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PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, Baronet, L. L. D.

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 unto Thursday, the Twelfth Day of April next.

I HAVE therefore thought fit, further to Prorogue the said *General Assembly*, unto Friday, the Eighth Day of June next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business; of which all Persons concerned are hereby required to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand, and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 13th Day of March, 1798, in the 38th year of His Majesty's Reign.

JOHN WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command,

B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.

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Of the PROVINCE of NOVA-SCOTIA.

Friday, 8th June, 1798.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*.

Mr Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency ;

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker *reported*. that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy ; which he read to the House, and is as follows, viz.

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

THE ordinary Affairs of the Province rendering this Meeting of the Legislature necessary, at a Season when your private Concerns may, in some Degree, require your speedy Return into your respective Districts ; I shall at present, only recommend to your Attention such Business as needs more immediately to be considered, and, I am very happy, that the Laws both of Regulation and Revenue, heretofore passed, have been so beneficially competent to the good Order and Prosperity of the People, that little more than their Continuance seems, at present, requisite.

I participate sincerely in every Honor due to His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and with Pleasure observe, that great praise results to an extensive Society, when their good Conduct precludes the Necessity of many new Laws ; such however, as Circumstances may require, I have no doubt, will be matured by you, with Wisdom, and, with Unanimity : to those, my Concurrence shall be readily afforded.

The public Accounts and Estimates shall be laid before you by the proper Officers ; and, I trust, will afford Cause of great Satisfaction.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I confide in your Wisdom and Liberality to grant such Supplies for the Support of His Majesty's Government, as may be adequate to the Service.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Assembly,

Let me congratulate you, on the noble and generous Spirit of Loyalty and Attachment to our most gracious Sovereign and excellent Constitution, manifested by the Voluntary and general Subscription of His Majesty's Subjects in the Capital, and now proceeding with similar Zeal throughout the Province ; a Measure, which does the highest Credit both to their Hearts, and to their Understanding, evincing their just Sense of the sacred importance of the Cause in which we are engaged ; being, no less than that of, our King, our Country and our most holy Religion.

May the Blessing of Divine Providence prosper every Effort of our determined Attachment to this great and good Cause.

Richard John Uniacke, Esq; returned duly elected for the County of *Queen's County*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

On Motion *ordered*, That *Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Morris*, be a Committee, to prepare an Address, in answer to his Excellency's Speech.

Resolved, That no Petition of a private nature, be received after Monday the 18th Instant.

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

Saturday, 9th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Uniacke reported, from the Committee appointed Yesterday to draw up an Address, to be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly; 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 the same was read, and is as follows.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, Baronet, L. L. D.

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of *Nova Scotia*, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The ADDRESS of the House of Representatives in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency.

WE his Majesty's dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Commons of *Nova Scotia*, met in *General Assembly*; beg leave to return Your Excellency our humble Thanks for your Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We are truly sensible that the Season of the Year requires we should be expeditious in finishing the public Business; and we consider it our Duty to continue that System of Regulation and Revenue, which you are pleased to say, has hitherto been found adequate to preserve good Order and promote the Prosperity of the People.

The Zeal your Excellency has evinced on every Occasion, to advance the Interests of the Province, and the Happiness we have enjoyed under your mild Administration, prove to us beyond a Doubt that you most sensibly participate in every Event that is honorable or advantageous to his Majesty's Subjects in this Province: And we flatter ourselves that while the good People of this Country continue to fear God, and honor the King, they will require little Aid from human Laws to promote their Safety and Prosperity: at the same time, we are well assured, that your Excellency will readily concur in any Measure which may be thought necessary to secure to us a continuance of the Blessings we enjoy.

We humbly thank your Excellency for having ordered the proper Officers to lay before us the public Accounts and Estimates; and it is with pleasure we anticipate that Approbation, which we are well convinced will be the Result of our Investigation.

We beg to assure Your Excellency, that you may at all times rely on the Zeal and Affection of His Majesty's faithful Commons, for such Supplies as may be necessary, for the Service of the Year.

We feel a pride in repeating the Sentiments of Loyalty, which universally prevail throughout this Province. The Voluntary Subscriptions of His Majesty's Subjects in the Capital, and the Zeal with which the other Inhabitants of the Province are pursuing similar Measures, will speak more effectually, than it is in the Power of Language to express. We are a part of the Empire, and it is our determined

mined Resolution to stand or fall with the Parent State, whose powerful Arms have hitherto protected us : and should the Events of War call us to take an Active Part, we trust and hope that your Excellency in the Hour of Danger will find every Man pledged and ready, to sacrifice both Life and Fortune, in the Defence of our beloved Sovereign, our Country, and our Holy Religion.

We should ill deserve the Happiness we enjoy, did we not with humble Devotion, join your Excellency in supplicating the divine Ruler of the Universe, by whose Favour alone we can expect the efforts of our Country to prosper, and the Minds of Men to be firmly fixed, in supporting our most Gracious King, in the great and good Cause, in which he is now justly engaged.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait on his Excellency, to know his pleasure, when he will be attended by this House.

The Clerk *reported* to the House, that his Excellency having been waited on pursuant to the Order of this Day to know when he would be pleased to be attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint Monday next, at Twelve of the Clock at the Government-House.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, 11th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Hartshorne*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for establiſhing Regulations respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein; and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker *reported*, that his Excellency was pleased to give this Answer.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

IT would be very Difficult, if practicable, in any language to express the Sentiments of Respect and Gratitude with which your Address impresses my Mind, but I request you to be assured they are acknowledged with the highest Satisfaction.

Principles of such unanimous and determined Loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and firm Resolution fully to Support, and finally to share the Fate of our great and good Cause, are worthy of your Wisdom and Spirit; and will forever redound to the Honor of this Province, as well as tend in the surest manner to its permanent Prosperity.

Ordered, That Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Cochran*, Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Schwartz*, and Mr. *James*, be a Committee of this House, for the Purpose of examining the public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and reporting thereon; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A Message was received from the Council, informing the House, they had appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this House, to examine, and report on the public Accounts; and that their Committee would be ready to meet the Committee of this House To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock in the Committee Room, adjoining the Council Chamber.

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

Tuesday, 12th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for establishing Regulations, respecting Aliens coming into this Province or residing therein, was read a second Time.

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

Mr. Treasurer *Wallace* pursuant to Order, presented to the House an Account of all Monies received by him into, and Payments made from the Provincial Treasury from the 1st *October* 1797, to the 31st *May*, 1798 inclusive.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Maclean*, Mr. *Pyke*, and Mr. *Cutler*, be a Committee to report what Laws are near Expiring.

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

Wednesday, 13th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Aaron Andrews*, was presented by Mr. *Stuart*, and read, setting forth ; That the Petitioner is well acquainted with the Clothing business, and the management of a fulling and dressing Mill ; that he is very desirous of erecting a fulling Mill on *Milford Haven* River, in the County of *Sydney*, provided he could obtain some Aid to enable him to purchase the necessary Utensils for such a Mill, which if carried into Execution, would be of much public Utility to the Inhabitants ; and praying the House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein, as to them may seem meet.

