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*Tuesday, March 8, 1808.*

**AGREEABLE** to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's PROCLAMATION, the House met.

*Mr. James Robertson*, late Clerk of this House being absent from the Island, *Mr. Thomas Desbrisay, Junior*, was unanimously appointed to fill that Office, and accordingly took the usual Oaths.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to revise the Journals of the House each Day immediately after the Adjournment, that the same when revised be delivered to the Printer, and that a proof sheet thereof be laid on the Table for the inspection of the Committee and the House, the third day at farthest.

*Mr. Stewart, Jun. Mr. Holland, and Mr. Margowan*, were accordingly appointed.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor requiring the attendance of the House immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House accordingly attended, and having returned the Speaker reported, That His Excellency had been pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses, viz.

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

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

IT would have afforded me great pleasure to have been enabled to felicitate you on the efficacy of the very interesting objects of your humble representation and Petition, which at the close of the last Session I had the honour of transmitting to His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonial and war departments, praying he would be pleased to lay the same at the feet of our most Gracious and beneficent Sovereign....interesting objects, the promoting future benefits and public importance of which so animated the characteristic gen-

erosity of the illustrious personage whose name this Island bears, as to induce His Royal Highness to step forward and condescend personally to intercede for their attainment. And Gentlemen, it is your happy lot to contemplate the exhibition of this admirable trait of princely condescension and generosity towards the good people of this Island and their posterity. I see in it an inexhaustible source of animation, which, as well as to gratitude must prove to be a most powerful and irresistible incitement to merit, and cheer our hopes of an happy result to our expectations, when His Majesty's Government at home, engaged under the pressure of arduous circumstances in noble efforts to check the career of rapine and desolation of the Universal Enemy on the Continent of Europe, shall have leisure duly to investigate and deliberate upon the concerns of this Island.

I have also to inform you that His Majesty has graciously been pleased to confirm an Act passed in the last session of this General Assembly, "Intituled "an Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-first Year of his present Majesty's "Reign, Intituled an Act for the better regulation of Elections and to regulate "Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future". And that His Majesty's Secretary of State, communicating the Royal Confirmation of this Act, was also pleased to signify that the two following Acts had been considered, and did not appear liable to any objection, viz.

"An Act to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the forty-second year "of His present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act in addition to and amend- "ment of an Act made and passed in the thirty-fifth year of his present "Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws",

"An Act for raising a fund for the purpose of defraying contingent Ex- "pences of the General Assembly."

I have also the satisfaction of acquainting you, that (in conformity to arrangements calculated for promoting the security, property and happiness of the King's extensive North American Dominions, by uniting the relative interests, strength and means of Defence of all the parts thereof and rendering the same subservient to the exigencies of each other, as eventual occasions may require) His Majesty has graciously been pleased to appoint Lieutenant General Sir James Henry Craig, K. B. to be His Governor General and Military Commander in Chief in and over His Province of Nova Scotia, and His Islands of Prince Edward and Cape Breton, as well as in and over His Province of Canada, &c. &c. and that

upon intelligence of the arrival at his destination of this highly meritorious Officer, I thought it my duty faithfully to represent to him our situation, circumstances and means of defence, particularly our wants and deficiencies (to the equipping and rendering efficient for service our Militia, Infantry, Light Horse, and Artillery) of fire Arms, Accoutrements, Mountings, Field Pieces, Ammunition, &c. and that I am led to hope, he laudably will afford the necessary aid, of which we now stand in the most absolute need.

As it obviously must appear to you (whether in time of Peace or War) to be my absolute duty to exert every practicable means for ascertaining, against all eventual hostile attempts, the security of this Island, together with the lives and property of His Majesty's Loyal and beloved Subjects therein, I trust you will of course be pleased to allow me to rest a due share of my best hopes on the effects of the zeal, industry and wisdom of your deliberations and proceedings, and on the energy of the measures you may judge proper to adopt for evincing the sincerity and ardour of your invariable attachments to the sacred person of our most Gracious Sovereign, His just, equitable and mild Government, and our Glorious Constitution.

And Gentlemen, permit me now to move your attention, and to recommend to your particular care, the expediency and necessity of judiciously concerting and enacting such Laws and regulations as may seem requisite or conducive to the promotion of the public welfare---of reviving, altering and amending others now in force, or improving and extending their benefits and advantages and of continuing and reviving such as have proved to be salutary and are in the course of expiring.---The Militia Law I fervently hope, will particularly attract and captivate your attention, and its desirable improvements, afford an ample field for the exercise of your talents, abilities and laudable sollicitude.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The proper Officers shall forthwith lay before you the public Accounts of this His Majesty's Government, and I beg leave to recommend to your consideration, the necessity of some Provision being made for meeting the expence which must unavoidably be incurred for rendering efficient the service of our Militia Forces for repairs and outfits of our prisons and other public exigencies.

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

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

Reposing a perfect confidence in your Loyalty to the King and His Royal Family, and in your Zeal to promote the good of His Service, I beg you will

receive the cordial assurance of my readiness to co-operate with you on all occasions, and in all things tending to the prosperity, Harmony and Happiness of His Majesty's faithful subjects in this his Island.

*Ordered*, On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech. *Mr. Holland*, *Mr. Macgowan*, and *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* were accordingly appointed.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart, Jun.*—*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to correspond with the Colony Agent do lay the proceedings of the said Committee before the House to-morrow.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, *Ordered*, That the *Revd. Theophilus Desbrisay*, Chaplain to this House do attend at 10 o'clock each Morning during the Session to perform divine Service, and that he be notified by the Clerk thereof.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, *Ordered*, That no private petitions be received after Thursday, the 17th instant.

*Mr. Holland* Moved that leave be given to bring in a Bill "Intituled an Act for appointing and empowering Philip Codd, Esq. of Kensington, Colony Agent for this Island, leave granted.

The House then adjourned.

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*Wednesday, March 9, 1808.*

THE House met according to Adjournment.... PRAYERS.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, a Bill intituled an Act for appointing and empowering Philip Codd, Esq. of Kensington to be Colony Agent for His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, received a first and second reading.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the several Acts of the General Assembly which expired at the last session and to report those that appear necessary to be revived and re-enacted. *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* *Mr. Brecken* and *Mr. Macgowan*, were appointed for that purpose.

On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, The Bill Intituled "An Act for ascertaining laying out and fixing the Lines and Boundaries of three Counties and of the different Townships into which this Island is divided and for more readily adjusting all differences between Parties, when it appears that a settlement or improvements have been made by mistake on one Township for another, and

also for raising by assessment a sufficient fund out of which to defray the expenses" of ascertaining laying out and fixing the said Boundary Lines" received a first reading.

And Ordered on Motion of *Mr. Holland*, to be read a second time to-morrow.

*Mr. Murray*, Presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Settlement of Bedeque, praying that the above Bill might not pass into a Law---on Motion the same was read and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*Mr. Holland*, Brought down from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Letters and Correspondence between His Royal Highness the DUKE OF KENT, Lord CASTLEREAGH, PHILIP CODD, Esq. Colony Agent and *Mr. KNOX*, the late Colony Agent, viz.

No. 1. Letter from PHILIP CODD, Esq. to WILLIAM KNOX, Esq. Colony Agent dated Holland street, Kensington, 20th April 1807.

No. 2. Answer from *Mr. KNOX*, 22d. April.

No. 3. From PHILIP CODD, Esq. to His Royal Highness the DUKE OF KENT, 29th April.

No. 4. Sent in Original from the DUKE OF KENT, to PHILIP CODD, Esq. 4th April.

No. 5. Note from His Royal Highness the DUKE OF KENT, to Lord CASTLEREAGH, 4th May.

No. 6. PHILIP CODD, Esq. to WM. KNOX, Esq. 30th April.

No. 7. In Original, WILLIAM KNOX, Esq. to PHILIP CODD, Esq. 5th May.

No. 8. Philip Codd Esq. to His Excellency the Lt. Governor inclosing a Letter from His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, with Lord CASTLEREAGH's Note in answer to No. 5. When the same were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned till 11 O'Clock to-morrow.

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*Thursday, March 10, 1808.*

THE House met according to Adjournment....PRAYERS

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart*, Jan. Ordered, That the further consideration of "the Bill Intituled an Act for ascertaining laying out and fixing the Lines and Boundaries of three Counties and of the different Townships into which this Island is divided, and for more readily adjusting all differences between parties

“ when it appears that a Settlement or improvements have been made by mis-  
 “ take on one Township for another, and also for raising by assessment a suffici-  
 “ ent fund, out of which to defray the expences of ascertaining, laying out, and  
 “ fixing the said Boundary Lines, be postponed till Monday next,

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, It was unanimously Ordered, That the thanks of this House be voted to *Philip Codd*, Esq. the Colony Agent, expressive of the very high sense the House entertain of the activity and zeal he has already manifested in the performance of his duty as Colony Agent; and that the Speaker do by Letter signify the same to him.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported the same.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, The House went into a Committee of the whole House to take the same into consideration (*Mr. Macgowan*, in the Chair) after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported the same with amendments, which being read and agreed to, was Ordered to be engrossed.

