applied as follows, viz :

For the road past Silas Rand's, by John Worth's to the Annapolis road, and for the Road by John Worth's, to Abner Woodworth's, one half of said sum to be expended on that part of the Road, from Robert J. Lyons's, towards Thornbrook	£12 0 0
For the road from Conder's, to Skinner's Mill, and from said Mill Northerly to the road leading to Aylesford Church, near Clun's	7 10 0
For the road leading to Aylesford Church, from Little Lake, to the West Bounds of Cornwallis, and for the road from John Worth's, to James Spiser's, one half of said sum on each Road	10 0 0
For the road from Little Lake, to Benjamin Rockwell's, Jun, and past Elkana Morton's, to Ahira Calkin's, and for the road from Strong's, to Timothy White's, Five Pounds of said sum to be expended in straightening the road near White's Barn, on the line of Abner Parker's Land	12 10 0
For the road past John H. Chipman's, to Little Lake, and for the road from Samuel Parson's, by Stephen Burgess's, to the road by Benjamin Rockwill, Jun.	9 0 0
For the road leading from the Black Rock road, near Darling's, past the Saw Mill, to the Bay of Fundy	12 10 0
For the road from Benjamin Rockwell's, Jun. by Joshua Sanford's, to the Mashah Mill, and for the road North of Amos Porter's, to Richard Mashah's	9 0 0
For the road near Walter Read's, past Gibson's, Westerly, to Amos Kinsman's	15 0 0
For the road from Randall Hilsley's, to the Bay of Fundy	7 10 0
For the road from Edy Newcomb's, to the Saw Mill, and Hall's Harbour	7 10 0
For the road where Charles Finch formerly lived, to William North's, and for the road from Benjamin Fox's, by Wilmot Osburn's, and for the road past Samuel Rockwell's, towards Jeremiah Porter's	7 10 0
For the road from Black Rock, to the road past Silas Rand's leading to the Annapolis road, by Worth's; fifty Shillings of the said Sum to be expended on the South-end of said road, between the road leading to Silas Rand's, and the road from Little Lake, to Aylesford Church	10 0 0
For the road leading from the main Road, near William Pineo's, Southerly to the Canaan Road	7 10 0
For the road from Baxter's Harbour, by Davison's, to the foot of the Hill, near Harris's	7 5 0
For the road past Lyons's Farm, for the road up the Mountain, by Stephen West's, and for the road past Charles Wood and Timothy Thorpe's, to the road leading to Baxter's Harbour	8 0 0
For the road past Daniel Sanford's, Easterly, to Peter Woodworth's	7 0 0
For the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis	7 10 0
For the two roads from Jonathan Loomer's, to the Bay of Fundy	8 0 0
For the road from Daniel Huntley's, to the Bason at White Waters	8 0 0
For the road leading from the West Bounds of Cornwallis, to Aylesford Church, to be laid out on the East part of said road, to the Ormsby road	10 0 0
For the Morden Road, to the Bay of Fundy	10 0 0
For the road leading Westerly, from the Morden Road, under the Mountain, near Thomas Tupper's	12 10 0
For the the Clermont Road, to the Bay of Fundy	7 10 0
For the Ormsby Road, northerly, in the line of William Parker's, and to extend over the Mountain, to the Bay of Fundy	7 10 0
For the road leading Southerly, near Samuel Parker's, to the Canaan road	10 0 0
For the road leading from the Post road, past Raason's Mills, to the Canaan road	7 10 0
For the road leading from the Post road, by Nichols's Saw Mill, to the Canaan road	8 10 0
For the road from Cumberland, to Ratchford's River, Parrsborough	10 0 0
For the road from Ratchford's River, to Thomas Morris's	10 0 0
For the road from Advocate Harbour, to Sylvanus Knowlton's	7 10 0
For the road from Butitior's, to Cranberry Lake	10 0 0
For the road from Jeffery's, to Macan	5 0 0
For the road from William Dewolf's, to Witton's	7 10 0
For the road from Five Islands, to Macan River	7 10 0
For the road from M'Water's towards Five Islands	7 10 0
To assist the Inhabitants in building a Bridge across Ratchford's River, so called	20 0 0
For the road from Five Islands, over North River Bridge, to the settlement on the Mountain	7 10 0
To assist in re-building Dukerson's Bridge	7 10 0
For the road from the Falmouth Line, by Mount Denson, to the Causeway of the lower Bridge on the Gaspereau River	20 0 0
For the Causeway to said Bridge	15 0 0
For the road north of said bridge to S. Fitch's	12 0 0
For the road from John Armstrong's to the Falmouth Line	12 10 0
For the road up the South Mountain, by Rogers's	10 0 0
For the road from Jacob Benjamin's to New Canaan	10 0 0
For the road from Jonathan Allen's, to Nathan Davison's	10 0 0
For the Nictaur Road, from the Post Road to Patrick Cod's	10 0 0

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For the road from the Nictaur Road to Messrs. Duncanson's Saw Mill	£7 10 0
For the road on Beech Hill, by N. Lord's	10 0 0
For the Sherbrooke Road, from David Casie's to Mr. Condle's	10 0 0
For the road from Daniel Colwell's towards Pittsburgh	6 0 0
For the road from Simon Fitch's to the Post Road	7 10 0
For the road from S. Fitch's to John Caldwell's	10 0 0
For the road by Fuller's Mill	10 0 0
For the road and Bridge by Abner Scovill's	7 10 0
For the road from Mich. Rand's to Beech Hill	5 5 0

Resolved, That the Sum of **L.565**, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows, viz :

From the Woodberry Road to the Ruggles Road that leads under the mountain	£15 0 0
From James Charleton's to the Bay of Fundy	10 10 0
From the Handley Mountain Road to the Gate's Road, Bay Fundy Shore	10 0 0
From the Main Road that leads to Judge Haliburton's farm	12 10 0
From the Stronock Road to the road that leads to Judge Haliburton's Farm	10 0 0
To turn the road at a steep place at Samuel Gate's	10 0 0
From the Dalhousie Road to the road generally called Lahave Road	12 0 0
From Nictaur towards Liverpool	15 0 0
From the General's Bridge Road towards Weeks's Meadow, by way of the Hessian Line	25 0 0
For the new road from Annapolis towards Liverpool, by way of the Harmony Settlement	25 0 0
For the new road from Fleet's, in Clements, to Edsop's, on the General's Bridge Road	20 0 0
For the road on the Canaan Mountain, by Allan Parker's Land	10 0 0
From Bear River Bridge to the Ferry on the east side of Bear River	10 0 0
For the road through the Prote Settlement, on the Dalhousie Road	15 0 0
From the Main Road in Granville to the foot of the mountain, by Daniel Saunders	10 0 0
From the Wilmot Line over the North Mountain, west to the Cross Road at Chute's Cove	10 0 0
From the Chute Cove Road, over the North Mountain, west to the Phinney Cross Road, called the Old Road	10 0 0
From the Chute Cove Road, over the North Mountain, west to the Phinney Cross Road, called the New Road	10 0 0
From the Covert Cross Road, over the North Mountain, west to the farm of Jacob Eaton	10 0 0
From the farm of Jacob Eaton, over the North Mountain, west to the Parker Cross Road	10 0 0
From the Main Road in Granville to Chute's Cove	12 10 0
From the Parker Cross Road, over the North Mountain, west to the M'Kinsy Cross Road, in addition to £10, voted in 1824, and not drawn from the Treasury	10 0 0
For the Lower Road from Bear River Ferry to Mrs. Allison's Mill	30 0 0
For the South Range Road, from Bear River Bridge, including the new road leading to lands belonging to Edward Morgan, and others	10 0 0
For repairing the long Crossway on the North Range Road	20 0 0
For repairing the road from St. Mary's Bay to the North Range, and opening said road to No. 93	11 0 0
For the road from Harris M'Connell's to John M'Connell's Mill	5 0 0
For the road from Beaman's Hill to Broad Cove	15 0 0
For the road from Broad Cove to Alexander Kent's	10 0 0
For the road from Alexander Kent's to Guliver's Hole	10 0 0
For the Main Road from John Small's down the Neck to Seawall	40 0 0
For the road from Trout Cove, down the Neck to Petit Passage	15 0 0
For the road from Scissiboo Falls towards Tusket	30 0 0
For the road in the New Settlement, in rear of Payson's Farm	22 0 0
For the road from Scissiboo Lower Falls to the Upper Falls, south side of River	13 0 0
For assisting in making a road up the bank on each side of Scissiboo River, where the Ferry Boat lands	6 10 0
Cross Road between Colonel Doucett's and J. B. Comos', in Clare	10 0 0
Five other Cross Roads in Clare	35 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of **L.560**, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows, viz.

From the Post Road at Beaver River to the road leading from Yarmouth to Scissabou Falls	£15 0 0
From Ebenezer Corning's to the road from Samuel Hilton's to Yarmouth Line	10 0 0
From Chegogin Bridge to Churchill's Mill	15 0 0
From the head of Chegogin Marsh to Samuel Foot's Cove	10 0 0
From Henry Saunders to the Ohio Road	10 0 0
From Samuel Hilton's to the north Line of Yarmouth	25 0 0
From Jacob Tedford's to Salmon River	20 0 0
From Thomas Willet's to Jacob Vickerie's	20 0 0
From John Kenney's to John Purdy's	15 0 0
From Gaval's Falls to Kempt	12 0 0
From Gaval's Falls to Reynard's	15 0 0
From the Bridge to Robert's Island	15 0 0
From the Parade to Gaval's Falls	15 0 0
For the road near the French Chapel	12 0 0
From the Narrows to Joshua Porter's	15 0 0
From the French Mill to Jonathan Crowell's	15 0 0
From D'Entriment's to Nathan Goodwin's	16 0 0
For Sheroe's Island Bridge	10 0 0
From Barrington to Clyde River	35 0 0
From Joseph Atwood's to Shag Harbour	10 0 0
From John Coffin's to Port Le Four	20 0 0

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From Shelburne Road to the west side Clam Creek	£25 0 0
Between Clyde River and Birch Town	50 0 0
Between Jordan River and Sable River	70 0 0
Between Sable River and Queen's County	20 0 0
On Long Island Road, from Quinlan's towards Robt. M'Kay's	15 0 0
Welch Settlement Road	15 0 0
Between Roseway Bridge and Birch Town	15 0 0
From the south side of Gunning Cove, towards Cape-Negro	20 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.490, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg, be applied as follows, viz.

On the road from Bourgone's Mill towards Sherbrooke	£20 0 0
From Zwicker's Saw Mill to Andrew Rafuses	30 0 0
From Frederick Vienot's to Lahave	10 0 0
From the late Thomas Ernst's to Jennes Vienot's 300 acre Lot, and outwards	20 0 0
From Zwicker's Block House to Esinhauer's N. W. Range	10 0 0
From Esinhauer's to the Town of Lunenburg	20 0 0
From Leonard Jung's to Philip Krouse's	15 0 0
From Philip Krouse's to Rudolf's, Lahave	15 0 0
From Mullock's to Adam Winacht's	15 0 0
From the Landing Place at Lahave to Peter Macky's	15 0 0
From Peter Macky's to John Findle's, New Germany	10 0 0
From William Park's to Rose Bay	5 0 0
From Lahave to Pleasant River	15 0 0
From Lahave Bridge to Frederick Hen's	10 0 0
From Lahave to Conquerall Settlement	15 0 0
From Conquerall to the head of Port Medway	20 0 0
From Krouse's Mills to New Italy, and outwards	20 0 0
From Randal's, Lahave, to the Western Branch, and to complete the bridge	10 0 0
From Meder's Cove to the Town of Lunenburg	15 0 0
From Melchor Zwicker's to Peter Zwicker's, M. Bay	10 0 0
From Lahave Road to Thomas Penny's and George Fancy's, Jun.	10 0 0
From Charles Rudolf's to John Wilkie's	10 0 0
From Pleasant River Road to Chelsea Settlement	15 0 0
From New Germany Road towards the Block House, Minich's Street	10 0 0
From the Creek to the Carrying Place	10 0 0
From the Meeting House at N. W. to Casper Kaulback's	10 0 0
From Chester to Windsor	25 0 0
From Crandall's to Lantze's	10 0 0
From Lantze's to Sherbrooke	40 0 0
From Deep Cove to Halifax Road	10 0 0
From Windsor Road to Middle River	10 0 0
From east side of Lake Lawson to Gate's	10 0 0
From Windsor Road to Collicut's new farm	10 0 0
From Windsor Road to Jacob Millet's new farm	10 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.490, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in Queen's County, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road from Liverpool to Brookfield	£70 0 0
For the road from Brookfield to Pleasant River	20 0 0
For the road from Brookfield to Caledonia	15 0 0
For the road from Middlemase's to Amise's	15 0 0
For the road from Harmony Mill to east bounds of Kempt	20 0 0
For the road from east bounds of Kempt to Annapolis bounds	25 0 0
For the road from the Annapolis Road to Cole's farm	10 0 0
For the road from the Falls to Brown's Mill	20 0 0
For the road from Pleasant Hill to Salmon Island Bridge, and to repair said Bridge	40 0 0
For the road from the Falls to Mill Brook	40 0 0
For the road from Port Jolly to Port Herbert	25 0 0
For the road from M'Clannen's farm to White Point	20 0 0
For the road from White Point Road to Gull Islands	10 0 0
For the road from Cato Ewing's to Western Head	30 0 0
For the road from Beach Meadow Road to Port Medway	25 0 0
For the road from South West Cove to Mill's Village	15 0 0
For the road from Beech Hill to Hunt's Point	15 0 0
For the road from the Shelburne Road to John Hoffman's	10 0 0
For the road from Herring Cove to Blue Berry	30 0 0
For the road from Blue Berry to Pudding Pan	10 0 0
For the road from M'Pherson's, at Port Mutton, to Stewart's, and to repair the Bridge at Stewart's Creek	15 0 0
For the road from the Falls to Hetas's farm	10 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of L.550, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney, be applied as follows, viz.

From Malignant Cove to David Ballentyne's	£15 0 0
From David Ballentyne's to Ogden's Pond	15 0 0

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From Ogden's Pond, to Dorchester	£15	0	0
From the Morris town Lake, to the Gulf Shore	5	0	0
From Ireland's Mill, to Donald McDonald's	5	0	0
From Dorchester Village, to the District line on the Road to St. Mary's by the Salt Springs	\$5	0	0
From George. Irishe's Farm, towards the Ohio Settlement	15	0	0
From Whidden's Corner, towards the North Grant, to finish the alteration through the Rev. Mr. Trotter's Farm	10	0	0
From R. Campbell's, at the North Grant, over the Mountain to the County line	10	0	0
From the Mountain road to the back Settlement of Knoydart, through Blanchard's Grant	10	0	0
From North Grant road to the Gulf Shore, by the Widow M'Eachen's	5	0	0
From Dorchester Village, to the District line on the road to Guysborough	\$0	0	0
From Pomket Cove, past the Chapel on the Shore Road, over Pomket Ferry, Little River, and through Tracadie } to the District line on the road to Milford Haven	15	0	0
From Tracadie River Bridge on the Shore Road through Little Tracadie, to Harbour Buchet	15	0	0
From Harbour Buchet, along the Gut of Canso, to the District line	5	0	0
From the fourth division in the back Settlement of Tracadie towards the Chapel	5	0	0
From St. Andrew's Chapel, to the Town Point Ferry, down the South River and Antigonish Harbour	20	0	0
From St. Andrew's Chapel, to the Forks of Pomket River	5	0	0
From the Pomket Chapel to the Forks of Pomket River	5	0	0
From the Forks of Pomket River to the Guysborough Road, past John M'Donald's, Esq.	5	0	0
From the New Road to Tracadie, up the East Side of the South Branch of Pomket River to the Guysborough } Road	5	0	0
From the Salt Spring, past Pitcher's Farm, to the South River	7	0	0
From Pitcher's Farm, past Malcolm Sutherland's, to Lockwood's Grant on the South River Lake	8	0	0
From the Guysborough Road up the West side of the South River, to the District Line on the Road to Country Harbour	15	0	0
From the Guysborough Road up the East Side of the South River	10	0	0
From Guysborough Church, to the District line on the Antigonish Road	\$0	0	0
From Salmon River to New Harbour	10	0	0
From Torbay, to join the above Road to New Harbour	7	10	0
From Boylston to the Gut of Canso	17	10	0
From Milford Haven to Tracadie	15	0	0
From Manchester Ferry to Thomas Morris's	7	10	0
From Thomas Morris's to Goose Harbour	10	0	0
From Goose Harbour to Sandy Point	17	10	0
From Steep Creek to the District Line above Cape Porcupine	15	0	0
From the lower end of College Lake to open a road towards that from Country Harbour to Antigonish	5	0	0
From the new Bridge at Salmon River Lake to the Main Road near Lawler's	5	0	0
From Maxwell's to Manchester Ferry	10	0	0
For building a bridge at Pirate Cove, Gut of Canso	20	0	0
From Sherbrook to John K. McKeen's	10	0	0
From Sherbrook to Indian Harbour	10	0	0
From Sherbrook to Mary Joseph	10	0	0
From Simon M'Keen's to the District line on the East River Road	10	0	0
From the cross roads, below the Forks at St. Mary's, to the District line towards Antigonish	10	0	0
From the cross roads at Country Harbour to Morris's Mills	10	0	0
From the cross roads at Country Harbour to the head of the South River Lake	10	0	0
From the St. Mary's East River Bridge to the County line on the Road to Musquodoboit	20	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of One Thousand and Eighty Pounds, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape-Breton, be applied in such manner as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor may think fit.

