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O F T H E

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



Tuesday *June 9th*, 1772.

MR. Speaker and the Members met, and by Order of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wednesday *June 10th*, 1772.

Mr. Speaker and the Members met, and by Order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thursday *June 11th*, 1772.

Salachy Salter, Esq; returned as a Member of this House for the Township of **Parmouth**; and **John Willis**, Esq; returned as a Member for the Township of **Barrington**: Having taken the Oaths before His Majesty's Council to qualify them, were admitted, and took their Seats accordingly.

Message from the
Lieutenant Govern-
or.

A Message came from his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber; Mr. Speaker with the House having attended accordingly, and being returned; Mr. Speaker reported, that his Honor was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly.

His Honor's Speech.

“ THE Business to come before you at this Time is so obvious, that it can only be requisite for me, to recommend it. The Supplies necessary for the Support of Government, and for the Discharge of the Debt in which you are engaged, will undoubtedly be the principal Object of your Attention; and I need not, I think, offer any other Reasons, than what will immediately occur to you, on the Consideration of Matters of so much Importance. In the Course of your Deliberations, the Lumber-Trade, to Great-Britain cannot fail of engaging your Attention to such Regulations, as ought necessarily to be observed; by those who furnish that Commodity; to prevent Complaints of Negligence or unfair Dealings.

“ Whatever shall further occur to me, proper for your Deliberations during the Course of the Session, will be communicated to you by Message. I shall order the proper Officers to lay before you all Papers necessary for your Inspection: And earnestly recommend to you Unanimity and Dispatch.

“ I am very happy once more to meet you after so long an Absence, and you may be assured, Gentlemen, of my most ready Concurrence in every Measure which can promote the Happiness and Welfare of the Province.

Michael Francklin.

Council Chamber,
HALIFAX, June 11th, 1772.

Address Ordered.

Ordered, That an Address in Answer to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be prepared by To-morrow Morning.

Publick Accounts
presented to the
House.

The Treasurer of the Province by Order of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House.

A general Account at the Treasury between June 7th, 1771. and 9th June 1772.

An Account of Money paid agreeable to Votes of the General Assembly.

An Account of general contingent Expences paid.

An Account of unforeseen contingent Expences paid.

An Account of Salaries paid.

An Account of Roads.

An Account of the Light-House.

An Account of Drawback Certificates.

An Account of Fines and Forfeitures.

An Account of Bonds and Notes of Hand lodged in the Treasury.

An Account of Particulars of Money paid for Interest on provincial Securities, as charged in the General Account.

An Account of Demands on the Treasury the 9th June, 1772.

Ordered, That Mr. Butler, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Bridge, be a Committee for Examining the said Accounts, and to report thereon to the House.

Committee appointed to examine them.

Ordered, That Mr. Conge, and Mr. Campbell, do wait on his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, to desire he will please to order to be laid before the House, an Estimate of the Expence of Government for the Ensueing Year.

Committee Ordered to wait on Lieut. Governor for an Estimate of expences of Government.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow 12 o'Clock at Noon.

Friday June 12th, 1772.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Answer to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, reported an Address prepared by them accordingly, which being read, and agreed to.

Address to the Lieutenant Governor, reported.

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

Presented.

To

To the Honorable.

MICHAEL FRANCKLIN, Esq;

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province
of Nova-Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Assembly.

May it please your HONOR,

Address.

“ WE His Majesty’s dutiful and loyal Subjects the Repre-
“ sentatives of this Province, met in General As-
“ sembly, return your Honor our Thanks for your Speech from
“ the Chair; and congratulate you on your safe Arrival, after
“ so long an Absence.

“ We flatter ourselves from your thorough knowledge of our
“ State and Condition, and your zeal for the success and Prospe-
“ rity of this Province, (altho’ for some time settled, yet still in
“ it’s Infancy) that your good Endeavours have not been want-
“ ing to lay our situation in a real and just light before His Ma-
“ jesty’s Ministers, as often as proper Opportunities offered,
“ which we hope may be attended with the best Conse-
“ quences.

“ Every Matter that your Honor has been pleased to recom-
“ mend to us, shall be Considered with the utmost Attention,
“ necessity requires it, as the public Credit depends upon it, and
“ the Maintenance and Support of Government cannot possibly
“ subsist without a proper Provision being made to defray the
“ Expences, which must necessarily attend it’s Administration,
“ altho’ in the present Circumstances of the Province, the great-
“ est œconomy is absolutely requisite.

