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JOURNAL

Of the House of Assembly

OF HIS MAJESTY'S

ISLAND PRINCE EDWARD.

Third Session of the Twelfth General Assembly.

TUESDAY, March 20, 1827.

A GREEABLY to his Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor's Proclamation, the House met at their apartment in the Colonial Building.

A message was received from the Lieut. Governor, by George Richard Goodman, Esq. Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the attendance of the House of Assembly immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House accordingly attended in the

Council Chamber, and having heard his Excellency's Speech returned.

The members of the House having been counted, there appeared but eight and the Speaker, viz. *John Stewart, Esq. Speaker, The Attorney General, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Mabey, Doctor M'Aulay, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Coffin, Mr. Cambridge, and Mr. Jardine.*

Adjourned to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker reported, that when the House attended his Excellency yesterday, in the Council Chamber, his Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses of the Assembly, which was read, and is as follows, viz. •

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

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

“I meet you on the present occasion with the feelings which are naturally inspired by a strong impression of the improving state of this Island, and by a persuasion equally strong, that the labours of the Session, will, under the guidance of a spirit no less prudent than patriotic, result in measures conducive to the stability and prosperity of the Colony.

“It is with great grief and sorrow that I have to announce to you the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of York, Heir presumptive to the British Crown, and Commander in Chief of the Army, whose loss will be most severely felt, and long and deeply deplored.

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

“I shall direct the proper Officers to lay before you the Public Accounts, and I have the fullest reliance on your readiness to make due provision for the Public Service.

“Mr. President, and Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,

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

“Much improvement has been made in our internal communications since I last met you: The Western Line of Road has been completed up to Prince Town. Surveys have been made for the purpose of carrying on this line to Cascumpeque and the North Cape, its final object.

“The Roads to George-Town, the Bay of Fortune, and other settlements, have undergone material improvement.

“The establishment of an Inland Post cannot fail to be of essential benefit, as affording the means of a speedy and safe communication with our more distant population, and of conveying to them a knowledge of the Laws and proceedings of the Government, which, while it contributes to the security of the people, serves also to guard them against the effects of misrepresentation and misconception.

“Being strongly impressed with the advantage the Colony would derive from the establishment of an Agricultural Society, I feel desirous of recommending it to your consideration; also the fitness of some encouragement for the commencement of George-Town and Prince-Town; the former appears particularly eligible for a Fishery, a trade for which the shores of this Island are peculiarly adapted.

“The state of the Gaol, Public Buildings, and other matters, I shall take an opportunity of sub-

mitting to you by message, as affording the means of a more distinct explanation.

"It is particularly pleasing to me to be able to state to you, that, notwithstanding the great depression in a leading branch of the commerce of the Colony, and the embarrassments which have surrounded the mercantile World, a very considerable increase has taken place in the Revenue over that of the preceding year, which cannot fail to encourage you in the pursuit of such measures as may confirm and uphold so favourable a situation.

"These circumstances must also render you peculiarly anxious for the continuance of that harmony and unanimity which have marked your former proceedings, and which it is my most ardent desire to promote and maintain.

"J. READY,
Lt. Governor."

On motion of the *Attorney General*, it was ordered, that a Committee be appointed to draw up an address in answer to his Excellency's Speech. The *Attorney General*, Mr. *Cameron*, and Mr. *Cambridge*, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, it was ordered, that the Rev. Lewis Charles Jenkins be appointed Chaplain to this House, in the room of the Rev. Thomas Adin, who has left the Island; and that the Clerk do notify Mr. Jenkins, and request his attendance to read prayers each morning before the House proceeds to business.

On motion of Mr. *Mabey*, it was ordered that a copy of the Journals be sent to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor each day as soon as possible after the adjournment, and that a copy be also sent to Mr. James D. Haszard, Printer, and that he do furnish each member with a printed copy thereof as soon as possible.

On motion, it was ordered, that a Committee of four members be appointed to revise the Journals of the House each day after the adjournment. Mr. *Mabey*, Mr. *Cameron*, the *Attorney General*, and Mr. *Hodgson*, were accordingly appointed a Committee for that purpose.

A Communication was received from Mr. *Hodgson* stating his health to be such as to prevent him from attending to his duty as a member of this House.

Ordered, on motion, that a Committee be appointed to examine into and report upon such Laws as are about to expire. Mr. *Mabey*, Mr. *Cameron*, and Mr. *Campbell*,

were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of the *Attorney General*, it was ordered, that this House do, on Friday next, enter upon the consideration of the resolution of his Majesty's Council sent to this House on the 27th day of October 1825, the last day of the last Session.

The *Attorney General*, one of the Committee for purchasing Books, informed the House, that the Books purchased with the grant of money given for that purpose last Session were now on the table, and that in addition to the Books ordered to be purchased, the Committee has been enabled to purchase several other Books containing constitutional information, which are also now on the table.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, the following resolution was added to the Standing Rules of this House:

Resolved, That any member who absents himself for two Sessions successively, without leave of the House first obtained for that purpose, his seat may be declared vacant on the last day of the second Session.

Mr. *Cameron* stated that *William Pope*, Esq. the late High Sheriff of this Island, was prosecuted by Mr. *Nicholas Vass*, for the sum of £ for suffering the escape of Michael Burke, a late prisoner in execution, by having obeyed an order of the Speaker of this House to bring up the said Michael Burke to this House for examination, and moved, that the House do address his Excellency to instruct the *Attorney General* and *Robert Hodgson*, Esq. to defend the action: It was resolved, that this House do make good any expences attending the same, and stand pledged to hold the said Sheriff harmless from the consequences of said action. Ordered, and agreed to, accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, March 22, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech, presented the draft of an Address to the House, which was read.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take the said Address into consideration.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The *Attorney General* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the Address and agreed to the same, which, on motion, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows: viz.

To His Excellency, Colonel JOHN READY, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

"We his Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects the Representatives of Prince Edward Island in General Assembly convened, beg to offer your Excellency our thanks for your speech at the opening of the Session.

"We are highly gratified to find that your Excellency meets us with a strong impression of the improving state of the Island, and with a persuasion equally strong, that our labours in the Session will be under the guidance of a spirit both patriotic and prudent. It shall be our endeavour to justify by our conduct, this persuasion of your Excellency.

"We lament, in common with all his Majesty's Subjects, the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of York—a loss which the country will long deplore.

"We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be laid before us, to which we shall pay all attention, and shall be ready to make due provision for the public Service.

"We feel, in common with the whole Colony, the great improvement recently made on the highways, and owe your Excellency many thanks for your continued attention to this important object.

"We are well aware of the importance of an Inland Post, and shall apply ourselves to the consideration of the means by which this object may be attained.

"We thank your Excellency for your suggestion of the fitness of an Agricultural Society—we are fully aware of its importance in a country so eminently agricultural as this is, and shall most cordially concur in any judicious measure for the accomplishment of an object so desirable.

"We cannot omit this opportunity of offering to your Excellency the thanks of the country for your valuable importation of horses, cattle, and sheep, which promise to be of much value to the Colony, and will very materially lessen the necessary expenditure attending an Agricultural Society.

"We feel every wish to give facility and encouragement to a commencement of George-Town and Prince-Town—but tho' at present we do not profess to see the precise mode in which these places may be encouraged, we yet beg to express our readiness to

concur in measures to advance an object in all respects so desirable.

"We shall most willingly enter on the consideration of the state of Gaols and Public Buildings, when we have the benefit of such further information as your Excellency has offered to lay before us.

"We rejoice to learn that amid all the difficulties and embarrassments which have surrounded the commercial world, our Revenue has not only reached its former height, but has increased; and we feel confident, that we shall do all we safely can to maintain this favourable state of our finances.

"We thank your Excellency for your notice of that harmony and unanimity which you are pleased to remark as having characterized our former proceedings, and trust that nothing may ever occur to prevent its continuance. We feel confident that no circumstance can ever prevent us from affording to the King's Government the requisite aids and supplies for the use and the advantage of the Colony."

On motion, it was ordered, that a committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House in answer to his Excellency's Speech. Mr. *M'Neill*, Mr. *Cameron*, and Dr. *M'Alay*, were accordingly appointed for that purpose.

The *Attorney General* moved for leave to bring in a bill to ascertain the population of the Island, the number of its stock, and the extent of its cleared land, which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

Mr. *M'Neill*, chairman of the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House in answer to his Speech, reported, that his Excellency had appointed half past two o'clock to-morrow.

The *Attorney General* moved for leave to bring in a bill for regulating Apprentices, which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion, the said Bill received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The *Attorney General* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, it was ordered, that this House do, on Thursday next, resume the consideration of the petition of the Roman Catholics presented last Session.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, March 23, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the bill for regulating Apprentices, received the third reading.

Ordered, that the said bill do pass, and be engrossed.

On motion for the order of the day, the House went into the consideration of the Resolution of his Majesty's Council, sent to this House on the 27th day of October 1825.

On motion of the *Attorney General*, the following Resolution was agreed to by the House, viz.

RESOLVED, That all supplies to be raised or charged on the subjects in this Island, in the Legislature, and granted to His Majesty, are the sole gift and grant of the House of Assembly; and all Bills for granting such aids and supplies ought to begin with the Assembly; and that it is the sole right of the Assembly, to direct, limit, and appoint in such Bills, the ends, purposes, and limitations of such Grants; and that the Council ought not to alter or change the same; and in like manner, that as it is the sole right of the Assembly to originate Bills of aid and supply to His Majesty, and to direct, limit, and appoint in such Bills, the ends, purposes, and limitations of such Grants, so it is the right of the Assembly to direct, limit, and appoint, in separate Bills, the uses, ends, purposes, and limitations of such grants of aids and supplies to His Majesty, which ought not to be changed or altered by the Council.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, it was ordered, that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent up to his Majesty's Council.

By order, the *Attorney General*, attended by Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Mabey*, and Mr. *McNeill*, carried to his Majesty's Council a copy of the said Resolution.

On motion, the bill to ascertain the population of the Island, the number of its stock, and the extent of its cleared land, received the second reading.

Mr. *Mabey*, one of the committee appointed to examine into such Laws as are about to expire, reported as follows, viz.

That an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 52d year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled "an act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the pumps, wells and streets of Charlotte-Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned," will expire the end of this Session.

Also "An act to regulate the sale of the interest of Leaseholders when taken in execution" (if it has received the Royal allowance which is said to be doubtful).

And "An act to continue an act made and

passed in the 5th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors imported into this Island; and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act made and passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several Laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy and other distilled spirituous Liquors, and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island," will expire the 24th of this month.

And an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 5th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled "An act for encreasing the Revenue, by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea," will also expire on the 24th of this month.

The House waited on his Excellency, according to appointment, with their Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech, and having returned, the Speaker informed the House that his Excellency was pleased to make the following reply, viz.

"GENTLEMEN,

"I return you my best thanks for this Address. The satisfaction you express in the measures which I have pursued, and your assurances of proceeding to the consideration of those objects which I have recommended to you, give me much pleasure, and you may depend upon my invariable attention to the happiness and prosperity of the Colony."

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill to ascertain the population of the Island, the number of its stock, and the extent of its cleared land.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

The *Attorney General* took the chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

The *Attorney General*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, March 24, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

The Clerk of H. M. Council laid before the House, a copy of the Warrant Book, from No. 59 to No. 400.

Dr. *M'Aulay* moved for leave to bring in a bill to repeal an act made and passed in the 50th year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act to amend an act intituled "an act to prevent the malicious killing, wounding, and maiming of cattle," which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion, the said Bill received the second reading.

On motion, it was resolved, that a message be sent to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he would be pleased to communicate to this House what answer (if any) has been returned to the Address of the House on the 17th March, 1825, to his Majesty, relative to the payment of Quit Rent, and an assessment on Lands within this Island. Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Dockendorff*, and Mr. *Cambridge*, were appointed a Committee to wait on his Excellency with the foregoing message.