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

Ordered, That the appropriation of the sum of L.5,180 for the service of the Great Roads of the Province, as agreed to by the House on the 15th February instant, be sent to the Council for concurrence.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the several Private Petitions before the House.

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

TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Bill relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, and also,

A Bill to repeal the last Clause of the Act, to prevent the Circulation of Base and Counterfeit Half-pence, and other Copper Coin, and to establish the Current value of English Crowns, half Crowns and Shillings, in this Province, were severally read a second time.

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Resolved,

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

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for establishing and confirming the Boundary Lines of certain Counties and Districts of the Province, as surveyed and defined in pursuance of the Votes of the Legislature*, was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie on the Table.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Resolution passed on the 17th instant, relative to the issuing new Treasury Notes, and for cancelling those now in circulation, be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Cranberry Island Light House, and also the subject matter of Light-Houses generally throughout the Province, were referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows:

That the Committee proceeded to consider the several subjects to them referred; also, the several Petitions connected with Light-Houses, and they have examined many persons thereon.

That the establishment at Cranberry Island, has been in operation for many years:—The annual expence is L.400, a year,—the only sums paid into the Provincial Treasury during the period, have been about 300 or L.400. The result has been, that Ships, Foreign, Domestic and European, passing through the Gut of Canso, have been much harassed, and the Masters being unprovided with Money have been frequently forced to give Orders on individuals, many of which remain unpaid. In some instances the Collector at the Gut of Canso has taken from the vessels their apparel—the expenses of collection swallow up every thing—little or nothing goes to the general fund—consequently the Committee strongly recommend the adoption of the plan as suggested by Major-General Douglas and Colonel Ready. The Committee find their statements correct, and advise that annual payments should be solicited from the Governments of the Canadas, New-Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, commensurate with the sums levied on the Trade of these respective Colonies. The adoption of this system will be more productive than the present. They recommend that other Vessels should not be forced to pay any Light-Duty until they arrive at their respective Ports of destination in the Colony.

The Committee have turned their attention to the Petition from the Inhabitants of Lunenburg, seeking the establishment of a Light, on Cross Island. The Petitioners have strong claims to favorable consideration—they possess an increasing Trade, and contribute largely to the Revenue. A Light on Cross Island would be of great service to all Coasters—in addition, Vessels from Europe frequently make the Land in this direction. The Committee therefore most earnestly recommend the prayer of the Petition. According to the Law now in operation, Vessels belonging to the Province pay four pence, all others six pence per Ton. The Committee find that much prejudice exists towards the Light-House Establishment from this distinction;—they recommend that all British Vessels should pay four pence, and that the same should remain at six pence for all Foreign Vessels.

There are two points to which the Committee have turned their most serious attention:—the one an establishment of a Light-House on Mauger's Beach:—the other a similar Establishment on the Island of St. Paul's. On these subjects they have had before them Captain Stewart, the Naval Commander at present in the Harbour; also many other Naval Gentlemen and other Persons. From the information they have obtained from these Gentlemen, more particularly from Captain Stewart, they most strongly advise that a Light-House should be placed on Mauger's Beach:—they are satisfied that if a Light were placed there the Harbour of Halifax would be as easily made at night as in the day time. On making the outer Light, it is notorious that Vessels run for it generally, in thick weather, either to the eastward or southward. Should it be their misfortune to make it at night, they cannot venture in because there is no inner Light; consequently they are forced to stand off, and when the weather clears up from the northward, they have to beat off and on frequently for days together—the establishment of this Light would render the Harbour safe. Gentlemen residing on the Shores from experience recommend the measure,—care should be taken if a building be erected that it be made with two horizontal Lights; or if with one, the colour should be of a light yellow or red, in order that no mistake should occur from lights on

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George's Island or the Town shewing over the low Beach. To the Note of Captain Stewart they call the attention of the House—that Officer evinces great knowledge of, and anxiety for, every thing connected with the establishing Lights upon our Coast.

In the establishment of a Light on St. Paul's all agree. The melancholy details of misery which every spring and autumn bring to notice, from shipwreck, too strongly bespeak the hitherto neglect of this desirable measure. The Committee report the position of the Island to be such that if a Light were placed there it would be a sure guide to the Trade passing through the Gulf to Canada, and to Newfoundland, New-Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The Committee here beg leave to notice that the Light-House establishments in Nova-Scotia support Six Lights, at the great expense of L.2,000 per annum, while New-Brunswick has but one, and Prince Edward Island none. The Committee notice the expediency of a Light-House on one of the Seal Islands, at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy; it would be highly desirable, and, from the contribution which New-Brunswick would make, it would in all probability be erected and upheld at little expense to Nova-Scotia.

As the subject matter of this Report will in all probability lead to a communication with the Executive Governments of the adjoining Colonies, the Committee would suggest the propriety of their being called on to contribute towards the support of the Isle of Sable Establishment—that Institution has hitherto, for twenty-five years past, been supported altogether by the Provincial Government of Nova-Scotia, while the adjoining Colonies have yearly experienced and felt the benefits resulting therefrom, without contributing a Shilling.

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

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Boundary Lines of the Counties of the Province, and of remuneration to the Surveyor-General, and also the several Papers accompanying the same, were referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined the Accounts of Expenditure in performing that work, as rendered by the Surveyor-General, amounting to L.938 17 3, leaving a balance thereon unexpended of the Votes of the years 1821, 1822 and 1824, of L.61 2 9.

That, in referring to the Papers and a Plan of the Surveys submitted to the Committee, they find that the Lines of Queen's County, the Counties of Lunenburg, Hants, King's County (except Parrsborough) Sydney, and the District of Halifax (Proper) have been run, surveyed, and cut open four feet wide in the Woods, with the proper Marks and Boundaries affixed.

That the Committee submit the propriety of a further Grant of Money from the House, to enable His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to direct the Surveys and Boundary Lines of the remaining Counties and Districts to be made and ascertained, and beg leave to recommend that when the whole are completed, the said Lines and Boundaries of the several Counties and Districts of the Province, should be established and confirmed by an Act of the Legislature. And the Committee beg leave further to recommend, that a fair and equitable remuneration should be given to the Surveyor-General, for his services and superintendance in the performance of the aforesaid Surveys, agreeably to the Message of His Excellency.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of Private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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The Petition of William Campbell, and others, and also the Petition of Patrick Condon, were severally read, and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be dismissed.

The Petition of J. G. A. Creighton; the Petition of John Van Beuren, and others; the Petition of James Gates, and others; the Petition of Francis Parker, and others; the Petition of W. C. Moore, and others; the Petition of Bryant Rogers, and others; the Petition of James Carmichael, and others; the Petition of D. M. Farlane, and others; the Petition of Joseph Crane, and others; the Petition of John Allison and John Miller; the Petition of Thomas Haliburton, and others, and the Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, were severally read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of Angus McDonald; the Petition of Joseph Dimock; the Petition of William Bent, and others; the Petition of Abel Benjamin; the Petition of Dowie Ditmars, and others, and the Petition of Richard U. Marsters, were severally read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should severally be referred to a select Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the same, respectively, and reporting thereon to the House.

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

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

Ordered, That the Petition of Angus McDonald, be referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. T. Dickson, and Mr. Morse, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Joseph Dimock, be referred to Mr. Church, Mr. Pool, and Mr. O'Brien, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of William Bent and others, be referred to Mr. W. H. Roach, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. R. Dickson, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Abel Benjamin, be referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. T. Dickson, and Mr. Morse, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Dowie Ditmars and others be referred to Mr. Young, Mr. Ruggles, and Mr. Robertson, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Richard U. Marsters be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Fleming, and Mr. B. Dewolf, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter received by him, from the Secretary of the Province, transmitting, by Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a Report and Plan from George Chipman, Esq. to His Excellency, relative to a Water Communication, from the Gaspereau River to Lehave River.

The said Letter and Report were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Lawson reported from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the General State of the Province, that they had held that Conference. That the Committee of the Council stated to the Committee of the House, that they had laid before the Council, the several Petitions of sundry Persons, referred to the Committee of this House (to be used in the Conference) as also, other Papers relative to the new Trade Acts. That the Council had given them every consideration, and have come to a determination not to interfere with those Acts until the expiration of one year; thereby giving time to discover what inconvenience may arise by their operation.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter received by him, from the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, one of the Masters of the Court of Chancery, transmitting, by Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Dockets of the several Solicitors in Chancery of Causes pending in that Court; for the information of the House.

The said Letter and Papers were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

Mr. Uniacke pursuant to leave given, presented to the House, the undermentioned Petitions, received by him this day from his Constituents at Cape-Breton, viz:

A Petition of William M'Lean, and others, of Broad Cove, and the same was read, praying an aid for Roads.

A Petition of Nathaniel Clough, and others, of the Western District of Cape-Breton, and the same was read, praying aid for Roads.

A Petition of Henry Taylor, and others, of Margeree, the same was read, praying aid for Roads.

A Petition of Allan M'Donald, and others, of S. W. Branch of Margeree River, and the same was read, praying aid for Roads.

A Petition of Patrick Morrison, and others, of Marbou, and the same was read, praying aid for Roads.

A Petition of Alexander M'Eachen, and others, of the Western District of Cape-Breton, praying aid for Roads.

A Petition of the Magistrates, and others, Inhabitants of the Upper District of the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. T. Dickson, and read, praying aid for a new line of public Road between the Village of Antigonishe and Cape Porcupine, at the Gut of Canso.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province.

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

WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Fraser, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in addition to an Act, entitled, An Act directing the Guardianship of Minors, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Albro, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to thirteen Resolutions of this House, for specifically applying the Sum of Twelve Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province, for the present year.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution of the House, relative to the issuing of Treasury Notes.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Uniacke, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, for opening the Shubenacadie Navigation.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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The Orders of the Day were read, and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of Private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The Petition of Thomas Brady, and others ; the Petition of Samuel Mack, and others ; the Petition of David Campbell, and others ; the Petition of William Cogswell, and others ; the Petition of Caleb H. Rand, and others, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of Hugh Graham, and others ; the Petition of Cuthbert Vaux ; the Petition of the Committee of the Acadian School ; the Petition of Joanna M'Kay ; and the Petition of William Hague, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should severally be referred to a select Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the same respectively, and reporting thereon to the House.

The Petition of Joseph Richardson, Senr. ; the Petition of Richard King and John King ; the Petition of Edward Lippincut, and James Farnham ; the Petition of Garret De Courcey ; and the Petition of Donald M'Kennon, were severally read and considered ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be dismissed.

The Petition of Thomas Lydiard, and others ; the Petition of William Brown ; the Petition of Joseph Austen, and others ; the Petition of Alexander Mitchell ; the Petition of John Ferguson ; the Petition of James Irwine, and others ; the Petition of John Tremain ; the Petition of James Scott, and others ; the Petition of William A. and S. Black ; the Petition of Peter Smith, and others ; and also, the Petition of Samuel Storey, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be referred to a Select Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the same respectively, and reporting thereon to the House.

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

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

Ordered, That the Petition of Hugh Graham, and others, be referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. T. Dickson and Mr. Morse, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Cuthbert Vaux, be referred to Mr. Ruggles, Mr. James and Mr. Flemming, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Committee of the Acadian School be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Smith, agreeably to the resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Joanna M'Kay, be referred to Mr. T. Roach, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Smith, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of William Hague be referred to Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Albro and Mr. Wier, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Thomas Lydiard, and others, and also the several other Petitions referred to in the last Resolution of the Committee of the whole House, be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Young, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Uniacke ; and that they do examine into the merits of the same respectively, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province. Then

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

THURSDAY, 2d MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the Conference, as desired by this House, on the subject matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

The Order of the Day was read,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Saturday next, the 4th instant, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province.

A Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; also,

A Bill in addition to an Act, entitled, An Act directing the Guardianship of Minors, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter received by him from Mr. Cogswell, Registrar of the Court of Chancery, transmitting, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a Statement of the Causes on the Docket of the said Court, for the information of the House.

The said Letter and Statement were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for abolishing Religious Distinctions, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, passed on the 17th February last, relative to the Issuing of Treasury Notes.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, that this House will provide for the Issuing of new Treasury Notes, and for cancelling those now in circulation, under such regulations as that there shall not be kept in circulation, at any one time, more than Forty Thousand Pounds.

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

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee to whom the Papers relative to the Post Communication; and also, the Account of John Howe & Son, for extra printing, were referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

Ordered, That the Report and Accounts be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House relative to the Issuing of Treasury Notes.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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Mr. Smith reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of John V. Greenwood was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table where it was read.

Ordered, That the Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Church reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Joseph Dimock was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

Ordered, That the Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee to whom the Account for expenses incurred for prosecuting Forgers of Provincial Notes at Boston, and also the several other Accounts accompanying the same, were referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the amount of the Account No. 1, amounting to L.174 10 6. was paid for expenses incurred under a Resolution of the Council and House of Assembly, in the prosecution of the Forgeries of Province Notes at Boston : in the above sum there is charged by the Deputy-Secretary of the Province L.11 13 4, for attaching the Great Seal to the Papers sent by Mr. Foreman ; with this exception, the charges in the Account appear to be correct and moderate.

The Account No. 2, amounting to L.44 18 1, was paid for Seed Potatoes and Indian Meal, furnished, by the advice of His Majesty's Council, for the Inhabitants of Tracadie, in consequence of the failure of the Crops last year. The relief thus afforded appears to have been faithfully and judiciously applied.

In the Account No. 3, amounting to L.538 19 6, for monies expended on the road from Fultz's to Thompson's, on the Windsor Road, there is charged by the Commissioner, John Munro, (besides his Commissions L.25 13 0, and his own charge for overseeing 37 days at 5s—L.9 5 0) for additional Overseers 118 and a half days at 5s. per day, amounting to L.29 12 6—for Rum L.3 8 0—for repairing Tools L.39 10 0—for Logs and Layers L.21 19 11 ; so that out of the amount charged in the Commissioner's Account, amounting to L.538 19 6, there has only been expended in actual labour L.396 11 1, and the Balance L.142 8 5, is for Commissions, Overseers, Tools and Timber.

On comparing Mr. Munro's Accounts with the Accounts of the Commissioners of Streets who expended money on the Kempt Road, under a grant of the Legislature, the Committee find, generally, one half more charged by Mr. Munro for labour and the hire of Horses and Carts, than the Commissioners' Charges, and by Mr. Munro's Accounts it appears, while at work on the Windsor Road, he employed, the first two weeks, 62 men—second two weeks, 72 men—and the last two weeks, 63 men ; and the Committee find, besides the above expenditure for extra work, without a Legislative Grant, that Mr. Munro has superintended and expended on the great and other roads, last year L.1,115, contrary to Law.

The Accounts No. 4, amounting to L.127 6 5, for securing the St. Croix Bridge, and the Account No. 5, amounting to L.126 8, for expenses incurred in completing the Avon Bridge, appear to be correctly stated, and the monies paid as stated in the recommendation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Report do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for carrying into effect the Resolution of the House relative to the issuing of new Treasury Notes.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Hartshorne, be a Committee accordingly.

Mr. Uniacke moved that this House do, on Saturday next, take into consideration that part of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, which relates to the renewal of the Charter of the Provincial Agricultural Society : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen ; against it, twelve. So it passed in the affirmative ; and thereupon, *Resolved*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Saturday next, take into consideration the subject of the Provincial Agricultural Society.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved*, That the Secretary of the Central Board of Agriculture do lay on the Table of this House, a list of all the Agricultural Societies now in operation throughout the Province, together with a statement of the different sums of Money paid to these Societies since the formation of the Central Board, for premiums or other purposes.

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to the Laws of the Province and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Fairbanks, reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution passed on Monday last, on the subject of His Excellency's Message relative to the Shubenacadie Navigation, that the Committee had accordingly waited upon, and delivered to His Excellency the said Resolution, and that His Excellency was pleased to express his satisfaction of the proceedings of the House thereon.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Message, on the subject of the Cranberry Island Light-House; and also, of the Report of the Committee of this House, relative to the said Message, and the general establishment of Light-Houses throughout the Province, and the said Message and Report having been read by the Clerk, and considered by the House, thereupon,

Resolved, (That this House will contribute rateably with the Governments of Canada, New-Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, towards establishing and supporting a Light-House on the Island of St. Paul; also with the Government of New-Brunswick for establishing and supporting a Light-House on one of the Seal Islands at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy.)

Resolved, That this House will make provision for the erection and support of a Light-House on Mauger's Beach, in the Harbour of Halifax.

Resolved, That this House will contribute to the erection and support of a Light-House on Cross Island, near the Harbour of Lunenburg.

Resolved, That this House deem it expedient to discontinue the Collection of Light-Duties in the Gut of Canso, for the Cranberry Island Light-House for the present year.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to bring under the notice of the Executive Governments of Lower-Canada, New-Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the Resolutions of this House on the subject of Light-Houses, in which those Governments are interested; and also the propriety of their contributing towards the support of the Establishment on the Isle of Sable, which has hitherto, for twenty-five years, been upheld by the liberality of the Government of Nova-Scotia.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Smith and Mr. Roach, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

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

FRIDAY, 3d MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Richard U. Marsters was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee find all the facts therein stated to be true,—that he is a native of the Colony, possessing much strong scientific talent, which, from the little knowledge he has had, has been brought into operation with credit to himself. The Committee, turned their attention to the branch of science the Petitioner is interested in; from enquiry, and the perusal of Letters from Gentlemen of the Navy, they find his Chronometers highly spoken of, as having a superiority over others, from the temperament he has given them, in bearing the extremes of heat and cold,

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and the Petitioner went to England at great expense to improve himself. The Committee therefore strongly recommend that the Petition should be referred to the Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition and Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expenditure of the several sums of money granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, in the last Session of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That Mr. Smith, Mr. T. Roach, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Ruggles and Mr. Church, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. W. H. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of William Bent, and others, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have considered the subject matter of the Petition, and recommend to the House that leave be given for bringing in a Bill to authorise the making the Bridge at Bridge-town, in the County of Annapolis, a Draw Bridge ; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. W. H. Roach have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be requested to take immediate steps to recover the Light-Duties received by the Collector of Light-Duties in the Gut of Canso.