“ If it shall appear that any just Complaints arise against the
“ People in this Province, concerned in furnishing Lumber to
“ the Traders in that Branch, who carry it to Great-Britain,
“ we shall readily Concur in any Law for regulating that Trade,
“ which may be justly esteemed one of our staple Commodi-
“ ties.

“ Any Messages which your Honor may be pleased to send
“ us in the Course of the Session will be taken into our most seri-
“ ous and immediate Consideration, and we shall make it our
“ study to forward every Matter of a Public concern, that may
“ come before us with all possible Dispatch.”

William Nesbitt, Speaker.

June 12th, 1772.

To which his Honor was pleased to make the following Answer.

GENTLEMEN,

I THANK you for this Address, and it is with great Pleasure I observe your Resolutions to concur with my own Sentiments for the Support of the Public Credit.

His Honor's Answer.

The Speaker and Members having returned to the House, adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday June 13th, 1772.

Mr. Secretary of the Province by Order of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House an Estimate of Expences for the Support of Government, for one Year to commence the 1st July 1772.

Estimate of Expences for support of Government laid before the House.

And the same was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to examine the Publick Accounts, reported their Proceedings therein, and there upon the House having Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the said Report and Accounts, after some-time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Butler reported, that the Committee had made some remarks on the said Accounts which were read :

Report of the Committee on the Public Accounts.

The House in a Committee consider the same

Resolved, That this House will on Monday morning next, take the same into Consideration, and that the Committee for examining the Publick Accounts do in the mean time resume the further Examination thereof.

Resolutions thereon.

Upon a Motion leave was given to Mr. Hinshelwood, to bring in a Bill to empower the Justices of the County of Sunbury, to hold a General Sessions of the Peace at Warrington on the Island of Campo-Bello.

Leave given for Bill for holding General Sessions at Warrington.

Upon a Motion leave was given to Mr. Conge, to bring in a Bill, in Addition to the Act for the Choice of Town Officers, and Regulating Townships, in order to oblige all Persons who have Lands contiguous to any Town or Township in this Province, to bear their proportion in repairing High-ways, Roads and Bridges, and of all other Charges within such Township, and

Leave given for a Bill in Addition to Act for regulating Townships.

to do Suit and Service therein, and in the County to which the same shall belong.

Then the House adjourned till Monday Morning
10 o'Clock.

Monday June 15th, 1772.

Bill for altering the
time for holding
Courts in Kings-
County.
Presented.
Agreed to.

Upon a Motion leave was given to Mr. Denson, to bring in a Bill for altering the time of holding the Courts for the County of Kings-County, and a Bill having been presented accordingly the same was read and agreed to. **Ordered**, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

Bill in Addition to
An Act for confirming
Titles to Lands and
quieting Possessions.
Presented.
Read a 1st time.

Upon a Motion leave was given to bring in a Bill, in Addition to an Act made in the 32^d Year of His late Majesty's Reign; intitled an Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions, and a Bill for that purpose having been presented accordingly, the same was read a 1st Time.

Ordered, That it be read a 2d Time To-morrow.

Bill for Special
Sessions at War-
rington.
Presented.

According to Order, Mr. Hinshelwood, presented to the House a Bill for empowering the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury to hold Courts of General Sessions of the Peace at Warrington on the Island of Campo-Bello in the said County, for the said Island, and for the District of Passamaquoddy, comprehending the Islands within the said District, and the said Bill was read a 1st and 2d Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, the House proceeded to the Consideration of several Matters relative to the Publick Accounts.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be deferr'd till To-morrow.

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

Tuesday June 16th, 1772.

Bill in Addition to
An Act for regulating
Townships.

According to order, a Bill in Addition to the Act for the
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Choice of Town Officers and Regulating Townships, was presented to the House, read, and agreed to.

Presented. and agreed to.

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

The Bill, in Addition to and further Amendment of the Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions, was read a 2d Time and agreed to with some Amendments.

Bill in Amendment and Addition to Act for confirming Titles to Lands, &c. agreed to.

Ordered, That it be engross'd.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the estimate of Expences for the Support of Government.

Estimate of expences of Government. considered.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be deferr'd till To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Butler, Mr. Hingelwood, Mr. Denson, Mr. Cunge, and Mr. Morris, be a Committee of Ways and Means for taking into Consideration the making Provision for supplying the Treasury towards the Support of Government, and the payment of the Interest on the Province Debt.

Committee of Ways and Means appointed.

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

Wednesday June 17th, 1772.

Read a 3d Time and passed, the Bill in further Amendment of and Addition to the Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions.