On Motion Ordered, That *Mr. Holland*, *Mr. Stowe*, and *Doctor M<sup>c</sup>Aulay*, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the same.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, The Bill Intituled an Act appointing and empowering *Philip Codd*, Esq. to be Colony Agent for His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, received a third reading was passed and ordered to be engrossed.

The Committee appointed to examine into the Acts of the General Assembly which expired at the close of the last Session and to report their opinion as to those that may be fit to be revived and re-enacted, reported, That the following Acts expired at the close of the last Session, viz.

An Act for appointing *William* and *Thomas Knox*, Esquires, to be Colony Agents for this Island.

An Act for granting a Bounty for growing and cultivating Hemp in this Island for the purpose of Exportation.

An Act for the better preventing accidents by fire, and for appointing Firewards in Charlotte Town and the suburbs thereof.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Charlotte Town to meet annually on the first Monday in August to rate and assess themselves towards making and repairing the Pumps and Wells within said Town.



An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act made and passed in the 35th year of his present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act to alter and amend the high Road Laws.

An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act passed in the Twentieth Year of His Majesty's Reign Intituled An act for the better establishing and regulating a Militia.

An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act made and passed in the 20th. year of his present Majesty's Reign Intituled an act for the establishing and regulating a Militia, also an Act made and passed in 35th. year of His present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act in addition to and amendment of of an Act made and passed in the 20th. year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled an Act for the establishing and regulating a Militia.

And the Committee reported as their opinion that the whole except the Act first mentioned ought to be revived and reenacted.

On Motion, Ordered, That *Mr. Holland, Mr. Macgowan, and Mr. Brecken*, be appointed a Committee to prepare and bring in the heads of a new Militia Law.

On Motion, of *Mr. Stowe*, Ordered that *Mr. Stewart, Jun. Major M'Donnell and Doctor M'Aulay*, be appointed a Committee to prepare and bring in the heads of a new High Road Law.

On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, leave was given to bring in the heads of a Bill Intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the 26th. year of the Reign of His present Majesty Intituled an Act to empower the Governor Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to appoint a sheriff or sheriffs for this Island, also to regulate the Office of sheriffs and the manner in which they shall return and pass their accounts of all fines and forfeitures levied by them for the use of the Crown."

Adjourned until 11 o'clock To-morrow.

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*Friday, March 11, 1808.*

THE House met according to Adjournment.... PRAYERS.

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lt. Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House in answer

to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported, That his Excellency was pleased to appoint, half past Two o'clock, this day.

On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, The Bill Intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of the Reign of His present Majesty, Intituled an Act to empower the Governor, Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint a Sheriff or Sheriffs for the Island; also to regulate the Office of Sheriffs, and the manner in which they shall return and pass their accounts of all fines and forfeitures, levied by them, for the use of the Crown," received a first and second reading.

On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, Ordered, That a Committee of this House be appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council to examine into such Laws as are near expiring, and report thereon to this House, and that Messrs. *Holland*, *Macgowan*, and *M<sup>r</sup>. Aulay*, compose the same.

Ordered on Motion of *Mr. Holland*, That a Committee of this House be appointed to meet a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to prepare the draft of a joint Address of both Houses, to Field Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, expressing in terms of the most profound respect and veneration the high and grateful sense they entertain of His Royal Highness's marked goodness manifested on every occasion towards this Island, and more particularly for His Royal Highness's late condescending efforts in our favor as communicated through the means of the Colony Agent.

The House waited on His Excellency the Lieut. Governor with the following Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech, viz.

"To His Excellency JOSEPH FREDERICK WALLET DES BARRES, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

"The Address of the House of Assembly in General Assembly convened.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Representatives of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to return our best thanks for your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We should have experienced great pleasure and satisfaction, if your Excellency had been enabled to acquaint us that the interesting objects pointed out in our humble representation, and Petition, at the last Session had been attained; but we trust that His Majesty's Ministers, when the Business of the Colony shall come under their consideration, will see the utility and propriety of acceding to our request.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we are deeply affected by the princely mark of goodness which this Island has experienced, not only in this instance, but on every other occasion, at the hands of that illustrious personage whose name it has the honour to bear---the condescending aid which his Royal Highness has benignly manifested in our behalf, inspires our hearts with the sincerest sentiments of gratitude, and animates our hopes of ultimately attaining the object of our solicitation.

We desire your Excellency will be pleased to receive our best acknowledgments for your obliging communication of His Majesty's Royal confirmation of the Election Law of last Session, as also that the other Bills of the same Session had not been found objectionable.

We return your Excellency our warmest thanks for the communication of His Majesty's paternal care, in the arrangements which he has been graciously pleased to make in the Government and military command, in his Dominions in North America, and we confidently trust that your Excellency's communication with General Sir JAMES HENRY CRAIG, K. B. the Commander in Chief will be productive of those advantages and benefits to the Island, of which it stands in such absolute need.

We thank your Excellency for the earnest solicitude which you are pleased to express for the security of this Island and the lives and property of His Majesty's subjects therein, against all eventual hostile attempts; assuring your Excellency that our deliberations shall be directed to such measures as may be most conducive to our General; as well as domestic, safety and tranquility.

We shall duly attend to your Excellency's recommendation, in enacting such Laws as may appear requisite for the public welfare, in amending and reviving such others as require amendment and revival; which is now become doubly essential in as much as the High Road and Militia Laws have expired.

When the public Accounts come before us we shall pay due attention in making provision for the public expences pointed out by your Excellency, as far as the situation and circumstances of the Colony will admit of.

The confidence which your Excellency is pleased to place in our Loyalty and attachment to our most gracious Sovereign, and His Royal and illustrious Family, as also of our zeal to promote the good of His Service, we beg leave gratefully to acknowledge a due sense of---assuring you, Sir, of our earnest desire at all times to afford our best efforts for the good of His Majesty's Service, in general, and the prosperity and happiness of His Subjects in this Island.

ROBERT HODGSON, Speaker.

“ Assembly Room, 11th March, 1808.

The House having returned the Speaker reported, That His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer, viz.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentle men of the House of Representatives,*

**P**ERMIT me to return you my sincere acknowledgments for your Address, and particularly for the strong and obliging assurances of your attention and concurrence, in the various important Objects I have recommended to your consideration.

Your Deliberations will, no doubt, be chiefly directed to such measures as may be most conducive to your general, as well as domestic safety and tranquility.

Relying as I do on your Loyalty and attachment to our most gracious Sovereign and His illustrious Royal Family, I am confident that you will in the present occasion and on all future emergencies readily exert your best efforts for the support and welfare of His Majesty's service....the maintenance of His just and mild Government and the prosperity and happiness of His faithful subjects in this His Island, and Gentlemen, for the accomplishment of these desirable objects, I will gladly rest my hopes on the energy and perseverance of your laudable and uniform endeavors.

Adjourned until Ten o'clock on Monday next.

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*Monday, March 14, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment....PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the heads of a new high Road Law, reported a draft which was laid on the Table.,

A Message from His Majesty's Council, viz.

His Majesty's Council have appointed the *Honorable Harry Compton*, and *J. L. Desbarres*, a Committee to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly to examine into such Laws as are near expiring.

His Majesty's Council have appointed the *Honorable Thos. Desbrisay*, *Robert Gray*, and *Alexr. Howe*, a Committee to meet a Committee of the House of Assembly to prepare the draft of a joint Address of both Houses to Field Marshall His Royal Highness the DUKE OF KENT, expressing in Terms of the most profound respect and veneration the high and grateful sense they entertain of His Royal Highness's marked goodness manifested on every occasion towards this Island, and more particularly for His Royal Highness's late condescending efforts in favor of this Government, as communicated through the means of the Colony Agent.

On Motion Ordered, That *Mr. Holland*, *Mr. Macgowan*, *Mr. Stewart*, Jun, *Mr. Brecken*, *Mr. M'Donell*, and *Mr. M'Aulay*, constitute the Committee of this House to meet a Committee of His Majesty's Council, for the above purpose.

His Majesty's Council have agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act appointing and empowering *Philip Codd*, of Kensington, Esq. to be Colony Agent for His Majesty's Island Prince Edward,

*Mr. Holland*, Presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of Charlotte Town, praying that the Boundary Bill may not pass into a Law.

On Motion the same was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Doctor M'Aulay*, Presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Vernon River Settlement against the said Bill.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Cherry Valley Settlement, against the said Bill.

A Like Petition from the Inhabitants of Bay Fortune Settlement, praying that the said Bill may not pass.

A Like Petition from the Inhabitants of East Point Settlement, against the said Bill.

On Motion the same were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Mr. B. Coffin*, brought in a Petition of the Inhabitants of St. Peters Bay, Savage Harbour and the Head of Hillsborough River, against the said Bill, which was also read and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John M'Donald* of Allisary, against the said Bill, which was also read and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, That from the number of Petitions, presented to this House from every part of the Island, praying that the Boundary Bill may not pass into a Law, that therefore it be not taken into consideration until this day three Months. The House divided ;

For the Motion, *Messrs. Hollaud, Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. M'Aulay, Rankin, Brecken, Stowe, B. Coffin, E. Coffin, M'Donell, Murray, Creed, Townsend* and *Bagnall*.