A Bill for abolishing Religious Distinctions ; and also,

A Bill relating to the Laws of the Province, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of the Trustees of the Acadian School, and the Petition of Joanna M'Kay were referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows

That the Committee have examined several of the Trustees of the Acadian School, and find the statement made by the Petitioners to be true, that they have had no Legislative aid for two and years ; and that the Trustees have been obliged to close this most useful Institution for want of funds. The Committee therefore recommend to the House to grant to the Petitioners the sum of L.350, to enable them to discharge the debts due by the Institution, which sum includes the claim made by Mrs. M'Kay.

Ordered, That the Petitions and Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in addition to an Act, entitled, An Act directing the Guardianship of Minors ; and also, the Bill to repeal the last Clause of the Act to prevent the Circulation of Base and Counterfeit Half-pence, and other Copper Coin, and to establish the Current value of English Crowns, half Crowns and Shillings, in this Province ; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House, without any amendment. That the Committee recommend that the Bill relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges ; also, the Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places ; and also, a Bill in alteration of the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, should severally be referred to a select Committee, to be appointed by the House, to examine into the merits of the same respectively, and report thereon. That the Committee have deferred the consideration of the Bill relating to the Laws of the Province to this day three months : and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill relating to the Laws of the Province, be not received by the House : which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. T. Dickson moved that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill in alteration of the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, sixteen; against it, sixteen: so Mr. Speaker gave his Casting Vote against the motion.

Ordered, That the Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places, be referred to Mr. Fraser, Mr. Albro and Mr. Smith, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Bill relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, be referred to Mr. T. Roach, Mr. Poole, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Church and Mr. Chipman, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Bill in alteration of the Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, be referred to Mr. Gesner, Mr. James, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. T. Roach and Mr. Smith, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Bills reported by the Committee without amendment be engrossed.

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

SATURDAY, 4th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that the Resolution of this House, relative to the Agency of the Province, passed on the 23d day of February last, be sent to His Majesty's Council.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act, entitled, An Act directing the Guardianship of Minors, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act, in addition to and in amendment of an Act, made and passed in the thirty-second year of His late Majesty King George the Second, directing the Guardianship of Minors.

An engrossed Bill to repeal the last Clause of the Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Halfpence, and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half Crowns and Shillings, in this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the title be, An Act to repeal the last clause of the Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Halfpence and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half Crowns, and Shillings, in this Province.

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

Mr. Ruggles reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Cuthbert Vaux was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have made enquiry into the Claim of the Petitioner, and find that the sum of L.64 11, for Duties, has been paid by him as stated in the Petition, and the Committee have procured the Certificate of the Collector of His Majesty's Customs to that effect upon the Petition, and the Committee therefore recommend the prayer of the Petition to the favorable consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the Petition and Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Hartshorne reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of William Hague was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows:

That the Committee have taken the subject matter of the Petition into consideration, and agreed that the Chairman do ask leave of the House to bring in a Bill to carry the prayer of the Petition into effect; and thereupon leave was given accordingly, and

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Mr. Hartshorne, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to secure to William Hague and his Assigns, for a definite period, the exclusive use of the Cast Metal Patent Machine or Weigh Bridge, for the purpose of public weighing in the Town of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of the Vice-President and Directors of the Provincial Agricultural Society, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying for a renewal of the Charter of that Society.

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

The Orders of the Day were read, and thereupon,

On motion, that part of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which relates to the renewal of the Charter of the Provincial Agricultural Society; and also, the Petition of the Vice-President and Directors of the said Society, were severally read, and the House having taken the same into consideration, thereupon,

Mr. Young moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz.

Resolved, That it is expedient to renew the Charter of the Provincial Agricultural Society for seven years longer, under such modifications as the House may afterwards adopt: which being seconded,

Mr. Uniacke moved an amendment to the motion, as follows, viz.—Leave out all the words after the word “Resolved,” and insert in place thereof, the following words—That this House deem it inexpedient to renew the Charter of the Provincial Agricultural Society: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, Nineteen; against it, Twelve:

For the Amendment,		Against the Amendment.	
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Church.	Mr. Shey,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Heckman,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. James,
Mr. Albro,	Mr. W. H. Roach,	Mr. R. Dickson,	Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. T. Roach,	Mr. Wells,	Mr. Wier,	Mr. Dennison.
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. B. Dewolf,	
Mr. Fairbanks,	Mr. T. Dickson,	Mr. O'Brien,	
Mr. Uniacke,	Mr. Sargent,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	
Mr. Gesner,	Mr. Flemming,	Mr. Bishop,	
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Ruggles,		
Mr. Lawson,			

So it passed in the affirmative.

The Resolution, as amended, was then, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province.

Resolved, that this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the subject of Ways and Means.

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

MONDAY, 6th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, was referred, that the Committee had carefully examined the said Bill, and agreed to report the same to the House, with several amendments, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered them, together with the Bill, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendments, be committed to the Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Bills.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee to whom the Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, was referred, that the Committee had carefully examined

amined the said Bill, and that they had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Bills.

Mr. Fraser reported further from the said Committee, and, pursuant to leave given, presented A Bill to repeal certain Acts relating to Streets and Highways, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the last clause of the Act to prevent the circulation of Base and Counterfeit Halfpence and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half Crowns and Shillings in this Province; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act, made and passed in the thirty-second year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act directing the Guardianship of Minors, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Light-Houses, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

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

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY CONVENEED:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

THE House of Assembly have considered the Message of your Excellency which recommended to their consideration Copies of Letters from Sir Howard Douglas, the Lieutenant-Governor of New-Brunswick, respecting the inconveniencies experienced by Vessels belonging to, or trading with, that Province, from the mode in which they are made to contribute towards the support of the Light-House on Cranberry Island; also the copy of a Letter from Colonel Ready, the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, with a Petition addressed to him upon the same subject, and have resolved to discontinue the collection of Light-Duties in the Gut of Canso, for one year, for the reasons offered in a Report of a Committee of the House, to which they beg leave to call your Excellency's attention. The House have also resolved, that they will contribute rateably with the Governments of Lower Canada, New-Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, towards establishing and supporting a Light-House on the Island of St. Paul; also with the Government of New-Brunswick, for establishing and supporting a Light-House on one of the Seal Islands, at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy.

The House also request that your Excellency will be pleased to bring under the notice of the Executive Governments of Lower Canada, New-Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the accompanying Resolutions, which this House have adopted, on the subject of the Light-Houses, in which those Governments are interested, and the propriety of their contributing towards the support of the Establishment on Cranberry Island, and also the Island of Sable, which has hitherto, for twenty-five years past, been upheld by the liberality of the Government of Nova Scotia.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by a Committee of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Smith, Mr. T. Roach, Mr. Young, Mr. J. R. Dewolf and Mr. Crowell, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

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On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to facilitate the establishment of Banks for Savings, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of David Smith, and others, Inhabitants of Lake Ainslie and Black River, in the Island of Cape-Breton, and the same was read, praying aid for a road; also,

A Petition of Angus McDonald, and others, Inhabitants of Lake Ainslie, in Cape-Breton, and the same was read, praying aid for a road.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Orders of the Day were read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the subject of Ways and Means.

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

TUESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to repeal certain Acts relating to Streets and Highways; also,

A Bill to secure to William Hague and his Assigns, for a definite period, the exclusive use of the Cast Metal Patent Machine or Weigh Bridge, for the purpose of public weighing in the Town of Halifax; and also,

A Bill to facilitate the establishment of Banks for Savings, were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of John Merkle, Sen. and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the North Division of the Peninsula of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson and read, praying that a Bill to convey to Jacob Shaffroth part of an old Road or Highway on said Peninsula, now before the House, may not pass.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that the same be again read when the Bill referred to therein is read a second time.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to present an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Light-Houses, that the Committee had accordingly waited upon, and delivered to, His Excellency the said Address, and that His Excellency was pleased to express his approval of the comprehensive view which the House had taken of the Light House Establishment.

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His Excellency also stated that he had himself, while in England, brought before His Majesty's Government the propriety of contributing towards the Establishment on Sable Island, and had given his own ideas upon the subject, in a correspondence with His Majesty's Minister, and that he entertained strong hopes that the result would be favorable to the subject the House had considered.

Mr. W. H. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for founding an Academy at Annapolis Royal, in this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, was read a third time; and there upon,

Mr. Poole moved that the word "four" between the word "forfeit" and the word "Shillings," in the last line of the second section of the said Bill, be struck out, and that the word three be inserted in place thereof: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen; against it, thirteen. So it passed in the affirmative, and the Bill was amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for Abolishing Religious Distinctions, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House, without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places; and also the Bill to provide for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery, and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill, reported without amendment, be engrossed.

The Orders of the Day were read; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration the subject of the Fisheries of the Province.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the subject of Ways and Means.

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

WEDNESDAY, 8th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill on the subject of Issuing Treasury Notes, and accordingly presented

A Bill to authorize the further Issuing of Treasury Notes, and cancelling those now in circulation, and the same was read a second time.

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Mr. W. H. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to allow of the Bridge at Bridgetown in the County of Annapolis, being made a Draw Bridge, and the same was read a first time.
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Hartsborne moved that an enacting Clause, as a Rider, be added to the said Bill, in the words following, viz.

And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Master of the Rolls to hold, possess or enjoy, any other Post, Place, Appointment or Situation, whatever, of profit or emolument, except that of a Member of His Majesty's Council of this Province: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, Eighteen:

For the Motion:

Mr. Young,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Hartsborne,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Crowell,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. James,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Bishop.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. T. Roach moved the Bill do now pass: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty; against it, eight:

For the Motion:

Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. James,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. T. Dickson,

Mr. Wells,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Sargent,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Poole,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Hartsborne,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Church,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. W. H. Roach.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery.

An engrossed Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved that an enacting Clause, as a Rider, be added to the said Bill, in the words following, viz.

And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners to call on any Person or Persons residing within the Town of Halifax, owning and improving Lands on the Peninsula of Halifax, to pay or contribute in labour or otherwise to any Street or Lane within the Town of Halifax: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Seven; against it, Fifteen. So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the title be, An Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

An engrossed Bill for Abolishing Religious Distinctions, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for Abolishing Religious Distinctions.

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

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

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, that the sum granted in the last Session of the Legislature, to open a Road round the Ardoise Hills, remains unexpended, as the Commissioner whom it is intended to employ on that service, has not been able to commence the undertaking; he having been engaged during the last Summer and Autumn, in finishing the new Road from Fultz's, through the Valley to Thompson's, on the Windsor Road.

The opening of the first mentioned Road, will, however, be proceeded with as soon as possible: and as His Excellency considers it highly desirable, both for the convenience of the Public, and for the proper and economical execution of the work, that it should be completed in the ensuing Season, His Excellency recommends the Assembly to make such an additional grant, as shall be necessary for that purpose.

His Excellency also informs the Assembly, that the sum which they voted in the last Session, to make a Road through Middle Musquodoboit to St. Mary's, has been judiciously expended in opening the same,—and as that Road, when completed, will form a most useful line of Communication, His Excellency trusts that the Assembly will make a further provision for carrying it on.

His Excellency has observed in the Journals of the Assembly, that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, has been granted in the present Session, to finish the Road from Dartmouth to Fletcher's Bridge.

This Road would have been of considerable utility even if it were not intended to open the Shubenaccadie Canal; but, as it is probable that that undertaking will soon be commenced, the completion of the Road in question has become an object of great importance; and the sum voted for that purpose, having been represented to His Excellency by the Committee of Management for opening the Canal, as inadequate, in as much as there are still four miles of the Road to be cut out, and a Bridge of considerable extent to be built, His Excellency submits to the Assembly the expediency of increasing that Grant.

His Excellency has further to remark, that in his opinion, an alteration of the Main Road, in the Township of Horton, so as to avoid the steep Hill on the Western side of the Gaspereau Bridge, would be attended with many advantages; and he therefore recommends the accompanying Letter and Plan, which have been received from Mr. Elder, a Road Commissioner, on this subject, to the consideration of the Assembly.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by Command of His Excellency, the Letter and Plan, referred to in the foregoing Message.

The said Letter was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the several Papers undermentioned, received by him, from the Secretary of the Province, and recommended to the favorable consideration of the House, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, viz:

A Petition of the Magistrates, and others, resident in and near Sydney, in Cape-Breton, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Grammar School there; and also,

An Abstract and Vouchers for articles furnished, and Medicines and attendance administered, for the maintenance and support of sundry poor and distressed shipwrecked Mariners, at Cheticamp and Cape St. Lawrence, in the Island of Cape-Breton, in the year 1824; amounting to L. 93 11.

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

A Petition of Christian Müller, and others, Inhabitants of Half Cove, in the Township of Guysborough, County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying aid for the establishment of a School, for the education of Poor Children, in that Settlement.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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The Orders of the Day were read ; and thereupon,

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the subject of the Fisheries of the Province ; and thereupon,

Mr. Hartshorne moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That it is expedient to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on Salt, supplied for the Fisheries : which, being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved an amendment to the motion, as follows :

Leave out all the words after the word " Resolution," and insert in place thereof the words following, viz.—That it is expedient to encourage the Fisheries of this Province by granting a Bounty of per Quintal, on all sound and well cured Codfish, caught and cured by the Inhabitants of this Province, to be paid and applied as shall hereafter be agreed upon by the Legislature which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment eleven ; against it, fifteen. So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution, as moved by Mr. Hartshorne, was then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution, eleven ; against it, fifteen :

For the Motion :

Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. T. Rouch,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Church,

Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Dennison,

Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. James,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Young,

Against the Motion :

Mr. Fraser,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Crowell,

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz.

Resolved, That it is expedient to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by a Bounty, to be paid under such regulations as may be hereafter provided ; which being seconded,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved an amendment to the motion, as follows :—between the word " paid " and the word " under " insert the words " upon the Tonnage of Vessels employed therein " : which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The Resolution, as moved by Mr. Fairbanks, was then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one ; against it, four :

For the Motion :

Mr. Shey,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Church,

Mr. Young,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Uniacke,

Mr. James,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Campbell,

Against the Motion :

Mr. Morse,
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Flemming.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The said Resolution was then, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, consider of Ways and Means.

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

THURSDAY, 9th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to allow of the Bridge at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, being made a Draw-bridge ; also.

A Bill for founding an Academy at Annapolis Royal, in this Province ; also,

A Bill to authorise the further Issuing of Treasury Notes, and cancelling those now in circulation, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom the Bill relating to the Steam-Boat Company

pany was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have given the Bill every consideration, and cannot recommend the Bill to the House; and thereupon,

Mr. T. Roach moved, that the Report be received by the House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen; against it, nine :

For the Motion,

Mr. Young,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. James,
Mr. Crowell
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. J. H. Dewolf,

Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Unacke,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Flemming,

Against the Motion.

Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Lawson.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. T. Roach moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon ; there appeared for the motion, Twenty ; against it, Nine ; So it passed in the affirmative ; and the further consideration of the Bill was deferred accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, without any admenment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for abolishing religious distinctions, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. T. Roach, Mr. Poole, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Church, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Roach reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment made by the Council to the Bill entitled An Act for abolishing religious distinctions, and the same was read a first and second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendment, and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to allow of the Bridge at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, being made a Draw Bridge; and also the Bill to authorize the further Issuing of Treasury Notes, and cancelling those now in circulation, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion *Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, consider of Ways and Means.

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

FRIDAY, 10th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On Motion, *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the Conference held yesterday; and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference. And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. T. Roach reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

An engrossed Bill to allow of the Bridge at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, being made a Drawbridge, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to allow of the Bridge at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, being made a Draw Bridge.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the further issuing of Treasury Notes, and cancelling those now in circulation, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Young moved that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House: which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize the further issuing of Treasury Notes, and cancelling those heretofore issued.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the relief of Roman Catholics; and also a Bill relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill, relating to the Bridge, at Bridge Town, in the County of Annapolis.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. W. H. Roach, Mr. Ruggles and Mr. R. Dickson, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Roach reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

The Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

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

Mr.

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

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that Duties should be imposed to an amount sufficient to raise a Revenue not less than that of the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to adopt in the Revenue Laws a distinction between the produce of the British Empire and of Foreign Countries, in order to render the collection of Duties in this Province correspondent to the late Act of the Imperial Parliament, for regulating the Trade of the Colonies.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that on the articles imported into this Province, but not subject to Duties under the said Imperial Act, the Provincial Duties should be to the same extent at least as those of the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that on the articles subject to Duty under the said Imperial Colonial Act, Duties should be imposed to such amount as will correspond to the Duties under that Act, and to such further sums at the least as the same paid before making such Act.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that in order to facilitate the introduction of the Warehousing System it is expedient to adopt such regulations as will obviate any difficulties that may arise therefrom.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sunk Duty on Articles exported out of the Province should be discontinued, and its amount supplied by adding a Duty of per gallon on Rum.

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

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved that the last Resolution of the Committee be not agreed to by the House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, ten; against it, sixteen.

For the Motion:

Mr. Poole,
 Mr. Uniacke,
 Mr. Church,
 Mr. Wier,
 Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
 Mr. Heckman,
 Mr. James,
 Mr. W. H. Roach.