Bill in Admentment and Addition to Act for confirming Titles to Lands &c. Passed.

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

According to order the House proceeded to take into Consideration the estimate of Expences for the Support of Government and came to several Resolutions thereon.

Consideration of the Estimate of Expences for the Support of Government.

The Committee for examining the Publick Accounts, reported the State of the said Accounts as it appears to them, and is as follows :

Report on the State of the Publick Accounts.

Dr.

The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA.

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1772.	£.	s.	d.	1772.	£.	s.	d.
To so much borrow'd on Loan at Eight Times,	21148	11	4.	By Balance in the Treasurer's Hands in Notes and Cash 9th June,	71	10	4.
To Interest up to their several Periods,	1758	19	5½	By Debts outstanding as per Particular Acct.	898	7	5.
To Demands on the Treasury as by Treasurer's Accounts,	1000	19	2.	By Balance due the Creditors of Government.	£. 969	17	9½
To so much Due John Cleland for Carpenters Work done on the Province Houle,	266	3	10.	On Loan bearing Interest, £ 21148 = 11 = 4.	2776	5	6½
To Interest due on the fundry Loans from their several Periods to the 30th Instant, June about.	500	0	0.	Other Demands,	£. 23924	16	0½
To old Ballance due the Collectors of Excise at Halifax,	120	0	0.		£. 24894	13	9½
	£. 24894	13	9½				

The Committee appointed to consider of Ways and Means for providing for the Support of Government, and the payment of the Interest on the Province Debt, reported as the opinion of said Committee, that to effect those purposes the several Duties of Impost and Excise be continued for one Year, which it is supposed will raise the Sum of - - - £. 3300.

Report of the Committee of Ways and Means.

And that there be raised by a Tax on real and personal Estates throughout the Province the Sum of - - - 1200.

£. 4500.

And the House having taken the said report into Consideration. considered,

A Motion was made that this House do accept the same, and that Bills be prepared accordingly.

A Debate arising thereon, the Question being put, it was carried in the Negative. Debates thereon.

A Motion was then made and the Question was put, whether any Impost should be laid on Rum and other Spirits, and it was also carried in the Negative.

The Question was then put, whether an Excise should be laid on Rum and other Spirits and Wine, and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said matter be deferred till To-morrow.

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

Thursday June 18th, 1772.

Upon a Motion leave was given to bring in a Bill to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal and Pease, and the same having been presented accordingly, said Bill was read, a 1st and 2d Time.

Leave given for a Bill to prevent Exportation of Wheat, &c. presented, read.

Ordered, That it be read a 3d Time To-morrow.

The House (according to Order) proceeded to the Consideration of the several Matters which were debated Yesterday, and after some time spent therein, a Motion was made, that the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means be reconsider'd, and a Debate arising thereon, the Question was put, and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Consideration of the matters debated the 17th.

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Ordered,

Order to be recon- sidered.

Ordered, That the said Report of the Committee of Ways and Means be reconsidered To-morrow..

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

Friday June 19th, 1772.

Bill to prevent Ex- portation of Wheat, &c. passed.

The Bill to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal & Pease was read a 3d Time, and with an Amendment thereto was passed.

Ordered, That it be sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

Reconsideration of Ways & Means for the Support of Government. Motion thereon.

(According to Order) the House proceeded to the Reconsideration of the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means, and a Motion having been made that the Laws now in force relative to the Duties of Impost and Excise, excepting those on Tea, Coffee and Cards, be continued for one Year, from the 1st of July next; after some Debate thereon, the Question was put, and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Bill for continuing Impost and Excise, ordered.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared for continuing the several Laws relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Beer, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Cider, Loaf Sugar and Wines.

Bill for regulating Elections &c.

A Motion was made, that ~~whereas~~ **several Members of this house do not attend their Duty,** leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating Elections, and qualifying Members to sit in the House of Assembly.

ordered.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared accordingly.

Memorial from Mr. Gibbons. read.

A Memorial from **Richard Gibbons, jun. Esq;** was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he was elected to represent the Township of **Barrington,** but that by a Resolution of this House last Session, it was declared that his Election was not held in due Time, nevertheless, as two Members whose Elections are under similar Circumstances, have been admitted. He prays he may be admitted also.

Order thereon.

Ordered, That the subject Matter of the said Memorial be taken into Consideration on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. **Dorris,** Mr. **Campbell,** and Mr. **Smith** do make Enquiry for the Writs issued from the Secretary's Office for the Election of Members for **Parliament & Barrington.**
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The Bill to empower the Justices of the County of **Sunbury** to hold Courts of **General Sessions of the Peace at Wat-**
rington on the Island of **Campo-Bello,**

Bill for General
Sessions at *War-*
rington,

Was read a 3d Time and passed.

passed.