Against it, *Mr. Macgowan*.

Moved by *Doctor M'Aulay*, That the following Resolution be entered on the Journals, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House that it should be found necessary to establish the Boundaries of this Island by a Law passed for that purpose, that the admeasurement or points of commencements should not take place from reputed Lines of Townships, particularly where those Lines are in dispute. The House divided.

For the Motion, *Mr. Holland, Mr. Stewart, Sen. Mr. M'Aulay, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Brecken, Mr. Stowe, Mr. B. Coffin, Mr. E. Coffin, Mr. M'Donnell, Mr. Murry, Mr. Creed, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Bagnall*,

Against it, *Mr. Macgowan, Mr. Stewart, Junr*

Moved by *Mr. M'Aulay*, That the following Resolution be entered on the Journals of this house, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is evident that ascertaining these Boundaries must at least incur the following expences, viz.

3 Commissioners at	12s	£2 19 each per Annum	£648	0	0
2 Chain Bearers at	5s	£9 1 each per Annum	182	0	0
4 Axe Men at	5s	£9 1 each per Annum	364	0	0
2 Picket Planters at	5s	£9 1 each per Annum	182	0	0
2 Baggage Carriers at	5s	£9 1 each per Annum	182	0	0
1 Man to carry Instrument at	5s	£9 1	91	0	0
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			£1649	0	0

Provisions and Boat not included. The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Holland, M<sup>c</sup>Donell, Brecken, Rankin, Stowe, E. Coffin, B. Coffin, Townsend, Murray, Bagnall, M<sup>c</sup>Aulay, and Creed.*

Against it, *Messrs. Stewart, Sen. Stewart Jun. and Macgowan.*

Moved by *Doctor M<sup>c</sup>Aulay*, that the following Resolution be entered on the Journal.

That it is the opinion of this House that the General Survey of the Island undertaken and performed by order of Government in the years 1765 and 1766 by and under the Directions of the late *Samuel Holland*, Surveyor General of Lands in the Northern District of America is sufficiently correct to answer every purpose.

That as the original General Survey employed the said *Samuel Holland*, Esq. and four Deputies with their Parties a whole year and as they had the addition of His Majesty's Armed Ship the *Canceaux* with her tender and Boats particularly attached to this service, it is therefore apparent that the three Commissioners who cannot act separately must be employed four years on this service, the total expence of which according to the foregoing calculation would amount to £5596, there being no less than 460 Miles of Coast including Bays, Rivers and Inlets to survey, and upwards of 106 Miles of Line including the two County Lines and reputed Township's Lines necessary to establish the same, and that by calculation it appears that the assess of one shilling per. acre will only on 67 Townships amount to the Sum of £670 per annum. The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Holland, M<sup>c</sup>Donell, Townsend, Brecken, Rankin, Bagnall, M<sup>c</sup>Aulay, and Creed,*

Against it, *Messrs. Macgowan, Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. Murray Stowe, E. Coffin, and B. Coffin.*

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

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*Tuesday, March 15, 1808.*

THE House met according to Adjournment... PRAYERS.

*Mr. Holland*, Presented a Petition of *Benjamin Chappell*, praying payment of £10 for repairing the Pumps in Charlotte-Town, on Motion the same was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion of *Mr. Bagnall*, Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Act of the 13th year of His Majesty's Reign Intitu-

led an Act to prevent the throwing of ballast into Rivers and Creeks on this Island and to bring in a Bill containing such alterations and amendments as the present particular circumstances require.

*Messrs. Bagnall, Macgowan, and Holland,* were appointed for that purpose.

On Motion the House went into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Bill Intituled an Act to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the 26th year of the Reign of His present Majesty Intituled an Act to empower the Governor Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to appoint a sheriff or sheriffs for this Island also to regulate the Office of sheriffs, and the manner in which they shall return and pass their accounts of all fines and forfeitures levied by them for the use of the Crown, (*Mr. Macgowan*, in the Chair) after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through and made several Alterarions and amendments therein particularly in the Title whereof which he reported as follows " A Bill Intituled an Act to indemnify persons claiming under Deeds Executed by the Deputy or under Sheriff of this Island and for the better regulation of the Office of Sheriff in future". On Motion the same received the third reading was passed and ordered to be engrossed and sent up to His Majesty's Council.

On Motion of *Mr. Bagnall*, the Bill Intituled an Act to explain amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for making and repairing the High ways Roads and Bridges in this Island, received a first reading.

On Motion the House went into a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, (*Mr. Stewurt*, Sen. in the Chair) after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported Progress and asked leave to sit again.

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*Wednesday, March 16, 1808.*

THE House met according to Adjournment....PRAYERS.

On Motion Ordered, That *Messrs. M<sup>c</sup>Aulay E. Coffin,* and *Macgowan*, be appointed a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Lt. Governor to request that he will be pleased to direct the proper Officer to lay the remainder of the public Accounts before this House.



On Motion the House went into a Committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Public Accounts (*Mr Brecken* in the Chair) after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that they had gone through, and ordered him to report that the Committee had agreed to certain resolutions which were ordered to lie on the Table and also that the Committee had recommended that certain Items in the said Accounts should be referred to the Committee of this House to be appointed to join the Committee of His Majesty's Council to examine the Public Accounts.

*Ordered*, on Motion of *Mr. Rankin*; That a Committee be appointed to draw up an address to His Excellency the Lt. Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order the Collector of the inland Duties for the District of Richmond Bay to furnish his Accounts forthwith.

*Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Aulay, Mr. Macgowan, Mr. E. Coffin*, were appointed for that purpose who having withdrawn returned and reported the following.

“*To His Excellency JOSEPH FREDERICK WALLET DES BARRES, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.*”

“*The Address of the House of Assembly in General Assembly convened.*”

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

“**I**T having been noticed by the Treasurer of this Island at the foot of his Public Accounts laid before this House that “no return has been received from the Collector of Richmond Bay District, since December 1806,” we therefore request that your Excellency will be pleased to order the Collector of inland Duties for the above District to furnish his accounts forthwith.”

ROBERT HODGSON, Speaker.

Assembly Room, March, 16 1808.

The same being approved, *Ordered*, That *Messrs. M<sup>r</sup> Aulay E. Coffin, and Macgowan*, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency therewith.

On Motion of *Mr. Brecken*, *Ordered* That a Committee of this House be appointed to meet a Committee of His Majesty's Council for the purpose of inspecting the public Accounts.

*Messrs. Brecken, Holland, and Stewart, Sen.* were appointed for that purpose.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart*, Jun. The Bill Intituled an Act to explain amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for the making and repairing the high Roads and Bridges of this Island.

On Motion, The House went into a Committee of the whole House to take the above Bill into consideration (*Mr. Stewart*, Jun. in the Chair) after some time spent therein, The speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock To-morrow.

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*Thursday, March 17, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment.... PRAYERS.

*Mr Montgomery*, a Member for Prince County appeared and took his seat.

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lt. Governor with the Address of yesterday reported that they had presented the same to His Excellency, who was pleased to say he would comply with the desire of the House.

The House went into a Committee of the whole House (*Mr. Stewart*, Jun. in the Chair) to resume the consideration of the Bill Intituled "an Act to explain amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for the making and repairing High Roads and Bridges of this Island after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On Motion of *Mr. Stowe*, leave was given to bring in the heads of a Bill Intituled an Act to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the 30th year of His present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act to oblige the respective Proprietors of Lots or Townships of Land or of parts of Lots or Townships of Land and who have contributed nothing towards the Settlement or Improvements of this Island and whose Lands lie in a waste and uncultivated state to pay their proportion of the Public Charges for the making and repairing of the High ways Roads and Bridges of said Island.

On Motion the same received the first reading.

A Message from His Majesty's Council, viz.

His Majesty's Council have appointed the *Honorable Alexr. Howe*, and *Harry Compton*, a Committee to meet the Committee of the Lower House for the purpose of inspecting the Public Accounts.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

*Friday, March 18, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment... PRAYERS.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, unanimously Resolved, That the Sum of sixty pounds Sterling be paid to *Philip Codd*, Esq. the Colony Agent for his Services last year.

And that the above Resolution be sent up to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

On Motion of *Mr. Bagnall*, The House went into a Committee of the whole House to resume the consideration of the Bill Intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for the making and repairing the High Roads and Bridges of this Island (*Mr. Stewart*, Jun. in the Chair) after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that they had gone through and made several Amendments to the same.

On Motion, Ordered, That the same be read the third time to-morrow.

*Mr. Stewart*, Jun. moved for leave to bring in a Bill Intituled an Act to revive and continue an Act made and passed in the 25th. year of His present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act to alter, amend and reduce into an Act an Act made and passed in the 21st. year of His present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the Streets and Wells of Charlotte Town.

On Motion the same received the first reading.

On Motion of *Mr. Stowe*, the Bill Intituled an Act to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the 30th. year of his present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act to oblige the respective Proprietors of Lots or Townships of Land or parts of Lots or Townships of Lands and who have contributed nothing towards the Settlement or improvements of this Island, and whose Lands lie in a waste and uncultivated State, to pay their proportion of the public Charges for the making and repairing the High Roads and Bridges of this Island, received a second reading, and on Motion ordered to be Committed for six o'clock this Evening.