Mr. Ruggles,
 Mr. Sargent,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Morse,
 Mr. T. Dickson,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Hartshorne,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Young,
 Mr. B. Dewolf,
 Mr. R. Dickson,

Mr. Welle,
 Mr. Shey,
 Mr. T. Roach,
 Mr. Chipman,
 Mr. Fairbanks,
 Mr. Fraser,
 Mr. Lawson,
 Mr. Crowell,

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Fraser, Mr. T. Dickson, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Lawson, do prepare and bring in Bills for carrying into effect the foregoing Resolutions of the Committee of Ways and Means.

A Petition of Clement Hubert, and others, Inhabitants of Arichat, in the County of Cape-Breton, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying aid for a School Establishment at that place.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Thomas Lydiard, and others; and also the several Petitions of other Persons, Manufacturers and Mechanics in the Town of Halifax were referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

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That

That the Committee have carefully examined the Statements of the respective Petitioners, and are entirely satisfied that great losses and injury will result to them generally from the operation of the new Colonial Tariff of Duties unless some provision is made during the present Session for their relief.

That the Committee were proceeding to take minutes of evidence in relation to the Petitioners' allegations, and did obtain some testimony with regard to the Manufacture of Cordage, which they annex, but the late period at which the Session has arrived, precludes that close enquiry which otherwise the Committee were disposed to make into each case submitted to them.

The want of this investigation appears, however, less important in consequence of the very full and explicit manner in which the Petitions are drawn, and the Committee conceive the Statements generally to be entitled to confidence.

That the Committee have prepared in a short Schedule hereunto annexed an Abstract of the Duties and Prices in this Province, in Great-Britain and the United States, attached to the various Articles referred to in the Petitions, and they conceive this Document affords conclusive evidence of the direct and bountiful encouragement given by Great-Britain, and by the American Government, to their domestic Manufactures. And the Committee believe that although this Country cannot for very many years acquire Manufactures of great extent, yet that those which it now possesses being of the first and most useful character, deserve the highest support and protection from the Legislature.

That the Committee have no doubt as to the intention of His Majesty's Government to leave all matters of this nature to the Colonial Assemblies, but they apprehend that full protection to our Manufacturers can only be obtained by a representation to His Majesty's Ministers, for a revisal of the Duties payable on the Raw Material; but in the mean time, and to prevent the suffering which will be entailed on a great number of industrious Labourers and Mechanics who now derive support from the employment afforded by the Petitioners:

The Committee feel themselves compelled to, and do most strongly, recommend that provision be made during the present Session for giving to the Manufacturers relief by a Bounty equal to the Duty paid on the Raw Materials they consume in their respective Works, or by an allowance of Drawbacks equivalent to that duty, so as to place them on an equal footing with their competitors in Great-Britain and the United States.

The Committee also believe that on some Articles it may not be unadvisable for the present year to impose an additional Duty.

That the Committee have refrained from recommending any specific enactments of Bounty, of Drawback or of Duty, because the Articles to which they are applicable may more conveniently be selected by the House in a Committee either of Ways and Means, or on this particular subject, when the claim of each Manufacturer may be discussed. The Committee therefore recommend the case of the Petitioners to the most favorable consideration.

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

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

SATURDAY, 11th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Fraser moved that the House do come to a resolution as followeth, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and respectfully to request that in case he possesses any information relative to any appropriation of the Duties collected under the new Colonial Act, at Halifax, different from the mode in which they are now directed to be paid into the Treasury, His Excellency will be pleased to communicate so much thereof as he may consider it material for this House to receive on that subject: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one; against it, ten:

For

For the Motion:

Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. Poole;
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. James,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Sargent,

Mr. Shey,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Bishop,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Church,

So it passed in the affirmative:

The Resolution was then, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Young, and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery; and also,

A Bill entitled, An Act to allow of the Bridge at Bridge Town in the County of Annapolis, being made a Draw Bridge, severally without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act relating to Ton Timber, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to facilitate the Establishment of Banks for Savings, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution passed this day, relative to the appropriation of the Duties collected under the new Colonial Act, at Halifax, that the Committee had accordingly waited upon and delivered to His Excellency the said Resolution. That His Excellency was pleased to express his readiness to communicate to the House immediately such official information as he had received upon the subject, and that accordingly His Excellency put into his hands three Letters which he delivered to the House, and are as follow, viz.

A Copy of a Letter from the Honorable the Commissioners of the Customs, to the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at Halifax, dated Custom-House, London, 12th December, 1825, relative to the new Custom-House Establishment in Nova-Scotia, and the mode of payment of the fixed Salaries to the Officers.

A Copy of a Letter from the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at Halifax, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, dated 7th February, 1826, transmitting to His Excellency the above mentioned Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners of the Customs.

A Copy of a Letter from Earl Bathurst, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, dated Downing-street, 7th January, 1826, respecting the mode of payment of the Salaries of Officers of the Customs, and the Compensation Allowance to Naval Officers in Nova-Scotia.

The said Letters were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

in session, *resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, the 14th instant, take into consideration the subject matter of the before mentioned Letters.

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

MONDAY, 13th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, to facilitate the Establishment of Banks for Savings, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to facilitate the establishment of Banks for Savings.

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

A Bill, in addition to an Act relating to Ton Timber, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Young reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Dowie Ditmars, and others, of Clements, was referred, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

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

Mr. Young moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the protection of the Herring Fishery, within the Basin of Annapolis, which being seconded and put, leave was granted accordingly.

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Angus McDonald, the Petition of Abel Benjamin, and the Petition of Hugh Graham, and others, were referred, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read.

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Report and the several Petitions, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And the names of the Managers were called over,

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported that the Managers had been at the Conference. That the Committee of His Majesty's Council stated to the Managers, that the Council had received a Communication from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the day before yesterday, informing them of the death of Mr. Atcheson, the late Agent of the Province; that the Council had considered the subject, and had a wish to nominate Andrew Belcher, Esq. of London, and as the House had previously sent to the Council, a Resolution appointing two Agents,—they would concur in the appointment of Mr. Uniacke, jointly with him, if the House thought it necessary to have two.

That the Committee of the Council had also stated to the Managers, that the Council had considered the Petition of the Millers, and were favorable to it, and would willingly concur in any measure the House may adopt for their relief.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to secure to William Hague, and his Assigns, for a definite period, the exclusive use of the Cast Metal Patent Machine, or Weigh Bridge; and also the Bill in addition to the Act relating to Ton Timber, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills, reported without amendment, be engrossed.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Bills concerning the Revenue, and accordingly presented

A Bill to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province; also,

A Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles of Foreign Produce and Manufacture, imported into this Province; also,

A Bill for the further increase of the Revenue, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly for raising a Duty of Excise; also,

A Bill to continue an Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise; and also,

A Bill to continue an Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour and other articles exported to Foreign Countries, and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That no Bill be brought in after Saturday, the 18th instant, without the Special Order of the House.

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

TUESDAY, 14th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the Bill concerning Schools.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Smith, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Mr. Fairbanks reported further from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented

A Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty's reign, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of His said Majesty's reign, for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, &c.; also,

A Bill to continue an Act in addition to and in amendment of several Acts, now in force, for repairing and mending Highways; also,

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A Bill to continue the several Acts for the regulating of the Militia; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts relating to the Light-House erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to repeal several Acts of the General Assembly, passed to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolising; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-partners and Joint Debtors; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolising of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the prices of Carriages; also,

A Bill to continue the Act to prevent disorderly riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of the Province; also,

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province; and the same were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Treasury Note Bill. And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Hartshorne, do manage the Conference. And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the General State of the Province; and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to secure to William Hague and his Assigns, for a definite period, the exclusive of use the Cast Metal Patent Machine, or Weigh Bridge; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to secure to William Hague, and his Assigns, for a definite period, the exclusive use of the Cast Metal Patent Machine, or Weigh Bridge, for the purpose of Public Weighing in the Town of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the title be, An Act to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery.

An engrossed Bill in addition to the Act relating to Ton Timber, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to an Act, made and passed in the fifty-fourth year of His late Majesty's reign, relating to the quality and exportation of Ton Timber.

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

A Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty's reign, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of His said Majesty's reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, &c.; also,

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A Bill to continue an Act in addition to, and in amendment of, several Acts, now in force, for repairing and mending Highways; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for the regulating of the Militia; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts relating to the Light-House erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to repeal several Acts of the General Assembly, passed to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-partners and Joint Debtors; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the prices of Carriages; also,

A Bill to continue the Act to prevent disorderly riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of the Province; also,

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

A Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, were severally read a second time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the Bill concerning Schools, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference, as desired by this House, on the Bill concerning Schools; and also, to the Conference on the General State of the Province; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Managers who managed the last Conference on the General State of the Province, do manage this Conference; and that they do state to the Committee of His Majesty's Council, on the Conference, that this House have, after very mature consideration of the advantages anticipated from the appointment of Mr. Bainbridge and Mr. Uniacke to the Agency of this Province, decided to nominate them to that important office. That the House consider that the former Gentleman, being a Merchant of the first class in London, and one by whose exertions and abilities the Mercantile Interest may be highly benefitted, and the latter Gentleman being of the Profession of the Law, educated in and a native of this Colony, the Province at large will derive from their exertions, and cordial co-operation, all the advantages which Persons of their character and standing could as Agents procure for the Province. That the suggestion made by His Majesty's Council to substitute another Gentleman for one of those nominated by the House, will, in the opinion of the House, interfere entirely and injuriously with their objects and intentions in making the appointment, and the House therefore regret that they cannot accede to the suggestion of His Majesty's Council.

Resolved, That the Managers who managed the last Conference with the Council, on the subject of the Bill concerning Schools, do manage this Conference; and that they do state to the Committee of the Council, on the Conference, that the House cannot consider or act upon the suggestion of His Majesty's Council, communicated in conference yesterday, but that if the Council make any amendments to the Bill, not inconsistent with the privileges of the House, the House will consider the same.

And the Managers for the Conferences respectively, went to the Conferences accordingly.

And being returned.

Mr. Lawson reported that the Managers had been at the Conference on the General State of the Province, and that they had on the Conference, delivered to the Committee of the Council, a Copy of the Instructions received by them from the House on the subject of the Agency of the Province.

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference on the subject of the Bill concerning Schools, and that that they had, on the said Conference, stated to the Committee of the Council the determination of the House relative to the said Bill.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the further issuing of Treasury Notes, and cancelling those heretofore issued ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Schools, severally without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, on the subject of the Agency of the Province, passed on the 23d February last.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Bill to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province ; also,

A Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles of Foreign Produce and Manufacture, imported into the Province ; also,

A Bill for the further increase of the Revenue, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise ; and also,

A Bill to continue an Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries, were severally read a second time,

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for the further increase of the Revenue, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise ; the Bill to continue an Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise ; the Bill to continue an Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other articles, exported to Foreign Countries ; the Bill for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugars within the Province ; and also the Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province ; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Mr. B. Dewolf moved that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads, be not agreed to by the House, and that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seven ; against it, twenty. So it passed in the negative.

The amendments to the Bill to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government, as reported by the Committee, were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Ordered, That the Bills, reported without amendments, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day was read ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, take into consideration the Communication from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the appropriation of the Duties collected under the new Colonial Act at Halifax.

Then

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

THURSDAY, 16th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within the Basin of Annapolis, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill for the further increase of the Revenue, by continuing an Act of the General Assembly for raising a Duty of Excise, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, and to prevent frauds in the collection of the Provincial Revenue.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour and other articles exported to Foreign Countries, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries.

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

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

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

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

An engrossed Bill to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved that the said Bill be altered as follows, viz.—After the word “Shilling” in the 25th line of the second Section, strike out the words “and one Penny”: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen; against it, fifteen:

For the Motion:

Mr. Albra,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Church,

Mr. James,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Ruggles,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Chipman,

Mr. Wier,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Young,

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, and for promoting its Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly, for granting Duties of Impost on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the Establishment of Banks for Savings ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made and passed in the fifty-fourth year of His late Majesty's reign, relating to the quality and exportation of Ton Timber, severally, without any amendment.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill relating to William Hague.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Albro and Mr. Wier, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Hartshorne reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to secure to William Hague, and his Assigns, for a definite period, the exclusive use of the Cast Metal Patent Machine, or Weigh Bridge, for the purpose of Public Weighing in the Town of Halifax, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for imposing a Duty on articles of Foreign Produce and Manufacture, imported into the Province, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented

A Bill for allowing Drawbacks to Manufacturers ; and also,

A Bill relating to Commissioners of the Revenue ; and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

FRIDAY, 17th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. T. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the establishment of Grammar Schools in the several Counties and Districts therein named, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill relating to Commissioners of the Revenue; also, A

A Bill for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within the Basin of Annapolis, were severally read a second time.

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

A Bill for allowing Drawbacks to Manufacturers, was read a second time; and thereupon, Mr. Young moved, that the consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light House on Mauger's Beach, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles of Foreign Produce and Manufacture, imported into the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for imposing a Duty on Articles of Foreign Produce and Manufacture, imported into the Province.

Mr. W. H. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to declare certain Persons ineligible as Representatives in the General Assembly of the Province; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the consideration of the said Order be postponed.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved unanimously*, That during the changes now making by the Imperial Parliament, in the Colonial System, it is indispensable to the Interests and Commerce of the Province, that efficient Agents, to solicit and promote the same, be forthwith nominated, to be resident in London.

Resolved unanimously, That this House, having the fullest confidence in the ability, zeal and intelligence, of John Bainbridge, Esq. of that City, Merchant, and Crofton Uniacke, Esq. of the same place, Barrister at Law, do adhere to their nomination of those Gentlemen, to be Agents for this Province, to be resident in London.

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

SATURDAY, 18th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *ordered*, That the several Revenue Bills, which have passed the House, be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

A Bill for the establishment of Grammar Schools in the several Counties and Districts therein named; also,

A Bill to declare certain Persons ineligible as Representatives in the General Assembly; and also,

A Bill to provide for the erection and support of a Light-House on Mauger's Beach, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill concerning Assessments; and also,

A Bill concerning Boundary Lines of Counties and Townships; and the same were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. James, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Common of Lunenburgh, to lease the same for the improvement thereof, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of a Grant for opening a Road round the Ardoise Hills, and for several other Services, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Petition of the Trustees of the National School be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nine; against it, fifteen. So it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Nine Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid for defraying the expense of the Post Communication in the present year, to be kept up as heretofore.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence, should be granted and paid to John Howe & Son, for printing the Acts passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, for transmission to England, per Account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Four Hundred Pounds should be granted, to enable His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to proceed in making a Survey of the Lines and Boundaries of the Counties and Districts in this Province, in addition to the balance of former votes of the Legislature, remaining unexpended.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to the Honorable Charles Morris, Surveyor-General of the Province, in full compensation for services performed by him, in superintending and directing the Surveys of the Boundary Lines of certain Counties and Districts in this Province, under the Orders of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, during the last five years.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings should be granted and paid to John V. Greenwood, in full for his time, and for expenses incurred by him, in going from Halifax to Boston, as an evidence against the Forgers of Provincial Notes, in April last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Acadian School in Halifax, to discharge the Debts due by that Institution, including the sum due to Mrs. Joanna M'Kay, which is first to be paid.

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

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the Resolution of the Committee for granting L.350 to the Trustees of the Acadian School, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion six; against it eighteen. So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition of the Trustees of the National School, be referred to Mr. T. Roach, Mr. Hartshorne and Mr. O'Brien, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

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

Monday,

MONDAY, 20th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with Copies of the Resolutions of this House, passed on Saturday last, in answer to His Excellency's Message of the 13th February, relative to the Survey of the Lines of certain Counties in the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. R. Dickson and Mr. B. Dewolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Young moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Account of Expenditure for the last year, under the direction of the Provincial Agricultural Society, and to report thereon, and also as to such other matters connected therewith, as may be submitted to them : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion twelve; against it eleven.