Ordered, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council for Con-
currence.

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

Saturday *June* 20th, 1772.

(According to Order) a Bill in Amendment of and for conti-
nuing the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province
Relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Beer, Rum, and
other distilled Spirituous Liquors; Cider, Loaf Sugar, and Wines
therein mentioned,

Bill for continuing
the Impost and Ex-
cise Duties,

Was presented to the House, and read,

presented.
read,

And a Motion having been made that it lie on the Table.

Ordered, That it lie on the Table accordingly.

Then adjourned till Monday Morning 10
o'Clock.

Monday *June* 22d, 1772.

The Bill in Amendment of, and for continuing the several
Acts of the **General Assembly** of this Province, relating to the
Duties of Impost and Excise on Beer, Rum, &c. was read a 2d
and 3d Time.

Bill in Amendment
and for continuing
the Impost and Ex-
cise,
passed.

Ordered, That the said Bill do pass, and be sent to His Ma-
jesty's Council for Concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into further Consideration the
Report of the Committee of Ways and Means, and upon Con-
sideration, That, **Whereas the Method prescribed by Law**
for raising Money for the Payment of the Representatives

Further Considera-
tion of the Report
of the Committee
of Ways & Means

motion thereon.

is attended with great Inconveniencies, a Motion was made that the Sum of £. 300 be added to the £. 1200 proposed by the said Committee to be raised on Estates, real & personal throughout the Province, to which the House having unanimously agreed.

Bill to be prepared for a Tax on Estates real and personal.

Resolved, That a Bill be prepared for laying a Tax on real and personal Estates throughout the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Butler, Mr. Denson, Mr. Hinshelwood, and Mr. Patten do prepare, and bring in the same.

Bill in Amendment and for continuing Impost and Excise sent down, agreed to with an Amendment, agreed to.

His Majesty's Council sent down the Bill in Amendment of, and for continuing the Duties of Impost & Excise on Beer, Rum, &c. agreed to, with an Amendment, to which Amendment the House having unanimously agreed; the Bill was returned.

Then adjourned till To-morrow 12 o'Clock at Noon.

Tuesday June 23d, 1772.

Bills sent down from the Council.

His Majesty's Council sent down the following Bills, viz.

The Bill for the Choice of Town Officers and regulating Townships,

Not agreed to, with a Message that the Purport of the Bill will be provided for by an immediate Resolution of the Governor and Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message that they had agreed to the following Bills, viz.

To the Bill for altering the Times for holding Courts in King's-County.

To the Bill to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation of Grain. and

To the Bill for holding Sessions of the Peace at Warrington.

Without any Amendment.

And Also, To the Bill in Addition to, and further Amendment of the Act for confirming Cities to Lands and quieting Possessions, with an Amendment.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

According to Order, the House proceeded to the Consideration of the Memorial presented by Mr. Gibbons.

Consideration of Mr. Gibbons Memorial,

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That Mr. Gibbons has not shewn any sufficient Reasons for altering the Opinion of the House, in respect to the Election alledged by him to have been held for the Township of Barrington, no Return having as yet appeared of such Election.

Ordered, That the Consideration of the Matters, respecting the Election of Mr. Salter, and Mr. Fillis, be deferr'd till To-morrow, and that in the mean Time the Committee appointed the 19th, do make Inquiry of Mr. Secretary of the Province, how it happened that a second Writ was issued for **Yarmouth**.

Then adjourned till To-morrow 12 o'Clock at Noon.

Wednesday June 24th, 1772.

The Committee appointed to apply to Mr. Secretary of the Province, concerning the issuing a second Writ for an Election for **Yarmouth**, reported, that they had made the Inquiry directed by this House, and that Mr. Secretary had given for Answer, that there not having been any Return made on the first Writ, which was issued for said Election, a second Writ was issued, as is usual in the like Cases.

Report of the Committee on the Election at Yarmouth.

Ordered, that the further Consideration thereof be deferred till To-morrow.

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

Message from the Lieute. Governor.

Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Honor, and being returned; Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had attended his Honor the Lieutenant Governor in the Council Chamber, and that his Honor had been pleased to give his Assent to a Bill in Amendment of, and for continuing the several Acts of the General-Assembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Cider, Loaf Sugar and Wines therein mentioned.