Mr. *Cameron*, chairman of the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency with the said message, reported, that they had accordingly waited on his Excellency,

and that he was pleased to say, that he could not give an official answer, as he had not yet received any such; but that he had called at Office, and was led to believe, that the Quit Rent would be collected and laid out on the Island: that it was very probable the January mail would bring some intelligence, and if his Excellency received any, he would communicate it to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Bill to repeal an Act made and passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled "an act to amend an act intituled an act to prevent the malicious killing, wounding, and maiming of cattle."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Dr. *M'Aulay* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Dr. *M'Aulay*, chairman of the committee, reported, that the committee had not agreed to the bill.

By order, the *Attorney General* carried to H. M. Council the bill intituled "an act for regulating Apprentices," for their concurrence.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, March 26, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Treasurer laid before the House the Public Accounts from the 15th Oct. 1825 to 24th March, 1827.

Agreeable to notice given on a former day: On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Mabey*, it was ordered, that a committee be appointed to draw the heads of a bill for laying an assessment on Land, for the purpose of raising a fund in aid of building a Government House, Gaols, and other Colonial improvements within this Island. Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Campbell*, and Mr. *Mabey*, were accordingly appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, it was ordered, that a Committee be appointed to meet a Committee of his Majesty's Council for the purpose of inspecting the Public Accounts. Mr. *Hodgson*, Mr. *Camp-*

bell, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Mabey*, and Mr. *Cambridge*, were appointed a Committee for that purpose. Resolved, that a copy of this order be sent to his Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Hodgson* moved for leave to bring in a bill to establish an assize of Bread within the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town, which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

John Spencer Smith, Esq. Collector of Impost laid before the House the Impost Accounts from the 1st April 1826, to the 31st December, 1826.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, it was ordered, that a message be sent to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, praying that his Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House all the certificates of the Justices of the Peace given to Tavern-keepers throughout the Island

for the current year, under and by virtue of an act intituled "an act in addition to and in the further amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act prohibiting the sale (by retail) of Rum or other distilled spirituous Liquors, without first having a Licence for that purpose, and for the due regulation of such as shall be licenced:"—also a list of the Licenced Retailers throughout the Island.

On motion, the bill to establish an assize of Bread within the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town, received the second reading.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, it was resolved, that the consideration of the State of the Colony be the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, March 27, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

The *Attorney General* moved for leave to bring in a bill to amend an act made and passed in the 43d year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled "an act to amend an act intituled an act to prevent the running at large of Rams at improper seasons," which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion the said bill received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the chair:

The *Attorney General* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair:

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

The *Private Secretary* by order of his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, presented to the House the Impost Account for the District of Prince-Town from the 1st July to the 30th September, 1826.

Mr. *Cameron* one of the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lt. Governor with the message relative to the certificates given by the Justices of the Peace to Tavern-keepers throughout the Island, reported, that they had waited on his Excellency with the said message, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would attend to the subject without delay.

Mr. *Mabey* moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the sale of the interest of Leaseholders when taken in Execution," which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion of Mr. *Hodgson*, it was ordered, that a message be sent to his Ex-

cellency the Lieut. Governor, praying that his Excellency would be pleased to acquaint this House whether the following acts passed in the 59th year of his late Majesty's reign, have received the Royal allowance, viz.

"An act to regulate the sale of the Interest of Leaseholders when taken in Execution."

"An act to amend and repeal certain parts of an act intituled an act to repeal an act made and passed in the 41st 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," also,

"An act for barring Estates Tail."

Mr. *Dockendorff*, Mr. *Jardine*, and Mr. *Coffin*, were appointed a Committee to wait on his Excellency with the foregoing message.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill to establish an Assize of Bread within the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town.

Mr. *Speaker* left the chair:

Mr. *Hodgson* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair:

Mr. *Hodgson*, chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the Bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

The *Private Secretary* presented to the House the certificates given by the Justices of the Peace to Tavern-keepers and Licenced Retailers throughout the Island.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, March 28, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion of the *Attorney General*, it was ordered, that a Committee be appointed to consider the act of last Session, respecting the retailing of Spirituous Liquors, and how it has operated, and that the list of Justices' certificates to Tavern-keepers, sent to the House by the Lieut. Governor be referred to that Committee. *Mr. Campbell*, the *Attorney General*, and *Mr. McNeill*, were accordingly appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill to establish an assize of Bread within the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Mabey chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by *Mr. Carmichael*, their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have appointed the Hon. *William Pleace*, and the Hon. *Charles Worrell*, to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly to inspect the Public Accounts, to meet to-morrow at 2 o'clock in the Grand Jury Room, and adjourn as they please.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to establish an Assize of Bread, within the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Mabey chairman of the committee reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

On motion, the said bill received the third reading.

On motion, that the said bill do pass, the House divided,

For the motion,

<i>Mr. Mabey,</i>	<i>Mr. Jardine,</i>
<i>Mr. Hodgson,</i>	<i>Mr. Montgomery,</i>
<i>Mr. Cambridge,</i>	<i>Mr. Dockendorff,</i>
<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>	<i>Mr. Beairstoe,</i>
<i>Mr. Coffin,</i>	<i>Mr. Hyde.</i>
<i>The Attorney-General,</i>	

Against it,

Mr. Cameron, *Mr. McNeill.*
Doctor McAlay,

The bill accordingly passed.

On motion for the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the state of the Colony.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The *Attorney General* took the chair of the Committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

The following messages were received from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by *J. L. Hurdis, Esq. Private Secretary.*

“*J. READY, Lt. Governor.*”

“The Lieutenant Governor lays before the Assembly copy of the Answer which has been received from His Majesty's Secretary of State, to his Dispatch, transmitting the Address of the House of Assembly, on presenting the Bills of Supply, at the closing of the Session of the Legislature on the 24th March 1825.”

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“Downing-street, 26th October, 1825.

Sir,

“With reference to the Address of the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, transmitted in your Dispatch of the 21st June last, in which it is stated, that “the Colony looks forward with much anxiety to the period when you may feel yourself at liberty to give your assent to an annual Act for appropriating the whole produce of the Revenue, a boon which will give the highest satisfaction, and be long and gratefully remembered.” I have now to acquaint you, that all the Revenue at the disposal of the Crown in the Island of Prince Edward will be appropriated for the benefit of the Colony, at the discretion, and under the sanction of His Majesty's Government, but I cannot authorize you to give your assent to any Act which has for its object an annual appropriation by the Legislature in lieu of the permanent Revenue of the Colony under your Government.

“I have the honor to be, Sir,

“Your most obedient humble servant,
(Signed) “*BATHURST.*”

Lieut. Governor *READY, &c. &c. &c.*

The Lieut. Governor lays before the Assembly, a copy of the answer from his Majesty's Secretary of State, on the subject of a loan of five thousand pounds for public buildings.”

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Downing-Street, 11th Sept. 1826.

Sir,

“In answer to your letter of the 6th instant on the subject of a loan of five thousand pounds, I am directed by Earl Bathurst to inform you, that he will be happy to advise his Majesty to allow any Bill which may be passed for the purpose of nego-

ciating a loan of that amount, at the same time, his Lordship is satisfied that any application to the Treasury at the present moment for the advancement of such a sum would be ineffectual.

"I have the honour to be, Sir,
"Your obedient Servant,
"R. W. HORTON."

(Signed),
Lieut. Gov. READY,
&c. &c. &c.

"The Lt. Governor lays before the Assembly, the answer from his Excellency Sir James Kempt, to the representation made to the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia, on the subject of the Cranberry Island Light house, together with a copy of the Resolutions of the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, of 2d March, 1826, on the subject of the establishment on the Isle of Sable, and of a Light-House on the Island of St. Paul; also copy of a representation from His Excellency Sir Howard Douglas, Lieut. Governor of New-Brunswick, on the latter subject; which several matters the Lieut. Governor recommends to the consideration of the House."

"HALIFAX, 14th March, 1826.

"SIR,

"The Lieut. Governor of Prince Edward Island, having previously to his departure for England, brought under my notice a petition addressed to his Excellency, representing the inconveniences experienced by vessels belonging to, or trading with that Island, from the mode in which duties are at present levied from them, for the support of the Light-House on Cranberry Island. I did not fail to submit that subject to the consideration of the Legislature of this Province, and I have now the satisfaction to transmit to your Honour, a copy of certain resolutions passed by the Assembly, by which it will appear, that it has been determined to discontinue, for one year, the collection of the Light Duties complained of, from vessels passing through the Gut of Canso, under, however, the expectation that Lower Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, will severally contribute to this Province, an adequate annual allowance, towards maintaining the Light in question.

"It will also appear on a perusal of these resolutions, that the Assembly are very desirous that a Light House should be established on St. Paul's Island, and will contribute rateably with the Governments just named, towards its erection and support.

"Such an establishment would doubtless be highly serviceable; and should Prince Edward Island be disposed to join in the undertaking, it would, perhaps, be advisable for you to nominate a Commissioner to co-operate with the Commissioners to be appointed, by the other Governments interested in the measure in carrying it into effect, in such manner as the Governor General shall direct, with whom, as well as with the Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick, I have communicated on the subject.

"Your Honour will also observe, that the Assembly are, of opinion, that Lower Canada, New-Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island ought each to bear a part of the expense of keeping up the establishment on Sable Island."

"That opinion is certainly not an unreasonable one, for, as the establishment in question has been of such eminent utility to the Shipping of all these Provinces, a demand for such a contribution from our sister Colonies, might at any time, have been made with great propriety.

"It has, however, been supported for nearly twenty-five years by the liberality of Nova-Scotia; but the establishment having now become in many respects defective, and a considerable outlay being requisite

to render it adequate to the humane purposes for which it was formed, I am induced to request most earnestly that your Honour will recommend the Legislature to grant a moderate annual allowance towards its future support.

"I have the honour to be,
"Sir, Your most obt.
"Humble Servant.

(Signed) "JAMES KEMPT."

HIS HONOR THE PRESIDENT, Administering
the Government of P. E. Island.

In the House of Assembly, Thursday, 2d March, 1826.

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

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

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

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

(Signed) JAMES B. FRANCKLIN,
Clerk.

A true copy,

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Sec'y.

FREDERICTON, 24th March, 1826.

SIR,

"I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency, that having submitted to the Legislature the necessity and importance of establishing a Light House at the Southern entrance of the Gulph of St. Lawrence, a passage much frequented by vessels bound to New Brunswick Ports in the Gulph of St. Lawrence, and moreover a situation in which such an establishment is highly necessary for the safety of the Trade and Navigation of the British Colonies, the Legislature have put at my disposal whatever sum may be considered a fair proportion for New-Brunswick to make towards the expense of forming and maintaining a Light-House on St. Paul's Island, and I am authorized to make these Tenders to the Governments of Canada and Prince Edward Island.

"It is not considered right or reasonable that Nova-Scotia should be invited to contribute to this measure, because it appears that whilst such useful and necessary establishments have been much neglected on other parts of the coast of British North America, Nova-Scotia has devoted large sums for the general safety of trade on her Coasts, on which she already supports six lights; and has, besides, maintained at her sole cost for upwards of twenty years, an expensive establishment on Sable Island for affording succour to vessels in distress, and to shipwrecked Mariners.

"I have much pleasure in reporting this to your Excellency, and trust that this important establishment may not much longer be deferred. I shall appoint Commissioners for carrying this and other

works connected with Light House Establishments into effect, so far as depends upon this Province, and those Commissioners will be instructed to correspond with any whom your Excellency may appoint on the part of the Province under your Excellency's Government.

"I have the honor to be, Sir,
"Your Excellency's most
"Obdt. humble Servt.
"HOWARD DOUGLAS."

(Signed),
His Excellency Colonel READY, or
Officer Administering the Government,
&c. &c. &c."

"The Lieut. Governor lays before the Assembly the presentation of the Grand Jury on the insecure state of the Gaol of Charlotte-Town, (the only Gaol in the Island) for their consideration; and he also recommends to the consideration of the Assembly,

the expediency of making provision for building a Gaol on a small scale or lock-up House at Prince Town, and at other parts of the Island, if such may be considered necessary.

"In connection with this subject, the Lieut. Governor also lays before the Assembly a petition from Messrs. L. & A. Cambridge, representing the great expence they are put to in maintaining *William Pope*, a pauper Lunatic, with a large family; and he submits to the Assembly, on their taking these matters into consideration, the expediency of making some provision for the maintenance and safe-custody of unfortunate objects of this description."