Adjourned until six o'clock This Evening.

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*Friday Evening, March 18, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment.

The House went into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Bill Intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the 30th year of His present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act to oblige the respective Proprietors of Lots or Townships of Land, or of parts of Lots or Townships of Lands, and who have contributed nothing towards the Set-



On Motion of *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* The Bill Intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for making and repairing the Highways, Roads and Bridges in this Island received a third reading, was passed, and on Motion ordered to be sent up to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

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 Tuesday, March 22, 1808.

THE House met according to adjournment... PRAYERS.

*Mr. Brecken*, as Chairman of the Committee of this House appointed to meet a Committee of His Majesty's Council for the purpose of inspecting the Public Accounts, reported "That the said joint Committee had had the said Accounts under consideration, that the same were found correctly stated," but your Committee submit to the House the propriety of addressing his Excellency the Lt. Governor upon the subject as the large amount charged in said Account as paid to the Post Office, as also the following sums, viz.

*J. B. Palmer, Esq.* for Copying the Minutes of Council £10. *J. B. Palmer*, Adjutant General, £50. *Thos. D. Cowdell*, for teaching Church Musick to the Parishoners of Charlotte-Parish £10.

Ordered on Motion of *Mr. Brecken*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lt. Governor in terms of the above report.

*Messrs. Brecken, Macgowan, and Stewart, Jun.* were appointed for that purpose.

On Motion of *Mr. Murray*, The House went into a Committee of the whole house (*Mr. Stewart, Jun.* in the Chair) to take into consideration the Bill intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the 30th. year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled an Act to oblige the respective Proprietors of Lots or Townships of Land, or of parts of Lots or Townships of Land and who have contributed nothing towards the Settlement or improvements, of this Island and whose Lands lie in a waste and uncultivated state to pay their proportion of the Public Charges for the making and repairing the High Ways, Roads and Bridges of this Island" after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that they had gone through and made several amendments to the same, on Motion, that the said report be agreed to, the same passed in the affirmative.

A Message from His Majesty's Council.

On Motion, the following answer to the Resolution of the House of Assembly of the twenty first of March relative to the allowance to the Colonial Agent was sent down to the House of Assembly, His Majesty's Council is most cordially disposed to concur with the House of Assembly in the appropriation of any monies the House of Assembly may deem necessary to be raised for the service of His Majesty's Government and the liberal necessary support of its Estab-

ishment, particularly a proper and generous allowance to our Colonial Agent whose active exertions for the interest of this Island claim the most grateful acknowledgments of its Legislature.

And also the following Message.

It being immaterial to His Majesty's Council what Member makes a motion to be discussed by the House of Assembly, The Resolution only as passed and sent up by the House of Assembly to His Majesty's Council, will be inserted on the Journals in future, without notice of the Gentleman's name by whose motion the Resolution was brought forward.

*Mr. Bagnall*, from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the "Act of the 13th year of His Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to prevent the throwing of ballast into Rivers and Creeks on this Island," and to bring in a Bill containing such alterations and amendments as the present particular circumstances require, reported the following "Heads of a Bill for repealing an Act of the 13th year of his present Majesty's Reign" "Intituled an Act to prevent the throwing of Ballast into Rivers and Creeks in this Island, and for the empowering the Governor, Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to appoint ballast Masters and to regulate their duty," which on Motion recived a first and second reading.

Adjourned till half past six o'clock this Evening.

*Tuesday Evening 22d. March 1808.*

**T**HE House meet according to adjournment.

On Motion of *Mr. Bagnall*, The House went into a Committee of the whole House (*Mr. Bagnall*, in the Chair) to take into consideration the Bill Intituled an Act for repealing an Act, Intituled an Act to prevent the throwing of Ballast into the Rivers and Creeks in this Island, and to empower the Governor Lt. Governor or Commander in Cheif to appoint Ballast Masters and to regulate their Duty," after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow morning.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock to-morrow.

*Wednesday, March 23, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment....PRAYERS.

The Committee appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council to examine into such Laws as are near expiring, reported that having meet the Committee of His Majesty's Council for the above purpose they have examined and find that there are no Laws near expiring.

On Motion of *Do<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Aulay*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House (*Dr. M<sup>r</sup>. Aulay*, in the Chair) to take in to considration the state of the Militia for the defence of this Island after some time spent

therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, That it is the opinion of the Committee that a Bill should be brought in to revive the Militia Laws of 1795 and 1797.

On Motion that the Report be agreed to, The House divided.

For the Motion. *Messrs. Stewart, Jun. Townsend, E. Coffin, B. Coffin, Murray, Stewart, Sen. Montgomery, Brecken, and Macgowan.*

Against it, *Messrs. Rankin, M<sup>c</sup>Aulay, Bagnall, Stowe, M<sup>c</sup>Donell, and Creed,* so it passed in the affirmative.

*Mr. Macgowan*, then on leave given, brought in a Bill to revive the said Militia Laws, and the same received a first and second reading.

Adjourned until half past six o'clock This Evening.

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*Wednesday Evening, March 23, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* The House went into a Committee of the whole House (*Mr. Brecken* in the Chair) to resume the consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act for repealing an Act, intituled an Act to prevent the throwing of Ballast into Rivers and Creeks in this Island, and for empowering the governor, Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Ballast Masters and to regulate their Duty," after some time spent therein, The Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow morning.

Adjourned until 01 o'clock tomorrow.

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*Thursday, March 24, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment.... PRAYERS.

On Motion of *Doctor M<sup>c</sup>Aulay*, Leave was given to bring in on Monday next the heads of a Bill for raising a certain Sum of Money for the subsistence and discipline of the Militia of this Island.

On Motion of *Mr. Brecken*, The Bill intituled an Act to prevent practising Physic, Surgery, and Midwifery, without Licence, was rejected.

On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, The Bill intituled an Act to revive two certain Acts of the General Assembly of this Island that have lately expired, received a third reading.

On Motion that the same do pass, The House divided.

AYES, *Messrs. Montgomery, M<sup>c</sup>Donell, Townsend, Creed, Stewart, Sen. B. Coffin, Murray, Brecken, E. Coffin, Stewart, Jun. Macgowan, Rankin, and Holland.*

NOES, *Messrs. Bagnall, and Stowe.*

The Bill accordingly passed and was engrossed.

*Mr. Macgowan*, was ordered to take up the same to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

And also the Bill Intituled "An Act to amend an Act made and passed in the 26th year of His present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to empower the Governor, Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint a Sheriff or Sheriffs for this Island, also to regulate the Office of Sheriffs, and the manner in which they shall return and pass their accounts of all fines and forfeitures levied by them for the use of the Crown, to indemnify persons claiming under Deeds Executed by the Deputy or under Sheriff of this Island" with the amendments agreed to, and also the

The joint Address of both Houses to Field Marshall His Royal Highness the DUKE OF KENT, as before agreed to by the House.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart*, Jun. The Bill Intituled an Act to revive and continue an Act made and passed in the 25th year of His present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act to alter and amend and reduce into one Act, an Act made and passed in the 21st year of His present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the Streets and Wells of Charlotte-Town, was rejected, and on Motion leave was then given to bring in a Bill for raising a fund for making and keeping in repair the Pumps, Wells and Streets of Charlotte Town, which on Motion received a first reading.

A Message from his Majesty's Council with the Bill Intituled an Act to revive two certain Acts of the General Assembly of this Island that have lately expired, agreed to.

The Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lt. Governor respecting some Items objected to in the Public Accounts, &c. reported the same which being read, on Motion the same was ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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*Friday, March 25, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House (*Mr Brecken* in the Chair) to take into consideration the Bill Intituled an Act for repealing an Act, Intituled an Act to prevent the throwing of Ballast into Rivers and Creeks in this Island, and for the empowering the Governor, Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to appoint Ballast Masters and to regulate their Duty, after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, that they had gone through the said Bill and had made several amendments, On Motion the report of the Committee was agreed to.



A Message from his Majesty's Council with the, Bill Intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for the making and repairing the high Roads and Bridges of this Island, with proposed amendments, to which they requested the concurrence of this House.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart*, Jun. The House went into a Committee of the whole House (*Mr. Stewart*, Jun. in the Chair) to take into consideration the amendments proposed by his Majesty's Council to the said Bill after some time spent therein, The speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Adjourned till half past six o'clock this Evening.

*Friday Evening, March 25, 1808.*

The Speaker and several Members attended, but there not being Members enough to form a House,

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

*Saturday, March 26, 1808.*

THE House met according to Adjournment... PRAYERS.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart*, Jun. The Bill Intituled an Act for repealing an Act, Intituled an Act to prevent the throwing of Ballast into Rivers and Creeks in this Island, and for empowering the Governor, Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to appoint Ballast Masters and to regulate their duty, received the third reading, was passed, and sent up to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, The House went into a Committee of the whole House (*Mr. Stewart*, Jun. in the Chair) to resume the consideration of the amendments proposed by His Majesty's Council to the Bill Intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly, all the Laws now in being for the making and repairing the High Roads and Bridges in this Island, after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported as the opinion of the Committee that they had gone through the same, and recommended that a conference be requested with His Majesty's Council on the subject of the said amendments.