A Petition of *Charles Baker* of *Cumberland*, was presented by Mr. *Lusby*, and read, setting forth ; that *Hans Baker*, late Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland*, by Order of the late Governor *Parr*, took a Census of the Inhabitants of the said County, in the Year 1791, in performing which he was exposed to much Fatigue, and incurred a considerable Expence, and for which he never received any Compensation, That the said Sheriff shortly after making a Return of the said Census to Government, removed into the *United States of America*, leaving a Power of Attorney with the Petitioner to transact his Business generally ; and praying the House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant to the said *Hans Baker*, a Compensation for the Services, he had so performed, in the like Proportion, as has been allowed to other Sheriffs, or such other Relief as to them may seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petitions, do severally lie on the Table.

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

Thursday, 14th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *James Leaver* of *Halifax*, Merchant was presented by Mr. *Wallace*, and read, setting forth ; that the Petitioner in the Month of August 1796, legally exported to *Quebec* 1004 Gallons of Molasses, the Duties on which was previously paid to the Collectors of Impost and Excise, who informed the Petitioner, that a Drawback of the same would be allowed on the Exportation ; that the Petitioner in the Month of December following, Lodged at the Impost and Excise Office, the necessary Certificates of the Landing of the said Molasses at *Quebec*, but has never been able to obtain the Drawback, and praying the House will be pleased to take his Case into Consideration, and grant such Relief, as to them may seem proper.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to Audit the Accounts for the Expenditure of £254. granted in the Year 1796, for making a Road leading from *McNab's* Bridge to *Gay's* River, and report thereon to this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Archibald*, Mr. *Belcher*, and Mr. *Lusby*, be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, for establishing Regulations, respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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 till To-morrow at One of the Clock.

Friday, 15th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for establishing Regulations 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 respecting Aliens, coming into this Province, or residing therein.

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

Mr. *Rutherford*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating the packing and Exportation of Red or Smoaked Herrings, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Petition of *James Hugbston* of *Digby*, was presented by Mr. *Rutherford*, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner was appointed Searcher and Examiner of all Vessels, coming from Sea, into the Gut of *Annapolis*, by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 15th June, 1795, that he was in the Execution of the said Office, for upwards of two Years when he experienced much Fatigue, and incurred a considerable Expence for Boats and Men, and for which he has never received any Compensation whatever, although another Person has since been appointed for the like Service, with a Salary of Twenty five Pounds per Annum; and praying the may will take his Case into Consideration, and grant him such Relief as to them House seem fit.

A Petition of *Isaac Bonnell*, *Andrew Snodgrafs*, *P. Wiswall*, and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Annapolis*, was presented by Mr. *Rutherford*, and read, setting forth; that the Act passed in the Thirty sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled *An Act for making, repairing, laying out and altering Roads, Highways, Bridges and Streets, within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work, and Labour of the Inhabitants, to be performed in, and about the same*: has upon due Trial, been found inadequate to the good Purposes for which it was intended; and praying, that the said Act may be repealed, and that the Laws of the Province, relating to Highways, which are now suspended with regard to the said County, may again be put into effect.

A Petition of *Josiah Dodge*, *Andrew Walker*, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Granville*, and County of *Annapolis* was presented by Mr. *Howe*, and read; setting forth, that great Inconvenience arise to the Inhabitants of the said Town and County, by the operation of the Act passed in the 36th Year of his present Majesty's

Majesty's Reign, respecting Roads, Highways, Bridges and Streets within the said County of *Annapolis*, &c. and praying the repeal of the said Act, and that the Operation of the old Laws, relating to the Highways, &c. may again be extended to the County.

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

George Gracie Esq; duly elected for the County of *Shelburne*, took the usual Oaths and his seat.

James Stuart, Esq; duly elected for the County of *Halifax*, took the usual Oaths and his seat.

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

Saturday, 16th June, 1798.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Archibald, reported from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts for the Expenditure of £254 granted in the Year 1796, for making a Road leading from *McNabb's Bridge* to *Gay's River*, and read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows Viz; That it appears to the Committee, that the Accounts are Correct and well vouched for all Charges and Discharges, after deducting the Sum of £6 10 from the Account marked No. 28, of *William Martin*, *William Logan* and *James Hamilton*; and that there appears to be due to *Jotham Blanchard*, the Sum of £16 13 1 exclusive of his Expences and Time, in superintending the Workmen, making Contracts, &c. for the said Road.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

A Bill for regulating the Packing and Exportation of Red or Smoaked Herrings, was read a second time.

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

A Petition of *James Purcell* of *Halifax*, in behalf of himself and others, was presented by *Mr. Wallace*, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner and others purchased several Tickets in the last Class of the Road Lottery, and had the Misfortune to lose them. That previous to the drawing of the said Class the Petitioner obtained a Certificate signed by the Honourable *Charles Morris*, from *Mr. William Kidston*, describing the Numbers of the Tickets so purchased, which Certificate was Lodged with the Treasurer of the Province by *Mr. Morris*, with a request, that he would stop the described Tickets if they were drawn Prizes, and give the Commissioners Notice thereof. That one of the Petitioners Tickets turned up a Prize of five Hundred Dollars, which has not been applied for by any Person, but the Petitioner; that notwithstanding the Petitioner offered the late Treasurer good Security to indemnify him, he considered himself not justified in paying the said Prize to the Petitioner, unless directed so to do by the Commissioners, or this House; and praying the House will take his Case into Consideration, and grant such Relief as to them may seem fit.

A Petition of *John* and *Edward Kerby* of *Halifax*, was presented by *Mr. Uniacke*, and read, setting forth; that the Petitioners have for many Years, carried on the Business of Tallow Chandlers in the Town of *Halifax*, and have been accustomed to supply the Squadron of his Majesty's Ships on the Station with large Quantities of Candles, and also to furnish the Inhabitants and Soldiery with a great Proportion of the Candles consumed in the Town; that the very high prices of Tallow and Candles in *Great-Britain*, have caused a material Diminution of the usual Importation of those Articles by the Merchants of *Halifax*, and though the Petitioners have purchased

chafed for the Supply for their Manufactory all the Tallow they can procure in the Province, yet it is greatly inadequate to satisfy the Demands made upon them by his Majesty's Navy. That it will require about Twenty Tons of Tallow in Addition to what the Petitioners may probably purchase in the Province to enable them to provide for the Demands of the Navy and Town the ensuing Season; and this Quantity might be procured from the neighbouring States of *America*: but the Duty of Ten *Per Cent*, to which this Article so imported would be subject under an Act made in the Twenty ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, discourages and prevents the Petitioners from applying for his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's permission for such Importation. That foreign Tallow imported into *Great-Britain*, from *Russia* and *America* is not charged with an Duty, being considered as a raw Material, the Admission whereof encourages the Manufactures of the Kingdom: and praying the House will be pleased to take the premises into Consideration, and cause such an Amendment to be made of the said Act, as will leave it in the Power of the Petitioners to import Tallow from the *United States* free of the said Provincial Duty; or grant such Relief, as the case of the Petitioners may appear to merit.

Ordered, That the said Petitions do severally lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act, respecting Aliens, coming into this Province, or residing therein* with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council, to the above Bill into Consideration, and the said Amendments; being read throughout a first and second Time, where upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request he will be pleased to issue a Proclamation, Offering a sufficient Reward, to any Person or Persons who will give Information and Testimony, so as to bring to Justice, and to convict, any Person or Persons, who were guilty of robbing Mr. *Charles Fraser* of *Parrsborough*, Inspector and Searcher, of certain Goods, Wares and Merchandizes by him seized for having been illegally imported within this Province; and to assure his Excellency, that this House, will make provision for the Payment of the Reward.

Ordered, That Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Cutler*, and Mr. *Hartshorne* be a Committee accordingly.