Ordered, that this House do on Friday next, take the foregoing communications from his Excellency into consideration.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, March 29, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion for the order of the day, the House took into consideration the petition of the Roman Catholics presented last Session.

Mr. Cameron moved the following Resolution, seconded by Dr. McAulay.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this House, that the right of voting at Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, ought to be extended to His Majesty's subjects of the Roman Catholic religion within this Island; and that the Election Law should be altered conformable to this Resolution.

Mr. Campbell moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr. Hyde:

That a dutiful and humble Address, be prepared to His Majesty, praying that this House may be permitted to so alter the Law of this Island made and passed in the 47th year of the late King, intituled "An Act for the better regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly, in future." That our fellow subjects of the Roman Catholic persuasion, may be enabled to vote for the Election of Members of Assembly on the same terms, and under the like qualifications as their Protestant fellow subjects now do; or under any future Law, may be required to do.

The question having been put the House divided,

For the amendment,

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hyde,
Mr. Dockendorff, Mr. Jardine,
Mr. Bearisto, Mr. Montgomery.

Against it,

Mr. Cameron, Dr. McAulay,
Mr. Hodgson, The Attorney General,
Mr. Cambridge, Mr. Mabey,
Mr. McNeill, Mr. Coffin.

So the amendment was lost.

The question having been put on the original Motion, the House divided.

For the motion,

Mr. Cameron, Dr. McAulay,
Mr. Hodgson, The Attorney General,
Mr. Cambridge, Mr. Mabey,
Mr. Coffin.

Against it,

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hyde,
Mr. Dockendorff, Mr. Jardine,
Mr. Bearisto, Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Montgomery.

The House being equally divided, the Speaker voted against the original motion.

So the resolution was lost.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have passed the bill intituled "an act for regulating Apprentices," with some small amendments.

The Attorney General moved for leave to bring in a bill to enable Tenants in Tail to execute Leases and grant terms of years of a long endurance, which was granted, and the same on motion, received the first reading.

Mr. Mabey moved for leave to bring in a bill to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled "an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 52d year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the pumps, wells, and streets of Charlotte-Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned," which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion, the said Bill received the second reading.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, March 30, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House took into consideration the Lieut. Governor's message with a copy of the answer from his Majesty's Secretary of State, on the subject of a loan of Five Thousand Pounds for Public Buildings :

RESOLVED, *That this subject be referred to the consideration of a Committee of Ways and Means hereafter to be appointed.*

The House took into consideration the Lieut. Governor's message, with his Excellency Sir James Kempt's answer to the representation made to the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia, on the subject of the Cranberry Island Light House, together with a copy of the resolutions of the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia of the 2d March, 1826, on the subject of the Establishment on the Isle of Sable, and a Light House on the Island of St. Paul, also, a copy of a representation from His Excellency Sir Howard Douglas, Lt. Governor of New Brunswick, on the latter subject.

The Attorney General submitted the following resolutions, which were agreed to by the House, viz:—

RESOLVED, *that this House will contribute rateably in the proportion of the Tonnage of Vessels belonging to, or trading to this Colony, towards the establishing and supporting a Light House on the Island of St. Paul, along with the Governments of Nova-Scotia, New Brunswick, and Lower Canada; and that his Excellency the Lieut. Governor be requested to appoint one or more Commissioners, to correspond with these Governments on the subject.*

RESOLVED, *that it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the collection, at the Custom House of this Island, of a Light Duty, towards the support of the Cranberry Island Light House, in the Province of Nova-Scotia.*

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cambridge, and Mr. Cameron, were appointed to be a Committee to prepare and bring in such bill.

On motion, the bill intituled an act to amend an act made and passed in the 43d year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled "an act to amend an act intituled an act

to prevent the running at large of Rams at improper seasons," received the third reading.

Ordered, that the said bill do pass and be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled "an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 52d year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the pumps, wells, and streets of Charlotte-Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Mabey chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

On motion, the said bill received the third reading.

Ordered, that the same do pass, and be engrossed.

Mr. Dockendorff Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor with the Message, praying that his Excellency would be pleased to acquaint the House, whether certain Acts passed in the 59th year of his late Majesty's Reign, have received the Royal allowance, reported that they had waited on his Excellency, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he had called at Office on the subject, and requested to be informed whether the said Acts had received the Royal allowance; that he did not recollect receiving any answer on the subject, but that he would refer to his correspondence and acquaint the House with the result.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, March 31, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, ordered, that this House do agree to the amendments proposed by his Majesty's Council to the bill intituled "an act for regulating Apprentices," and that the same do pass with the said amendments, and be re-engrossed.

On motion, the bill to enable Tenants in Tail to execute Leases, and grant terms of years of a long endurance, received the second reading.

By order, Mr. Hodgson carried to his Majesty's Council the bill intituled An Act, to amend an act, made and passed in the 43d year of His late Majesty's reign.

intituled "An act, to amend an act, intituled an Act, to prevent the running at large of Rams, at improper seasons," for their concurrence.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Lieut. Governor's message with the copy of an answer from his Majesty's Secretary of State, relative to the Bills of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the Committee, reported,

THAT this Committee having had under their consideration the copy of the Dispatch from Lord Bathurst, dated 26th October, 1825, feel grateful to his Lordship for informing his Excellency that all the Revenue at the disposal of the Crown in this Island, will be appropriated for the benefit of the Colony, at the discretion, and under the sanction of his Majesty's Government; but at the same time, this Committee cannot avoid remarking, that by the Act granting such Revenue, the whole proceeds arising under and by virtue thereof, are already specially appropriated, and cannot be considered at the disposal of the Crown for any other purposes whatsoever.

Ordered, that the report of the Committee be agreed to.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Lieut. Governor's message relative to the insecure state of the Gaol, the necessity of a Gaol or Lock-up House at Prince-Town; and also Messrs. L. & A. Cambridge's petition.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Cameron took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Cameron chairman of the commit-

tee, reported; that this Committee having had under their consideration His Excellency's message relative to the state of the Gaols; and also relative to the petition of Messrs. L. & A. Cambridge, respecting William Pope, a Lunatic, beg leave to report as follows, viz:—

THAT it is the opinion of this Committee that it is indispensably necessary that provision be made for building a Gaol in Charlotte-Town; and also that they deem it necessary that a Gaol on a small scale be provided for in King's County, and a like Gaol in Prince County.

THAT it is the opinion of this Committee, that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, praying that he would be pleased to grant the lunatic, William Pope, such relief, as to his Excellency, in his wisdom, may see most fit and proper; and that His Excellency, would also be pleased to order, that the amount already expended by Messrs. L. & A. Cambridge, in the care and maintenance of the said William Pope, since his derangement, should be refunded to them.

THAT it appears to this Committee highly necessary that provision be made by the House for such purposes, and that the House should stand pledged to make good the same.

Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. Cameron, Mr. Campbell, and Dr. McAulay, be a committee to draw up the address mentioned in the foregoing report.

On motion, it was ordered, that Mr. Cameron, Mr. Campbell, and Dr. Macaulay, be a committee to prepare an address to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor praying his Excellency, to direct the Attorney General and Robert Hodgson, Esq. to defend William Pope, Esq. late High Sheriff in the action brought against him by Nicholas Vass.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, April 2, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

The Attorney General, one of the committee appointed to consider the Act of last Session, respecting the retailing of Spirituous Liquors, and how it has operated, reported,

THAT the Committee had taken into their consideration the way in which this Statute has operated, and beg leave to report as their opinion, that it has not answered the beneficial purpose for which it was enacted.

THAT its end has been obstructed, and in some instances altogether frustrated, by the facility with which the Justices of the Peace have given to Tavern-keepers the certificate of their having the accommodation required by Law, and in justice to the Magistracy, particularly those of Charlotte-Town, the

Committee must believe that they have in many instances been deceived by the persons seeking such certificates, who appear to have obtained them merely that they might vend Spirituous Liquors under a lower rate of Licence, than could have been obtained for such a purpose; and used the pretext of a Tavern as a decoy.

THAT the Committee are also of opinion, that the 5th Section of the Licence Law, of the 25th of the late King, ought to be altered, and that the rate of Licence to be fixed by Statute, and that what are called Shop Licences, particularly in the Country, ought to be much higher than now they are. They are further of opinion, that the Lieut. Governor, ought to be authorized by statute, to appoint an Inspector, at least for Charlotte-Town, to visit from time to time, the Taverns, and ascertain whether the accommodation certified by the Justice, prior to the granting the Licence, continues at all times and seasons of the year.

Mr. Cameron chairman of the committee appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, relative to William Pope, a Lunatic, presented the draft of an address to the House, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows, viz:—

To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, 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.

May it please your Excellency,

"We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Representatives of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to request, that your Excellency will be pleased to grant the Lunatic, William Pope, alluded to in Messrs. L. & A. Cambridge's petition, such relief as to you, in your wisdom, may seem meet, and that your Excellency would also be pleased to order, that the amount already expended by Messrs. Cambridge, in the care and maintenance of the said Lunatic, since his derangement, should be refunded to them, for which purposes this House feels itself bound to make due provision."

Mr. Cameron chairman of the committee appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, on the subject of the action brought against William Pope, Esq. late high Sheriff, by Nicholas Vass, presented the draft of an address to the House, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows, viz:—

To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, Lieut. 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.

May it please your Excellency,

"We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Representatives of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to call your Excellency's attention to a case now pending in the Supreme Court of Judicature, wherein William Pope, Esq. late High Sheriff of this Island, is prosecuted by Mr. Nicholas Vass, of Halifax, for suffering the escape of Michael Burke, a late prisoner in execution, by having obeyed an order of the Speaker of this House, to bring up the said prisoner to the House for examination; and to request that your Excellency would be pleased to instruct the Attorney General, and Robert Hodgson, Esq. to defend the said action;

and that your Excellency would be pleased to hold the said Sheriff harmless from the consequences of the said action, as we deem this House bound to make due provision for the same, or any expenses that may attend the said action."

Ordered, that Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Campbell, be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the foregoing Addresses.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to resume the consideration of the Bill to ascertain the population of the Island, the number of its stock, and the extent of its cleared land.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the Committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same with alterations in the title and other amendments—the title of which bill stands as follows, viz.

A Bill intituled an act to ascertain the population of the Island.

On motion, the said bill received the third reading.

Ordered, that the same do pass and be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill to enable Tenants in Tail to execute Leases and grant terms of years of a long endurance.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, April 3, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

The Attorney General chairman of the committee appointed to correspond with the Colony Agent, laid before the House a copy of the correspondence with the late Colony Agent; Mr. Atcheson, since last Session, also copy of a letter from Robert Shank Atcheson, Esq. dated 28th of August last, which were read.

Mr. Hodgson moved for leave to bring in a petition from Mr. H. M. Williams, praying remuneration for painting the fence of the Burial Ground of Charlotte Parish, when Church Warden of said Parish, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor with the Address

relative to William Pope, Esq. late High Sheriff, reported, that they had waited on his Excellency, and that his Excellency was pleased to say he would attend to the request of the House.

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address relative to Messrs. L. & A. Cambridge's petition, reported, that they had waited on his Excellency, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the House, and that he thought it a very proper one.

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the committee appointed to draw the heads of a bill for raising a fund by an assessment on land, for erecting Goals, and other public Buildings, within this Island, presented

the draft of a bill to the House, which, on motion, received the first reading.

The House took into consideration his Excellency Sir James Kempt's communication on the subject of the establishment on Sable Island.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the following Resolution was agreed to by the House, viz.

RESOLVED, That this House having taken into consideration the communication of Sir James Kempt to the Lieut. Governor, on the subject of the establishment on Sable Island, regrets, that the numerous local objects which at present claim more than all the Revenue of the Island, do not permit it now to contribute to an object so charitable and humane; but that this House will be ready in a future Session, when the finances of the Colony may be more equal than now they are to call which press upon them, to re-consider the fitness of such a contribution.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 4, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the bill to regulate the sale of the interest of Leaseholders when taken in Execution, received the second reading.

Mr. Mabey moved for leave to bring in a bill for cleaning the Streets of Charlotte-Town, and for removing obstructions therein, also for removing obstructions from the highways—which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

Mr. Hodgson, one of the committee appointed to inspect the Public Accounts, reported, that the committee had carefully examined the same, and delivered in their report, which was read.