A Message from his Majesty's Council with the Bill Intituled an Act for repealing an Act, intituled an Act to prevent the throwing of Ballast into Rivers and Creeks in this Island and for the empowering the Governor, Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to appoint Ballast Masters, and to regulate their Duty, agreed to.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart*, Jun. The Bill Intituled an Act for raising a fund for making and keeping in repair the Pumps, Wells and Streets of Charlotte Town," received the second reading

Adjourned till 10 o'clock on Monday next.

*Monday, March 28, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

A Message from His Majesty's Council with the joint Address of both Houses to Field Marshall His Royal Highness the DUKE OF KENT, agreed to, and the same is as follows, viz.

*"To Field Marshal His Royal Highness EDWARD DUKE OF KENT, and Strathern, Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter and of the most illustrious Order of St. Patrick, &c. &c. &c.*

*"The humble Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

"**W**ITH the greatest respect for your Royal Highness's person, profoundest veneration for your Character, and impressed with admiration of your virtues and talents, so conspicuously displayed while your Royal Highness held the supreme Military command in British North America: We his Majesty's Council and House of Assembly of his Majesty's Island Prince Edward, in General Assembly convened, pray leave to assure your Royal Highness of our dutiful and most sincere thanks for your princely patronage of this Island, which has the honor to bear your name; particularly for your benevolent application to His Majesty's Minister, in aid of our Colonial Agent, to obtain the objects prayed for in our joint Address to our most Gracious Sovereign, forwarded last Session by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to the Minister for the War and Colonial departments.

"We are the better grounded to look for the success of our Address by its having the support of your Royal Highness, and because we believe this to be the only Colony in British North America where any direct Tax is levied, except for its own local and interior necessities, and because we hope his Majesty's Ministers (when transactions of greater importance can allow them to take the affairs and situation of this Island under their consideration) will be pleased to give their aid in obtaining a temporary allowance of the Quit Rents paid by the Proprietors of this Island, to be laid out therein for the purpose of erecting Public Buildings and forming other establishments suitable and requisite for the convenience and respectability of this Government, which the Inhabitants of this Island without this, or similar help from our beloved and gracious Sovereign, are unable to effect.

"We beg to assure your Royal Highness that we shall ever continue to offer our fervant prayers to the Almighty Giver of all good for your Royal Highness' health, happiness and welfare.

CÆSAR COLCLOUGH, *President.*

Council Chamber, March 23d, 1808.

ROBERT HODGSON, *Speaker.*

Assembly Room, March 28th, 1808."

A Message from His Excellency the Lt. Governor, viz.

Mr. Speaker, Having at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly of this Island, communicated to you (in addition to His Majesty's Royal allowance and confirmation of the Act for regulating Elections) that the two other Acts which were passed at the last Session had been considered and did not appear liable to any objections: I have now to inform you that by the express which returned on Friday last from Halifax I had the honour of receiving from the Right Honorable Vis Count CASTLEREAGH, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, a Letter to be substituted for one which I formerly received of the same date respecting the above mentioned Acts of the General Assembly, and by which His Lordship is pleased to inform me that the Act for raising a fund for the purpose of defraying contingent expences of the General Assembly of this Island is reserved for further consideration.

J. F. W. DESBARRES.

Charlotte-Town, 28th March, 1808.

Ordered that the said Message do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to leave given, *Dominic M' Aulay* produced the heads of a Bill for making the necessary Provisions for the discipline and subsistence of the Militia of this Province, which received the first reading and on Motion was ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, leave was given to bring in a Bill Intituled an Act to repeal an Act, Intituled an Act in addition to an amendment of an Act made and passed in 35th year of His present Majesty's Reign Intituled an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws.

Ordered, On Motion that a conference be requested with His Majesty's Council by Committee on the subject of the amendments proposed by His Majesty's Council to the Bill Intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for the making and repairing the High Roads and Bridges of this Island.

And that *Mr. Stewart*, go up and acquaint His Majesty's Council therewith.

The joint address of both Houses to Field Marshall His Royal Highness the DUKE OF KENT, having been approved and signed by the President of His Majesty's Council and the speaker of this House, Ordered that a Committee be appointed to meet a Committee of His Majesty's Council to prepare a Letter from the President of His Majesty's Council and the speaker of this House, enclosing the same to the Colony Agent, with Instructions for him to present the same to His Royal Highness.

Ordered, That the above be sent up to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

A Message from his Majesty's Council, "His Majesty's Council have appointed the Honorable Robert Gray, Alexr. Howe, and Harry Compton, to be a Commit-

tee to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly on the Subject of the amendments proposed by His Majesty's Council to the Bill Intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for the making and repairing the High Roads and Bridges of this Island, to meet at the Council Chamber, instanter."

Ordered, That *Messrs. Stewart, Jun. Montgomery, M<sup>r</sup> Aulay, Brecken and Townsend*, do manage the said Conference, and they went to the conference accordingly and being returned, *Mr. Stewart*, reported that the managers had been at the conference, and he stated the substance of the conference to the House.

A Message from his Excellency the Lt. Governor.

*Mr. Speaker,*

The uncertainty of the continuance of that peace and amity which has subsisted between his Majesty's Government and the United States of America, and the Defenceless state in which this Island is at present left without Military protection, obliges me to call your particular attention to this circumstance, under a full persuasion that you will see the necessity of making provision for a sufficient supply for the expences which must unavoidably attend the subsistence of the Militia in the event of their being required to perform Military Duty; a small portion of which appears to me requisite until such time as an expected detachment arrives from Halifax.

Charlotte-Town, 28th March, 1808.

J. F. W. DESBARRES.

Ordered on Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, that the above Message be taken into consideration To-morrow morning.

Adjourned until half past six o'clock This Evening.

*Monday Evening, March 28, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by his Majesty's Council to the Bill Intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for making and repairing the High Roads and Bridges in this Island.

On Motion that the first amendment be agreed to, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Stewart, Sen. Montgomery, Stewart, Jun. Rankin, Creed, and M<sup>r</sup> Aulay.*

Against it, *Messrs. Macgowan, Townsend, Holland, Brecken, Murray, Stowe, B. Coffin, and Bagnall.*

On Motion that the 2d. be agreed to, the same was carried in the affirmative

On Motion that the 3d. be agreed to, the same was negatived.

On Motion that the 4th. be agreed to, it was carried in the affirmative.

On Motion that the 5th. be agreed to, it was carried in the affirmative.

On Motion that the 6th. be agreed to, it was carried in the affirmative.

On Motion that the 7th. be agreed to, it was negatived.

On Motion that the 8th. be agreed to, the same was negatived.

On Motion that the 9th. be agreed to, it was carried in the affirmative.

On Motion that the 10th. be agreed to, the same was carried in the affirmative.

On Motion that the 11th. be agreed to, the same was negatived.

On Motion that the 12th. be agreed to, the same was negatived.

On Motion that the 13th. be agreed to, the same was carried in the affirmative.

On Motion that the 14th be agreed to, the same was carried in the affirmative.

On Motion that the 15th. be agreed to, it was carried in the affirmative.

On Motion that the 16th be agreed to, it was carried in the affirmative.

On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, the Bill Intituled an Act to repeal an Act, Intituled an Act in addition to and amendment of an Act made and passed in the 35th year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to alter and amend the high Road Laws, received the first reading.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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*Tuesday, March 29, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

On Motion, *Mr. Macgowan* was ordered to carry up to His Majesty's Council the Bill Intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for the making and repairing the High Roads and Bridges in this Island, and acquaint His Majesty's Council with the determination of this House with respect to the amendments proposed by them to the said Bill.

On Motion, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House (*Doctor M' Aulay*, in the Chair) to take into consideration His Excellency the Lt. Governor's Message, with respect to the making provision for the subsistence of the Militia of this Island, in the event of their being required to perform Military Duty, after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

A Message from His Majesty's Council, with the Bill Intituled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of the General Assembly all the Laws now in being for the making and repairing the High Roads and Bridges of this Island, not agreed to.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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*Wednesday, March 30, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

On Motion, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House (*Mr. Brecken*, in the Chair) to take into consideration the Address to His Excel-

lency respecting the objected Items in the Public Accounts, after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to two Addressses which they directed him to present to the House.

On Motion That the Address respecting the Post Office be agreed to, the House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Holland, Stowe, Murray, B. Coffin, Montgomery, Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. and Brecken.*

Against it, *Messrs. Rankin, Bagnall, M<sup>r</sup> Aulay, Macgowan, Creed, and E. Coffin.*

On Motion That the second be agreed to, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Macgowan, E. Coffin, Stowe, Murray B. Coffin, Montgomery, Brecken, Stewart, Sen. and Stewart, Jun.*

On Motion Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lt. Governor with the said Addressses.

*Messrs. Brecken, Macgowan, and Montgomery,* were accordingly appointed for that purpose.