The House attend his Honor.

Bill for continuing the Impost and Excise, assented to.

Amendment proposed to the Bill in further Amendment of, and Addition to the Bill for confirming Titles to Lands, &c. agreed to:

The Amendment proposed by his Majesty's Council, to the Bill in further Amendment of, and Addition to the Bill for confirming to Lands and quieting Possessions, was taken into Consideration, and with an Amendment thereto was agreed to by the House, and the Council having agreed to the same,

Ordered, That the Bill be now ingross'd.

The House proceeded to the further Consideration of the Estimate of Expences for the Support of Government for one Year, from the 1st July next, sent to the House by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, being as follows;

To the two Judges of the Supreme Court £50. each,	£100.
To the Treasurer of the Province for himself, his Clerk and Office Rent,	160.
To the Clerk of the Council in General Assembly,	60.
To the Clerk of the House of Assembly,	60.
To the Clerk of the Crown,	40.
For the Expences of the Council in General Assembly, about	30.
For the Expences of the House of Assembly,	100.
For Fire Wood and Stationary for the Supreme Court,	10.
For Stationary for the several Offices,	40.
For Printing for Government and General Assembly, about	50.
For the Coroners of the several Counties about	15.
For the Keeper of the House of Assembly,	20.
For Provisions for the Goal, about	20.
For the two Collectors of Impost and Excise Duties at Paisfar,	200.
And for a Clerk, Office, Rent and Stationary,	50.
For the Waiters for ditto,	40.
For two Gaugers for ditto,	80.
For the Clerk of the Audits,	25.
For Contingencies, about	-

Resolutions on the Estimate for Expences of Government:

Resolved, That the Sums hereafter mentioned be allowed to the several Persons, and for the several Services and Purposes following, viz.

To

To the two Judges of the Supreme Court	£50. each,	£100.
To the Treasurer of the Province, for himself, his Clerk, and Office Rent,		160.
To the Clerk of the Council in General Assembly,		60.
To the Clerk of the House of Assembly,		60.
To the Clerk of the Crown,		40.
For theExpences of theCouncil inGeneral Assembly, about		30
For the Expences of the House of Assembly,		100
For Firewood and Stationary for the Supreme Court,		10.
For Stationary for the Secretary's Office,		20.
Ditto for Treasurer's Office,		10.
Ditto for the Office of the Surveyors of Lands,		10.
For Printing for Government and General Assembly, about		50.
For the Coroners of the several Counties, about		15.
For the Keeper of the House of Assembly,		10.
For Provisions for the Goal, about		20.
For Contingencies to be accounted for, about		100.
The Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax for himself, Clerk, Office, Rent, and Stationary, £6. per Cent. on the Sum collected.		
For two Gaugers, who are also to serve as Land-waiters or Surveyors, £40. each,		80.
		<hr/> £875.

And that there be allowed to the Collectors of the Duties at the Out-ports £20. per Cent. on the Sum collected, if the Sum do not exceed £300. and £15. per Cent. if upwards of £300.

Ordered, That this Resolution be sent to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

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

Thursday June 25th, 1772.

According to Order, the House proceeded to the Consideration of the Matters relative to the Election of the two Members for **Parmouth**

Consideration of the Matters, relative to the Election for **Yarmouth & Barrington**.

Parmouth and **Barrington**,, and after some Time spent therein,

deferr'd.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be deferred till Monday next.

Heads of a Bill for laying a Tax on Estates through the Province. presented, read.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for laying a Tax on real and personal Estates throughout the Province, presented Heads of a Bill for that Purpose, and the same were read,

Ordered, That they lie on the Table.

Insufficiency of the duty arising from Licenses in providing for making Roads,

Upon a Motion, That whereas the Duties arising from the Duty on Licenses for retailing Liquors, are not sufficient to answer the Purposes thereby intended, in providing for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges, through the Province, and the Endeavours of the Legislature for raising a further Sum for that Purpose by a Lottery having failed, some Provision should be made to defray Charge the attending a Work so useful and necessary,

considered.

And the House having taken the same into Consideration,

Bill ordered to provide for raising a Fund for that purpose.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared for raising a Fund for the purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication through the Province.

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

Friday *June* 26th, 1772.

Bill for raising a Fund for Bridges & Roads. presented.

According to Order a Bill for raising a Fund for the purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication through the Province, was presented, read, and taken into Consideration.

Ordered, That it lie on the Table.

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

Saturday

Saturday June 27th, 1772.