By order, Mr. Hodgson carried to his Majesty's Council, the following bills for their concurrence, viz. a bill intituled "an act to establish an assize of Bread within the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town."

A bill intituled "an act to continue an act made and passed in the sixth year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 52d year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the Pumps, Wells, and Streets, of Charlotte-Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned." Also the bill intituled "an act for regulating Apprentices," as amended.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to

take into consideration the report of the sub-committee on the Public Accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

The following Messages were received from his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, by J. L. Hurdis, Esq. Private Secretary.

J. READY, Lieut. Governor.

"The Lieutenant Governor lays before the Assembly, the accounts of Expenditure on Roads, Bridges, and Surveys, for the year 1826, stating the sums paid under the different heads, which, in a few instances have exceeded the appropriations in a trifling degree (from unforeseen circumstances); in others it is somewhat less, leaving on the whole a balance unexpended of £340 19 1, to which the Lieut. Governor, with the advice of the Council, is disposed to add £2500, making a sum of £2840 19 1, for the services of the current year.

J. READY, Lieut. Governor.

"The Lieut. Governor lays before the Assembly, the Surveys and reports of Mr. Curtis and Mr. Townshend, of the head of the Hillsborough River, and country adjacent, with the view of fixing on the most eligible site for bridging that part of the river, likewise a survey from the head of the River to the Bay of Fortune road, for the consideration of the Assembly."

Ordered, that the consideration of the foregoing messages from his Excellency, be the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to

resume the consideration of the report of the sub-committee on the Public Accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Dr. *M. Aulay* moved for leave to bring in a bill to amend an act made and passed in the 47th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "an act to repeal an act made and passed in the 41st 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;" which was granted—and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, April 5, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

Mr. *Cameron* moved for leave to bring in a bill to render and make valid certain Marriages heretofore solemnized before Magistrates, and other lay persons; which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion for the order of the day, the House took into consideration the Lieut. Governor's messages of yesterday.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, April 6, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the bill for cleaning the streets of Charlotte-Town, and for removing obstructions therein, also for removing obstructions from the Highways, received the second reading.

Mr. *Cameron* moved for leave to bring in a petition from the inhabitants of Charlotte-Town, praying an amendment of the Small Debtor Act. Leave being granted, the said petition was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to enable Tenants in Tail to execute Leases, and grant terms of years of a long endurance.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. *Cameron* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. *Cameron* chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report of the Committee be agreed to.

By order, the *Attorney General* carried to his Majesty's Council, the bill intituled "an act to ascertain the population of the Island," for their concurrence.

Mr. *Hodgson* moved for leave to bring in a petition from a number of resident Householders in Charlotte-Town, praying that a Fire Company, of a limited number, may be established in Charlotte-Town, and for some exemptions from public duties as an encouragement for said Company. Leave being granted, the said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Lieut. Governor's messages.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the Committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was di-

rected by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have passed a bill intituled "an act in addition to and amendment of an act made and passed in the 59th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the 3d, intituled an act to limit the duration of the Terms of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and for other purposes therein mentioned:" also,

A bill intituled "an act to confirm certain Marriages heretofore solemnized in Prince Edward Island:" to which they pray the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

On motion, the said bill intituled "an act to confirm certain Marriages heretofore solemnized in Prince Edward Island," received the first reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Lieut. Governor's messages.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have agreed to the bill intituled "an act to amend an act made and passed in the 43d year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act to amend an act, intituled an act to prevent the running at large of Rams, at improper seasons," without any amendment.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 6th, 1827.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Lieut. Governor's Messages.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that the Committee having taken into consideration the com-

munication made to the House by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, touching the expenditure of the money appropriated during the last session of the General Assembly for Roads and Bridges, and also the several plans and surveys submitted at the same time to the House of Assembly, respecting Roads and Bridges, reports as follows:

That it be recommended to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, that in all Bridges hereafter to be built, it is expedient, that the space to be built or bridged with timber, be reduced to the smallest possible compass, and that the Stream or River, in every instance where it can be accomplished with due economy, be bridged in the manner of an *Abbateaux* of earth and bushes—the durability of the latter being so much greater than the wooden bridge, and it being desirable to avoid as much as possible, the constant expence of repair attending bridges built of timber, and that no contract may ever be entered into for building Bridges, without first ascertaining how much of the Stream or River may be made passable by an *Abbateaux*, and how much by a wooden bridge; and the committee is of opinion, that a material saving of the public money may arise from a due attention to this suggestion.

That this committee is of opinion, that both as relates to Roads and Bridges, the contracts may admit of more precision than has heretofore prevailed, both in the mode of framing them, as to their legal efficacy, and in the specifications of the manner in which the work is to be done; and it begs leave to report, that this last observation is more immediately applicable to the Bridges, in the construction whereof there appears yet much room for improvement. While your committee offers these suggestions it does so in the full belief that his Excellency the Lieut. Governor has at all times exercised his best endeavours to promote the judicious and economical expenditure of money in this important branch of the public service.

The committee has examined Mr. Townshend's plan of a new line of road from the head of the Hillsborough River to the head of St. Peter's Bay, and is desirous that a survey may be made so as to ascertain the nature of the Country between the Hillsborough and the Morrell, between the Morrell and the Moree River, between the latter and the Midgell River, and between that and the head of St. Peter's Bay, and the practicability of a good line of road being there obtained, which your committee suggests, should be forthwith done—and until this shall be done, your committee is of opinion that the Midgell Bridge ought not to be rebuilt, and that meanwhile it be recommended to his Excellency to grant a free license to a person keeping a ferry at Midgell, or any such further encouragement as may to his Excellency seem requisite—but at same time the committee recommends that a bridge over the river entering St. Peter's Bay be built, at such height above the site of the late bridge, as may appear to the Lieut. Governor and the Council the most practicable and economical—keeping always in view the suggestion of the committee, hereinbefore mentioned, of reducing the wooden structure of the bridge to the smallest practicable compass.

Your committee further reports, that it has taken into consideration the Lieut. Governor's communication to the House, respecting the site of the Bridge over the Hillsborough, near Mount Stewart, and is of opinion, that a bridge there is necessary; and that what is called the Red Bank is the part of the river where such bridge ought to be built; and

that an estimate of the expence of this Bridge ought to be obtained and laid before the House.

The committee has considered the two plans of the Royalties and Towns of George Town and Prince Town, and recommends that a survey may be made, so as to carry the present High Road towards George Town, through one of the most convenient lines of Road laid down in the plan of the Royalty, and into one of the principal Streets of the said Town,—and that such Road may be made, and also, that a like Road may be made into one of the principal streets of Prince Town.

On motion, that the Report of the Committee be agreed to, the House divided,

For the motion,

Mr. Hodgson,	The Attorney General,
Mr. Mabey,	Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Coffin,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Jardine,	Mr. Bearsto.

Against it,

Mr. Cameron,	Dr. McAulay,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hyde.
Mr. Dockendorff,	

The motion was accordingly carried.

On motion, the bill intituled “an act in addition to and amendment of an act

made and passed in the 59th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled an act to limit the duration of the Terms of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” received the first reading.

On motion, the bill for raising a fund by an assessment on Land, for erecting Gaols and other Public Buildings in this Island, received the second reading.

On motion, ordered, that the consideration of the said bill be the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Cameron moved for leave to withdraw the bill to render and make valid certain Marriages heretofore solemnized before Magistrates, and other lay persons, introduced by him yesterday, in consequence of one nearly of the same tendency having been sent down from his Majesty’s Council this day. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o’clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, April 7, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion of Dr. McAulay, it was ordered, that the second reading of the bill to amend the Election law, be the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. Cameron moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate appeals from the Courts of Justices of the Peace in this Island, in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled “an act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts;”—which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion of Dr. McAulay, it was ordered, that the Warrant Book presented to the House this Session, be printed with

as little delay as possible, and a copy thereof furnished to each member.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill for cleaning the streets of Charlotte-Town, and for removing obstructions therein; also for removing obstructions from the Highways.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Mabey, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 1 o’clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, April 9, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

Mr. McNeill moved for leave to bring in a bill to prevent injuries from trespasses of Horses, within the Royalty of Prince Town,—which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion for the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill for raising a fund, by an as-

essment on Land, for erecting Gaols and other public Buildings within this Island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Cameron took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again to-morrow. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o’clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, April 10, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

Mr. *Hodgson* moved that a committee be appointed to confer with his Majesty's Council on the subject of their Resolution of the 27th October, 1825, and the Resolution of this House, passed on Friday the 23d March last. The question being put, the House divided:

For the motion,

The Attorney General, Mr. Bearistoe,
Mr. Cambridge, Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Coffin,
Mr. Hyde, Mr. Jardine.
Mr. Dockendorff,

Against it,

Mr. Cameron, Mr. Mabey,
Doctor M'Aulay, Mr. M'Neill.

The motion was accordingly carried.

The *Attorney General, Mr. Hodgson,* and *Mr. Cambridge,* were appointed a Committee accordingly.

On motion for the order of the day, the bill to amend an act made and passed in the 47th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "an act to repeal an act made and passed in the 41st 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;"—received the second reading.

Dr. M'Aulay moved, seconded by *Mr. Mabey,* that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said bill.

Mr. Dockendorff moved as an amendment, seconded by *Mr. Campbell,* that the said bill be taken into consideration this day six months.

The question being put, the House divided:

For the amendment,

Mr. Dockendorff, Mr. Jardine,
Mr. Campbell, Mr. M'Neill,
Mr. Hyde, Mr. Montgomery.
Mr. Bearistoe,

Against it,

The Attorney General, Mr. Mabey,
Mr. Cameron, Mr. Coffin,
Mr. Hodgson, Doctor M'Aulay.
Mr. Cambridge,

The House being equally divided, the Speaker voted for the amendment.

So the amendment was carried.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by *Mr. Carmichael* their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have passed the bill intituled "an act to establish an assize of Bread within the Town

and Royalty of Charlette-Town,"—without any amendment.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

On motion, the bill to enable Tenants in Tail to execute Leases and grant terms of years of a long endurance,—received the third reading.

On motion that the said bill do pass, the House divided,

For the motion,

The Attorney General, Mr. Coffin,
Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bearistoe,
Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Jardine,
Mr. Mabey, Mr. M'Neill,
Mr. Cambridge, Mr. Dockendorff,
Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Hyde.

Against it,

Mr. Campbell.

The bill accordingly passed.

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by *Mr. Carmichael,* their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have agreed to the conference as requested by the House of Assembly, and have appointed the Honorable *William Preece* and the Honorable *T. H. Haviland,* a Committee for that purpose, to meet in-stanter in the Grand Jury Room.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 10th, 1827.

Mr. Campbell, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare and bring in the heads of a bill for raising a fund in aid of supporting the Light House on Cranberry Island, presented the draft of a bill, which, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion, the bill to regulate appeals from the Courts of Justices of the Peace in this Island, in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "an act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts," received the second reading.

By order, the *Attorney General* carried to his Majesty's Council, the bill intituled "an act to enable Tenants in Tail to execute Leases and grant terms of years of a long endurance,"—for their concurrence.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the report of the sub-committee on the Public Accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

The Committee of this House appointed to confer with a committee of the Council, touching the resolution of that body of the 27th of October, 1825, and of the resolution of this House of the present Session, respecting the granting of aids and supplies to the Crown, reported,

THAT it had met a Committee of the Council accordingly, and had asked that Committee, whether the Council adhered to its foresaid Resolution, inasmuch as a knowledge of the determination of the Council in that matter, might materially influence the House of Assembly, in its course and procedure in passing Bills of Supply; adding at the same time, that the Committee was not authorised by the House of Assembly to bring into discussion its rights or privileges in matters of Supply, which were held by the House to be too clear to be argued or debated; and that the sole purpose of the conference was to learn whether the Council did, or did not, adhere to the Resolution of the date of 27th October, 1825. And it was answered by the Committee of the Council, that the substance of the conference would be communicated by it to the Council, and that an answer thereto would, without any delay, be made known to the House of Assembly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—The committee appointed by his Majesty's Council to meet the committee of the House of Assembly, on the subject of their Resolution of the 23d of March last, and the Resolution of his Majesty's Council of the 27th October,

1825, having made their report, his Majesty's Council are desirous of a further conference, and have named the same committee, to meet a committee of the House of Assembly instanter in the Grand Jury Room.