Mr. Treasurer *Wallace* presented to the House an Account of all Monies received by the late Treasurer the Honorable *B. Wentworth* into, and payments by him made from the Provincial Treasury from the 1st June to the 31st September. 1797 inclusive.

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

On Motion, the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for regulating the packing and Exportation of red, or smoked Herrings.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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.

On Motion, *resolved*, that this House will on Tuesday next the 19th Instant, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration, the several private Petitions before the House.

On Motion, *resolved*, That this House will on Wednesday the 20th instant, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a supply, to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday 18th June, 1798.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill, for regulating the packing and exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, *an Act for regulating the Exportation of red or smoked Herrings*, and in Amendment of an Act passed in the second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act for regulating the Exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards and all other kind of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same.

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

A Petition of *Robert Archibald, Robert Geddes*, and others, Inhabitants of *Musquodobit*, was presented by Mr. *Archibald* and read, setting forth, that the Settlement in general suffer great Inconvenience for Want of a Road to enable them to carry their Produce, which by great Labour and Industry has become considerable, to the Market at *Halifax*. That a Subscription has been entered into by the Settlers for the purpose of opening a Road, but from their Inability it will not be adequate to carry the same into Execution, and praying the Aid of the House in their Behalf.

A Petition of *Moses Delesdernier*, was presented by Mr. *Pyke*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is now upwards of 73 Years of Age, 46 of which he has resided in the Province of *Nova Scotia*; That in his Exertions for the Settlement of the Province, he was ordered by the Board of Trade and Plantations to visit *Holland Germany* and *Switzerland*, to procure Emigrants to proceed hither for the Purpose of forming Settlements, and for which service he never received any Compensation. That the Petitioner suffered great losses as well from the native Savages, as the French Inhabitants during the War in the Year 1758. That the Petitioner and his three Sons are in a very infirm State of Health, unable to Support themselves; and praying, as a great Proportion of the Petitioner's Life has been spent in the public Service, that the House would take his Case into Consideration, and grant him such relief, as to them may seem meet.

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

Mr. *Maclean*, reported from the Committee appointed to report what Laws are near expiring; and presented a Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Pyke* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for preventing the monopolizing and forestalling of Cord Wood, in the Town of *Halifax*; and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time,

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

Tuesday, 19th June, 1798.

PRAYERS,

A Bill to prevent the monopolizing and forestalling of Cord Wood in the Town of *Halifax*

lifax, Also a Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, were severally read a second Time.

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

Mr. *Stewart*, moved, that *John* and *Edward Kerby* Petitioners to this House be heard by Council at the Bar of the House, on the subject of their Petitions, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eight, against it Eleven.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Belcher*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent the *Clandestine and illegal Importation of Goods, liable to Duties by the Laws of this Province*, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Belcher*, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Resolution of this House on Saturday last; requesting his Excellency would be pleased to issue a Proclamation, respecting a Robbery committed on Mr. *Charles Frazer*, Inspector and Searcher, at *Parrsborough*; that the Committee had waited on his Excellency accordingly; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, he would comply with the desire of this House.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Gautier*, as follows.

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill following, viz;

An Act, respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

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. *Pool* 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 they had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

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

Wednesday, 20th June, 1798.

PRAYERS,

A Bill to prevent the *Clandestine and illegal Importation of Goods, liable to Duty, by the Laws of this Province*, 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 further Consideration of private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which they

they had directed him to report to the House, 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 Petition of *Aaron Andrews*, was read, and considered, and thereupon.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition should be dismissed.

The Petition of *Charles Baker*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition should be dismissed.

The Petition of *James Hughston*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition should be dismissed.

The Petition of *James Leaver*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £7 13 5, should be granted and paid to the Petitioner, being the amount of a Drawback of the Duties to which he is intitled, on 1004 Gallons Molasses, by him exported to Quebec, agreeable to Law.

The Petition of *Isaac Bonnell*, *Andrew Snodgrafs*, *P. Wiswall*, and others. Also the Petition of *Josiah Dodge*, *Andrew Walker*, and others, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be referred to a Committee of the whole House, to be considered with the Bill for continuing in Force the several Acts therein mentioned.

The Petition of *Robert Archibald*, *Robert Geddes*, and others was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Consideration of the said Petition, should be deferred until the House take into Consideration the State of the Roads generally.

The Petition of *Moses Desjardier*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition should be dismissed, it being improper to afford the Petitioner the Relief prayed for, as it would establish a precedent pregnant with the most serious Consequences to the welfare of the Province.

The Petition of *John* and *Edward Kerby*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the prayer of the Petitioners cannot be granted.

The Petition of *James Purcell*, in behalf of himself and others, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Commissioners of the Lottery, should be directed to advertise in the Royal Gazette, and the other Newspapers printed in *Halifax*, a list of the Numbers of the Tickets said to be lost, and the Prizes they are entitled to for the space of Three Months; and if after that period, no other Claimant appears, then the Treasurer shall be authorized to pay to the Petitioner *Purcell*, and such other Persons as have already Lodged their Claims for lost Tickets; the amount of such Prizes, upon giving such Security as the Commissioners of the Lottery, or the Treasurer, may deem sufficient, to reimburse such Amount, if claimed, within Twelve Months by a Bona fide Proprietor.

The said Report and Resolutions, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon; agreed to by the house.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Isaac Bonnell*, *Andrew Snodgrafs*, *P. Wiswall* and others; also the Petition of *Josiah Dodge*, *Andrew Walker*, and others; be severally committed to a Committee of the whole House, agreeable to the Resolution of the

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Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution in Favor of *James Leaver*, to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

The Order of the Day being read,

On Motion *Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act for regulating the Exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 2d Year of his Majesty's Reign*, intituled, an Act, for regulating the Exportation of Fish, &c. with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill abovementioned, into Consideration, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the said Amendments, and that the Clerk do desire the same,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Uniaske*, Mr. *Sargent*, and Mr. *Rutherford*.

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

Thursday, 21st June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, to prevent the clandestine and illegal Importation of Goods, liable to Duties by the Laws of this Province; and also the Bill to prevent the monopolizing and forestalling of Cord Wood, in the Town of *Halifax*, and had severally agreed to them, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments in, at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred; which Report the House agreed to.

The Amendments to the Bills abovementioned, were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Morris*, offered to the House a Petition, signed by *William Forsyth*, *Andrew Belcher* and *Richard Kidston* for themselves and others; the substance of which he stated to the House, and thereupon, on Motion the said Petition was received, and read, setting forth, that a navigable Communication between the Harbour of *Halifax*, and the *Bason of Minas*, through the *Dartmouth* and *Shubenaccadie* Lakes and *Shubenaccadie* River, would greatly tend to promote and facilitate the Population, Agriculture and Commerce of this Province. That in Consequence of the Survey, which has been made, and levels taken of the Land and Water from *Halifax* Harbour, down to the flowing of the Tide in *Shubenaccadie* River, by the Orders of this House; the Petitioners are well assured, that such a Navigation is very practicable, and may be accomplished at an Expence probably little exceeding the Report made by the said Surveyors. That the Petitioners in Conjunction with a Number of others his Majesty's Subjects, are willing to subscribe considerable Sums of Money, towards the carrying on of such a Work, and would undertake to complete the same;

provided the Legislature of the Province, would in their Wisdom, grant them reasonable Aid and Encouragement. That the Petitioners therefore respectfully solicit the Patronage of the Legislature, and praying, that an Act may pass this present Session of the Assembly; authorising the Petitioners, to proceed as soon as possible in that undertaking, and grant to them their Heirs and Assigns, an exclusive Right, Interest and Privilege, in the same, when completed, to levy and receive such reasonable Toll, for the Passage of Vessels through the said Navigable Communication, for the Space of _____ Years, from the Time of its being completed, as may reimburse them for the Expence, and Risk of making and keeping the same in Repair.