So it passed in the affirmative,

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

Ordered, That Mr. Albro, Mr. Ruggles and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, and for promoting its Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly, for granting Duties of Impost on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, and to prevent frauds in the collection of the Provincial Revenue ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same ; and also,

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

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles of Foreign Produce and Manufacture, imported into the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Smith, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to assist the Inhabitants at or near Port Medway River, in Queen's County, to remove obstructions in said River, when it shall be certified by the Court of Sessions, that a sum of Fifty Pounds has been raised by private subscription, and expended on the said-work.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to enable the Inhabitants of New-Glasgow, to build a Bridge across the East River, on the line of the new road leading from the Middle River to the County of Sydney : the said sum not to be drawn from the Treasury until it is duly certified by the Justices in Session, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds has been subscribed and paid towards the erection of said Bridge, and that the Bridge is built and completed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to Richard U. Marsters, of Halifax, as an encouragement to him in carrying on the Manufacture of his improved Chronometers, in which he has exhibited great mechanical ingenuity and talent.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted and paid to Abel Benjamin, to enable him to put into repair his Mill and Dam, at Cornwallis, according to the prayer of his Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to assist certain Inhabitants of Cornwallis, in building a Wharf at Hall's Harbour, on the shore of the Bay of Fundy : the same to be drawn from the Treasury when it shall be certified by the General Sessions of the Peace, that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds has been raised by private subscription, and expended on the said Work.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, to aid the Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis, to remove Rocks and other obstructions from the Annapolis River, above Bridgetown, to be paid when it shall be certified by the Court of Sessions that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds has been raised by private subscription and expended on the said Work.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Sixty Pounds should be granted and paid to Caleb H. Rand, James D. Harris and John Whidden, in aid of the subscription of them, and others, for building a Central School House in King's County, upon an extended plan, for the furtherance of education, by the Madras System, the accommodation of a large Sunday School and other beneficial purposes, agreeably to the prayer of their Petition. The expenditure to be accounted for, duly certified by the Justices in Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Seventy-five Pounds should be granted and paid to assist the Inhabitants of the Township of New-Dublin, in the County of Lunenburg, to remove obstructions from the Petite River : the same to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be certified by the Court of Sessions, that the said Inhabitants have contributed and expended the sum of Twenty-five Pounds for that purpose. The whole of the expenditure, when the Work shall be completed, to be certified in like manner.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Seventy-five Pounds should be granted and paid, to enable the Inhabitants of Petite River, in the County of Hants, to remove certain obstructions from the said River, which impede its navigation : the said sum to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be certified by the Court of General Sessions, that a sum to that Amount, together with the sum made up by private subscription, has been duly expended.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to Angus McDonald, of Little Harbour, for the erection of an Oat Mill, at that place.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds

Pounds should be granted, to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Wilmot, in building a Pier or Wharf on the shore of the Bay of Fundy, for the safety of vessels, at or near Gates's Mill: the same to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be certified, that the Inhabitants have raised and expended the sum of Seventy-five Pounds on that Work. The expenditure of the whole to be likewise certified by said Court.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted and paid to Charles B. Blackie, of Stewiacke, for the erection of an Oat Mill, in that Settlement.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted and paid to Donald M'Kennon, of Arisaig Point, for the erection of an Oat Mill in that Settlement; also, a sum of Twenty Pounds to Robert Dill, of Londonderry, for the erection of an Oat Mill in that Township; also, a further sum of Twenty Pounds to John Ehler, of Guysborough, for the erection of an Oat Mill in that Township; also, a further sum of Twenty Pounds to David Murray, of Merrigomishe, for the erection of an Oat Mill in that Settlement; also, a further sum of Twenty Pounds to George M'Donald and Duncan Cameron, for the erection of an Oat Mill on the West River of Pictou; also, a further sum of Twenty Pounds to Daniel Harrington for the erection of an Oat Mill at Antigonishe; also, a further sum of Twenty Pounds to William Lutwidge Newton, for the erection of an Oat Mill, on the new Dartmouth Road; also a further sum of Twenty Pounds to John M'Kay, for the erection of an Oat Mill on the East River in the District of Colchester.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted in addition to the sum of Fifty Pounds, granted in the last Session of the Legislature, to aid the Inhabitants of St. Mary's, River, in the County of Sydney, to clear that River of Rocks and other obstructions, at the Big Falls, so called: the sum hereby granted not to be drawn until the work be completed, and so certified by the Justices in Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted to assist further in clearing out the Cornwallis River, in addition to the Provincial Grant and private Subscriptions expended for that purpose: the due expenditure of this sum to be certified by the Court of Sessions.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-five Pounds should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Aylesford in clearing out the Annapolis River in that Township: to be drawn from the Treasury when it shall be certified by the Justices in Session that the sum raised by private Subscription has been duly expended, and the whole expenditure to be certified in like manner.

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

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

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

Mr. Hartshorne reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with Copies of the Resolutions passed on Saturday last, in answer to His Excellency's Message relative to the Survey of the Lines of certain Counties of the Province, that the Committee had accordingly waited upon and delivered to His Excellency, Copies of the said Resolutions, and that His Excellency was pleased to express his satisfaction of the proceedings of the House thereon.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from William Fraser, Esq. one of the King's Counsel at Law, addressed to the Secretary of the Province, and recommended to the consideration of the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, soliciting remuneration for services performed by him, in attending to the Crown Business, on the Western Circuit of the Supreme Court, in the spring and autumn of the last year.

The said Letter was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Letter be referred to Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Ruggles, and that they do examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

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

TUESDAY, 21st MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

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

MESSAGE.

JAMES KEMPT.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has the satisfaction of laying before the House of Assembly, the Copy of a Communication which he has received from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of New-Brunswick, transmitting the Copy of a Resolution passed by the House of Assembly of that Province, expressive of the grateful sense which they entertain of the benevolence evinced by the Legislature of this Province, in the Grant made for the relief of the Sufferers by the late destructive Fires in New-Brunswick.

A Copy of the Communication from the Lieutenant-Governor of New-Brunswick, and also, the Copy of a Resolution passed by the House of Assembly of that Province, referred to in His Excellency's Message, were read by the Clerk, and are as follow:

Fredericton, New-Brunswick, 6th March, 1826.

(Copy)

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Excellency, the Copy of a Resolution which was passed by the House of Assembly of this Province, on the 28th February, and I derive much pleasure in the reflection that those sentiments of gratitude which were so universally excited among the People of New-Brunswick, have been met by corresponding feelings on the part of their Representatives.

I have the honour to be,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) HOWARD DOUGLAS, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR JAMES KEMPT, }
G. C. B. LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, Nova-Scotia. }

(Copy)

House of Assembly, 28th February, 1826.

Resolved, unanimously, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would be pleased to convey to their Excellencies the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova-Scotia, and of Upper-Canada, the grateful sense which this House entertains of the benevolence of the respective Legislatures of those Provinces, so nobly evinced in the munificent Grants made by them, for the relief of the sufferers by the late destructive Fires in this Province.

(Signed) C. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

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

On motion, *Ordered,* That the Report of the Committee relative to the Accounts for Expenses incurred in prosecuting Forgers of Provincial Notes, and also to several other Accounts for Services performed, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to six Resolutions of this House for granting the following sums:—

900l. for the Post Communication.

400l. for the Survey of the Boundary Lines of Counties.

250l. to the Surveyor-General.

39l. 2s. 6d. to John Howe and Son.

12l. 10s. to John V. Greenwood.

350l. for the Acadian School.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. T. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of the Trustees of the National School was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have investigated the Statement of the Funds of the School, and find that they consist as follow, viz.

An Allowance from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, for the salary } L150 0 0
of a Master

Tuition Money from 139 Scholars, who pay 15s. annually. } 104 5 0

L254 5 0

The Trustees of the School expend for the Master L150

the Assistant 65

Miss Barnett 10 225 0 0

L29 5 0

Leaving the above sum of Twenty-nine Pounds Five Shillings to defray the expense of Repairs, Interest of the Debt, Insurance, Fuel, Stationary, &c.

There are at the present time two hundred and five Free Scholars educated in the said School, who are supplied with Books, Slates, Stationary, &c. free of all charge.

The Committee further report, that there appears to be due from the Trustees of the National School, Debts amounting to Two hundred and ninety-three pounds seven shillings and two-pence, agreeably to the Statement hereunto annexed, and they recommend the claims of the Petitioners to the favorable consideration of the House.

On motion *Ordered*, That the said Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid for completing the Bridge over a Branch of Advocate Harbour, in Parrsborough, and the Causeways and Roads connected therewith.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid for widening, opening and improving, the Roads as lately laid out, leading from the Wellington Dike, in Cornwallis, to the Canar Street, on the North-side, and Church Street on the south side thereof.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted to raise the Causeway on the south side of the Great Bridge, on the Gaspereau River in Horton, on the Mount Denson Road.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted for the Post Road from Antigonish to Cape-Breton, and to rebuild the Bridge over the Pomquet River, on the said road.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted to make the alteration of the Post Road on the Western side of the Gaspereau Bridge, to avoid the hill near Perez Martin's, in Horton, agreeably to a Statement and Plan, laid before the House of Assembly by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Five Hundred Pounds should be granted to alter and improve the road at Ardoise Hills, in addition to the sum previously granted for that purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted to improve the road and repair the Bridges between Mount Denson, in Falmouth, and the Horton Line, on the lower Great Road leading to Horton.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted for the purpose of opening and improving the road from Barrington to Cockawit.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted to alter and improve the Petite Road, near William Salter's, in Newport.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, to aid the Inhabitants of New Dublin in opening a Road from Conquerall Settlement to the Pleasant River Road, passing Heb's Mill.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted, to aid the Inhabitants at Bridgetown to alter the Bridge to a Draw Bridge.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted, to repair the Bridge over Floyd's River, in the Township of Chester.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted, to enable the Inhabitants to complete the Road from Tremain's, on the Shubenacadie River, to the Settlements on the Nine Mile River.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted for the Road from Pubnico to Strawberry Point.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted, in addition to the former grant of this Session, for the new Road from Dartmouth to Fletcher's.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted and paid, to assist the Inhabitants to erect a Bridge over the Meander River, near John Chamber's, in the County of Hants.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted, to assist the Inhabitants of the County of Sydney in building a Bridge over Pirate Cove.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted, to aid the Inhabitants of Onslow to rebuild the Bridge over the Chiganoise River, near Thomas's.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted, to enable the Inhabitants of Margeree to build a Bridge over the Margeree River, in the County of Cape Breton.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted to assist equally the Inhabitants of the Military Settlements on the Lake Ainslie, in cutting out Roads to the main road, at the Gut of Canso.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted, to alter the main Post Road on the east side of Moose River, to avoid the long hill in the County of Annapolis.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Forty Pounds should be granted, to repair the Bridge at Middle Stewiacke, lately injured by a flood.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted for the Road from Upper Musquodoboit to the line of the County of Sydney; and the further

further Sum of Fifty Pounds, from the line of the County of Sydney, through St. Mary's, to Guysborough.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted, to assist in the completion of the Main Road from St. Peter's to Sydney.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted for building the Bridge over Remsheg River, near Rines's, in aid of one hundred and fifty-four pounds subscribed by the Inhabitants, and not to be drawn from the Treasury until the Bridge shall be finished, and so certified by the Justices in Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Sixty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence, should be granted and paid to Cuthbert Vaux, being the amount of the duty paid into the Treasury on a quantity of Wheat imported by him from Trieste in September last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds should be granted and paid to J. G. A. Creighton, being the amount of duty paid into the Treasury on a quantity of Wheat imported by him from Hamburg in the year 1825, in the brig Nelly, Joseph Barret, master.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid for the improvement of the new Road from George Chipman's in Horton to Sherbrooke, to be expended between Gaspereau River in Horton and the Main Road running through Sherbrooke towards Annapolis.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted, to aid the Inhabitants in the Gut of Canso to enable them to build a Bridge over Plaster Paris Cove.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted, to improve the Road from Chester to Windsor, one half of which to be expended in the County of Hants.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted to open and improve the road from Scissabou Falls to Yarmouth.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted and paid for repairing the Bridge on the Post Road to Barrington.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted, to aid the Inhabitants of Earl Town, a new settlement in the District of Colchester, to make and repair the Road and Bridges leading through that Settlement towards Pictou.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted, to open and improve the Road from the Upper Stewiacke to Pictou, by new Larwick.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Forty Pounds should be granted, to repair the Main Road from Fultz's to Fletcher's.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to George Chipman, Esq. of Horton, to enable him to complete his survey of the practicability of an Inland Water Communication between the Gaspereau River and Lahave River, and for clearing out certain Runs and Falls between the Lakes, to facilitate the passage of wood and timber, pursuant to his report and plan of last year's survey laid before the House of Assembly, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Bridewell in the Town of Halifax, to aid in paying off the debts, and for the support of that establishment. One hundred pounds of which sum to be retained in the Treasury, to make good that sum paid by mistake last year beyond the sum granted.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted and paid to Joseph Dimock, for an injury done to his land by the alteration of a public road, pursuant to the prayer of his Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid, to aid the Inhabitants of the Town of Annapolis to erect a Building for an Academy or Grammar School. The sum hereby granted not to be drawn from the Treasury until the

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sum of Two Hundred Pounds, raised by private subscription, shall have been expended, and so certified by the Justices in Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Steam Boat Company in Halifax, to enable them to keep their Boat plying between Halifax and Dartmouth.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Forty Pounds should be granted, for the Road from Morton's to Wellington, in Queen's County.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted for the Road from the Shelburne road to Alexander McDonald's, west side of Port Jolly, in Queen's County.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted for the Road from James Taylor's to Waterloo, and to repair Waterloo Road in Queen's County.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted for the Road from the Falls by the east side of Liverpool River to the North Bounds of the Township of Liverpool in Queen's County.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted, for the Road from Smith's Tan Yard to Port Medway in Queen's County.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, to aid the Inhabitants in Wilmot to repair the Bridge across the main River at Lawrence Town.

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

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

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

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the expenditure of the several sums of money granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province in the last Session of the General Assembly, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

COUNTY OF HANTS.

The following Sums certified, for which there are no vouchers—

For the road from James Stevens's by the line of the Glebe Lot to the School House, near Cole's,	L.10 0 0
For the road from Cole's to Isaac Whitney's,	10 0 0
For the road from Bond's Mill to Hiltz's,	6 0 0

COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

The vote of 50l. from the bounds of Halifax County to Chester has not been expended for the service for which it was granted, although certified in the Auditor's report; but appears by the return of the Commissioner, Thomas Holland, to have been laid out in the County of Halifax, between Ingram's River and Indian Bridge, for which there was no Legislative Grant.

KING'S COUNTY.

Several of the accounts not sworn to, nor regularly certified.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Several of the accounts not sworn to, nor regularly certified by the Clerk of the Peace.

DISTRICT OF COLCHESTER.

L.10 expended on the road from Half-mile Brook to the Lower Settlement between Upper and Lower Stewiacke, not certified, nor sworn to by the Commissioner.

L.25 from H. Millar's to Middle Stewiacke, not certified by the Commissioner.

The returns generally in this District want the Certificate of the Clerk of the Peace.

COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.

With the exception of the Certificate of the Clerk of the Peace, the accounts in this District are particularly correct.

DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF PICTOU.

Peter Cream has charged for tools and other articles *L.5 8 10*½, for which there are no vouchers, and he has omitted to state the weekly accounts of day labour.

Robert Lowden charges in his account for rum 27s. and 28 days superintending labourers at 5s. per day, and has neglected to state the number of labourers employed each day.

John Munro's account for the expenditure of *L.15* on the road leading up the south side of the West River of Pictou, is neither sworn to, signed, nor certified by any person: of this vote, the sum of *L.4 8 4*½ has been expended for the purpose for which it was granted; and *L.10* appears to have been applied to pay for the building of a bridge across the West River in 1824, for which there was no Legislative grant.

COUNTY OF CAPE BRETON.

No returns except for the expenditure of *L.20* on the road from Port Hood to Little Judique.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

L.70 on the road from Napan to Partridge Island. It appears that the Commissioner, Hanse Baker, has allowed to one of the labourers six pence per day more than the law directs.

L.50 for the bridge over the river Hebert. The Commissioners, Robert McDickey and others, have made several charges for timber, logs and labour, for which there are no certificates or contracts, as the law directs.

Road from Fultz's to Thompson's on the Windsor Road *L.500*. The Honorable Charles Morris, Commissioner; but expended by John Munro.

In the account of expenditure the sum of *L.31 0 2* is charged, as having been expended in 1824 over and above the vote of that year. There is also the sum of *L.21 2 6* charged for rum bought of W. & E. Wallace, for the use of the men while at work, to prevent sickness from drinking water; on which sum Munro charges a commission of five per cent.

L.100 on the road from Sackville to Fultz's, John Munro, Commissioner. He has included in his account the sum of *L.20 5 7*½, which sum is stated to have been expended in 1823 by order of His Excellency Sir James Kempt, above the grant of that year. There is also a charge of *L.1 10 6* for repairing tools.

L.300 from Fultz's to Truro, vote of 1825. The sum of ten pounds three shillings and nine pence is charged for tools and the carriage of them.

L.200 on the road from Dartmouth to Fletcher's—John D. Hawthorne, Commissioner; but expended by John Munro. In the account there is a charge of 40s. for rum, and *L.9 17 9* for tools.

L.500 on the Windsor Road—John Munro, Commissioner. No account of expenditure; nor any certificate as required by law.

The Committee regret, that the House did not, at an early part of the Session, enter into an investigation of the expenditure of monies on Roads and Bridges. From the number of accounts laid before them, and the unprecedented manner in which part of the road votes have been expended last year, the Committee have not been able to enter so fully into these accounts as their importance deserves.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 22d MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Bill concerning Boundary Lines of Counties and Townships was read a second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Smith moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred to this day three months, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty one—against it eight.

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For

For the Motion:

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Albro,
Mr. Young,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Crowell,

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. J. R. DeWolf,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. B. DeWolf,
Mr. James,
Mr. Wier,

Mr. Shey,
Mr. T. Rouch,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Morse,

Against the Motion :

Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Bishop.

So it passed in the affirmative.

A Bill concerning Assessments; and also,

A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Common of Lunenburg to lease the same for the improvement thereof, were severally read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made and passed in the 56th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, in this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Town School House in Windsor, to enable them to pay the balance due on that establishment, and to aid them in making certain necessary repairs to the School House; the money to be paid on a certificate from the General or Special Sessions, that such amount has been faithfully applied to the purpose for which it was granted.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Sixty Nine-Pounds should be granted and paid to the Reverend John Carroll, to enable him to pay off the debts due from the Catholic School in Halifax; and a further sum of Fifty Pounds, to reimburse the Reverend Messrs. Carroll and Dunphy the disbursements made by them in the two last years, on account of said School.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, to enable them to continue the School in the Poor-House for the present year, for the benefit of orphans and poor children in that establishment.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-Five Pounds should be granted, to enable the Inhabitants of St. Mary's, in the County of Sydney, to erect a Beacon on Wedge Island, and a Buoy, at the mouth of the river; and that the same be paid when certified by two of the Magistrates, that the money has been duly expended.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds should be granted to assist the Inhabitants of Lunenburg in the erection of a Light-House on Cross Island.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, to assist the Inhabitants of the Townships of Lunenburg and New Dublin, to remove obstructions out of the Lahave River. The same to be drawn from the Treasury when it shall be certified by the Court of Sessions, that the said Inhabitants have subscribed and expended twenty pounds for that purpose. The whole of the expenditure to be in like manner certified when the work shall be completed.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Thousand Pounds should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of importing into this Province two or more thorough-bred Seed Horses.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Thousand Pounds should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, for the support and relief of the Poor in the Poor-House in the Town of Halifax for the present year, in lieu of the duties of ten per cent. on importations from the American States heretofore applied for that service.