Ordered, that the *Attorney General*, Mr. Hodgson, and Mr. Cambridge, be again appointed a committee to meet the committee of his Majesty's Council on the said conference—who, having met the committee of his Majesty's Council, returned and reported;

THAT at a conference with the Committee of the Council, the following answer was given to the Committee of this House,—“That the Committee of His Majesty's Council having reported the subject matter of their former conference with the Committee of the House of Assembly, His Majesty's Council had directed the Committee to state that they see no reason to induce them to deviate from the principle expressed in their resolution of the 27th of Oct. 1825:”—and your Committee reports, that this communication was received by it, without any comment or observation whatsoever.

Mr. Campbell moved for leave to bring in a bill to alter and amend an act made and passed in the 25th year of the late King, intituled “an act in addition to and in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act prohibiting the sale of spirituous Liquors, without first having a Licence for that purpose, and for the due regulation of such as shall be licensed;”—which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 11, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the bill for raising a fund in aid of supporting the Light House on Cranberry Island, received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Campbell took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Campbell, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the report of the sub-committee on the Public Accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill for raising a fund by an assessment on Land,

for erecting Gaols and other public Buildings within this Island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Cameron took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the commit-

tee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again to-morrow. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, April 12, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the bill to alter and amend an act made and passed in the 25th year of the late King, intituled "an act in addition to and in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act prohibiting the sale of spirituous Liquors, without first having a Licence for that purpose, and for the due regulation of such as shall be licenced," received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill for raising a fund in aid of supporting the Light House on Cranberry Island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Campbell took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Campbell, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

On motion, that the said bill receive the third reading. The House divided,

For the motion,

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Cambridge,	Mr. Jardine,
Mr. Mabey,	Mr. Hyde,
Mr. Hodgson,	Mr. Dockendorff,
Mr. McNeill,	The Attorney General.
Mr. Bearistoe,	

Against it,

Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Coffin.
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The motion was accordingly carried:

Ordered, that the said bill do pass and be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill for raising a fund by an assessment on land, for erecting Gaols and other public Buildings within this Island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Cameron took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same, with amendments and an alteration in the title and otherwise, the title of which stands as follows:

A bill intituled "an act for raising a fund by an assessment on Land for erecting Gaols within this Island."

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

On motion, that the said bill receive the third reading. The House divided,

For the motion,

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Bearistoe,
Mr. Mabey,	Mr. Jardine,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Hyde,
Mr. Montgomery,	Dr. McAlay,
Mr. Coffin,	Mr. Dockendorff.

Against it,

The Attorney General, Mr. Cambridge.

The motion was accordingly carried.

Ordered, that the said bill do pass and be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill to regulate Appeals from the Courts of Justices of the Peace in this Island, in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "an act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Cameron took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

On motion, the said bill received the third reading.

Ordered, that the same do pass and be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill to alter and amend

an act made and passed in the 25th year of the late King, intituled "an act in addition to and in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors, without first having a licence for that purpose, and for the due regulation of such as shall be licenced."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Campbell took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Campbell, chairman of the com-

mittee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, by J. L. Hurdis, Esq. Private Secretary.

"J. READY, Lieut. Governor.

"The Lieut. Governor is desirous that both Houses should adjourn until Wednesday the 18th of April.

"April 12th, 1827."

The House then adjourned to Wednesday the 18th inst. at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, April 18, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

By order, Mr. Cameron carried to his Majesty's Council, the bill intituled "an act for raising a fund by an assessment on land, for erecting Gaols within this Island," for their concurrence.

By order, Mr. Hodgson carried to his Majesty's Council, the bill intituled "an act for raising a fund in aid of supporting the Light House on Cranberry Island,"—for their concurrence.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to confirm certain marriages heretofore solemnized in Prince Edward Island," received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

On motion, the said bill received the third reading.

Ordered, that the said bill do pass, and be sent up to his Majesty's Council.

Mr. Hodgson moved for leave to bring in a bill to authorize the formation of a Fire Engine company, for the Town of Charlotte-Town, which was granted, and the the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion, the said bill received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill for cleaning the Streets of Charlotte-Town, and for removing obstructions therein, also for removing obstructions from the Highways.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Mabey, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move, that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, April 19, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

The *Attorney General* presented a petition from the Inhabitants of Townships sixty-three (63), sixty-one (61), fifty-nine (59), fifty-eight (58), and fifty-three (53), praying for a Bridge over Montague River; which, on motion, was read, and ordered to be submitted to the consideration of the committee of supply, hereafter to be appointed.

Mr. *Jardine* presented a petition from sundry Inhabitants of Bay Fortune, Grand River, &c. praying for a bridge over Midgell River, which, on motion, was read, and was thereafter withdrawn.

The *Attorney General* moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the driving carts, carriages, and other vehicles, which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill for cleaning the Streets of Charlotte-Town, and for removing obstructions therein, also for removing obstructions from the Highways.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. *Mabey* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. *Mabey*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same, with amendments, and an alteration in the title and otherwise,—the title of which bill stands as follows:

“A bill intituled an act for keeping clear the Streets of Charlotte-Town, and for removing obstructions therefrom.”

On motion that the report of the committee be agreed to: The House divided:

For the motion,

Mr. <i>Mabey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dockendorff</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cameron</i> ,	Mr. <i>Montgomery</i> ,
The <i>Attorney General</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cambridge</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hodgson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bearistoe</i> .
Mr. <i>Jardine</i> ,	

Against it,

Mr. <i>Hyde</i> ,	Dr. <i>M'Aulay</i> ,
Mr. <i>Coffin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Campbell</i> .

The motion was accordingly carried.

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to alter and amend an act made and passed

in the 25th year of the late King, intituled “an act in addition to, and in amendment of, an act made and passed in the 13th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled, an act prohibiting the sale of Spirituous Liquors, without first having a Licence for that purpose, and for the due regulation of such as shall be licenced.”

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The *Attorney General* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same, with amendments, and an alteration in the title and otherwise—the title of which bill stands as follows:

A bill intituled an act to alter and amend an act made and passed in the 25th year of the late King's reign, intituled “an act, in addition to, and in amendment of, an act made and passed in the 13th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled, an act prohibiting the sale, by Retail, of Rum or other distilled Spirituous Liquors, without first having a Licence for that purpose, and for the due regulation of such as shall be licenced;” and also to authorise the appointment of certain officers, for the inspection of Licenced Taverns and Inns.

On motion that the report of the committee be agreed to: The House divided:

For the motion,

The <i>Attorney General</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cambridge</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cameron</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dockendorff</i> ,
Mr. <i>Montgomery</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bearistoe</i> ,
Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hyde</i> .

Against it,

Doctor <i>M'Aulay</i> ,	Mr. <i>Coffin</i> .
Mr. <i>Mabey</i> ,	

The motion was accordingly carried.

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

By order, Mr. *Hodgson* carried to his Majesty's Council, the bill intituled “an act to regulate Appeals from the Courts of Justices of the Peace in this Island, in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled “an act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts,”—for their concurrence. Also,

The bill intituled “an act to confirm certain marriages heretofore solemnized in Prince Edward Island.”

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to regu-

late the sale of the Interest of Leaseholders, when taken in execution.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Mabey, chairman of the committee,

reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report of the Committee be agreed to.

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, April 20, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

Mr. Cambridge presented a petition from the Inhabitants of Brudenell Point, north side of Montague River, and south side of Brudenell River, praying a grant of money in aid of a road from Brudenell Point to the main road leading to Charlotte-Town; which, on motion, was read, and ordered to be submitted to the consideration of the committee of supply, hereafter to be appointed.

Mr. McNeill moved that the bill to prevent injuries from the trespasses of Horses, within the Royalty of Prince Town, receive the second reading.

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, that the said bill receive the second reading this day six months.

The question being put, the House divided:

For the Amendment,

Mr. Cameron, Doctor McAlay.
Mr. Hodgson,

Against it,

Mr. McNeill, Mr. Bearistoe,
Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Cambridge,
Mr. Campbell, Mr. Jardine,
The Attorney General, Mr. Hyde,
Mr. Coffin, Mr. Dockendorff.
Mr. Mabey,

So the amendment was lost, and the said bill received the second reading.

Mr. McNeill moved that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said bill. The question being put, the House divided:

For the motion,

The Attorney General, Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. McNeill, Mr. Dockendorff;
Mr. Campbell, Mr. Bearistoe.

Against it,

Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cambridge,
Mr. Hodgson, Dr. McAlay,
Mr. Mabey, Mr. Jardine,
Mr. Coffin, Mr. Hyde.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Cameron moved that the said bill be taken into consideration—this day six months.

The question being put, the House divided,

For the motion,

Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cambridge,
Mr. Hodgson, Dr. McAlay,
Mr. Mabey, Mr. Jardine,
Mr. Coffin, Mr. Hyde.

Against it,

The Attorney General, Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. McNeill, Mr. Dockendorff,
Mr. Campbell, Mr. Bearistoe.

The motion was accordingly carried.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, as a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that the committee had directed him to report as follows, viz.

That it is the opinion of the committee, that an act intituled "an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island; and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act made and passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several Laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island,"—should be revived and amended; and that the act intituled "an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled "an act for encreasing the Revenue, by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea," should be revived. And that it is the opinion

of the committee that the said acts should be consolidated, and that the duties to be levied thereunder should be appropriated by a clause to be added thereto.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

Ordered, on motion, that a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill in conformity to the foregoing report.

After the question on the motion was put, Dr. M'Aulay, one of the members for Queen's County, rose up, and in an address to the Speaker, used very indecorous, unparliamentary, and improper language to the House, and of the Attorney General.

The Attorney General then rose and moved the standing order of the House for the exclusion of strangers. He submitted to the consideration of the House, the disorderly conduct of Dr. M'Aulay, in referring to the resolution of this House of the 23d day of March last, and the highly indecorous expressions of Dr. M'Aulay, in charging him (the Attorney General) with having intentionally deceived him and the House, in his speech on that resolution.

Dr. M'Aulay was fully heard, and was ordered to retire, while the House took the matter into consideration; and it was ordered, that the Speaker do admonish Dr. M'Aulay, and require him to apologize to the House for his disorderly conduct, and for his indecorous language to the Attorney General,—which the Speaker did in the following words:

“ DOCTOR M'AULAY,

The House having taken into consideration the conduct and language this day made use of by you,

and your persisting to refer to a former debate, and accusing the Attorney General of intentionally deceiving the House and having deceived you, by producing authorities which did not justify the proceeding which he recommended, has come to the resolution, that your behaviour, language, and manner, was highly disorderly and irregular: and I am directed by the House to admonish you to be more cautious in your language and conduct in future. This House in a former Session had occasion to pass a censure on your improper conduct, and will not again suffer itself to be interrupted in the business of the Session by such a scene as took place here this day; in the mean time, it thinks fit to require from you, a humble apology, for the offence you have this day given, and which apology is in the following words:—“ I humbly apologize to this House for the offence I have most unwarrantably given it, and I acknowledge that the insinuations by me made against the Attorney General were extremely indecorous, unparliamentary, and improper.”

Dr. M'Aulay, having been admonished as above, and being required to make the said apology, refused so to do, in the following words,—“ I wont.”

It was then moved by Mr. Mabey, and seconded by Mr. Cambridge, that Dr. M'Aulay, for his refusal to obey the order of this House, be forthwith committed to the custody of the Sergeant at Arms, and that the Speaker do issue his warrant accordingly.

The warrant was accordingly issued, and Dr. M'Aulay was taken into the custody of the Sergeant at Arms.

Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Mabey, and Mr. Campbell, were then appointed a committee to prepare and bring in a bill in conformity to the report of the committee of supply.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, April 21, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the bill intituled “ an act to alter and amend an act made and passed in the 25th year of the late King's reign, intituled an act in addition to and in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act prohibiting the sale, (by Retail,) of Rum and other distilled spirituous Liquors, without first having a Licence for that purpose, and for the due regulation of such as shall be licenced, and also to authorise the appointment of certain officers for the inspection of Licenced Taverns and Inns,”—received the third reading.