Against it, *Messrs. Rankin Bagnall, M<sup>r</sup> Aulay' Holland, and Creed.*

A Message from his Majesty's Council "His Majesty's Council, inform the House of Assembly that His Majesty's Council do not conceive it necessary to appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of framing a Letter to the Colony Agent on the subject of his presenting the joint Address of both Houses to His Royal Highness Field Marshal the DUKE OF KENT, and Strathern, &c. &c. having a perfect reliance that the president of His Majesty's Council and the Speaker of the House of Assembly are fully competent to frame and sign such a Letter, unconnected with any other subject.

On Motion the house resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house (*Doctor M<sup>r</sup> Aulay,* in the Chair) to resume the consideration of his Excellency's Message with respect to making provision for the subsistence of the Militia of this Province, in the event of their being required to perform Military duty, after some time spent therein the Spaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Adjourned till half past six o'clock this Evening.

*Wednesday Evening, March 30, 1808.*

THE House met according to Adjournment.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house to take into consideration his Excellency's Message with respect to making provision for the subsistence of the Militia of this Island, in the event of their being required to perform Military duty, the Speaker left the Chair (*Doctor M<sup>r</sup> Aulay,* took the

Chair) the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to recommend, that a select Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill agreeable to a plan before them to accomplish the objects pointed out in his Excellency the Lt. Governor's Message of the 28th instant.

*Ordered*, on Motion that the report of the Committee be agreed to.

*Messrs. Macgowan, Stewart, Jun. Holland, Brecken, and Montgomery*, were appointed a Committee for the above purpose.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Bill Intituled an Act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the Pumps, Wells and Streets of Charlotte-Town, Mr. Speaker left the Chair (*Mr. Stewart, Jun.* took the Chair) Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, and recommended in the mean time that the Register of this Province be requested to furnish this House with a List of all Town Lots granted in Charlotte Town. *Ordered* that the report of the Committee be agreed to.

On Motion, the Bill Intituled "An Act for making the necessary Provision, by an assessment, upon Land for the discipline and the subsistence of the Militia of this Island, received a first and second reading.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to consider the best Scheme for the printing the Laws of the Island, and that they report thereon to the House as soon as possible.

*Messrs. Holland, Bagnall, and Macgowan*, were accordingly appointed for that purpose.

*Ordered*, On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, That the Bill Intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 30th year of His present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to oblige the respective Proprietors of Lots or Townships of Land, or parts of Lots or Townships of Land, and who have contributed nothing towards the Settlement or improvement of this Island, and whose Lands lie in waste and uncultivated State, to pay their proportion of the Public Charges for the making and repairing the High Ways and Bridges of this Island," be recommitted To-morrow.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock to-morrow Evening.

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*Thursday Evening, March 31, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lt. Governor with the Address respecting the Public Accounts, reported that they had delivered the same.

*Mr. Macgowan*, from the Committee appointed yesterday evening to bring in a Bill to accomplish the object pointed out in his Excellency the Lt. Governor's Message of the 28th inst. reported that they had considered the Business to

them referred and agreed to recommend that a Bill be brought in for emitting Debentures to a limited amount, to be received in payment of all Duties or Taxes payable at the Public Treasury, and also agreed to recommend that an Address should be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Lt. Governor requesting that he will lay before his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, the defenceless state of the Island in order that a Corps may be raised, or detachment supplied, and that a Ship of War may be stationed here for the defence of this Island.

*Mr. Macgowan*, on leave obtained brought in the Heads of a Bill for emitting Debentures to a limited amount, which was agreed to, and received a first and second reading:

The same Committee was ordered to bring in a draft of the Address To-morrow morning.

The Committee appointed to devise a Scheme for reprinting the Laws, report, that on Examination they find it will be necessary to have an entire sett of the old Laws reprinted, as also, all the new Laws, That it appears to them 300 Copies will be requisite and that according to an Estimate furnished by the Printer, the Expence will amount to the Sum of £200, leaving 50 Copies in the hands of the Printer for sale at 20s. each.

Adjourned until 01 o'clock to-morrow.

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*Friday, April 1, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment.....PRAYERS.

Pursuant to Order, The Committee appointed yesterday to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lt. Governor, reported the same, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered*, on Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the state and condition of the Gaol at Charlotte-Town, and to report thereupon to the House to-morrow. Messrs. *Holland*, *Macgowan*, and *Stewart*, Jun. were accordingly appointed.

On Motion of *Doctor M<sup>c</sup>Aulay*, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Bill for making a General Assessment upon Land for the discipline and subsistence of the Militia in this Island," the Speaker left the Chair, *Doctor M<sup>c</sup>Aulay* took the Chair, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, leave was given to bring in a Bill to revive, alter and amend the High Road Law of the 42d year of his present Majesty's Reign, which received the first and second reading.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart*, Jun. the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled an Act for making and keeping



in repair the Pumps, Wells and Streets of Charlotte-Town, The Speaker left the Chair, Mr. Stewart took the Chair, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that they had gone through and made several amendments to the same, which they had directed him to report to the house, and he delivered the Bill and amendments at the Clerk's table.

On Motion, Orderd, That the report be agreed to, and thereupon the said Bill was then read a third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered on Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, That a Committee be appointed to examine and enquire into the state and condition of the Wharf at Charlotte-Town, and report the repairs necessary to be done thereat, in order that provision may be made towards the repairs and regulations thereof, and that the Committee do report thereupon to this house to-morrow. Messrs. *Holland, Brecken, and Stewart, Jun.* were accordingly appointed for that purpose.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house, on the Bill for emitting certain Debentures of Public Credit, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, Mr. *Macgowan* took the Chair, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, That they had had the said Bill under their consideration, and that they have gone through and made several amendments to the same. On Motion the same received a third reading, and on the question being put that the same do now pass, The House divided.

For the Motion, Messrs. *Stewart, Jun. Stewart, Sen. Stowe, Holland, Murray, Brecken, Montgomery, B. Coffin, Townsend, and Macgowan.*

Against it, *Messrs. Bagnall, Rankin, M<sup>r</sup>. Aulay, and Creed.*

So it passed in the affirmative.

Adjourned until half past six o'clock This Evening.

*Friday Evening, April 1, 1808.*

THE House met according to Adjournment.

On Motion The House went into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Bill to revive, alter and amend the High Road Law of the 42d year of his present Majesty's Reign, Mr. Speaker left the Chair *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* took the Chair, Mr. speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that they had gone through and made several amendments to the same, which they directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the said Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, on Motion that the said Report be agreed to, and thereupon the said Bill was read a third time, passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, on Motion of *Mr. Holland*, That the Bill intituled an Act to quiet persons in their possessions, and to establish the Limits Bonuds and Meets of Townships in this Island," be Committed To-morrow.

On Motion The House went into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Address to his Excellency the Lt. Governor on the

subject of the defenceless state of the Island, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, Mr. Holland, took the Chair, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that they had considered the said Address and made several amendments thereto, which they directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the said Address and amendments in at the Clerks Table.

*Ordered*, on Motion that the said Address as amended be agreed to, and which is as follows.

“*To His Excellency JOSEPH FREDERICK WALLET DES BARRES, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chacellor and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

“*The Address of the House of Assembly in General Assembly convened.*

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

**T**HE House of Assembly having taken into consideration the Message which your Excellency was pleased to send down to them on Monday last, respecting the defenceless State of the Island, are endeavoring to make some provision for the discharge of the contingent expences, to be borne by the Colony, attending the actual Service of a portion of the Militia, and viewing the destructive consequence of a War with the United States of America, whilst left without protection, humbly request your Excellency will be pleased to lay the present State of the Island before his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial department, and to take such other steps as your Excellency may deem advisable to effect its better defence—either by obtaining a supply of Military force or by raising a Corps as has been the case on former occasions. They also beg leave further to submit whether on your Excellency's Representation a Sloop of War might not be stationed here, whilst the continuance of Peace with the United States of America remains in a State of uncertainty.

ROBERT HODGSON, *Speaker.*

Assembly Room, 1st April, 1808.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Macgowan, M<sup>r</sup> Aulay, and Holland, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lt. Governor with the same.

Adjourned, till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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 Saturday, April 2, 1808.

**T**HE House met according to adjournment... PRAYERS.

A Message from his Majesty's Council

His Majesty's Council request a present Conference with a Committee of the House of Assembly, on the Bill Intituled an Act for raising a fund to making and keep in repair the Pumps, Wells and Streets of Charlotte-Town, and that the *Honorable Colonel Gray*, and *Harry Compton*, do manage the same.

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the Conference as desired by his Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk acquaint them therewith.

*Ordered*, That *Messrs. Stewart, Jun. Brecken, and Holland*, do manage the conference, and they went to the conference, and being returned *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* reported, That the Committee had been at the conference, and he stated the substance of the conference to the House.

The Committee of this House appointed to examine and enquire into the state and condition of the Wharf at Charlotte-Town, and report the wants of reparation thereof, in order that provision may be made towards the repairs and regulation thereof Report, That they have carefully inspected and examined the same, and find that should the Ice, now floating in the River, not occasion further damage, the Wharf may be repaired for the Sum of £38, and that in order to continue it in repair, it would be highly expedient to appoint a Wharfinger and demand Warfage from all Vessels, Boats and Craft unloading thereon: your Committee likewise think it would be a great benefit to have the Wharf lengthened so as to admit Vessels of larger burthen to lie thereat.