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

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

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolutions, (except the one for granting the sum of L.1000 for the Poor) be sent to the Council for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Uniacke, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in regulations to provide for the care and management of the Horses, to be imported into the Province, pursuant to the resolution of the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. T. Dickson, Mr. Smith, Mr. T. Roach, Mr. Flemming, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Poole, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Heckman and Mr. Albro, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. O'Brien reported from the Committee to whom the Letter of William Fraser, Esq. King's Counsel at Law, was referred; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined the documents accompanying the said Letter, relative to the services performed by Mr. Fraser, and recommend that a sum of 35l. should be paid to him in full compensation for the same, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Letter, and Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Thomas Dickson, Esq. recommended to the consideration of the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, soliciting compensation for services performed by him in prosecuting Criminals at a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, held at Pictou in January last.

The said Letter was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion, *Ordered*, That the said Letter be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

THURSDAY, 23d MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further Conference on the Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles of Foreign Produce and Manufacture, imported into the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

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

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The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House. *Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

On motion of Mr. Church, *resolved*, That Thomas Holland, of Margaret's Bay, be immediately sent for, to attend forthwith at the Bar of this House, to answer such questions as may be put to him, relative to the expenditure of Money by him, as a Commissioner of the Roads, in the year 1825.

Mr. Smith moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That John Munro, of Pictou, be immediately ordered to attend forthwith at the Bar of this House, to answer such questions as may be put to him, relative to the expenditure of Money by him as a Commissioner of the Roads: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen; against it, fifteen:

For the Motion:

Mr. Sergeant,
Mr. Albro,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Bishop,
Mr. James,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Shey,

Mr. Poole,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Church,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. T. Dickson,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. M'Kennon,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Flemming,

Mr. Wier,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Fairbanks,

So Mr. Speaker gave his Casting Vote against the Motion.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for imposing a Duty on Articles of Foreign Produce and Manufacture, imported into this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That the Bill for continuing the Laws relating to the Militia Force, be referred to a Select Committee, and that they do receive any suggestions made them in regard to the Militia System, and also do report what alterations, if any, are necessary therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Shey, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Chipman, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Young, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to continue several Acts for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; also the Bill to prevent injury to the Roads throughout the Province, by Persons trailing Logs or other Timber; also, the Bill to repeal certain Acts relating to Streets and Highways; and also, the Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty's reign, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of His said Majesty's reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, &c. to this day three months. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates; also the Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House; also the Bill to continue the Act to prevent disorderly riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of the Province; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had

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gone through the Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors ; also, the Bill to continue the several Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing ; and also, the Bill to provide for the erection and support of a Light-House on Mauger's Beach, and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bills, reported without amendments, be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber. And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, and that His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following, viz.

An Act to continue an Act, passed in the sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries.

An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise.

An Act to provide for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province, and for promoting its Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly, for granting Duties of Impost on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar.

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

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, and to prevent frauds in the collection of the Provincial Revenue.

An Act to continue the Acts for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of refined Sugars within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An Act to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night.

An Act to continue the Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

An Act to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and the Act in amendment thereof.

An Act to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax.

An Act to repeal the last clause of the Act to the prevent the circulation of Base and Counterfeit Halfpence and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half Crowns and Shillings, in this Province.

An Act to authorize the further issuing of Treasury Notes, and cancelling those heretofore issued.

An Act to provide for the Master of the Rolls in the Court of Chancery.

An Act for the relief of Roman Catholics.

An Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other Places.

An Act concerning Schools.

An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act, made and passed in the thirty-second year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act directing the Guardianship of Minors.

An Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

An Act to secure to William Hague, and his Assigns, for a definite period, the exclusive use of the Cast Metal Patent Machine, or Weigh Bridge, for the purpose of public weighing in the Town of Halifax.

An Act to allow of the Bridge at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, being made a Draw Bridge.

An Act in addition to an Act, made and passed in the fifty-fourth year of His late Majesty's reign, relating to the quality and exportation of Ton Timber

An Act to facilitate the establishment of Banks for Savings.

Then the House adjourned until Saturday, at Twelve of the Clock, the Morrow being Good Friday.

SATURDAY, 25th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting 60l. for a School House in King's County.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting 150l. to Richard U. Marsters.

The Council request a Conference on the subject of the Resolution for erecting a Wharf at Hall's Harbour, in Cornwallis; and also, of the Resolution for erecting a Wharf on the Bay of Fundy, in the Township of Wilmot.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Chipman, Mr. W. H. Roach and Mr. Wells, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed

directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Duty should be imposed upon all Live Stock; and, also upon all Wine, Bread, Biscuit, Apples, Fruit and Onions; also, upon all Manufactured Tobacco, Oil, or Spirits of Turpentine, and Chocolate, imported into the Province, from Foreign Parts; over and above the Duties payable thereon by the Act of Parliament, passed in the sixth year of the reign of His present Majesty, entitled, An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad; and also, that the Duties of Excise payable by the Act which passed during the present Session of the Assembly, entitled, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of the Province, by continuing and amending an Act of the General Assembly, for raising a Duty of Excise, and by the Act thereby continued, shall be levied on all other Goods (except those therein exempted from Duty) and upon which specific Duties are imposed (by this Act) over and above the said Duties imposed by the said Act of the Imperial Parliament; and also, that the said Duties of Excise shall be levied on Goods imported from the Countries and Places within the limits of the East-India Company's Charter.

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

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

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the Resolution be not agreed to by the House: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Nine; against it, Twenty-six:

For the Motion:

Mr Bishop,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Sargent,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Ruggles,	Mr. Uniacke,	Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. T. Dickson,	Mr. Dennison,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. M. Kinnon,	Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Flemming,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Morse,	Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Wells,	Mr. Shey,	Mr. Albro,
Mr. T. Roach,	Mr. James,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wier.	Mr. Kavanagh,	

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a Duty on articles imported from Foreign Countries; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to four Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz:—

50l. for building a Wharf at Hall's Harbour, Cornwallis.

20l. to Angus M'Donald.

20l. to Charles B. Blackie.

160l. to Donald M'Kennon, and sundry other persons, for Oat Mills.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution for granting 20l. to Abel Benjamin.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, of Mr. Ruggles, *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province; and that the Clerk do desire the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Ruggles and Mr. Smith, do manage the said Conference.

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

Resolved, That the Accounts of John Munro, as reported by the Committee of this House, appointed to enquire into the expenditure of Monies on Roads and Bridges, are irregular and incomplete; and that the Auditor of Public Accounts ought not to have certified them without the regular and customary Certificates being attached to those accounts. That this House will not sanction the payment of any Monies, for any Road service, unless the same be expended and certified as the Law directs.

Resolved,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that His Excellency would be pleased not to appoint any Commissioner, for the expenditure of Monies on Roads, until all former expenditures made by such Commissioner are first duly certified to have been made agreeably to Law; and, that His Excellency would also be pleased, to direct in future, that no Road Warrants, for the payment of Money, issue from the Secretary's Office, until the Law is first complied with by Bonds being regularly filed for the expenditure of the Money: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Eighteen; against it, Fifteen:

For the Motion:

Mr. Chipman,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Denison,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Albro,
Mr. James,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Church,

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wier,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Sargent,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Flenning,
Mr. M'Kinnon,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Kavanagh,

Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Unacke,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Bishop,

So it passed in the affirmative.

The Resolutions were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Thomas Holland attended at the Bar of the House, pursuant to the Order of Thursday last, and that part of the Report of the Committee appointed to examine into the expenditure of Monies upon Roads and Bridges, which states the misapplication by him, as Commissioner of the Grant of the Assembly in the last Session, for repairing the Road from the Bounds of Halifax County to Chester, in the County of Lunenburg, being read to him by order of the House, and he being desired by the House to explain the same, he made the following statement:—

That he knew that he was a Commissioner to expend the sum of 50l. from the Bounds of Halifax County towards Chester, in the County of Lunenburg, last year. That previous to receiving a Commission therefor, he expended said sum, by the verbal direction of the Honorable Michael Wallace, then President, upon a Road in the County of Halifax, viz:—On the western shore of Margaret's Bay, between Indian Bridge and Ingram's River, about five miles within the County Line. That he himself resides in the County of Halifax; that he knew, at the time he expended the money, that by the Grant it was to be expended in the County of Lunenburg; but that under such verbal direction as aforesaid, he expended the whole of the Grant in question, in the County of Halifax—and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Roach, *ordered*, That Mr. Holland have leave to withdraw from the Bar of the House, and to return to his home, and he withdrew from the Bar of the House accordingly.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Regulations for the care and management of the Horses to be imported into the Province, under the Resolution of Wednesday last; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

That the Committee have considered the subject to them referred, and being fully convinced of the necessity of improving the breed of Horses in this Province, by importing two or three thorough bred Blood Horses, as it will assist all descriptions of agriculturists, and also enable the farmers to supply the West-India Markets, as was formerly the case, before the breed of Horses in this Country became so degenerate, therefore recommend to the House as follows, viz:—

First—That Commissioners be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to import into this Country, two thorough bred Blood Horses, or three, if the sum voted will admit of it which is to be placed at their disposal.

Second—That on their arrival in Halifax, the Commissioners be authorized to take charge of them—the expenses attending to be defrayed by the Province.

Third—That Commissioners be appointed of the following Gentlemen in the different Counties; and the distribution of the Horses to be as follows, viz:

If the importation consists of two Horses, the stands to be—

First year.	{ Horton Corner.	} Commissioners.	{ W. A. Chipman, Esq.
	{ Truro.		

Second year.	{ Annapolis. Pictou. }	Commissioners.	{ Timothy Ruggles, Esq. George Smith, Esq. }
Third year.	{ Windsor. Cumberland. }	Commissioners.	{ Nathaniel Jenkins, Esq. Thomas Roach, Esq. }
If the importation consists of three Horses, the stands to be—			
First year.	{ Truro. Windsor. Annapolis. }	Commissioners.	{ Mr. Robert Berry. Nathaniel Jenkins, Esq. Timothy Ruggles, Esq. }
Second year.	{ Cumberland. Horton. Yarmouth. }	Commissioners.	{ Thomas Roach, Esq. W. A. Chipman, Esq. Mr. Israel Lovett. }
Third year.	{ Pictou. Newport. Bridge Town. }	Commissioners.	{ George Smith, Esq. Terence Cochran, Esq. Timothy Ruggles, Esq. }

That the Committee, anxious to extend the benefits which will result to the Inhabitants of this Country, from the importation of these Horses, recommend that no greater charge should be made than that which will be sufficient to defray the expense attending the keeping of them, consequently they would limit the expense for each Mare to the sum of Thirty Shillings. And that subsequent regulations should be made, on the expiration of the three years, for the distribution of the Horses.

That the Committee having thus arranged for the purchase of the Horses, their care when landed, their distribution in various parts of the Province where they may be most useful; and the moderate charge attending them being no more than what is necessary for their liberal keeping, see no difficulty in carrying into effect the object in view.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until Monday at Twelve of the Clock.

MONDAY, 27th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On reading the proceedings of Saturday last, thereupon,

Mr. Hartshorne moved that the Resolution relative to the Accounts of John Munro, a Road Commissioner, be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, sixteen; against it, eighteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Wells,	Mr. Morse,
Mr. Bishop,	Mr. Gesner,
Mr. Fraser,	Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Heckman,	Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Wier,	Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fairbanks,	
Mr. Vanacke,	

Against the Motion,

Mr. W. H. Roach,	Mr. Church,
Mr. Sargent,	Mr. Albro,
Mr. Cypwell,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Ruggles,	Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. O'Brien,	Mr. James,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. T. Dickson,	Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Dennison,	Mr. Shey,

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with a Copy of the Resolution passed on Saturday last, on the subject of Road Commissioners.

Ordered, That Mr. Smith, Mr. T. Roach, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Ruggles and Mr. Church, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Bill for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a duty on Articles to be imported from Foreign Countries, was read a second time.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

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

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Clerk do furnish the Auditor of Public Accounts with a copy of that part of the Report of the Committee on the Expenditure of Monies, granted for Roads and Bridges in the last year, which relates to the sum of Fifty Pounds expended by Thomas Holland, as a Commissioner; and also a copy of the statement made by the said Holland at the Bar of this House on Saturday last, respecting such expenditure.

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

TUESDAY, 28th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to provide for the erection and support of a Light-House on Mauger's Beach, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the erection and support of a Light-House on Mauger's Beach, and to regulate the Light-Duties hereafter to be paid.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the distribution of the Estates of Intestates, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of Estates of Intestates.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts relating to the Liverpool Light-House, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts relating to the Liverpool Light-House.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint-Debtors, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint-Debtors.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to repeal several Acts of the General Assembly, to prevent forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be An Act to, repeal several Acts of the General Assembly, passed to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to prevent disorderly riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to prevent disorderly riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of the Province, and for repealing certain Acts therein mentioned.

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

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to search the Journals of His Majesty's Council, for the purpose of ascertaining what have been their proceedings on the Pictou Academy Bill, sent up for concurrence, and that they do report the same to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Smith, Mr. Uniacke, and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Church, *resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds, granted in the year 1825, for repairing the road from the bounds of the County of Halifax, towards Chester, be expended, this year on the said road, agreeably to the intention of the Legislature, the same not having yet been expended by the Commissioner, Thomas Holland. *Ordered*,

Ordered, That the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted to repair the road from Little Harbour to Ragged Island, in the Township of Shelburne.

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

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

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to a further Conference on the General State of the Province, as desired by this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers appointed to manage the said Conference do attend accordingly.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Uniacke reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from William Hill, Esq. addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by His Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House, requesting compensation for his services in prosecuting Criminals in His Majesty's Supreme Court at Pictou in September last.

The said Letter was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Letter do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to forty-nine Resolutions of this House for granting the following Sums, viz.

100l. for clearing out Port Medway River.

75l. for do do Petite River, New-Dublin.

100l. for a Bridge at Margeree.

50l. for clearing out St. Mary's River, County of Sydney.

75l. for do do Petite River, County of Hants.

250l. for a Bridge at New Glasgow.

50l. for a Bridge at Advocate Harbour.

100l. for roads from Wellington Dike.

50l. for Causeway at Gaspereau River.

100l. for road from Antigonishe to Cape-Breton.

200l. for altering road near Gaspereau Bridge, Horton.

500l. for a road round Ardoise Hills.

50l. for the road from Mount Denson to Horton Line.

50l. for the road from Barrington to Cockawit.

50l. for the Petite Road from Salter's, in Newport.

50l. for the road from Conquerall Settlement.

- 50l. for a Bridge at Floyd's River, Chester.
- 26l. for a road from Tremain's to Nine Mile River.
- 50l. for a road from Pubnico to Strawberry Point.
- 250l. for a road from Dartmouth to Fletcher's.
- 30l. for a Bridge over Meander River.
- 50l. for a Bridge at Pirate Cove.
- 20l. for a Bridge over Cheganoise River.
- 50l. for roads from Lake Ainslie, in Cape-Breton.
- 100l. for the Post Road east side of Moose River, Annapolis.
- 40l. for a Bridge at Middle Stewiacke.
- 250l. for the road from Upper Musquodoboit, to Guysborough.
- 50l. for the road from St. Peter's to Sydney.
- 200l. for a Bridge over Remsheg River.
- 64l. 11s. 11d. to Cuthbert Vaux.
- 192l. to J. G. A. Creighton.
- 100l. for the road from Horton to Sherbrooke.
- 100l. for a Bridge over Plaster Paris Cove.
- 100l. for the road from Chester to Windsor.
- 100l. for the road from Scissabou Falls to Yarmouth.
- 30l. for a Bridge on the Post Road, at Barrington.
- 50l. for a Bridge at Lawrence Town, in Wilmot.
- 50l. for a road in Earl Town Settlement, District of Colchester.
- 200l. for the road from Upper Stewiacke to Pictou.
- 40l. for the road from Fultz's to Fletcher's.
- 25l. for survey of Water Communication, from Gaspereau River to the Lahave River.
- 200l. for the Bridewell Establishment at Halifax.
- 200l. to the Steam-Boat Company.
- 30l. for the road from the Falls in Liverpool.
- 30l. for the road from Smith's to Port Medway.
- 30l. for the road from Taylor's to Waterloo.
- 20l. for the road from the Snelburne Road, to Port Jolly.
- 40l. for the road from Morton's to Wellington, Queen's County.
- 25l. for the road from Little Harbour to Ragged Island.

The Council have not agreed to five Resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz.

- 50l. for clearing out the Annapolis River, above Bridge town.
- 20l. for altering the Bridge at Bridgetown.
- 20l. to Joseph Dimock
- 35l. for clearing out the River at Aylesford.
- 50l. for clearing out the Cornwallis River.