On Motion of Mr. *Morris*, *resolved*, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, conformable to the Prayer of the said Petition, and thereupon,

Mr. *Morris* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the making a navigable Canal from the Harbour of *Halifax*, to the *Basin of Minas*, and the same was read a first Time.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie on the Table,

Orderca, That the Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House, and his Majesty's Council.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House *resolved* 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. *Skinner* 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 prayed leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same; which report the House agreed to.

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

Friday, 22d June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to prevent the monopolizing and forestalling 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 amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of *Halifax*.

An engrossed Bill to prevent the clandestine and illegal Importation of Goods, liable to Duties by the Laws of this Province, was read a Third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for the better securing the Collection of the Revenue of this Province.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire a Conference, with the Council on the subject of the Amendments made by them to the Bill, intituled, an Act for regulating the Exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, &c. agreeable to the Resolution of this House on Wednesday the 20th Instant.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council doth agree to a Conference, as desired by this House, in the Committee Room of the Council immediately.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Ordered, That the Managers appointed to confer with the Council do attend accordingly, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Uniacke* stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

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The Order of the Day being read.

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present further Conference, on the subject Matter of the last Conference, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to meet the Council at a present further Conference as they do desire,

And then the Messenger was again called in,

And Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that the House, had considered his Message and agree to meet the Council at a Conference as they do desire.

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers, who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference; and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly;

And being returned,

Mr. *Uniacke*, reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference; and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act, to amend, and render more effectual an Act, passed in the 18th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax*, without any Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House in Favor of *James Leaver*;

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply, to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* 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 prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same; which the House agreed to.

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

Saturday, 23d June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *McMonagle*, reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to examine the public Accounts, and read the Report in his Place; and

and afterwards delivered the same in, at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows.

Treasury	<p>That the late Treasurer the Hon. <i>Benning Wentworth</i>; his Accounts have been received up to the 30th Sept. last, properly stated and Correct, with Vouchers for all Charges and Discharges.</p> <p>The Balances in his Hands on that Day, from the various Duties and Taxes paid into the Treasury was, - - - £2,276 15 2</p> <p>Of which he has since paid into the Hands of the present Treasurer, <i>Michael Wallace</i>, Esq; previous to the 31st May, - - - £1,571 6 8</p> <p>The Balance in hands, on that Day, to be accounted for to the present Treasurer. - - -</p> <p>The present Treasurer's Accounts have been received up to the 31st May last, properly stated and Correct, with Vouchers for all Charges and Discharges. The Balance in the Treasury at that Period, arising from the various Duties and Taxes was, - - - £5,615 14 7</p>	£705 8 6
Collectors of Impost & Excise Halifax, District.	<p>Their Accounts, have been received up to the 31st March last, properly stated and Correct,</p> <p>There remained in their hands, at that Period, for Collection subject however to Drawbacks, Securities to the Amount of - - -</p>	16,808 2 9½
Lunenburg District.	<p>Blank Returns have been received from the Collector there, for the Year 1797. No Dutiable Articles have been imported,</p>	
Liverpool District.	<p>The Collector has transmitted his Account up to the 31st March last : There remained in his hands at that Period for Collection, subject however to Drawbacks, Securities to the Amount of - - -</p> <p>Provided the Credits he takes for Drawbacks are found Correct; - - -</p>	971 6 10
Shelburne District.	<p>The Collector has transmitted his Accounts up to the 31st March last, properly stated and Correct,</p> <p>There remained in his hands at that Period for Collection, subject however to Drawbacks, Securities to the Amount of - - -</p>	363 13 2
Yarmouth District.	<p>The Collector there has transmitted no Account since the 31st March 1797.</p>	
Annapolis District.	<p>The late Collector has transmitted Accounts from the 31st December 1796, to the 30th September 1797, correct : There remained in his hands, at that period for Collection, Securities to the Amount of - - -</p> <p>The present Collector has transmitted his Accounts from the 1st October 1797, to the 31st March last, when there remained a Balance in his Hands of £19 0 6½, which has since been remitted and to be accounted for - - -</p>	404 13 3
Cumberland District. No Accounts from this District.		
Colchester District.	<p>The Collector has transmitted his Accounts up to the 31st December 1797, Balance due thereon £27 18 9; which he has since transmitted to the Treasury, and to be accounted for - - -</p>	
King's County.	<p>The late Collector of this District, has transmitted his Accounts up to the 31st December 1797, when there remained a Balance in his hands of - - -</p> <p>The present Collector has transmitted a Blank Account from the 1st January 1798, to the 1st April.</p>	40 6 0

<i>Hants County.</i>	{	The Collector has transmitted his Accounts, up to the 31st March last correct : The Balance then in his hands was £60 5 1, which he has since remitted to the Treasury to be accounted for	
<i>Sydney.</i>		No Accounts or Remittance from thence.	
<i>Capitation Tax,</i>	{	Paid into the Treasury, by the Collector of <i>Hants County</i> , the sum of	£101 19 11
		By the Collector of <i>Cumberland</i>	8 0
		By the Collector of <i>King's County</i>	30 10 0
<i>Sambro Light House.</i>	{	The Collectors Accounts have been received up to the 31st May last ; when there remained a balance in his hands of	£38 11 9
<i>Shelburne Light House.</i>		The Collectors Accounts have been received up to the 31st March last. The net Collections £51 9 5 which he has paid into the Treasury.	
<i>Licence Duty.</i>	{	The sum of £557 2 1, has been collected in <i>Halifax</i> , and paid into the Treasury between the 20th May 1797, and the 31st March 1798.	
<i>Contingent Account.</i>		No Warrants appear to be charged against this Account, previous to the 31st May, but the present Treasurer reports, that Warrants subsequent to that date, are now lodged in his Office, and all the Money voted last Session for this Service Expended.	

Your Committee observe in the present Treasurers accounts a charge of five per Cent, as paid to the Attorney General for recovering the amount of the Bond Given for the purchase of Mr. *Newton's House* £44 14 4; the propriety of which they submit to the consideration of the House.

Your Committee further Report, that the sum of £26 13 6 Sterling, has been drawn by Warrant on the Treasury, in favour of the Reverend *William Cochran*, for losses said to be suffered by him on Warrants ; the propriety of which they also submit to the consideration of the House.

Your Committee also Report, that £100 has been drawn by Warrant on the Treasury, in favour of the late Treasurer, for his trouble of receiving and paying the Bridge and Road Lottery Money ; and that no part of the proceeds of the said Lottery, is Accounted for.

HENRY NEWTON, }
 CHARLES MORRIS, } Committee of Council.

JOHN M'MONAGLE, }
 WILLIAM COCHRAN, } Committee of the House of
 JOHN STUART, } Assembly.
 EDWARD JAMES, }
 J. W. SCHWARTZ. }

Dr.

A State of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA.

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1798. To amount of Debts due to Individuals not presented for
 payment at the Treasury before the 31st May, and the
 Salaries of Judges and Officers of Government due this
 Month also a Balance due to the Governor's of *Windfor*
 College.