The Bill for raising a Fund for making Bridges and Roads of Communication through the Province,

Bill for raising a Fund for Bridges & Roads.

Was read a 2d and 3d Time, and passed,

passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Bill for laying a Tax on Estates real and personal.

Bill for Tax on Estates,

Resolved, That the said Bill be rejected.

rejected.

Upon a Motion, leave was given for a Bill in further Amendment of, and in Addition to the Act to enable the several Townships to maintain their Poor; and a Bill for that Purpose having been presented,

Bill in further Amendment and Addition to Act to enable the Towns to maintain their Poor

The same was read and agreed to,

agreed to.

Ordered, That it be ingrossed.

His Majesty's Council sent down a Bill declaring what shall be deemed merchantable Timber for Exportation to Great-Britain.

Bill declaring what shall be deemed merchantable Timber,

And the said Bill was read and agreed to.

agreed to.

Upon Consideration of the great Inconveniencies and Difficulties attending the present Method of providing for Payment of the representatives serving in General-Assembly, leave was given to bring in a Bill to repeal the two Acts for enabling the several Counties to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives.

Consideration of present method of providing for Payment of Representatives.
Bill ordered to repeal two Acts for that Purpose.

Then adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.

Monday June 29th, 1772.

The Bill in further Amendment of, and Addition to the Act to enable the several Townships to maintain their Poor, was read a 3d Time and passed.

Bill relating to maintaining the Poor, passed.

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

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Bill to repeal two Acts for Payment of Representatives,

According to Order a Bill to repeal two Acts made in the 10th and 11th Years of his present Majesty's Reign, to enable the several Counties to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives was presented to the House,

passed.

Read and passed,

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

Ordered, That the Consideration of the Matters relative to the Elections of the two Members for **Parmouth** and **Barrington**, be deferred till Thursday next.

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

Tuesday June 30th, 1772.

Message from his Honor the Lieut. Governor.

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

Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Honor, and being returned; Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Honor the Lieutenant Governor in the Council-Chamber, and that his Honor had been pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, *viz.*

Bills assented to.

A Bill for altering the Times of holding the Courts of General Sessions and inferior Courts of Common Pleas in King's County.

A Bill for empowering the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury to hold Courts of General Sessions of the Peace at Barrington, on the Island of Campo-Bello, in the said County for the said Island, and for the District of Passamaquodie, comprehending the Islands within the said District.

A Bill to prevent for a limited Time the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal and Pease from this Province.

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

Wednesday

Wednesday July 1st, 1772.

The House met, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning
Ten o'Clock.

Thursday July 2d, 1772.

Christopher Prince, Esq; returned as a Member of this House for the Township of *Cranville*, in the Room of *John Harris*, Esq; Deceased, took the Oaths and his Seat.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the several Matters touching the Election alledged to have been made in the Year 1770, of *Malachy Salter*, Esq; to represent the Town of *Yarmouth* in General Assembly, and thereupon,

Election for *Yarmouth*, considered.

Resolved, That Mr. *Salter*, was not duly elected to represent the said Town of *Yarmouth*,

Ordered, That the Consideration of the Election for *Barrington* be deferred till To-morrow.

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

Friday July 3d, 1772.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the Election of *John Fillis*, Esq; to represent the Town of *Barrington* in General Assembly,

Election for *Barrington*, considered.

Resolved, That Mr. *Fillis* was duly elected.

Then adjourned till To-morrow 10 o'Clock

Saturday July 4th, 1772.

Upon Consideration of the Memorial and Account of Dr. *Thomas Reeve*, for his Services, Attendance and Medicines, to sundry transigent Poor, Sick and hurt Persons amounting to £59. 5. Voted, that there be paid him out of the public Money in the Treasury for his said Services, Attendance and Medicines, the Sum of £50.

Vote to Dr. *Reeve*.

Ordered,

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

Bills agreed to by the Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the **Bill in further Amendment, and Addition to the Act to enable the Towns in this Province to maintain their Poor,** and to the **Bill to repeal two Acts to enable the several Counties to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives,**

Without any Amendment.

And to the **Bill for raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication through the Province,** with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, And

The House having taken the same into Consideration ;

The said Amendments were agreed to.

Then the House adjourned till Monday Morning
10 o'Clock.

Monday *July* 6th, 1772.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor sent down the following Message to the House,

“ GENTLEMEN,

“ **O**N Inquiry into the Condition of the Light-House, I find, that there are many essential Repairs wanting, which are of such a Nature as cannot be dispensed with. The whole amounts to One Hundred and Twenty Four Pounds, Five Shillings and Six Pence.