The Council request a Conference by Committee, on the Resolution for the erecting a Building, for an Academy or School at Annapolis.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the several Acts relating to the Light-House erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso; also, a Bill to continue an Act for regulating the prices of Carriages; also, a Bill for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within the Basin of Annapolis; and also, a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Common of Lunenburg to lease the same for the improvement thereof; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without

without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a Duty on Articles imported from Foreign Countries; and also, a Bill to continue the several Acts, to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax; and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

The amendments to the Bills, as reported by the Committee, were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

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

Ordered, That the Bills, reported without amendments, be engrossed.

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

WEDNESDAY, 29th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Four Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, for the support of that Institution for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred and Ninety Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Two Pence, should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the National School in Halifax, to enable them to discharge the debts of that Establishment.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid for the purpose of removing obstructions from, and clearing out, the Scissabou River, between the lower and upper falls; to be paid when it shall be certified by the Sessions, that the Inhabitants have performed labour to the amount of 25L. in removing the above obstructions.

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

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

Ordered, That the Resolutions be sent to the Council for concurrence.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House do agree to the Conference, as desired by the Council yesterday, on the Resolution for the erecting of a Building for an Academy, or School, at Annapolis; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the Resolution for building a Wharf on the shore of the Bay of Fundy, in Wilmot, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

Ordered, That Mr. W. H. Roach, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Wells, do manage the said Conferences respectively with the Council.

And they went to the Conferences.

And being returned,

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Mr. W. H. Roach reported that the Managers had been at the Conferences, and stated the substance of the Conferences to the House.

An engrossed Bill, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty on articles imported from Foreign Countries, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Fairbanks moved, That the bill do not pass, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, ten; against it, twenty four:

For the motion,

Mr. Poole,
Mr. Abro,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. James,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Hartshorne,

Against the motion,

Mr. R. Dickson,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Kavanagh,	Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Morse,	Mr. Shey,
Mr. Wier,	Mr. Bishop,
Mr. T. Roach,	Mr. Dennison,
Mr. T. Dickson,	Mr. Wells,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. Flemming,	Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. B. Dewolf,	Mr. Gesner,
Mr. McKinnon,	Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Crowell,	Mr. Young,

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a Duty on Articles imported from Foreign Countries.

An engrossed Bill for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within the Basin of Annapolis, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Lawson moved, That the Bill do not pass, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within the Basin of Annapolis.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the eighteenth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax; and also the Acts now in force, in addition to and in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Trustees of the Common of Lunenburg, to lease the same, for the improvement thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to enable the Trustees of the Common of Lunenburg, to lease the same, for the improvement thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts relating to the Light-House erected on Cranberry Island, at the entrance of the Gut of Canso, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts relating to the Light-House erected on Cranberry Island, at the entrance of the Gut of Canso.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for regulating the prices of Carriages, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the more easy recovery of debts against Co-Partners and Joint-Debtors, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, relative to the building a Wharf on the shore of the Bay of Fundy, in the Township of Wilmot.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

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

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill relating to Commissioners of the Revenue; and also, the Bill for the establishment of Grammar Schools in the several Counties and Districts therein named, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's table.

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

The amendments to the Bills, as reported by the Committee, were read throughout a first and second time; and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

THURSDAY, 30th MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the establishment of Grammar Schools in the several Counties and Districts therein named, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Chipman moved that the Bill do not pass; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the establishment of Grammar Schools in the several Counties and Districts of the Province.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Letter of William Hill, Esq. to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Uniacke moved that the Petition of W. H. Crawley to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Abstract and Vouchers for Article furnished to Poor Shipwrecked Mariners in the Island of Cape-Breton, in the year 1824, be referred to Mr. Kavanagh, Mr. J. R. Dewolf and Mr. Campbell, and that they do examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to aid the Inhabitants of the Township of Wilmot, in building a Pier or Wharf on the shore of the Bay of Fundy, at or near Gates's Mill, for the safety of Vessels; to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be certified that the Inhabitants have raised and expended the sum of Seventy-five Pounds for that work; and also, if, upon inquiry, His Excellency should find the building of a Pier or Wharf on the Bay of Fundy, as above mentioned, practicable.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Forty Pounds should be granted, to assist further in clearing out the Cornwallis River, in addition to the Provincial Grant and private subscriptions, expended for that purpose. The due expenditure of this sum to be certified by the Court of Sessions.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Aylesford in clearing out the Annapolis River, in that Township, to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be certified by the Justices in Session, that the sum raised by private subscription has been duly expended; and the whole expenditure to be certified in like manner.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Forty Pounds should be granted and paid, to aid the Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis to remove rocks and other obstructions from the Annapolis River, above Bridgetown: to be paid when it shall be certified by the Court of Sessions, that a sum of Twenty Pounds has been raised by private Subscription, and expended in the said work.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to Richard U. Marsters, of Halifax, as an encouragement to him in carrying on the manufacture of his Chronometers, in which he has exhibited great mechanical ingenuity and talent.

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

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

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a duty on Articles imported from Foreign Countries.

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

- 150l. for building a Wharf at Wilmot.
- 50l. for the School House at Windsor.
- 119l. for the Catholic School.
- 12l. 10s. for the School in the Poor House.
- 400l. for the Pictou Academy.
- 25l. for a Beacon on Wedge Island, St. Mary's.
- 1000l. for the importation of Horses.
- 293l. 7s. 2d. for the National School.

The Council have not agreed to two Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums, viz.

100l. to Richard U. Marsters.

500l. for a Light-House on Cross Island.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved that the further consideration of the Bill relating to Commissioners of the Revenue, be postponed to this day three months: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-four; against it, five. So it passed in the affirmative, and the further consideration of the Bill was accordingly postponed.

Mr. Kavanagh reported from the Committee, to whom the Abstract and Vouchers for Articles furnished to Poor Shipwrecked Mariners, in the Island of Cape-Breton, were referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

That the Committee have carefully examined the said Abstract and Vouchers, and are of opinion, that the several Claims amounting to the sum of 931. 0. 11d. are just, and recommend the payment of the same by the House; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the Report and Accounts be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Abstract and Vouchers for expenses incurred for the repairing and cleaning the Arms of several Battalions of the Militia, amounting to L.105 5 11, recommended to the consideration of the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Abstract and Vouchers be referred to a Committee, to examine into the same, and report thereon to the House; and also, that the said Committee do enquire and report, what further sums of Money will be necessary for the repairing and cleaning of Militia Arms.

Ordered, That Mr. T. Roach, Mr. R. Dickson and Mr. James, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill concerning Assessments; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had deferred the consideration of the Bill to declare certain Persons ineligible as Representatives in the General Assembly of the Province, to this day three months. That the Committee recommend that the Bill for founding an Academy at Annapolis Royal, be referred to a select Committee, to be appointed by the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill for founding an Academy at Annapolis, be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. W. H. Roach and Mr. O'Brien, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Bill concerning Assessments be engrossed.

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

FRIDAY, 31st MARCH, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Forty-five Pounds, the balance of the Vote for the fitting up the Assembly Room, and remaining undrawn in the Treasury, be appropriated to pay sundry Persons for labour and materials furnished for fitting up the Court-House, and for such other repairs and materials as may be necessary for the Province Building.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Albro moved that the Adjutant-General of Militia be directed to lay before the House the Returns of the respective Commanding Officers of the several Battalions of Militia in the County of Annapolis, of the fines collected during the last two years, and the application of them: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

An engrossed Bill concerning Assessments was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved that the Bill do not pass: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-five; against it four. So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for founding an Academy at Annapolis Royal, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have considered the Bill, and find nothing in it exceptionable, but, on the contrary recommend it to the protection of the House. However, the Committee would suggest the

the propriety of a Clause being added to the Bill, to the following effect, viz.—That all denominations of Christians shall be eligible to hold any situation or situations in the aforesaid Academy, and that they shall have the privilege of being educated thereat, any Bye Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Report and the Bill be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Bills.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Accounts for the repair of Militia Arms were referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows :

That the Committee have examined the several Accounts, and find them properly vouched, also certified by Lieutenant-Colonel M'Dougall, Inspecting Field Officer, amounting to L.105 5 11.

That the Committee have also examined an Account, certified by Lieutenant-Colonel Gesner, for cleaning 392 Stand of Arms, belonging to the first Battalion of King's County Militia, amounting to L.19 12 0, which appears correct.

That the Committee beg leave to recommend that a sum of Money be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, for the purpose of putting into a state of repair and good order, the Arms of the several Battalions of Militia throughout the Province ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Report and Accounts be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Albro reported from the Committee to whom the Account of Expenditure for the last year, under the direction of the Provincial Agricultural Society, was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined the Statement of the Expenditure of last year, and compared the Vouchers therewith, and find them correct.

Balance unexpended,				L.592	13	1½	
Since making up the above account, the Secretary has paid the amount of appropriation to the Society at Digby for 1820, not included in the account rendered,				L.9	0	0	
For printing Circular Reports, &c.				13	10	0	
					22	10	0

Net balance at present in the Treasury, L.570 3 1½

The Secretary states that the following Sums will probably be claimed in the course of the ensuing year, viz:—For Oat Mills now building:

One at Cape Breton,				L.20	0	0
„ St. Mary's,				20	0	0
„ New Annan,				20	0	0
„ Douglass,				20	0	0
„ Seven Mile Plain, Windsor,				20	0	0
„ Annapolis,				20	0	0
„ Marbou, for a balance undrawn,				5	0	1½
				L.125	0	1½

For Flax Mills now building—

One at Stewiacke,				L.12	10	0
„ Horton,				12	10	0
„ Cornwallis,				12	10	0
„ Pictou,				12	10	0
„ Gulf Shore,				12	10	0
„ Marbou,				12	10	0
				75	0	0
				200	0	1½

Balance, L.370 3 0

The Committee therefore recommend to the House, that all claims made and duly certified on or before the first day of January next, be paid from the Treasury ; and that the balance then remaining

maining unexpended, be applied for paying the Secretary for his Salary, from the 30th November last to this date, and any other just claims he may have against the Province. Herewith the Committee beg leave to submit the Secretary's claims to the consideration of the House.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, and that His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, viz.

An Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint-Debtors.

An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a duty upon Articles imported from Foreign Countries.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing the several Laws relating to the Militia Force, was referred—That the Committee had examined the said Bill, and also duly considered the subject matter thereof, and had agreed to report the said Bill to the House, with several amendments, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered them, together with the Bill, in at the Clerk's table, where the said amendments were again read, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of Bills.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent disorderly riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province, and for repealing certain Acts therein mentioned ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts, relating to the Light House erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso ; also.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light House ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erection and support of a Light House on Mauger's Beach, and to regulate the Light Duties hereafter to be paid.

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

50l. for clearing out Lahave River.

30l. for do. the Annapolis River in Aylesford.

40l. for do. the Annapolis River above Bridgetown.

50l. for do. the Scissabou River.

40l. for do. the Cornwallis River.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within the Basin of Annapolis.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

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

SATURDAY, 1st APRIL, 1826.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, to continue the Acts for the regulating of the Militia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and continue the Acts for the regulating of the Militia.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Petition of sundry persons, addressed to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and by his Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House, praying for the grant of a sum of Money, to aid in building a House at Fox Island, for the residence of the Reverend Mr. Grant, Parish Priest, at Manchester, during the time of carrying on the Fishery at the said Island, for the preservation of good order among the Fishermen.

The said Letter was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Letter do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Trustees of the Common of Lunenburg, to lease the same, for the improvement thereof, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal several Acts of the General Assembly, passed to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal an Act, passed in the 18th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax; and also the Acts, now in force, in addition to and in amendment thereof, severally, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill relating to forestalling and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, and the same were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill relating to forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, and the same were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the several amendments made by them to the said Bills respectively.

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee, appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution of the House, passed on the 25th March last, relative

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tive to the expenditure of Monies on Roads and Bridges, that the Committee had accordingly waited on and delivered to His Excellency the said Resolution; and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he was sorry that such occurrences had taken place in the expenditure of the Public Money; that he had always guarded as much as possible against such irregularities, and that the House might rest satisfied the like would not occur again.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Ninety-three Pounds and Eleven Pence should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of defraying certain demands for Articles furnished to sundry poor distressed Shipwrecked Mariners, in the Island of Cape Breton, in the year 1824.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted and paid to William Robertson, in full for Provisions supplied, and advances made by him, and services performed, for the relief of the Passengers and Crew of the Brig New Active, wrecked upon the Seal Islands in July, 1823.

Resolved, That a sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to assist the Inhabitants of Middle River in the Township of Chester, in removing certain obstructions that impede the navigation of that River. The said sum to be drawn from the Treasury when it shall be duly certified by the Court of Sessions that private subscriptions to the amount of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, together with this Grant, have been duly expended.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted, to assist the Inhabitants of Queen's County, to remove obstructions in the River from Herring Cove Lake to Herring Cove: the said sum to be drawn from the Treasury when it shall be duly certified by the Court of Sessions that such amount has been properly expended, and that the said Inhabitants have subscribed and expended at least Fifteen Pounds in addition thereto, for the same purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to aid the Inhabitants of Musquodoboit, in removing obstructions to the Navigation of the River Musquodoboit.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted, to aid the Inhabitants in clearing out certain obstructions in the St. Croix River, below the Panuke Lakes, in the County of Hants, which sum is not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be certified, by the Justices in General or Special Sessions, that Twenty-five Pounds, raised by private subscription for the same purpose, has been expended. The expenditure of the sum hereby granted to be certified in like manner.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted to enable the Inhabitants to clear out the River Denny, in Cape-Breton: the expenditure of that sum to be duly certified.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of putting in a state of repair, and good order, the Militia Arms of the several Battalions of Militia throughout the Province, agreeably to the recommendation of His Excellency.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Nineteen Pounds Twelve Shillings should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable him to pay the Accounts for cleaning Militia Arms in King's County, as certified by Lieutenant-Colonel Gesner.

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Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Five Pounds Five Shillings and Eleven Pence should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of paying the several Accounts for the repairs of Militia Arms in the Counties of Annapolis and Shelburne, as certified by the Adjutant-General of Militia.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to the Adjutant-General of Militia, in full for his services, and the payment of his Clerk, Stationary and Postage, for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to William Fraser, Esq. for his services, as King's Counsel, upon the Western Circuit during the past year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to William Hill, Esq. for his services in conducting criminal Prosecutions on the part of the Crown, in the Supreme Court in September last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to Thomas Dickson, Esq. for his services, on the part of the Crown, in conducting Criminal Prosecutions at Pictou, in January last, under a special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Twenty-Six Pounds Eight Shillings, should be granted and paid, to defray the expenses incurred for extra work done on the Avon Bridge, in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Twenty Seven Pounds Six Shillings and Five Pence, should be granted and paid, to defray the expenses incurred in securing and completing the Bridge over the River St. Croix, in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Forty-Four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and One Penny, should be granted and paid to defray the expenses incurred in sending a supply of seed Potatoes, and Indian Corn Meal, to distressed Inhabitants of Tracadie, in consequence of the failure of their crops in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds Ten Shillings and Six Pence, should be granted and paid, to defray the expenses incurred, under a Resolution of the Legislature, in the prosecution of the Forgers of Province Notes at Boston, in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Five Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence, should be granted and paid, to defray the Accounts for an additional expenditure on the new Road, from Fultz's to Thompson's on the Windsor Road, in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to Thomas W. James, for losses sustained by him, as stated in his Petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Ten Pounds should be granted and paid to J. I. Sawyer, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Halifax, for his expenses as such Sheriff, at the opening and closing of the present Session of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Committee, that a sum of Thirty-Five Pounds should be granted and paid to Andrew Richardson, Guager and Weigher of the District of Halifax, in addition to his salary for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, to defray the expense of Fuel, and for sundries supplied for the use of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, in the present Session; to be paid on the certificates of the President of the Council, and the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-Five Pounds should be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationary, furnished for the use of His Majesty's Council, the House of Assembly, and the Commissioners of the Revenue.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-Five Pounds should be granted and paid to John Whidden, for his services in drafting and copying Bills for the Members of the House of Assembly, in the present Session.

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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to William Hill, Esq. for his services as Deputy Clerk to the Council in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it should be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, by Warrant, to draw from the Treasury of the Province, the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, yearly, for the term of two years, for the purpose of paying two Inspecting Field-Officers of Militia, independent of the sum heretofore granted for the like purpose in Cape-Breton.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Thousand Pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the relief of the Sufferers in the late calamitous Fire at Miramichi, in the Province of New-Brunswick, agreeable to the Resolution of the House of Assembly passed on the 16th February last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted, paid and applied, in the usual manner, to the repair of Bridges, and removing obstructions to travelling on the main roads in the Province, for the present year.

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

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Church moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of L.35 to W. Hill be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and, the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, four; against it, twenty:

For the motion,

Mr. Church,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Albro,
Mr. Chipman,

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Young,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Heckman,

Against the motion,

Mr. Fairbanks
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. Kananagh,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Gesner,
Mr. Flemming,

Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. W. H. Roach,

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Church moved that the Resolution for granting the sum of L.538 19 6 for the road from Fultz's to Thompson's, be not received by the House: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, one; against it, twenty-four:

For the Motion

Mr. Church,

Mr. Albro,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. B. Dewolf,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Shey,
Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Campbell,

Mr. Wier,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. R. Dickson,

So it passed in the Negative.

The said Resolutions, as reported from the Committee, were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Resolutions be sent to the Council for concurrence.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report a Resolution to be adopted by the House, instead of the Bill, entitled, An Act for allowing Drawbacks to Manufacturers, now before the Committee, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as followeth:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House, that the Owners of Mills, who are engaged in grinding

grinding Foreign Corn and Grain, require protection for the present year, to enable them to carry on the Manufacture of Flour and Meal, and that this House will grant them relief severally in the next Session of the General Assembly, to the amount of the Duties actually paid by them, on such Foreign Grain, ground by them into Flour or Meal.