A Message from His Majesty's Council with the Bill Intituled "An Act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the Pumps, Wells and Streets of Charlotte-Town," agreed to.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the subject of printing of the Laws, The Speaker left the Chair, *Mr. Holland* took the Chair, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, That the Committee had fully considered the matter to them referred, and had agreed that the immediate Printing of the Laws was a Measure of the first necessity, and recommended that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Lt. Governor to request that his Excellency will be pleased to give the necessary orders for the immediate printing 300 Copies of the Laws of the Island and assure his Excellency that the House will make good the Expence thereof.

On Motion of *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* that the said Report be agreed to, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. B. Coffin, Stewart, Sen. Stowe, Murray, Rankin, Stewart, Jun. Holland, Macgowan, Montgomery, Brecken, Creed, and Townsend.*

Against it, *Messrs. Bagnall, and M<sup>e</sup> Aulay.*

And the same was carried in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, On Motion, That a Conference be requested with his Majesty's Council, by Committee, on the subject matter of the above report, and that *Messrs. Stewart, Jun. M<sup>e</sup> Aulay, B. Coffin, Holland, and Bagnall*, do manage the said conference, and that the Clerk do acquaint his Majesty's Council therewith.

The Committee appointed to examine the state and condition of the Gaol at Charlotte-Town, report, That it is their opinion that the sum of eighty Pounds ought to be laid out thereon in repairs, and for the erecting a fence for a prison yard around it.

Adjourned till half past six o'clock this Evening.

*Saturday Evening, April 2, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment.

Moved by *Mr. Holland*, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Bill Intituled "An Act to quiet persons in their possessions, and to establish the Limits, Bounds and Meets of Townships in this Island," on the question being put, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Macgowan, Stowe, Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. Murray, Brecken, Montgomery, Holland, and Townsend.*

Against it, *Messrs. Bagnall, M<sup>r</sup> Aulay, Rankin, and Creed.*

So it being carried in the affirmative,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, *Mr. Macgowan* took the Chair, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Doctor M<sup>r</sup> Aulay*, Moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three Months. On the question being put it was carried in the negative.

For the Motion, *Messrs. M<sup>r</sup> Aulay, Bagnall, and Rankin.*

Against it, *Messrs. Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. Montgomery, Townsend, Murray, Holland, Macgowan, Brecken, Stowe, and Creed.*

Adjourned till 10 o'clock on Monday next.

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*Monday, April 4, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment... PRAYERS.

*Mr. Macgowan*, Moved for leave to bring in a Bill to revive two Acts lately expired, viz. "An Act for granting a Bounty for growing and Cultivating Hemp for exportation," and "an Act for the better preventing accidents by fire."

On the Question being put whether the first mentioned Act should be revived, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Holland, Stewart, Jun. Macgowan, Stowe, Montgomery, Murray, E. Coffin B. Coffin, Brecken, Creed, and Stewart, Sen.*

Against it, *Messrs. M<sup>r</sup> Aulay Bagnall, and Rankin.*

Leave being given, the Bill was accordingly brought in, and on Motion received a first and second reading.

On Motion, Ordered, That it be added to the standing Rules and Orders of this House, that no Member be permitted to speak to any question more than once, and once in reply.

A Message from his Majesty's Council with the Bill Intituled an Act for emitting certain Bills or Debentures within this Island, not agreed to.

*Doctor M<sup>c</sup>Aulay*, Moved that, no Bill do pass this House unless it lies three Days upon the Table after the first reading. On the question being put, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. M<sup>c</sup>Aulay*, and *Bagnall*.

Against it, *Messrs. Montgomery, Stewart, Sen. Rankin, Brecken, Holland, B. Coffin, E. Coffin, Murray, Stowe, Stewart, Jun. Creed, and Macgowan*.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Bill intituled an Act to quiet persons in their possessions, and to establish the Limits, Bounds and Meets of Townships in this Island.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, *Mr. Macgowan*, took the Chair, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

A Message from his Majesty's Council, "His Majesty's Council have appointed the *Honorable Robert Gray, Alexr. Howe, and Harry Compton*, a Committee to meet a Committee of the House of Assembly on the subject of printing the Laws, and the same do meet at the Council Chamber to-morrow at 11 o'clock."

His Majesty's Council have sent down the Bill intituled "An Act to revive, alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d. year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act in addition to and amendment of an Act made and passed in the 35th year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws," with certain amendments, to which they pray the concurrence of this House, And then the messenger withdrew.

On Motion The House went into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the amendments proposed by his Majesty's Council to the said Bill, Mr. speaker left the Chair (*Mr. Holland*, took the Chair) Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported as the opinion of the Committee, that a conference be requested with his Majesty's Council by Committee on the subject of the amendments.

Ordered, on Motion, that the said Report be agreed to.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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*Tuesday, April 5, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

Ordered, on Motion, of *Mr. Holland*, That the standing Rules and Orders of this House be Printed, and a Copy thereof given to each Member of the House.

*Doctor M<sup>c</sup>Aulay* moved, That the House go into a Committee of the whole House to take into further consideration the Bill, intituled "An Act for

king a general assessment upon Land for the discipline and subsistence of the Militia of this Island," on the question being put, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Creed, Stowe, Holland, Brecken, Rankin, M<sup>r</sup> Aulay, and Bagnall.*

Against it, *Messrs. Montgomery, B. Coffin, Stewart, Jun. Macgowan, Murray, E. Coffin, and Stewart Sen.*

The Votes of the House being equal, the Speaker gave the casting Vote, and the same was carried in the negative.

*Ordered,* On Motion, That the following Message be sent to his Majesty's Council :

That the House of Assembly would not have deemed it necessary to have appointed the Committee mentioned and objected to in the Message from his Majesty's Council of Wednesday last, but in consequence of their Message intimating their intention of inclosing the joint Address of both Houses to His Royal Highness the DUKE OF KENT, to the Colony Agent by a Letter from the president of His Majesty's Council; and the House conceiving the Letter ought to be a joint one with the signature of their Speaker, added to that of the president of his Majesty's Council, appointed the Committee with a view of effecting that object.

A Message from his Majesty's Council, viz.

Mr. Speaker, His Majesty's Council have appointed the *Honorable Colonel Gray, Alexr. Howe, and Harry Compton,* a Committee to confer with a Committee of the House of Assembly, on the subject of the amendments proposed by his Majesty's Council to the High Road Laws, to meet at the Council Chamber instantler, and then he withdrew.

On Motion, *Ordered,* That *Messrs. Stewart, Jun. Holland, Montgomery, Macgowan, B. Coffin, and Brecken,* be the Committee of this House to manage the said conference, and they went to the conference, and being returned, *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* related the substance of the conference to the House.

On Motion, *Ordered,* That the amendments proposed by His Majesty's Council to the said Bill, be agreed to.

On Motion The Bill Intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 30th year of His present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to oblige the respective proprietors of Lots or Townships of Land, or parts of Lots or Townships of Land, and who have contributed nothing towards the Settlement or improvement of this Island, and whose Lands lie in a waste and uncultivated State, to pay their proportion of the Public Charges for the making and repairing the High Ways and Bridges of this Island," received a third reading, and on the question being put whether the said Bill do pass, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Holland, B. Coffin, Montgomery, Macgowan, Murray, Bagnall, Rankin, E. Coffin, Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. Creed, and Stowe.*

Against it, *Doctor M<sup>r</sup> Aulay.*

The said Bill accordingly passed, and was sent up to his Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

On Motion the Bill Intituled "An Act to revive two Acts lately expired, viz. an Act for granting a Bounty for growing and cultivating hemp for Exportation." and "An Act for the better preventing accidents by fire," received the third reading, was passed, and sent up to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

A Message from His Majesty's Council, by their Clerk.

"Mr. Speaker, His Majesty's Council have sent down the Bill Intituled "An Act to revive two Acts lately expired," agreed to," and then withdrew.

Adjourned till half past six o'clock this Evening.

*Tuesday Evening, April 5, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment.

On Motion, The House went into a Committee of the whole House, to reconsider his Excellency the Lt. Governor's Message for granting a sufficient supply for the expences which must unavoidably attend the subsistence of the Militia, in the event of their being required to perform Military duty, and for the other purposes pointed out in his Excellency the Lt. Governor's Speech at the opening of the Session, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, *Mr. Holland*, took the Chair, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, that the Committee had had the subject matter of his Excellency's Message under their consideration, and that it was the opinion of the Committee, that in the present State of the Country it was not in their power, after the fullest deliberation, to devise any means for immediately defraying the expence of the subsistence of the Militia, in case of their being called upon to do Military Duty, in the absence of a Detachment of his Majesty's Troops. On the question being put whether the above report be agreed to, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. B. Coffin E. Coffin, Stewart, Jun. Stewart, Sen. Brecken, Montgomery, Murray and Macgowan.*

Against it, *Messrs. Creed, Holland, Stowe, Bagnall, Rankin, and M. Aulay,*

So it passed in the affirmative.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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*Wednesday, April 6, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of his Majesty's Council on the subject of the printing the Laws, withdrew into the Council Chamber, and having returned, *Mr. Holland*, (as Chairman) related the substance of the conference to the House.