£ 1850 0 0
 14,318 15 8½
 Balance.

By Cash in the hands of the late Treasurer 705 8 6
 By Cash in the hands of the present Treasurer 5615 14 7

6,321 3 1

By Securities in the hands of the Collectors of
 Impost and Excise for the District of *Hali-*
fax, on the 31st March last - 16,808 2 9
 Deduct the probable Drawbacks, &c. one half 8,404 1 4½

8,404 1 4½

By Balances unremitted and Securities in the
 hands of Out Port Collectors subject to
 Drawbacks, &c. 1779 19 3
 Deduct one fourth, probable Drawbacks 444 19 9

1,334 19 6

By balance in the hands of the Collector of
 Sambro Light-House, - - - - -
 By Balance due on Mr. *Geo. Deschamps*, Bond,

38 11 9
70 0 0

£16,168 15 8½

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Committee of Public Accounts, 20th June 1798.

HENRY NEWTON,
CHARLES MORRIS,

} Committee of Council.

JOHN M'MONAGLE,
 WILLIAM COCHRAN,
 JOHN STUART,
 EDWARD JAMES,
 J. W. SCHWARTZ.

} Committee of the House of
Assembly.

Order.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members,

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take under their Consideration, that Part of the Report of the Committee of public Accounts, which relates to the Payment of the Sum of £26 13 6 Sterling to the Reverend Mr. *Cochran* for losses said to be suffered by him on Warrants; and report thereon to this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Stewart*, and Mr. *Perkins*, be a Committee accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council, by Mr. *Gautier*, as follows viz.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act for regulating the Exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 2d Year of his present Majesty's Reign*, intituled an Act, for regulating the Exportation of Fish and the Affize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other Kinds of Lumber; and for appointing Officers to survey the same, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House *Resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, 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 prayed leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same, which the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday 25th June, 1798.

PRAYERS,

The House met, and there being no Business before the House.

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

Tuesday, 26th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

On Motion the Bill to Encourage the making a Navigable Canal from the Harbour of *Halifax* to the Basin of *Minas*, was read a second Time.

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

Mr. *Belcher*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Officers of his Majesty's Navy, to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wines, by them taken out of this Province, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second Time; and the same was read accordingly;

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

Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*, acquainted the House, that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to this House, signed by his Excellency, and that he had received His Excellency's Commands to lay the same before the House. And

And he presented the Message to the House.

And the said Message was read, by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered; and is as followeth;

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

HAVING received from his Grace the Duke of PORTLAND, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, a Notification, that his Majesty had been pleased, to appoint *George Leonard*, Esq; Superintendant of the Trade and Fisheries of this Province, and desiring me to recommend to the Legislature, the Establishment of such a Table of Fees as it shall judge reasonable to be received by the Superintendant, or his Deputies, in the Execution of their Duty. I take an early Opportunity to recommend this Matter to your Consideration, not doubting, but you will see the Propriety of adopting such Measures, for carrying His Majesty's Gracious Intention into immediate Effect, as shall appear to you to be fitting and Proper.

J. WENTWORTH.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow, take his Excellency's Message into Consideration.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the several Bills, which stood committed;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act for the better securing the Collection of the Revenue of this Province*, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council, to the above mentioned Bill into Consideration, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the said Amendments, and that the Clerk do desire the same,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to Manage the said Conference,

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Dewolf*, and Mr. *Hastborne*.

The Clerk *reported*, that the Council doth agree to a Conference, as desired by this House, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council,

And the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. *Tonge*, stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

On Motion the House, *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the several Bills, which stood committed,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned; and also through the Bill, to enable the Officers of his Majesty's Navy, to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wines by them taken out of the Province; and had agreed severally to them, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills to them referred, which Report the House agreed to.

The Amendments to the Bills above mentioned were read throughout a first, and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Treasurer *Wallace*, presented a Report of the Commissioners appointed, to carry into Effect the Act passed in the Year 1795, for raising the Sum of £2000, for making

making and repairing Bridges and Roads, by a Lottery, and the same was read.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie on the Table,

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, to know whether any Monies had been paid for the Use of Roads, out of the Sum raised by Lottery, Mr. *Wallace*, reported that about the Sum of £550, had been expended for the Use of the Windsor Road, and the Road from *McNab's* Bridge, leading to *Gay's* River, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Vouchers, Receipts and other Documents respecting the said Expenditure be laid before this House.

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

Wednesday, 27th June, 1798.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be *an Act, to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned*,

An engrossed Bill, to enable the Officers of his Majesty's Navy to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wine by them taken out of this Province, was read a third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the Title, be *an Act to enable the Officers of his Majesty's Navy to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wine by them taken out of this Province*, and consumed without the Limits thereof.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House proceeded to consider the Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into Consideration the said Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and report to the House on the subject matter thereof, as also what Fees have heretofore been received by the Superintendent of Fisheries and the Fees that are now taken at the Custom-House and Naval Office for Vessels Entering and Clearing from and to Foreign Places and Coastways.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Sargent*, Mr. *Gracie* and Mr. *Perkins* be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the several Bills which stood committed,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act to enable the Officers of His Majesty's Navy to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wines by them taken out of this Province*, and consumed without the Limits thereof, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned*, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

On Motion *resolved*, That a present further Conference be desired with the Council on the subject matter of the Conference had with the Council Yesterday, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

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

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

And the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr *Tonge* stated the substance of the said Conference to the House.

On Motion the House *resolved* into a Committee of the whole House, on the several Bills which stood committed,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* 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 prayed leave to sit again, which Report the House agreed to.

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

Thursday, 28th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Belcher* *reported*, from the Committee appointed to take under their consideration, that Part of the Report of the Committee of public Accounts, which relates to the Payment of the Sum of £26 13 6 Sterling, to the Reverend Mr. *Cochran*, and read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows;

That the Committee had examined the Books and Papers of the College at *Windsor*, respecting the Allowance made by the Governor's to the Reverend Mr. *Cochran* on Account of Discounts on Warrants paid him. That the Committee had also the Business explained to them by one of the Governor's of the College, and find, that Mr. *Cochran* having by his Agreement with the Reverend Bishop of *Nova-Scotia*, been intitled to receive two Hundred Pounds Sterling, annually, he claimed an Allowance from the Governors sufficient to make the Warrants drawn on the Province Treasury, amount to £200, which he claimed by Virtue of the before-mentioned agreement: That the Governors in considering his Claim were of Opinion, that the Spirit of the Agreement gave Mr. *Cochran* a just right to Claim such Allowance, and they had bound themselves to grant him the sum claimed on the special Condition, that he was to expect no such Allowance in future. That the Committee find no such Allowance has been made; and that the Money paid to Mr. *Cochran*, by Virtue of this Warrant was out of the College Fund, which is appropriated by Law for the support of that Establishment.