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

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

Ordered, That the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the General State of the Province; and also, on the Resolution for the erecting of a Building for an Academy or School at Annapolis, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

MONDAY, 3d APRIL, 1826.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for working certain Mines of Iron, and manufacturing Iron, in the County of Annapolis, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for working certain Mines of Iron, and manufacturing Iron, in the County of Annapolis.

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

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the House do come to a Resolution, as followeth, viz:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House, that the Manufacturers of this Province who are engaged in manufacturing Hemp, Wet or Dry Hides, Tallow, Tobacco, Mahogany, or other Woods used by Cabinet Makers, Cocoa, Raw Turpentine, and Flax Seed of Foreign growth or production, require protection for the present year; and that this House will, in the next Session, grant to the respective Manufacturers aforesaid relief to the extent of two third parts of the Duties by them to be paid on the Articles by them respectively manufactured during the present year: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen; against it, eleven:

For the Motion:

Mr. T. Dickson,	Mr. Unacke,
Mr. Wells,	Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Flemming,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Albro,	Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Wier,
Mr. James,	Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Hartshorne,	

Against the Motion:

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Chipman,
Mr. B. Dewolf,	Mr. Bishop,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Dennison,	
Mr. Crowell,	
Mr. T. Roach,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. R. Dickson,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen; against it, thirteen. So it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the Resolution for granting the sum of L.1000 for the Poor at Halifax, passed on the 22d March last, be sent to the Council for concurrence: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve; against it, twenty-one. So it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax; also,

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A Bill, entitled, An Act to suspend the operation of several Acts of the General Assembly, passed to prevent forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and continue the Acts for the regulating of the Militia, severally, without any amendment.

The Council agree to a further Conference on the General State of the Province; and also, on the Resolution relating to a Building for an Academy or School at Annapolis.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the respective Managers who managed the last Conferences on the subjects as above mentioned, do manage the said Conferences.

And they went to the Conferences accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. W. H. Roach reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, on the subject of the Annapolis Academy Resolution, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Mr. Lawson reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference on the General State of the Province, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for working certain Mines of Iron, and manufacturing of Iron, in the County of Annapolis, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a further Conference on the subject matter of the two last Conferences.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conferences respectively, do manage the said Conferences.

And they went to the Conferences accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. W. H. Roach reported, that the Managers had been at a further Conference on the subject of the Annapolis Academy Resolution, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Mr. Lawson reported, that the Managers had been at a further Conference on the General State of the Province, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Resolution of this House, relative to the erecting a Building for an Academy or School in the Town of Annapolis.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to aid the Inhabitants of the Town of Annapolis, to erect a suitable Building for an Academy or Grammar School; the sum hereby granted not to be drawn from the Treasury, until the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, raised by private subscription, shall have been expended and so certified by the Justices in Session.

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Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Ninety-Eight Pounds should be granted and paid to Richard U. Marsters, to enable him to purchase a Transit Instrument, to further the important views of the said Marsters, in relation to his contemplated improvements on Chronometers.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to encourage the Reverend Pere Vincent, who is now settled at the Indian Chapel, which was built by the Indians, near the Bras d'Or Lake, and engaged, without any remuneration, in educating and taking care of such Indians, and their families.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted, and placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to be applied by such Persons as he shall appoint, for the purpose of procuring seed Potatoes and Grain, for the distressed Negroes at Hammond's Plain, Dartmouth, and Preston, and those at the Panuke Settlement in the Township of Windsor, and Beach Hill near Halifax.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that out of the unclaimed Agricultural Funds, the sum of Forty-Two Pounds Nine Shillings and Ten Pence should be paid to John Young, Esq. for a Chemical Apparatus imported by him in the year 1820, the articles of which shall be disposed of by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for any public Institution he may select; and that the sum of Seventy-Nine Pounds Three Shillings and Four Pence out of the same unclaimed Funds, be paid to the said John Young, in full for any claim of any kind or sort he may have or make against the Province.

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

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

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolutions be sent to the Council for concurrence.

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

Resolved, That the Collector of Impost and Excise at the Port of Halifax do keep a distinct account of all Duties collected by him, upon the importation from the United States of America, of Live Stock, Apples, Fruit, Onions, Biscuit, and Bread, under the Act of the General Assembly, passed this present Session, entitled, "An Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by imposing a duty on articles imported from Foreign Countries." And that the said amount of duties upon the above specified articles during the present year, shall be paid quarterly, to the Commissioners of the Poor, for the use of the Poor of the Town of Halifax. *Provided*, such payment do not exceed the sum of 1000*l.* during the year, which being seconded,

Mr. Fairbanks moved an amendment to the Resolution, as followeth, viz:

Leave out all the words after the word "Resolved," which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

The original Resolution was then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Resolution twenty; against it, eight:

For the Resolution,		Against the Resolution,	
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Poole,	Mr. Kavanagh,	Mr. Huntshorne,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Wier,	Mr. Heckman,	Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. W. H. Roach,	Mr. Bishop,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wells,	Mr. McKinnon,	Mr. Dennison,	Mr. Unacke,
Mr. James,	Mr. B. Dewolf,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Shey,	Mr. Albro,
Mr. Morse,	Mr. Sargent,		Mr. Crowell,
			Mr. Dickson,

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for working certain Mines of Iron in the County of Annapolis; and the same were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

On

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the said amendments, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

The Council have agreed to Thirty Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums,
viz.

- 93l. 11s. for Shipwrecked Mariners.
- 20l. to William Robertson.
- 25l. for clearing out Middle River, Chester.
- 50l. for do Herring Cove River.
- 100l. for do Musquodoboit River.
- 50l. for do River St. Croix.
- 50l. for do River Denny.
- 300l. for repairs of Militia Arms.
- 19l. 12s. for do do
- 105l. 5s. 11d. do
- 150l. for Adjutant-General of Militia.
- 35l. to William Fraser.
- 35l. to William Hill.
- 35l. to Thomas Dickson.
- 126l. 8s. for Avon Bridge.
- 127l. 6s. 5d. for St. Croix Bridge.
- 44l. 18s. 1d. for distressed Inhabitants of Tracadie.
- 174l. 10s. 6d. for expenses, for prosecuting Forgers Province Notes.
- 538l. 19s. 6d. for the road from Fultz's to Thompson's.
- 100l. to Thomas W. James.
- 10l. to J. I. Sawyer.
- 35l. to Andrew Richardson.
- 150l. for Sundries for the Council and the Assembly.
- 35l. for Stationary.
- 35l. to John Whidden.
- 35l. to the Deputy-Clerk of the Council.
- 500l. for Inspecting Field-Officers.
- 1000l. for Sufferers by Fire at Miramichi.
- 750l. for Casualties on the Main Roads.
- 200l. for a Building for an Academy or School at Annapolis.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, relative to a sum of 50l. granted in the year 1825, for repairing the Road from the bounds of the County of Halifax towards Chester. And also,

To the Resolution of this House, relative to a balance 145l. remaining in the Treasury, of the sum voted for fitting up the Assembly Room.

The Council agree to the Conference on the subject of the amendments to the Iron Bill, as desired by the House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Hartshorne, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Communication from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, reported on the 12th March last, relative to the appropriation of the Duties collected under the new Colonial Act at Halifax, be referred to a Committee; and that they do prepare

an humble Address, to be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject matter thereof; and report the same to the House without delay.

Ordered, That Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

TUESDAY, 4th APRIL, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hartshorne reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an humble Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the appropriation of the Duties collected under the new Colonial Act, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependenciees, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the Representatives of His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the People of Nova-Scotia, now convened in General Assembly for the first time since many important changes have taken place in the Colonial Policy of Great-Britain, most respectfully beg leave to submit to your Excellency, for the consideration of His Majesty's Government, our sentiments and opinions on several subjects connected therewith, and mentioned in this Address.

THE House of Assembly acknowledge, with sincere gratitude, the wise and liberal policy detailed in the Acts of the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, for the removal of those long established Restrictions, by which, contrary to the now acknowledged principles of Trade, the Commerce of the Colonies was oppressed and limited; and the House consider the system thereby adopted as best calculated to cherish and strengthen the attachment now so happily existing between the Colonies and the Mother Country; and we entertain the most confident hope, that the same Power which has so far abolished those injurious monopolies and restrictions, will not fail to remove every inconvenience which the practical operation of this new system may disclose, and which it may not be in the power of the Colonial Legislature to remedy.

WE have given our most serious attention to the Act for regulating the Trade of the British Possessions abroad; and we are happy to find, that the Imperial Parliament have evinced a due regard to the Constitutional Rights of His Majesty's Subjects in the Colonies, by placing wholly at the disposal of the Colonial Legislature, the produce of the Duties which they deemed it thereby necessary to impose for the regulation of Trade; for we beg to assure your Excellency, that His Majesty's Subjects in this loyal and happy Province, would consider themselves vitally injured by any concession, however otherwise desirable, which should be granted them in connexion with, or dependent upon, the infringement of any of their Rights and Privileges as British Subjects.

It is, therefore, with extreme regret that this House have learned, that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have ordered the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs at Halifax to apply, in payment of certain Salaries, the produce of the Duties arising from the said Act, and which is thereby directed to be paid into the Colonial Treasury; thus claiming the same controul over these Duties which their Lordships are empowered by that Act to exercise in Colonies possessing no local Legislatures.

IT is a duty which we owe equally to the Government of the Mother Country and to His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, most explicitly to state to your Excellency, that we consider all

the Duties imposed by, and payable under, the said Act of Parliament, except such Duties as are payable to His Majesty under Acts passed previous to the 18th year of His late Majesty's reign, to be entirely under the controul, and at the disposal, of the Colonial Legislatures; and that no other authority whatever can legally direct the Collector of His Majesty's Customs to pay over those Duties, or any part of them, to any Person but the Treasurer of the Province.—This House therefore most respectfully submit, that the Order of their Lordships is in direct opposition to the 13th Section of the said Act of the Imperial Parliament, which directs the manner in which all these Duties are to be paid and appropriated, and cannot be warranted by any Clause in the said Statute.

THE House of Assembly are duly sensible, that the Shipping Interest of this Province will derive very great advantage from the total reduction of the Fees formerly payable to the Officers of the Customs within the British Possessions; but they at the same time beg to represent, that those advantages will not be so extensive when it is considered that our Colonial Vessels still remain liable to heavy charges in Foreign Ports; while British Ships and Ships of Foreigners, which formerly paid towards the support of the Custom-House, are now admitted free from any fees or impositions whatsoever.)

THE great interest which your Excellency has ever taken in the prosperity of this Province, whilst it demands our sincere gratitude, affords us also the most perfect assurance, that you will transmit this Representation of what we apprehend to be a direct interference with our Colonial Privileges, for the consideration of His Majesty's Government; for we assure your Excellency, that as the Representatives of this Province, we deem it our first and most important duty, thus to offer our temperate and respectful remonstrance against those infringements of the Constitutional Rights of the Assembly.

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

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do know His Excellency's pleasure when he will receive the said Address.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

121l. 13s. 2d. to John Young,

98l. to Richard U. Marsters,

100l. for distressed Negroes,

50l. to the Reverend Pere Vincent,

1000l. for the Poor at Halifax.

The Council request a further Conference on the subject matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House do agree to the amendments, made by the Council, to the Bill to authorize the Incorporation of a Company, for working certain Mines of Iron in the County of Annapolis; and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Smith moved, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized to provide a conveyance for the Judges of the Supreme Court, on their next Annual Circuit to the County of Cape Breton; and that this House will, at the next Session, provide for the payment of the same: the expense of which not to exceed the sum of Forty Pounds, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, sixteen; against it, ten.

For the Motion :

Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Chipman,
Mr. Flemming,
Mr. T. Roach,
Mr. Uniacke,
Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

Mr. Shey,
Mr. Morse,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. Hartshorne,

Against the Motion:

Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Church,
Mr. James,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Albro,

Mr. Wier
Mr. Bishop,

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the Committee had framed a Bill for applying such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's table, and thereupon,

On motion, the said Bill was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

WEDNESDAY, 5th APRIL, 1826.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint this day, at three of the Clock, to receive the Address of the House, at the Government-House.

An engrossed Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-six, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for working certain Mines of Iron, and manufacturing Iron, in the County of Annapolis, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in relation to the several Messages and Recommendations by him transmitted to this House during the present Session, and not previously answered, and do thereupon respectfully make to His Excellency the following Communication of the Proceedings of the House thereon.—That the Committee state, in reference to His Excellency's Message, relative to the Roads at Ardoise Hills, Bishop's Hill, and from Dartmouth to Fletcher's, and to Musquodoboit, and St. Mary's, that the House have made further provision for those several objects, as recommended by that Message.

That the Committee state, in reference to the recommendation to provide for the additional expenditure

penditure upon the Windsor Road, through the valley near Fultz's, that the amount thereof has been voted by the House.

That the Committee state, in reference to the application from the Magistrates of Cape-Breton for the continuation of a Grammar School in and near Sydney, recommended by His Excellency to the consideration of this House, that this House have passed a Bill providing generally for Grammar Schools throughout the Province, among which it was arranged, that two such Schools should be established in that Island, and that the House did not conceive themselves at liberty to make any distinct provision for the existing School at Sydney, while the remainder of the Province continued without those most desirable Institutions. That the Committee further state, that the Bill referred to rests before His Majesty's Council.

That the Committee state, in reference to that part of His Excellency's Message upon the Boundary Lines of the Counties which recommended their establishment by an Act of the Assembly, that the House have considered it expedient to defer the passage of any Bill on that subject, until the Lines, which are not yet surveyed, shall be defined and settled; a measure which they conceive may be accomplished probably before the next Session.

That the Committee state, in reference to the Petition of W. H. Crawley, for payment of past services, as Teacher of the Grammar School at Sydney, recommended by His Excellency to the consideration of this House, that the House conceived that they could not in justice to other claims on similar subjects from other parts of the Province, where, since the expiration of the Grammar School Act, the Grammar Schools have been kept up by the exertions of individuals, consistently accede to the prayer of that Petition.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with their Address, pursuant to the Order of Yesterday.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would transmit the Address of the House for the consideration of His Majesty's Government, and also particularly call their attention to the subject matter of it.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee, appointed this day, to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Resolution of this House, in relation to the several Messages and Recommendations by him transmitted to the House, during the present Session, and not previously answered; that the Committee had, pursuant to order, accordingly waited upon and delivered to His Excellency the said Resolution.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our L^d 1826, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

THURSDAY, 6th APRIL, 1826.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House, that all Claims for any Premiums or Bounties, for the erection of any Oat-Mills or Flax Mills, or for any other purpose, granted for the encouragement of Agriculture, in the Session of 1824, or in any previous Session, be paid by the Treasurer of the Province, upon the Certificates of the Justices in Session of the Counties or District.

Districts where the Mills may be erected, or bounties earned; specifying the compliance of the Candidates respectively, with the terms and conditions on which the Bounties were originally made payable. And further, *resolved*, That no Bounty or payment be made by the Treasurer, for any Mill or other Agricultural object, unless the Mill be in operation, or the premium be earned, previous to the 31st December, 1827, at which day all such Bounties, not then earned, shall be deemed unclaimed.

Mr. Young moved, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Resolution be printed in the Royal Gazette.

Mr. Smith moved, That the House do come to a Resolution as follows, *viz*: *Resolved*, That, as His Majesty's Council have not concurred with this House, in the Resolutions passed to relieve the Millers and other Manufacturers from Foreign Duties, that this House do not consider themselves pledged, by those Resolutions, to afford any relief in the next Session—But, that any application by them, or any of them, to this House, will be considered in the same way as if no such Resolutions had passed: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Motion, Eleven; against it, Fifteen: So it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give His Assent to the several Bills following, *viz*.

An Act to continue the several Acts relating to the Light-House erected on Cranberry Island near the entrance of the Gut of Canso.

An Act to provide for the erection and support of a Light-House on Manger's Beach, and to regulate the Light-Duties hereafter to be paid.

An Act to enable the Trustees of the Common at Lunenburg to lease the same for the improvement thereof.

An Act to continue the Act to prevent disorderly riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province, and for repealing certain Acts therein mentioned.

An Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax.

An Act to suspend the operation of several Acts of the General Assembly, passed to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing.

An Act to continue an Act, in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages.

An Act to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House.

An Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for working certain Mines of Iron in the County of Annapolis.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

An Act to alter and continue the Acts for the regulation of the Militia.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows:

I BEG leave to present to your Excellency, on behalf of His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Nova-Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in the present Session for the support of His Majesty's Government for the present year, and to request your Excellency's Assent to the same.

His Excellency was pleased to give His Assent to the Bill following, *viz*.

An Act for applying certain Monies, therein mentioned, for the service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-six and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted

granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech :

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

THE Public Business being concluded, it affords me great pleasure to relieve you from further attendance in General Assembly ; and to express to you the satisfaction which I feel at the harmony which has prevailed in your deliberations.

THE liberality and zeal for the public good which you have manifested in the discharge of your Legislative Duties, entitle you to my best thanks ; and I feel that they are particularly due to you, for the ready attention which you have given to such matters as it became my duty to recommend to your consideration.

I THANK you in His Majesty's Name for the liberal Supplies which you have granted for the support of His Majesty's Government ; and it will be my earnest endeavour to see that the appropriations of the present Session are judiciously and duly applied to the various objects of public improvement which they are intended to promote.

Afterwards, the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's Command, said—

GENTLEMEN,

IT is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday, the first day of June next, to be then here held ; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the first day of June next.