On motion, that the said Bill do pass, the House divided,

For the motion,

The Attorney General,	Mr. M'Neil,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Bearistoe,
Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Hyde,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Jardine,
Mr. Cambridge,	Mr. Dockendorff,
Mr. Hodgson,	

Against it,

Mr. Mabey, Mr. Coffin.

The bill accordingly passed.

On motion, the bill to regulate the driving Carts, Carriages, and other vehicles, received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same, with amendments, and an alteration in the title—the title of which bill stands as follows:

“A bill intituled an act to regulate the driving Carts, Carriages, Sleighs, and Carioles, on the Highways.”

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

By order, Mr. *Cameron* carried to his Majesty's Council the bill intituled “an act to alter and amend an act made and passed in the 25th year of the late King's reign, intituled an act in addition to and in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act prohibiting the sale, (by Retail,) of Rum or other distilled spirituous Liquors, without first having a Licence for that purpose, and for the due regulation of such as shall be licenced, and also to authorise the appointment of certain officers for the inspection of Licenced Taverns and Inns,”—for their concurrence.

Mr. *Hodgson*, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare and bring in the heads of a bill agreeably to the report of the Committee of Supply, presented the draft of a bill, which, on motion, received the first reading—the title of which is as follows:

A bill to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty; one intituled an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign

of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors—and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island.”

The other intituled “an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea.”

On motion, the said bill received the second reading.

On motion, it was ordered that the consideration of the said bill be the order of the day for Monday next.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill to authorise the formation of a Fire Engine Company for the Town of Charlotte-Town.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. *Hodgson* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

Mr. *Hodgson*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, April 23, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter which he received from Dr. *McAulay*, which was read.

On motion for the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the bill to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty; one intituled “an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of

the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spiritu-

ous Liquors, and for allowing a Draw-back upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, exported from this Island;"—the other intituled "an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled "an act for encreasing the Revenue, by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they

may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the report of the sub-committee on the Public Accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the report of the sub-committee on the Public Accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that the committee had taken the report of the sub-committee into consideration, and agreed to the same, with alterations and amendments.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to by the House, which is as follows:

That the Committee had carefully examined the several documents laid before them, and found the different accounts of the Treasurer and Collectors correct; and it appears that on the 14th day of October, 1825, a balance of £6474 17 4½ in securities and treasury notes, remained in the Treasurer's hands; and from that period, to the 24th day of March, 1827, the sum of £7464 4 10½ had been received by the Treasurer, exclusive of £3250 in treasury notes, handed him by the Commissioners.

That during the above period the Treasurer was paid the sum of £7696 5 0½ exclusive of his commission of £436 5 11, leaving a balance in the treasury of £9056 11 4 in money, securities, and treasury notes.

That out of the above sum of - £7696 5 0½ there has been laid out:

For Roads and Bridges	£3351 14 5½
House of Assembly	540 10 0
Militia	155 1 8
Bears and Loupcerviers	26 0 0
Surveying	255 2 11
Contingencies	2473 12 10½
Drawbacks	30 2 6
Schools	227 10 7
Loan for purchase of Packet	
£275 10, and £361 for carrying Mails,	636 10 0
	—————£7696 5 0½

That from the Treasurer's Account it appears there is now in the Treasury, bonds to the amount, of £5232 11 4; specie to the amount of £318; and notes to the amount of £3506; and that notes to the amount of £2144 are now in circulation, which, with the sum of £340 19 1, part of last year's appropriations for Roads and Bridges not yet expended, being deducted from the sum of £5550 11 4 in bonds and specie, leaves a net balance of £3065 12 3.

That the committee conceive the charge of £134 per day, made by the Surveyors employed by the Government, too high, inasmuch as the daily allowance by law is only 10s. 6d. sterling; and it appears to the committee, that in several instances more time than necessary has been consumed in such surveys, and the committee recommends the House to call the attention of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor particularly to this matter.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Lieut. Governor's message relative to the appropriation of monies for Roads and Bridges for the present year.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Mabey, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, April 24, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cambridge*,—that the Letter received yesterday from Dr. *M'Aulay* be inserted on the Journals.

Mr. *Campbell* moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr. *Hyde*,—that the following resolution be inserted on the Journals instead of the said Letter, viz.

That the said Letter from Dr. *M'Aulay* is not deemed by the House a compliance with its order of the 20th instant, and that the Speaker be requested to apprise Dr. *M'Aulay*, that the House requires a literal compliance with its orders.

The question being put—the House divided:

For the Amendment,

Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hyde</i> ,
Mr. <i>M'Neill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bearistoe</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dockendorff</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jardine</i> ,
Mr. <i>Montgomery</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mabey</i> .

Against it,

Mr. <i>Cameron</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cambridge</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hodgson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Coffin</i> .

The amendment was accordingly carried.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration the Lieut. Governor's message relative to the appropriation of monies for Roads and Bridges for the present year.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. *Mabey* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. *Mabey*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to regulate the driving Carts, Carriages, Sleighs, and Carioles, on the Highways," received the third reading.

On motion that the said Bill do pass, the House divided:

For the motion,

Mr. <i>Mabey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hyde</i> ,
The Attorney General,	Mr. <i>Jardine</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cambridge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dockendorff</i> .
Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bearistoe</i> .
Mr. <i>Montgomery</i> ,	

Against it,

Mr. <i>Hodgson</i> ,	Mr. <i>M'Neill</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cameron</i> ,	Mr. <i>Coffin</i> .

The bill accordingly passed.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act for keeping clean the Streets of Charlotte-Town, and for removing obstructions therefrom,"—received the third reading.

Ordered, that the said bill do pass.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to regulate the sale of the Interest of Leaseholders, when taken in execution,"—received the third reading.

On motion, that the said bill do pass, the House divided,

For the motion,

Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cambridge</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cameron</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hyde</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hodgson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dockendorff</i> ,
Mr. <i>M'Neill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jardine</i> ,
Mr. <i>Montgomery</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bearistoe</i> .
Mr. <i>Coffin</i> ,	

Against it,

Mr. *Mabey*.

The bill accordingly passed.

By order, Mr. *Mabey* carried to his Majesty's Council, the three last mentioned bills for their concurrence.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Lieut. Governor's message relative to the appropriation of monies for Roads and Bridges for the present year.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. *Mabey* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. *Mabey*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the same, and that he was directed by the committee to move, that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 25, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the Lieut. Governor's message relative to the appropriation of monies for Roads and Bridges, for the present year.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Mabey took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Mabey, chairman of the committee, reported, that the committee had taken into consideration the Lieut. Governor's message relative to the appropriation of monies for Roads and Bridges for the present year, and beg leave to recommend, that the same be disposed of in the following manner, viz.

For raising the Bridge on French Mill Creek, and for reducing the hill on the George Town Road, the sum of	£70	0	0
For making a Bridge over a deep valley near the Head of Brudenell River	15	0	0
For making the Road through the Royalty into George Town	70	0	0
In aid of a Bridge over the Midgell, East Point Road	120	0	0
For making the Bridge over the Head of St. Peter's Bay	30	0	0
For the Road from the Head of Saint Peter's Bay, to the North side	40	0	0
For making a Bridge on Black pond over Little River	60	0	0
For a Bridge over Norris pond, and another to the Eastward	30	0	0
For the road leading from Brudenell to George Town Road	30	0	0
For the Road from Pinette to the Wood Islands	100	0	0
In aid of a Road from Grand Tracadie to the Cove Head Road, the best course	100	0	0
In aid of Bridges on the Brackley Point Road, and repairing said Road	40	0	0
In aid of making a Road from Long Creek to the road leading from West River Bridge to De Sauble	100	0	0
For the Road from Mrs. McAulay's to the Bridge over the head of the West River	150	0	0
For Road and Bridges from head of West River to Tryon River	75	0	0
For making the Bridges and completing the Road from Hennesey's Road to Prince Town	120	0	0
For draining and completing the Road from Hennesey's Road to Bagnall's, on the new line of road	70	5	0
To continue Dunn's road to the new Prince Town road	100	0	0
For completing a bridge over the Crooked creek—Wheatley river	15	0	0
For a bridge over old Mill creek near Rustico point	10	0	0
For road and bridges from the new line of Prince Town road to Traveller's Rest	100	0	0

In aid of continuing the road into Prince Town,	60	0	0
In aid of draining the Swamp North West of the Gaol in Charlotte-Town and making the bridges across the Streets in said Swamp and raising the said Streets	80	0	0
For opening a road from Dunk River bridge on the North side to the nearest point of the new line of road leading to Charlotte-Town	100	0	0
For opening a new Road from St. Eleanor's to the Portage on Lot 10	400	0	0
For Road from Tryon to Bedeque	75	0	0
In aid of a bridge near David M'Gregor's, Cove Head,	16	0	0
In aid of road and bridges from Pisquid to Vernon River,	75	0	0
For Wilmot Creek Bridge	216	16	3
For the bank at the end of the Road at Walsh's ferry,	20	0	0
For incidental repairs of Bridges and cutting out Windfalls, and Surveys,	172	17	5
Salary of six Commissioners not drawn last year,	60	0	0
Salary of twelve commissioners the ensuing year.	120	0	0

£2,840 19 1

Your Committee having since the report of the Committee of the whole House on the 6th April, been put in possession of much additional information relative to the utility of a bridge on the Midgell River, and the impracticability of a ferry being established thereon, and also, an offer of the Inhabitants of the Eastern districts to contribute largely to the erecting of such Bridge, have now to recommend that the above sum of 120*l.* should, as soon as convenient, be put at the disposal of some person interested in that part of the country, so that it would be built with the least possible delay; as this Committee cannot expect that the new line of road alluded to in the said report, can be accomplished soon.

Ordered, that the report of the Committee be agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hodgson, the following address was agreed to by the House, viz.

"To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, Lieut. 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.

"May it please your Excellency,

"We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Representatives of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to return your Excellency our sincere thanks for your communication relative to the expenditure of monies on the Roads and Bridges for the current year, and having had under our consideration the appropriation of the sum recommended by your Excellency, we beg leave to suggest, that the same may be applied as follows, viz.

For raising the bridge on French Mill Creek, and for reducing the hill on the George Town Road, the sum of	£70	0	0
For making a bridge over a deep valley near the Head of Brudenell River	15	0	0
For making the road through the Royalty into George Town	70	0	0

In aid of a bridge over the Midgell, East Point road	£120	0	0
For making the bridge over the Head of St. Peter's Bay	30	0	0
For the road from the Head of Saint Peter's Bay to the North side	40	0	0
For making a bridge on Black pond over Little River	60	0	0
For a bridge over Norris pond and another to the Eastward	30	0	0
For the road leading from Brudenell to George Town Road	30	0	0
For the road from Pinnette to the Wood Islands	100	0	0
In aid of a road from Grand Tracadie to the Cove Head road, the best course	100	0	0
In aid of bridges on the Brackley Point road, and repairing said road	40	0	0
In aid of making a road from Long Creek to the road leading from West River bridge to De Sauble	100	0	0
For the road from Mrs. M'Aulay's to the bridge over the head of the West River	150	0	0
For road and bridges from head of West River to Tryon River	75	0	0
For making the bridges and completing the road from Hennesey's road to Prince Town	120	0	0
For draining and completing the road from Hennesey's road to Bagnall's on the new line of road	70	5	0
To continue Dunn's road to the new Prince Town road	100	0	0
For completing a bridge over the Crooked Creek, Wheatley River	15	0	0
For a bridge over old Mill Creek, near Rustico point	10	0	0
For road and bridges from the new line of Prince Town road to Traveller's Rest	100	0	0
In aid of continuing the road into Prince Town	60	0	0
In aid of draining the Swamp North West of the Gaol in Charlotte-Town and making the bridges across the Streets in said Swamp and raising the said Streets	80	0	0
For opening a road from Dunk River bridge on the North side to the nearest point of the new line of road leading to Charlotte-Town	100	0	0
For opening a new Road from St. Eleanor's to the Portage on Lot 10,	400	0	0
For Road from Tryon to Bedeque,	75	0	0
In aid of a bridge near David Macgregor's, Cove Head,	16	0	0
In aid of Road and Bridges from Pisquid to Vernon River,	75	0	0
For Wilmot Creek Bridge,	216	16	8
For the bank at the end of the Road at Walsh's ferry,	20	0	0
For incidental repairs of Bridges, and cutting out windfalls, and Surveys,	172	17	5
Salary of six Commissioners not drawn last year,	60	0	0
Salary of twelve Commissioners the current year.	120	0	0

£2,840 19 1"

Ordered, that Mr. *Mabey*, Mr. *Hodgson*, and Mr. *Cameron*, be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the said address.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to au-

thorise the formation of a Fire Engine Company for the Town of Charlotte-Town.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. *Hodgson* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. *Hodgson*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. *Carmichael* their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have agreed to the bill intituled "an act to ascertain the population of the Island:"

Also, a bill intituled "an act to regulate the driving Carts, Carriages, Sleighs, and Carioles, on the Highways,"—without any amendment.