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

Mr. *Belcher*, stated to the House, that the measures hitherto adopted, for the enforcing the Payment of the Tax, under an Act passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off such Debts, as are now due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted. And also of the several Acts in Amendment thereof, had hitherto proved ineffectual; thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider and Report to this House, the Counties and Districts, which have not complied with the Provisions of the said Acts, and the Amount or averaged Amount due and owing by such Counties and Districts respectively; and that the said Committee, recommend to the House, such other and further Measures, as to them shall appear most efficacious, to compel the payment of all such Sum or Sums of Money, as may be due, and owing as aforesaid.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Uniacke*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Stewart*, and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion the House *Resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill, to encourage the making a Navigable Canal from the Harbour of *Halifax*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred to the next Session the Consideration of the said Bill. That the Committee had passed two

Resolutions

Resolutions, which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows ;

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to lay before him the Petition of *William Forsyth, Andrew Belcher, and Richard Kidston, Esqrs*, in Behalf of themselves, and others, to the House, and to request his Excellency will be pleased to grant to the said *William Forsyth, Andrew Belcher, and Richard Kidston*, and their Associates, a Charter or Letters Patent of Incorporation, to enable them to carry into effect the object specified in their Petition.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that on the said *William Forsyth, Andrew Belcher, Richard Kidston*, and their Associates, being duly incorporated into a Company or Body Politic, for the Purpose of making a navigable Canal, from the Harbour of *Halifax*, to the Basin of *Minas*; the House should afford them every such reasonable Aid and Encouragement, to enable them to carry into Effect, so useful an Undertaking, as the House shall think consistent with propriety.

The said Report, and Resolutions of the Committee being again read, a first and second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon; agreed to by the House, and thereupon;

Ordered, That *Mr. McMonagle, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Gracie* be a Committee agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions.

A Message from the Council by *Mr. Gautier,*

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act for the better securing the Collection of the Revenue*, with the Amendments, as before made by them to the said Bill, to which they adhere.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion *resolved*, That the said Bill with the Amendments, as sent down by the Council, be rejected; it being the inherent right of this House, not to allow the Council to make any Amendments whatever to a Revenue Bill, and thereupon.

The Bill was rejected by the House, and thrown under the Table.

Mr. Tonge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for the better protection of his Majesty's Officers employed in the Collection of the Revenue, and the same was read a first time.

On Motion *resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second Time; and the same was read accordingly.

On Motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner, 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 prayed for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same; which the House agreed to.

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

Friday, 29th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

On Motion the House, *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the Bill, for the better Protection of his Majesty's Officers, employed in the Collection of the Revenue.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several Amendments thereunto; which they had di-

directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

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.

Mr. *McMonagle*, reported from the Committee appointed Yesterday to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Resolution of this House, on the Subject of the Petition of *William Forsyth, Andrew Belcher, and Richard Kidston*, that the Committee had waited upon his Excellency, and also delivered to his Excellency a Copy of the said Resolution and the Petition, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he would comply with the Wishes of the House, and the Prayer of the Petitioners, as far as he was authorized by his Majesty's Instructions.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported, from the Committee, appointed to Report what Counties and Districts have not complied with the Laws relative to the Capitation Tax; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in, at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows.

That the Committee do not find, that the Counties of *Halifax, Shelburne or Sydney*, or the Districts of *Pictou or Yarmouth*, have yet complied with the Laws. That the Committee beg leave to refer the House to the Resolution of the 30th June, 1797, which does not appear to the Committee to have been carried into Execution. That having no Documents by which they can ascertain the Arreages of the delinquent Counties and Districts, the Committee are utterly at a Loss to propose any expedient for recovering such Arrearages. The Committee therefore submit the further Consideration of the Subject to the Wisdom of the House.

On Motion, *resolved*, that this House will on Monday next, the second instant, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the foregoing Report of the Committee.

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

Saturday, 30th June, 1798.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the better Protection of his Majesty's Officers in the Collection of the Revenue, was read a Third Time;

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for the better Protection of his Majesty's Officers in the Collection of the Revenue.*

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

Mr. Treasurer *Wallace*, pursuant to Order, laid before the House an Account of the Expenditure of £550, on the *Windsor Road*, and the Road leading from *McNab's Bridge to Gay's River*, with the Vouchers for the same.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie on the Table, for the Information of the Members.

On Motion of Mr. *Uniacke*, *resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, to beg that he will be pleased to accept from the Province of *Nova-Scotia* a Star, as a Testimony of the high Respect, which the Province has for his Royal Highness's Person, as well as the grateful Sense it entertains of the very essential Services, which his Royal Highness has rendered to this Province.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Province be authorized to pay into the hands of a joint Committee of his Majesty's Council and this House, to be appointed for that Purpose; the Sum of five Hundred Guineas, to enable them to purchase with the Approbation of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Star suitable for a Personage of his Royal Highness's exalted Station; which Star his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the said Committee are hereby authorized to present to his Royal Highness, in the Name, and on the Behalf of this Province.

Resolved

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolutions be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence, and that his Majesty's Council be requested to join with this House in the Address to his Royal Highness.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to join a Committee of his Majesty's Council for the purpose of preparing a suitable Address to his Royal Highness, and that the same, when agreed to by the House, be sent for approbation to his Majesty's Council:

Resolved, That the beforementioned Committee wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to present him with a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions, and humbly to beg, that his Excellency will be pleased at the head of both Branches of the Legislature to present to his Royal Highness, the humble Address of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*,

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

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported*, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which the House agreed to.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council having read, and considered the several Resolutions of the *House of Assembly*, relative to the Grant of the Sum of five Hundred Guineas, to be laid out in the Purchase of a Star for his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, as a Testimony of Respect for his Royal Highness, and of the Sense which the Legislature entertains of the many essential Benefits, which the Province has derived from him, it was thereupon *resolved*, that the Council do unanimously concur with the *House of Assembly*, in their Resolutions, and that the Honorable *Henry Newton*, and *Benning Wentworth*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the *House of Assembly*, on the Occasion.

And then the Messenger withdrew:

Ordered, That Mr. *Uniacke*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Tonge*, be a Committee to join the Committee of his Majesty's Council agreeable to the Resolution of this House this day communicated to the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Then the House adjourned till Seven of the Clock Post Meridian.

The House met agreeably to the Adjournment.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*.

Mr. Speaker,

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

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker *reported*, that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill following viz :

An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday 2d July, 1798.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Poole* moved, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Townships of *Lar-*
mouth;

mouth and *Argyle* to hold their Courts of Justice in each Township alternately; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the Motion Twelve, against it Twelve. Mr. Speaker give his casting Vote against the Motion.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of the Report of the Committee, on the Subject of the Capitation Tax.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins*, 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 prayed leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same, which the House agreed to.

Mr. *Wallace*, *reported* from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of his Majesty's Council on the subject of the several Resolutions for addressing his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD; that they had pursuant to the Order of the House waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and delivered to him a Copy of the said Resolutions; that his Excellency was pleased to express his entire Approbation of the subject Matter thereof; and that his Excellency also assured the Committee he would most cheerfully concur in any Measures, that may be necessary to carry into Effect the Wishes of his Majesty's Council, and this House on the occasion.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* 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 prayed leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same; which the House agreed to.

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

Tuesday, 3d July, 1798.

PRAYERS,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the subject of the Capitation Tax.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* 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 Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows.

Resolved, That it appears to this Committee that the County of *Halifax* (the District of *Colchester* excepted) is greatly in Arrears, the County of *Shelburne*, the County of *Sydney*, and the Districts of *Pictou*, *Yarmouth* and *Argyle*, are also in Arrears on the said Tax, and that the Custos Rotulorum or Eldest Magistrate, or the Committee of Justices of each of those Counties and Districts, have neglected to put into Effect, the several Laws of the Province, relating to the said Tax; the Committee therefore recommend, that the Commissioners of the Revenue be directed by the House to make Application to his Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court, to issue a Mandamus against every such Custos Rotulorum or Eldest Magistrate, and the Committee of Justices of the aforementioned Counties and Districts; agreeable

greeable to the Act of Assembly for that Purpose. The said Resolution was read a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, delivered to the House an Estimate of the Charge, towards the Support of the Government of *Nova-Scotia*, and other Expences, from the 1st July, 1798, to the 1st July, 1799.