Message from the Lieut. Governor.

“ And I hope, that in Consideration of the considerable Advantages we may derive from keeping a publick Building of such Use to Navigators, in perfect Repair, and of the Aid of One Hundred Pounds Sterling yearly, which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant you, whereby you will be so much eased from further Expences of this Nature; that you will more chearfully make Provision for these Repairs, particularly, as whenever the Income from the Light-fund can afford it, this Sum shall be repaid to the Treasury.

consider'd,

Address to be presented thereon.

And the said Message having been taken into Consideration.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, setting forth, “ that the House having taken into Consideration his Honor's Message respecting a Loan of £. 124 = 5 = 6. for the repairs of the Light-House,

“ House, beg leave to acquaint his Honor, that they cannot
 “ give Consent for any Monies to be taken out of the Treasury,
 “ the whole being so fully and particularly appropriated in the
 “ Revenue Act passed this Session; and as the House also ap-
 “ prehend it would be doing Injustice to the Loan Creditors of
 “ Government. And that the House further beg leave to ac-
 “ quaint his Honor, that they humbly conceive, that the present
 “ Income of the Light-House (with the Assistance his Majesty
 “ has been graciously pleased to give) if properly collected,
 “ and the whole Business well managed, on a Commission, that
 “ it will fully answer all the Purpose required.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented by a Commit-
 tee To-morrow.

His Majesty's Council sent down a Vote in Favour of Dr.
Alexander Abercrombie for £20. for his Services, Attendance
 and Medicines, to the Children at the Orphan-House;
 To which the House agreed.

Vote in Favor of
Dr. Abercrombie.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morn-
 ing 10 o' Clock.

Tuesday *July* 7th, 1772.

Resolved, That an Address be presented to his Honor the
 Lieutenant-Governor, setting forth, “ That the House having
 “ taken into Consideration the State of the provincial Accounts
 “ and Revenues, find many Things that demand immediate Re-
 “ drefs, which they beg leave to lay before his Honor, in full
 “ Confidence that He will pursue every Measure, that can tend
 “ to effect that Purpose.

Resolutions for an
 Address to be pre-
 sented to the Lieut.
 Governor.

“ And that they beg leave to observe, that the Laws relative
 “ to the provincial Duties, have been much disregarded in feve-
 “ ral Parts of this Province, by which the Revenue has greatly
 “ suffered, and almost the whole of the Duties received, has
 “ been collected upon the Trade and Town of *Halifax*,

“ That it has been found on the Examination of the publick
 “ Accounts, that some of the Officers of the Outports have ren-
 “ dered Accounts of large Collections, which have been swal-
 “ lowed up by very extraordinary and unwarrantable Char-
 “ ges of Salaries, &c. particularly at *Louisbourg* and *Canso*.

“ That the Collector at *Liverpool* lately appointed, complains,
 “ that the Magistrates there, instead of assisting him in his Duty,
 “ hold in Contempt the Laws, and that the People there will
 “ not pay any Duties.

“ That the Collectors at *Barrington* and *Yarmouth*, if any,
 “ have not rendered any Account.

“ That many very confiderable Debts remain outstanding,
 “ and will be finally loft, if they are not immediately fecured.

“ That the Houfe moft humble request his Honor will pleafe
 “ to appoint one or more Members of the Houfe of Affembly on
 “ all Audits of the publick Accounts, in Conjunction with fuch
 “ Members of his Majefty’s Council as may be on fuch Service,
 “ and that no Accounts be allowed or paid before they have
 “ paffed fuch an Audit.

“ That the Houfe moft earnestly intreat his Honor will
 “ pleafe to caufe the Laws to be put into Execution, fo that
 “ the Revenue may be fully and equally collected, and that fuch
 “ Officers as may be found delinquent, be displaced, and caufed
 “ to pay the juft Demands of Government.

“ That we are in a more particular manner obliged to prefs
 “ thefe Matters, as our Conftituents are unable to bear any
 “ new Tax, and that by fuch a Meafure we might loofe fome
 “ of the beft and moft valuable of our Settlers, already too few
 “ to fupport Government, unlefs fixed on the ftrictest Plan of
 “ œconomy.

“ And that this appears ftill more obvious, when we confider
 “ that his Majefty’s Quit-Rents are now demanded, and if our
 “ Solicitations for its Application to the ufe and Service of the
 “ Province fhould not fucceed, we have the greateft Reafon to
 “ fear the Burthen will be too great for the People to bear in
 “ their prefent Circumftances.

to be prefented by
 a Committee.