J. E. *CARMICHAEL*, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 25th, 1827.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty; one intituled an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors—and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island." The other intituled "an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. *Hodgson* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. *Hodgson*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, April 26, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion of the *Attorney General*, it was ordered, that a committee be appointed to communicate with a committee of his Majesty's Council, relative to the appointment of a Colony Agent: The *Attorney General*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Cambridge*, Mr. *Hodgson*, and Mr. *Cameron*, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty; one intituled an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors—and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island." The other intituled "an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have agreed to the conference as requested by the House of Assembly on the subject of appointing a Colony Agent, and have appointed the Honorable *George Wright* and the Honorable *William*

Placee, a committee to manage the same, to meet instanter in the Grand Jury Room.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 26, 1827.

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the committee of his Majesty's Council on the subject of appointing a Colony Agent, reported,—that they had met the committee of his Majesty's Council, and that that committee stated to them they would report the subject matter of the conference to the Council, and that they would again communicate with this House on the subject.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty; one intituled "an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act, passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island;" the other, intituled "an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue, by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move, that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council

are desirous of a further conference with the House of Assembly on the subject of the appointment of a Colony Agent, and have appointed the same committee to manage the same instant in the Grand Jury Room.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 26th, 1827.

Ordered, that this House do agree to a further conference as requested by his Majesty's Council, and that the same committee be appointed to meet instant in the Grand Jury Room.

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the committee of his Majesty's Council on the subject of the appointment of a Colony Agent, reported,—that it had met the committee of his Majesty's Council, and that that committee having reported to his Majesty's Council, the desire of this House to appoint a Colony Agent for this Island, his Majesty's Council had directed them to state that they see no necessity at present for the appointment of a Colony Agent, which would be attended with expences.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, it was ordered, that John Stewart, Esq. Collector of his Majesty's Customs in this Island, be requested to attend at the Bar of the House this day. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have agreed to the bill intituled “an act for raising a fund in aid of supporting the Light House on Cranberry Island,”—with the following amendments, viz.

In the 5th line of the 3d section, after the word *ascertain* leave out the word *our* and insert *and settle the*. In the 6th line, leave out *on Cranberry*. In the 7th line, leave out the word *Island*, and before the word *and* in the 7th line, insert *to be paid by this Island*.

Ordered, that the said amendments be agreed to.

The House resolved to agree to these amendments of a money bill for the following reasons :

Because such amendments appear to be only verbal, and to be in furtherance of the intention of this House, and make the same more clear, and do not touch the rate or duty to be raised by the said Bill, or the disposition thereof; and therefore that the House agreeing to such amendments cannot be drawn into precedent to the injury of the undoubted rights of this House in matters of supply.

Ordered, that the said bill be re-encrossed.

Agreeably to the order of the House, John Stewart, Esq. Collector of his Majesty's Customs, appeared at the Bar, and gave the information required by the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, one intituled “an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island; and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act made and passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several Laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island;” the other, intituled “an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea.”

Mr. Speaker left the chair :

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee of this House appointed jointly with a committee of His Majesty's Council to rent for a period not less than 3 years a suitable residence for His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, reported,—That the said joint committee had taken a lease from Col. HOLLAND of a House in Charlotte-Town, for 3 years, at the Rent of £150 per annum, which was deemed the best that could be had for that purpose—that the time for which the said House was taken is considered by the joint committee to commence from the 10th December last, when possession was given to the joint committee.—That the first year's Rent was agreed to be paid in advance, and that previous to the possession of the House being given to the joint committee, the chief part had been advanced to Col. HOLLAND;—and since then the balance of the said £150, with an additional sum of £16, has been expended to put the said House in the state agreed on by the Lease; but that sum has been insufficient to complete the same, as the House is not yet painted, or the fence put up.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, April 27, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

By order, *Mr. Hodgson* carried to his Majesty's Council, the bill intituled "an act for raising a fund in aid of supporting the Light House on Cranberry Island," as amended, with a copy of the resolution entered into by this House on agreeing to the amendments suggested by his Majesty's Council.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty; one intituled "an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, exported from this Island;"—the other intituled "an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue, by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea."

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have passed a bill intituled an act to continue and amend an act passed in the 59th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to regulate the sale of the Interest of Leaseholders when taken in Execution."

On motion, the said bill received the first reading.

The Clerk of his Majesty's Council, also handed in the bill intituled "an act for raising a fund in aid of supporting the Light House on Cranberry Island,"—as agreed to.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to authorise the formation of a Fire Engine Company for the Town of Charlotte-Town,"—received the third reading.

Ordered, that the said bill do pass.

By order, *Mr. Hodgson* carried to his Majesty's Council, the said bill for their concurrence.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have agreed to the bill intituled "an act to regulate Appeals from the Courts of Justices of the Peace in this Island, in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled an act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 27, 1827.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty; one intituled "an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island;" the other, intituled "an act to alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue, by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea."

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same, with an alteration in the title—the title of which bill now stands as follows:

A bill intituled an act to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act,—two acts passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign,—lately expired; and for appropriating the monies hereby granted.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, as a committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that the committee had come to the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the committee, that the sum of 800*l.* for the support of his Ma-

jesty's Government should be raised by an additional duty of 2*l.* per cent to be imposed on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize,—excepting Salt, Wine, Rum, Brandy, Gin, and distilled Spirituous Liquors, Porter, Ale, Tobacco, Tea, Tar, Turpentine, Fish & Fish Oil, Furs and Skins, Iron, Steel, Sail Cloth, Lumber and Staves, all stores belonging to his Majesty's Army and Navy, Officers' Baggage, and all Household Goods, Wheat or Grain of any sort, Flour, Bread, and provisions of any sort,—imported into this Island.

On motion that the report of the committee be agreed to—The House divided:

For the motion,

Mr. Hodgson,	Mr. Hyde,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Bearistoe,
The Attorney General,	Mr. Duckendorff,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Jardine,
Mr. Mabey,	Mr. Coffin,
Mr. Montgomery.	

Against it,

Mr. Cameron.

The motion was accordingly carried.

On motion of the Attorney General, it was ordered, that a committee be appointed to draw up a bill in conformity to the foregoing resolution. Mr. McNeill, Mr. Jardine, and Mr. Mabey, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, April 27, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Mabey, it was ordered, that a message be sent to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor requesting that his Excellency would be pleased to direct the Post-master to lay before this House all the accounts and other information he may be in possession of relative to the Internal mail formerly established in this Island.

Mr. Hodgson moved, seconded by Mr. Mabey, that the bill intituled "an act to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign lately expired, and for appropriating the monies hereby granted,"—receive the third reading.

Mr. McNeill moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr. Bearistoe, that the said bill be recommitted.—The question being put on the amendment, the House divided:

For the amendment,

Mr. McNeill.	Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Bearistoe,	Mr. Hyde,
Mr. Jardine,	Mr. Duckendorff.

Against it,

Mr. Hodgson,	Mr. Cameron,
The Attorney General,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cambridge,	Mr. Coffin.
Mr. Mabey.	

The amendment was accordingly lost: And the said bill received the third reading.

Ordered that the said bill do pass.

The Attorney General moved for leave to bring in a bill to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Prince Edward Island in Replevin cases, which was granted, and the same, on motion, received the first reading.

On motion the said bill received the second reading.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, it was ordered, that a committee be appointed to confer with a committee of his Majesty's Council, on the subject of the bill intituled, "an act to continue and amend an act passed in the 59th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to regulate the sale of the Interest of Leascholders, when taken in execution."

The Attorney General, Mr. Mabey, Mr. Hodgson, and Mr. Cameron were accordingly appointed for that purpose.

A message from his Majesty's Council by Mr. Carmichael their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council do agree to the conference as requested by the House of

Assembly, on the subject of a bill intituled an act to continue and amend an act passed in the 59th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled "an act to regulate the sale of the Interest of Leaseholders when taken in execution,"—and have appointed the Honorable *T. H. Haviland*, and the Honorable *Charles Worrell*, to manage the same in the Grand Jury room instanter.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 28, 1827.

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the committee of his Majesty's Council on the subject of the said bill, reported to the House the substance of the conference.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Prince Edward Island in Replevin cases.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The *Attorney General* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,

On motion, ordered, that a committee of his Majesty's Council be appointed to meet a committee of the House of Assembly to draw up an address of condolence to his Majesty on the lamented death of his late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and the Honorables *A. Lane*, *T. H. Haviland*, and *Charles Worrell*, be nominated a committee on the part of his Majesty's Council. Ordered, that this Resolution be sent to the House of Assembly for their concurrence.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 28th, 1827.

On motion, ordered, that a committee of this House be appointed to meet the committee of his Majesty's Council, on the

subject of the said Address to his Majesty. The *Attorney General*, *Mr. Hodgson*, and *Mr. Cambridge*, were accordingly appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Prince Edward Island in Replevin cases.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The *Attorney General* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have passed the bill intituled "an act to authorise the formation of a Fire Engine Company for the Town of Charlotte-Town,"—without any amendments.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, April 28, 1827.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Prince Edward Island in Replevin cases.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The *Attorney General* took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, it was ordered, that the consideration of the petition praying an amendment of the Small Debt Act, be the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, April 30, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

Mr. *McNeill*, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill agreeably to the report of the committee of Ways and Means, presented the draft of a bill, which, on motion, received the first reading:—the title of which bill is as follows:—A bill intituled an act for the further encrease of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Impost on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Island, and for appropriating the monies thereby granted.

On motion, the said bill received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had made a progress in the bill, and that he was directed by the committee to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Mr. *Mabey* chairman of the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor with the address relative to the appropriation of monies for Roads and Bridges for the current year, reported, that they had waited on his Excellency accordingly, and that his Excellency was pleased to express his approbation of the mode in which the monies are appropriated.

By order, Mr. *McNeill* carried to his Majesty's Council, the bill intituled "an

act to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act,—two acts passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign,—lately expired; and for appropriating the monies thereby granted,"—for their concurrence.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill intituled an act for the further encrease of the Revenue by raising a duty of Impost on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Island, and for appropriating the monies hereby granted.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same, with alterations and amendments.

On motion that the report of the committee be agreed to: The House divided:

For the motion,

<i>The Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. McNeill,</i>
<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>	<i>Mr. Dockendorff,</i>
<i>Mr. Mabey,</i>	<i>Mr. Bearistoe,</i>
<i>Mr. Cambridge,</i>	<i>Mr. Hyde.</i>

Against it,

<i>Mr. Cameron,</i>	<i>Mr. Montgomery.</i>
<i>Mr. Hodgson,</i>	

The motion was accordingly carried.

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

J. L. Hurdis, Esq. Private Secretary, by order of his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, laid before the House, the Postmaster's accounts relative to the Inland mail formerly established within this Island.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, May 1, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the State of the Colony.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that the committee had come to the following resolution, viz.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the committee, that an humble Address be presented to his

Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to request that he would inform this House what steps have been taken on the subject of its Address presented to his Excellency on the 27th October, 1825, relative to the conduct of James Bardin Palmer, Esq. a Solicitor in the Court of Chancery; and what has been the result of the inquiry which his Excellency was then pleased to say it was his intention to institute thereon.