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

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

Wednesday, 4th July 1798.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*, acquainted the House, that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to this House. signed by his Excellency ; and that he had received his Excellency's Commands, to lay the same before the House.

And he presented the Message to the House,

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

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

It is a Duty incumbent on me to recommend to your Consideration, the indigent and distressed Situation of the Indians inhabiting this Province. Their natural Means of Subsistence, in this their native Country, are almost destroyed by progressive Occupancy, Culture, and Improvement. Their extreme Poverty, is too well known, to need Description, and I trust you will readily provide proper Relief to preserve them from perishing, the ensuing Winter, which otherwise is greatly to be apprehended.

J. WENTWORTH.

Resolved, That the Consideration of the said Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor ; be referred to a Committee, who are to make a Report thereon to the House.

Ordered. That Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Hartshorne*, and Mr. *Moody*, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, *ordered* that the Commissioners appointed by an Act, passed in the last Session of Assembly, respecting the purchasing of Grounds for public Buildings &c. do report to this House, what Purchases have been made by them, under the said Act.

On Motion of Mr. *Sargent*, *resolved* that a Committee be appointed to confer with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, on the subject of recommending to the Council, and the House, for their Approbation, fit, and proper Persons to revise the Laws of this Province ; and to submit to the Legislature the plan of such Revision against the next Session, when this House will provide for the reasonable Payment of the Services of such Persons.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sargent*, Mr. *Macleane*, and Mr. *Uniacke*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. *Stewart*, *reported* from the Committee, to whom the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of establishing Fees for the Superintendent of the Trade and Fisheries of *Nova-Scotia*, 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 perceive by his Excellency's Message, and the other Papers that have been laid before them, his Majesty's Gracious Intentions to protect and promote

promote the Trade and Fisheries of this Province, and his other Colonies; and the Committee are sensible the *House of Assembly*, will ever be desirous to give Aid and Efficacy, to such Measures, as may be recommended by his Majesty's Ministers for the Advancement of the Trade and Fisheries of this Province; in the present Instance however, the Committee feel themselves at a Loss to point out to the House, what Fees it might be proper to attach to the Office of Superintendent, as they conceive it to be a Subject of Delicacy, that requires more information and consideration, than the advanced State of the Session will now permit. But as his Majesty has been graciously pleased to annex a Salary to the Appointment, and the Committee, also understanding that the Superintendant will be furnished with Authority, and such Instructions as may be judged necessary, from the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs to, enable him to execute the duties of his Office; The Committee therefore recommend to the House, that the final Consideration of his Excellency's Message be postponed until the next Session of the *General Assembly*.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do concur with this House, in the Resolution passed by them, on the subject of procuring a Revision of the Laws of this Province; and have accordingly appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House on the subject.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Thursday, 5th July, 1798.

PRAYERS.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* 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 prayed leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same, which the House agreed to.

Mr. *Skinner*, *reported* from the Committee, to whom the Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of the Indians 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 his Excellency's Message and are of opinion, that the principal Cause of the Distress of the Indians proceeds from their unwillingness to labour. The Committee beg leave further to state, that such of the Indians who are not civilized, have sufficient Grounds in the Province for Hunting, and Lakes for Fishing; and those who are civilized, can procure Subsistence by Cultivating of Lands. The Committee are therefore of opinion, that granting Money for their Relief, would be an Encouragement to that indolence, and supineness, they are too much addicted to, and Burthen the Province, with a heavy Expence, without answering any Salutary purpose. But the Committee are notwithstanding of opinion that some Provision ought to be made for this peculiar Description of People, they therefore recommend to the House, that an Application be made to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to Cause to be laid out a Tract of good Land, well watered in such part of the Province, as to his Excellency shall appear best calculated for their Support, and the said Tract to be granted in Trust to such Persons, as his Excellency may think fit.

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

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Mr. *Uniacke*, reported from the Committee appointed to join the Committee of his Majesty's Council, in preparing an Address to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD; that the joint Committee had drawn up an Address; 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.

TO LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

His Royal Highness Prince EDWARD,

Commanding his Majesty's Forces in the Province of Nova-Scotia, the Islands of Saint John, Cape-Breton and Newfoundland, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, &c. &c. &c.

THE Address of Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, Baronet, L.L.D. Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province, of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies; and of His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly, in their Legislative Capacities now convened at *Halifax*.

The Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, in the Name and Behalf of the Province of Nova-Scotia, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, to repeat the unfeigned Assurances of their inviolable Fidelity, Attachment and Affection, to the sacred Person of our beloved Sovereign, his Family and Government.

His Majesty's paternal Solitude for the Safety and Happiness of his Subjects in this Province, is particularly manifested, by his committing the Care of protecting and defending them to your Royal Highness, in so critical a conjuncture as the present.

Your Royal Highness's Military Talents and eminent Abilities, invariably directed to the good Order, and the honor of his Majesty's Crown and Government, have secured to us the Advantages of Peace, in the midst of a War, which has desolated a large Proportion of the rest of the World.

The essential Services which your Royal Highness has rendered to this Province, will long be remembered with Gratitude by us, and cannot fail to interest his Majesty's Subjects most sincerely in your future Glory and Happiness; and while we take Pleasure in doing Justice to your Royal Highness's exemplary Conduct and Virtues, we shall rejoice in the Satisfaction they will afford to our good and Gracious Sovereign, whose Piety, Justice, Wisdom and Magnanimity, have rivetted to his Throne, the Hearts and Affections of all his People.

In the hope that your Royal Highness would be induced to receive from the Province some Mark of its Gratitude and Affection, the Legislature, has unanimously appointed a Committee, with Instructions to provide and present a Star, which they humbly request you will be pleased to accept, as a Testimony of the Attachment they have to your Royal Highness, and of the Sense they entertain of the signal Benefits which the Province has derived from your unremitted Zeal and Attention, to preserve the Quiet and Security of the Country, and the Comfort of its Inhabitants, by the Vigilance, Discipline, and Order, maintained over His Majesty's Troops, under your Royal Highness's immediate command.

Resolved, That the said Address do pass this House, to be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Address to the Council.

A Message from his Majesty's Council by Mr. *Gautier*, acquainting the House, that the Council had agreed to the joint Address to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, as sent up by this House.

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

Friday, 6th July, 1798.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Uniacke*, reported from the Committee appointed, to confer with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, on the subject of revising the Laws of the Province, That the Committee had conferred with the Committee of the Council on the said Business, that the Committee of the Council, had concurred with the Committee of the House, in Opinion, that it would be proper for the House to request his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, would be pleased to direct the Crown Lawyers to revise the said Laws, and to prepare the same for the Consideration of the Legislature against their next Session; also authorizing them from Time to Time, to call to their Aid such professional Gentlemen, as they may think necessary to compleat such Work.

Resolved, That the said Committee do request his Excellency that he will be pleased to give Directions to the Crown Lawyers on the subject of revising the Laws as above stated by the Committee.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*.

Mr. Speaker,

I am Commanded by his Excellency, to acquaint this House, that his Excellency having communicated to His Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, the subject of the joint Address of the Legislature to His Royal Highness, with a Request to know his Pleasure when he would be attended by the Legislature, with the same; his Royal Highness, had appointed to Morrow at One of the Clock, at the Government House.