A Message from his Majesty's Council by their Clerk.

"Mr. Speaker, his Majesty's Council have sent down the Bill intituled "An Act to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the 30th year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to oblige the respective proprietors of Lots or Townships of Land, or parts of Lots or Townships of Land, and who have contributed nothing towards the Settlement or improvement of this Island, and whose Lands lie in a waste and uncultivated State, to pay their proportion of the Public Charges for the making and repairing the High Ways and Bridges of this Island," agreed to."

And also, "An Act to revive, alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act in addition to and amendment of an Act made and passed in the 35th year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws," agreed to.

*Ordered*, on Motion of *Mr. Holland*, That a Committee be appointed to bring in the heads of a Bill for the purpose of raising a fund for defraying the expences of printing the Laws, and that *Messrs. Macgowan, Stewart, Jun. and Brecken*, be a Committee for the above purpose, who having withdrawn, returned and reported the same, which on Motion, received the first and second reading.

On Motion the House went into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, *Mr. Macgowan*, took the Chair, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that they had gone through and made several amendments to the same, which they desired him to report to the House, and he delivered the said Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

On Motion, that the said Report be agreed to, The House divided.

For the Motion, *Messrs. Brecken, Holland, M<sup>r</sup> Aulay, Montgomery, Murray, Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. Macgowan, Rankin, B. Coffin, and Creed*.

Against it, *Messrs. Stowe, and E. Coffin*.

Adjourned till half past six o'clock this Evening.

*Wednesday - Evening.*

THE House met according to adjournment, and Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

*Thursday, April 7, 1808.*

THE House met according to adjournment.

*Mr. Holland*, moved that the Bill intituled "An Act for raising a fund for defraying the expence of printing the Laws of this Island, and for other purposes therein mentioned be read a third time, and thereupon *Mr. Brecken* moved that the said Bill be rejected," The House divided.



For *Mr. Holland's* Motion, *Messrs. Holland, Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. Bagnall, Murray, Montgomery, Creed, Rankin, B. Coffin, and Macgowan.*

Against it, *Messrs. Stowe, E. Coffin, Brecken, and M<sup>r</sup> Aulay.*

The said Bill was then sent up to his Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

A Message from his Majesty's Council by their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker, His Majesty's Council have sent down the Bill Intituled an Act for raising a fund for defraying the expence of printing the Laws of this Island, and for other purposes therein mentioned agreed to, and then withdrew.

*Mr. Macgowan*, communicated to the House the answer of his Excellency the Lt. Governor to the Addresses of the House on the subject of certain Items in the Public Accounts.

On Motion of *Mr. Bagnall*, the House thereupon *Resolved*, That the answer of his Excellency the Lt. Governor to the Addresses of this House, respecting the monies charged in the Public Accounts, allowed the Post Office, Adjutant General of Militia and *Thos. D. Cowdell, &c.* is highly satisfactory, and evince the strongest proofs of his Excellency's ardent desire of meeting the wishes of this House on all occasions.

On Motion of *Mr. Holland*, *Ordered*, That the House do enter upon consideration of the Bill establishing the Limits, Bounds and Meets of Townships in this Island," the next Session.

Adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

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*Friday, April 8, 1808.*

**T**HE House met according to adjournment.

The House took into consideration the services of the following persons, and allowed as follows, viz.

To the Revd. THEO. DESBRISAY, Chaplain to this House	£10: 00: 00
To THOMAS DESBRISBY, Jun. Clerk	28: 03: 09
To CORNELIUS, HIGGINS, Sheriff	10: 00: 00
To THOMAS ALEXANDER, Serjeant at Arms	10: 10: 03
To GEORGE MAYBE, Messenger	8: 2: 00

The said Accounts were then sent up to his Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

*Ordered*, On Motion of *Mr. Macgowan*, That a Committee of this House be appointed to meet a Committee of his Majesty's Council during the recess, in order to examine the Laws of this Island after they shall have been revised for the pres. *Messrs. Macgowan, Holland, Stewart, Jun. Brecken, M<sup>r</sup> Aulay, and M<sup>r</sup> Donell*, were appointed for that purpose,

On Motion *Ordered*, unanimously, That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Lt. Governor, praying he would be pleased to grant (out of the Treasury of this Island) an allowance of Twenty Pounds per annum to the Widow of the late Chief Justice *Stewart*, during her life.

Messrs. *Holland, Montgomery, and Rankin*, were appointed a Committee for the above purpose, who having withdrawn, returned and presented the same, which being read was approved of.

The same Committee presented the said Address to his Excellency, returned and reported, That his Excellency was pleased to say he would do all in his power to meet the wishes of the House.

On Motion *Ordered*, That an Address be presented to his Excellency, praying that the sum of £80 out of the Public funds be expended in the necessary repairs to the Gaol at Charlotte-Town, and for the erecting a fence around it.

Messrs. *Holland, Rankin, and Montgomery*, were ordered to present the same, who on their return reported, that his Excellency was pleased to say he would comply with the desire of the House.

A Message from his Majesty's Council, by their Clerk.

"Mr. Speaker, His Majesty's Council have appointed the *Honorable Colonel Howe, Harry Compton, and J. L. Desbarres*, a Committee to meet a Committee of the House of Assembly during the recess, in order to examine the Laws of the Island after they shall have been revised for the Press, and then he withdrew.

*Doctor M' Aulay*, was sent up to his Majesty's Council with a Message to know if they had concurred with this House in their Votes to the respective Officers, for their Services this Session, and returned with the following answer viz. "That his Majesty's Council had laid the Accounts before his Excellency the Lt. Governor in Council; that they agree to pay the Accounts of the Officers of the Assembly, subject nevertheless to correction and revision."

A Message from his Excellency the Lt. Governor by the Secretary, requiring the attendance of this House immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House having attended, his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, viz.

A Bill Intituled "An Act appointing and empowering *Philip Codd*, of Kensington, Esquire, to be Colony Agent for his Majesty's Island Prince Edward."

A Bill Intituled "An Act, to amend an Act, made and passed in the 26th. year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to empower the Governor, Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being to appoint a Sheriff or Sheriffs for this Island, also to regulate the Office of Sheriffs and the manner in which they shall return and pass their Accounts of all fines and forfeitures, levied by them for the use of the Crown, and to indemnify persons claiming under Deeds executed by the Deputy or under Sheriff of this Island."

A Bill Intituled "An Act, to revive two certain Acts of the General Assembly of this Island that have lately expired."

A Bill Intituled an Act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the Pumps, Wells and Streets of Charlotte Town."

A Bill Intituled " An Act to revive, alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d year of his Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act made and passed in the 35th. year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws."

A Bill Intituled " An Act for repealing an Act Intituled an Act to prevent the throwing of Ballast into Rivers and Creeks in this Island, and for empowering the Governor, Lt. Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Ballast Masters, and to regulate their Duty."

A Bill Intituled " An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 30th. year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act to oblige the respective Proprietors of Lots or Townships of Land, or parts of Lots or Townships of Land, and who have contributed nothing towards the Settlement or improvement of this Island, and whose Lands lie in a waste and uncultivated state, to pay their respective proportion of the Public Charges for the making and repairing the Highways, Roads and Bridges of this Island."

A Bill Intituled " An Act to revive two several Acts of the General Assembly of this Island that have lately expired."

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Excellency as follows :

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

THE House of Assembly having taken into their consideration, the necessity of making provision for immediately printing the Laws of this Island, have passed a Bill intituled " An Act for raising a fund for defraying the expence of printing the Laws of this Island, and for other purposes therein mentioned," which I humbly present for your Excellency's assent.

His Excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the said Bill, after which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses.

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

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

WHEN upon consideration of the existing conjuncture of national affairs, I had the honor of suggesting to you the necessity I felt of raising such a sum of Money as might enable me in case of need to resist and repel any hostile attempts which eventually might take place against this his Majesty's Island, I trusted that the Justice and expediency of my recommendation would have appeared to you sufficiently obvious, important, and forcible to prompt its successful result.

Persuaded after the long continuance of this Session, and at an approaching season of the year, when your attention to your domestic concerns is deemed to be more essentially requisite than at any other, that it must be highly desirable on your part to be released so soon as practicable from the public Duty on which you have been engaged; I have therefore thought fit to close the current Session of this General Assembly by prorogation.

Wishing you health, and cordially thanking you for the good you have done, or may have intended to do...allow me, Gentlemen, to entreat that on your return to your respective homes, you laudably and wisely will both by your examples and precepts, inculcate and foster the seeds of industry, morality and virtue among your constituents, and by all persuasive means in your power, stimulate and promote a desirable prevalence of that harmonious spirit of loyalty and concord, which cannot fail to ensure the paternal kindness, protection and support of our beloved Sovereign, the security and prosperity of this his valuable Island, and permanent comforts and happiness of his faithful subjects therein.

The President of his Majesty's Council, by his Excellency's Command, then said--Gentlemen, it is his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Friday the Twentieth Day of May next, to be then here holden, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the Twentieth day of May next.

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PAGE 13....after the 18th line from the top, read,  
A Message from His Majesty's Council.

PAGE 15....21st line from the top, after the word "per," read, "hundred acres," in place of "per acre."

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