Ordered, That the faid Addrefs be prefented by a Commit-
 tee To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houfe adjourned till To-morrow Mor-
 ning 10 o’Clock.

Wednesday *July* 8th, 1772.

Report of the Com-
 mittee, who prelen-
 ted Addrefs to the
 Lieut. Governor.

The Committee appointed to prefent the Addrefs, *refolved*
 on Yesterday, to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, *reported*,
 that they had prefented the fame accordingly, and that his Ho-
 nor had been pleafed to fay,

“ That he would take the fame into Confideration, and do all
 “ in his Power to remedy the ill Confequences attending the fe-
 “ veral matters therein fet-forth.

Upon a Motion that, whereas feveral of the Members of this
 Houfe do not attend their Duty at the Seflions of the General-
 Affembly,

Assembly, and have not made any Apology, or given any Reason for such their Non-attendance.

Resolved, That the following Seats in this House be declared vacant, viz.

Resolution concerning Members who do not attend.

That of Mr. *Newton* for the County of *Halifax*; of Mr. *Fisher* for the Town of *Truro*; of Mr. *Morrison* for the Town of *Londonderry*; of Mr. *Lamb* for the Town of *Onslow*; of Mr. *Winslow* for the County of *Cumberland*; and that of Mr. *Foster* for the Town of *Sackville*.

Seats declared vacant.

And as it does not appear to this House, that any Returns are made of Members for the Towns of *Liverpool* and *Yarmouth*, nor of but one Member for the County of *Sumbury*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do request his Honor the Lieutenant Governor will please to order Writs to be issued for electing Members for these several Counties and Towns.

Upon a Motion for a reconsideration of the Account presented by Dr. *Reeve*, and it appearing to the House that the whole of the said Account is justly due to him, and that the Poor, Sick and hurt Persons he has attended, are not belonging to the Town of *Halifax*,

Re-consideration of Account presented by Dr. *Reeve*.

Resolved, That he be paid the Sum of £59. 5. in Lieu of the £50. voted him the 4th Instant.

Resolution thereon.

Ordered, That his Majesty's Council be acquainted therewith, and that the House doth desire their Concurrence thereto.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Resolution of this House of the 24th June, on the Estimate for the Support of Government. And to the Vote in favour of Dr. *Reeve*.

Message from the Council.

Resolved, That after the Payment of the Interest due on Treasurer's Notes and Warrants on the Treasury bearing Interest, and the amount of the Estimate of Expences for the Support of Government agreed to by his Majesty's Council and this House, the Remainder of the Produce of the Revenue be paid to the Creditors of Government, as voted by the General Assembly, in due and equal Proportions at the End of the Year.

Resolution for Application of Remainder of Revenues after Payment of Interest and Estimate. Votes for sundry Services.

Ordered, That this Resolution be sent to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the same.

Votes for sundry Services.

Voted, That there be paid out of the public Money in the Treasury to the several under-mentioned Persons for the Services and Purposes following, *viz.*

To the Rev. Mr. *Wood*, for his Services as Chaplain to the House this Session, - - - - £4. 10.

To Mr. JOHN KENT, Messenger and Door-Keeper of this House, for his Attendance and Services, - - - £7. 10.

To Mr. *Anthony Henry*, for printing the Votes of this House, and for Stationary supplied, - - - - £13. 18.

Resolution concerning Collection of Duties at *Halifax*.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do wait on his Honor the Lieut. Governor to acquaint his Honor that the House being of opinion that one Collector is sufficient to Collect the Duties at *Halifax*, do beg leave to recommend Mr. *Hinsbelwood* to Act in that Office.

Message from the Lieut Governor.

A Message came from his Honor the Lieutenant Governor requiring the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Bills assented to.

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

A Bill declaring what shall be deemed merchantable Timber for Exportation to *Great-Britain*.

A Bill in further Amendment of and in Addition to an Act made in the 32d Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intitled, **An Act for confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions.**

A Bill in further Amendment of, and Addition to an Act made in the 3d Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, **an Act to enable the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor.**

A Bill to repeal two Acts made in the 10th and 11th Years of His present Majesty's Reign, to enable the several Counties in this Province to raise Money for Payment of their Representatives.

A Bill for raising a Fund for the Purpose of making and repairing Bridges and Roads of Communication thro' the Province.

General Assembly prorogued.

Then the Clerk of the Council by his Honor's Command, declared the General Assembly prorogued to Monday the 17th Day of *August* next, and the same was prorogued accordingly.