Resolved, That this House will accordingly attend his Royal Highness, with his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and his Majesty's Council, at the Government House.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, on which they had framed a Bill, "for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year 1798, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by any Laws or Acts of the Province" to be delivered to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the Resolutions therein contained, were read one by one, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On Motion the "Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year 1798, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by any Laws or Acts of the Province"; was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second Time,

And the same was read accordingly,

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed,

The Report of the Committee on the Subject of his Excellency's Message, respecting the Establishing of Fees for the Superintendant of Trade and Fisheries, of this Province; was by Order of the House, read by the Clerk, and thereupon.

On Motion of Mr. *Uniacke*, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the following Answer to his Message.

May it Please your Excellency,

The House of Assembly being truly sensible, that whatever his Majesty shall please to direct your Excellency to recommend to the House, is intended to promote the Welfare of the Province.

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The House as in Duty bound, has seriously and deliberately considered the Message which your Excellency was pleased to send, respecting the Establishment of Fees, to be taken by the Superintendant of the Trade and Fisheries in this Province. The House has *resolved*, to defer the further Consideration of your Excellency's Message, until the next Session, pursuant to the Report of the Committee, to whom it was referred, which Report is herewith delivered to your Excellency, at the same time the House beg leave to remark, that the Fees at present taken, are deemed by the House, as much as the Trade of the Province can well bear; considering the Smallness of the Vessels, and the little Value of their Cargoes.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, Mr. *Perkins*, and Mr. *Sargent*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of his Excellency's Message, respecting the Indians; was by Order of the House, read by the Clerk, and thereupon.

On Motion of Mr. *Schwartz*, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to lay before his Excellency, the Report of the Committee, appointed to take under their Consideration, his Excellency's Message, on the subject of the Indians, and to inform his Excellency, that the House have concurred in the Report of their Committee: And that the said Committee request in Case his Excellency approves of the above Report, that he will be pleased to grant the Lands as recommended by the Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, Mr. *Perkins*, and Mr. *Sargent*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

On Motion of Mr. *Uniacke*, *ordered* that Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Cochran*, Mr. *Pyke* and Mr. *Uniacke*, be a Committee, to join a Committee of his Majesty's Council, to purchase a Star to be presented to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, agreeable to the Resolution of this House, on Saturday the 30th June last and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. *Wallace*, pursuant to Order presented to the House, a Report from the Commissioners, appointed by the Act, passed in the last Session of Assembly, to determine upon, and purchase a Lot or Lots of Ground, for the erecting of a public Building, for the Accommodation of the *General Assembly*, &c. which was read and is as follows:

That the Commissioners have purchased of *William Cochran*, Esquire, and paid for, previous to the Report of the Committee of public Accounts, in the present Session; a Lot of Ground, with the Houses and Improvements thereon, situated in the South End of Hollis-Street, where Lieutenant-General *Ogilvie*, lately resided, for the Sum of One Thousand Pounds; which Lot, with the vacant Ground adjoining, known by the Name of the School Lot, the Commissioners are of Opinion, will be fully adequate for the erecting such a Pile of Building, as the Act prescribes. The Commissioners further Report, that they have also purchased and paid for, and daily expect to arrive, One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Feet of the best Pine Plank, and Boards, for finishing the Wooden Work of the said Buildings; the Value of which, with the Freight from *Mirimichie*, will amount to about four Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

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

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at half past Nine of the Clock.

Saturday, 7th July, 1798.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed "Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year 1798, 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"; was read the third Time.

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Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the that the Title be an *Act* for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year 1798 ; 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 to the same.

Mr. *Stuart*, reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolution of this House of Yesterday in Answer to his Excellency's Message, respecting the Establishing of Fees for the Superintendent of the Trade, and Fisheries, that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly ; and was pleased to say, he would transmit the same to his Majesty's Ministers.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an *Act*, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the Year 1798 ; and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted, in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province ; without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Stuart*, reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolution of this House, of Yesterday, on the subject of his Excellency's Message respecting the Indians ; that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly ; and was pleased to say, That he had already caused Lands to be laid out for the Indians, and would attend to the Request of this House, respecting the granting of the same to Trustees ; but at the same time his Excellency was of Opinion, that the Measure proposed would not answer the salutary Views of the House.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*,

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor is now in the Council Chamber, ready to attend his Majesty's Council, and the *House of Assembly*, to present their joint Address to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, with his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and his Majesty's Council, to present the said Address,

And being returned.

Mr. Speaker reported, That his Royal Highness was pleased to give this Answer to the joint Address of the Legislature.

I Feel infinite satisfaction in expressing to your Excellency to the Members of his Majesty's Council, and to the Gentlemen of the House of the Assembly of this Province, my grateful Thanks for the distinguished and flattering Mark of your Attachment and good Will, which is so handsomely conveyed in your Address.

Nothing could afford me a higher Gratification than to receive so unequivocal a Proof of your Approbation of my Conduct during the Time his Majesty has been pleased to honor me with the Command of his Troops in this Province. My utmost Endeavours have always been exerted to obtain your good Will by pursuing that Line of Conduct which I thought would be most acceptable to the King and most beneficially to his Service ; as well as best calculated for the Protection of the Province. To have succeeded therefore in this object, of which circumstance your Address of to day affords me so honourable a Testimony, is the more gratifying to my feelings, as I flatter myself when his Majesty is informed of it, he will not hear it with indifference.

After having said thus much, it will be almost needless to add, how ready and how happy I shall be to accept of the present you intend me, which I shall ever esteem and highly prize, as the Mark of your Attachment to my Person and of your Acknowledgement of my feeble Exertions for your Security and protection.

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Permit me to take leave of you, Gentlemen, by expressing towards all, my best Wishes, both for your individual Happiness, and the General Welfare of the Province at large.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*, informing the House, that the Council had appointed the Honorable *Henry Newton*, *John Halliburton*, and *Benning Wentworth*, a Committee to join the Committee of this House agreeable to the Resolution of Yesterday, to purchase a Star, to be presented to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*.

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

An Act, to enable the Officers of his Majesty's Navy, to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wines by them taken out of the Province, and consumed without the Limits thereof.

An Act, to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the 18th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, to prevent the forestalling and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of *Halifax*.

An Act, intitled an Act, for regulating the Exportation of red or smoaked Herrings, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, for regulating the Exportation of Fish, and the Affize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards and all other Kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows,

May it please your Excellency,

The Commons of *Nova-Scotia*, have granted such Supplies, during this Session of Assembly, as they conceived ample for the Exigencies of his Majesty's Government, and have passed a Bill for the Appropriation of the same, to which they have directed me most humbly to entreat your Excellency's Assent, and Mr. Speaker, delivered the Bill to his Excellency.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the said Bill, following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight; and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

After which, his Excellency was pleased to make the following SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Council, and House of Assembly,

I Thank you for the Unanimity and Dispatch, with which you have accomplished the Business of the Session, and for the Supplies you have granted to his Majesty.

I embrace with Pleasure, the Opportunity of allowing your return, to your several Homes; and I recommend to your Attention, the Encouragement among the People, in your several Districts, of that love of Order, and Respect for the Laws, so conducive to the general Happiness of a Country.

And afterwards, the President of his Majesty's Council, by his Excellency's Command, said,

It is his Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this *General Assembly*, be prorogued to Thursday the sixth Day of *September* next, to be then here held, and this *General Assembly*, is accordingly prorogued, to Thursday the sixth day of *September* next.