On motion, that the foregoing resolution be agreed to. The House divided:

For the motion,

<i>The Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>
<i>Mr. Dockendorff,</i>	<i>Mr. McNeill,</i>
<i>Mr. Bearistoe,</i>	<i>Mr. Coffin,</i>
<i>Mr. Jardine,</i>	<i>Mr. Hyde.</i>

Against it,

Mr. Cameron, *Mr. Cambridge.*

The motion was accordingly carried.

The Attorney General further reported, that the committee had also come to the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That an address be presented to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, informing him that this House considers the non-residence of The Honorable the Chief Justice, a serious injury to the interests of this Island, and praying that his Excellency would be pleased to use his influence to obtain his Honor's continued residence in this Island, in such way or manner as to his Excellency in his wisdom may seem most meet to attain this object.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

Ordered, that *Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cambridge,* and *Mr. Mabey,* be a committee to draw up the said address.

Ordered, that *Mr. McNeill* and the *Attorney General,* be a committee to draw up the address to his Excellency on the subject of *Mr. Palmer.*

Mr. McNeill chairman of the committee appointed to draw up the said address, presented a draft which was read and agreed to by the House, and is as follows:

"To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, Lieut. 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.

"May it please your Excellency,

"WE His Majesty's dutiful subjects the House of Representatives of Prince Edward Island, in General Assembly convened, most humbly request that your Excellency would be pleased to inform this House, what steps have been taken on the subject of its Address presented to your Excellency on the 27th October, 1825, relative to the conduct of James Bardin Palmer, Esq. a Solicitor in the Court of Chancery, and what has been the result of the inquiry which your Excellency was then pleased to say it was your Excellency's intention to institute thereon."

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the committee appointed to draw an address to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, on the subject of the non-residence of the Honorable the Chief Justice, presented the draft of an address, which was read, and agreed to by the House, and is as follows, viz.

"To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, 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.

"May it please your Excellency,

"WE his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Representatives of Prince Edward Island in General Assembly convened, beg leave to state to your Excellency, that this House considers the non-residence of the Honorable the Chief Justice, a serious injury to the interests of the Island, and pray that your Excellency would be pleased to use your influence to obtain his Honor's continued residence in this Island, in such way or manner as to your Excellency in your wisdom may seem most meet to attain this object."

On motion, the bill intituled "an act for the further encrease of the Revenue by raising a duty of Impost on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Island, and for appropriating the monies thereby granted,"—received the third reading.

On motion that the said Bill do pass, the House divided:

For the motion,

Mr. Campbell, *Mr. Dockendorff,*
The Attorney General, *Mr. Bearistoe,*
Mr. McNeill, *Mr. Coffin,*
Mr. Hyde, *Mr. Mabey*

Against it,

Mr. Cameron, *Mr. Montgomery.*
Mr. Jardine, *Mr. Hodgson.*

The bill accordingly passed.

By order, *Mr. Mabey* carried to his Majesty's Council the said bill for their concurrence.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the bill to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Prince Edward Island in Replevin cases.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

The Attorney General took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

The Attorney General, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same with amendments, and an alteration in the title—the title of which bill now stands as follows:

A bill intituled "an act to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this Island in cases of Replevin."

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

The Clerk of his Majesty's Council laid before the House, the following address to his Majesty, as agreed to by the committee of both Houses, which was ordered to be signed by the Speaker on behalf of the House, viz.

"TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

"The joint Address of his Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Island of Prince Edward and its Dependencies, of the Honorable his Majesty's Council, and of the House of Assembly, in their Legislative capacities now sitting at Charlotte-Town.

"May it please your Majesty,

"The Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, now convened in General Assembly, on behalf of themselves and the inhabitants of this Island, beg leave most humbly to approach the Throne, to offer to your Majesty their sincere condolence upon the melancholy event which has bereaved your Majesty of a highly beloved and illustrious member of your Royal family.

"The sentiments of loyalty and affection for your Majesty's person and Government, which are deeply implanted in our bosoms, render it impossible for us not to participate in the grief which this afflicting event must have caused to your Majesty and to the nation at large.

"And we assure your Majesty that although far removed from the capital of the Empire, the death of your lamented brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, is in no part of your Majesty's widely extended Dominion, more sincerely and deeply deplored, than in this your loyal Island of Prince Edward.

J. READY,

Lieut. Governor.

S. G. W. ARCHIBALD, *President of Council.*
Council Chamber, May 1, 1827.

JOHN STEWART, *Speaker.*

Assembly Room, May 1, 1827."

A message from his Majesty's Council by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council request a conference with the House of Assembly, on the subject of the bill intituled "an act to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign lately expired, and for appropriating the monies thereby granted,"—and have appointed the Hon. *T. H. Haviland*, and the Hon. *Charles Worrell*, to manage the same instanter in the Grand Jury Room.

On motion, ordered, that a committee be appointed to confer with the committee of his Majesty's Council, on the subject of the said bill. The *Attorney General*, *Mr. Hodgson*, *Mr. Cambridge*, *Mr. Mabey*, and *Mr. McNeill*, were accordingly appointed a committee for that purpose.

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee of conference with his Majesty's Council, returned and reported the substance of the conference to the House.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have sent down the bill intituled "an act to revive, alter, continue, and reduce into one act, two acts passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign—lately expired,—and for appropriating the monies thereby granted,"—not agreed to.

On motion, ordered, that *Mr. Hodgson*, *Mr. McNeill*, and *Mr. Cambridge*, be a committee to prepare and bring in the heads of two separate Revenue bills.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, May 2, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to continue and amend an act made and passed in the 59th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to regulate the sale of the Interest of Leaseholders when taken in Execution,"—received the second reading.

On motion, the said bill received the third reading.

Ordered, that the said bill do pass.

By order, *Mr. Hodgson* carried the said bill to his Majesty's Council.

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare and bring in the two Revenue bills, presented the drafts, which, on motion, received the first reading—the titles of which bills are as follows:

A bill to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors; imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majes-

ty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors—and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island and for appropriating the monies thereby granted."

Also, a bill to revive, alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea; and for appropriating the monies thereby granted.

On motion, ordered, that *Mr. Mabey* and *Mr. McNeill*, be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the address on the subject of *Mr. Palmer*.

Ordered, that *Mr. Cameron* and *Mr. Cambridge*, be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the address on the subject of the non-residence of the Honorable the Chief Justice.

On motion, the House resolved itself

into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of establishing an Inland Post.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Cameron took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the committee, reported—

THAT the committee had taken into consideration the expediency of establishing an Inland Mail, and have agreed to recommend to his Excellency to take such steps as he may think proper, to have a Mail carried to Prince-Town, at least once a week in Summer, and once a fortnight in winter, returning by Traveller's rest (where a Post Master might be appointed) and from thence by Bedeque and Tryon River to Charlotte-Town; and also towards the East Point and to Three Rivers; and that his Excellency be requested to make such rules and regulations as may be desirable, to forward so useful an object, by establishing a rate of postage or otherwise; and that the House will make good, in a future Session, any expenses attending the same.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

Mr. Mabey, chairman of the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency with the address on the subject of Mr. Palmer, reported—that they had waited on his Excellency, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he would send the documents on that subject to the House.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this Island in cases of Replevin,"—received the third reading.

On motion that the said Bill do pass, the House divided:

For the motion,

*The Attorney General, Mr. Dockendorff,
Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Hyde,
Mr. Campbell, Mr. Coffin,
Mr. Bearistoe, Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Jardine, Mr. McNeill.*

Against it,

*Mr. Mabey, Mr. Cambridge,
Mr. Cameron,*

The bill accordingly passed.

By order, Mr. Hodgson carried to his Majesty's Council the said bill for their concurrence.

On motion, the bill to revive, al-

ter, and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors; and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island and to appropriate the monies thereby granted,"—received the second reading.

On motion the bill to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea; and to appropriate the monies thereby granted,"—received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Hodgson took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Hodgson, chairman of the committee, reported, that they had gone through the said bills and had agreed to them respectively.

Ordered, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

Ordered, that the said bills be engrossed.

Mr. Cameron, chairman of the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor on the subject of the non-residence of the Chief Justice, reported, that they had waited on his Excellency, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he would attend to the request of the House on the subject.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, May 3, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by

levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island; and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more ef-

fectual, and to reduce into one act, the several Laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island, and to appropriate the monies thereby granted,"—received the third reading.

Ordered that the said bill do pass.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea, and to appropriate the monies thereby granted"—received the third reading.

Ordered, that the said bill do pass.

By order, *Mr. Hodgson* carried to his Majesty's Council the foregoing bills for their concurrence.

Mr. Cameron presented to the House the draft of an address to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor on the subject of the establishment of an Inland Mail, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows, viz.

"To His Excellency Colonel JOHN READY, Lieut. 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.

"May it please your Excellency,

The House of Assembly having had under its consideration, the expediency of establishing an Inland Mail in this Island, begs leave to recommend to your Excellency, to take such steps as your Excellency may think most proper, to cause a Mail to be carried to Prince Town, at least once a week in Summer, and once a fortnight in winter,—returning by Traveller's Rest (where a Post Master might be appointed), and from thence by Bedeque and Tryon River to Charlotte-Town:—and also, that a like Mail be established to Three Rivers, and to the East Point; and that your Excellency would be pleased to order such rules and regulations to be adopted, as to your Excellency may appear desirable, to forward so useful an object, by fixing a rate of postage, or otherwise—and the House will make good, in a future Session, any expences attending the same.

The House is also of opinion that the intercourse which will take place in consequence of this measure, will greatly tend to encourage the desirable object of a settlement of the Towns of George Town and Prince Town.

Ordered, that the *Attorney General* and *Mr. Mabey*, be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the said address.

Mr. Hodgson moved for leave to withdraw the petition of *Mr. Henry May Williams*. Ordered accordingly.

Mr. Cameron moved for leave to withdraw the petition of certain Inhabitants of Prince Edward Island, praying an

amendment of the Small Debt Act. Ordered accordingly.

On motion of the *Attorney General*, the petition of the Inhabitants of King's County, presented to the House on the 10th February, 1825, was read, and taken into consideration, and the following Resolution was agreed to.

THE House having taken into consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of King's County, complaining of certain grievances suffered by them in the mode of collecting his Majesty's Quit Rents—and while this House deeply laments the injuries which these Petitioners appear to have received, and would most willingly afford them any relief in its power, this House regrets that it can see no way in which these much injured persons can be here afforded redress.

A message from his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, by *J. L. Hurdis, Esq.* Private Secretary.

"*J. READY, Lieut. Governor.*

"The Lieut. Governor informs the Assembly, that he has received the Royal Allowance to the following Acts passed by the Legislature of this Colony, in the year 1825, viz.

"An act to repeal an act made and passed in the 43d year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to alter and amend an act passed in the 26th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for the trial of actions in a summary way."

"An act to repeal a certain clause of an act made and passed in the 31st year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act for admitting persons to swear to their own accounts in certain cases, and for amending certain practical parts of the law in order to the more easy and speedy attainment of public justice in this Island."

"An act to repeal an act made and passed in the 30th year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act to prevent unnecessary expence and delays in certain actions wherein judgments have passed by default."

"An act to repeal an act made and passed in the 21st year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act declaring that baptism of Slaves shall not exempt them from bondage."

The Lieut. Governor sent to the House, by *J. L. Hurdis, Esq.* Private Secretary, the documents relative to *James Bardin Palmer, Esq.* a Solicitor in the Court of Chancery, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieut. Governor with the address on the subject of establishing an Inland Mail, reported—that they had waited

on His Excellency, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, he would attend to the recommendation of the House on the subject, and that he would take measures to carry the same into effect.

A message was received from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Goodman, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from his Majesty's Council by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council request a conference with the House of Assembly, on the subject of the bill intituled "an act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a duty of Impost on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Island, and for appropriating the monies thereby granted,"—and have appointed the Hon. T. H. Haviland and the Hon. Charles Worrell, a committee to manage the same, to meet in the Grand Jury Room, instanter.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, May 3d, 1827.

On motion, ordered, that a committee be appointed to confer with the committee of His Majesty's Council on the subject of the said bill, and that the *Attorney General*, Mr. M'Neill, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Cambridge, be a committee to manage the same.

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the committee of His Majesty's Council on the subject of the said bill, returned and reported the substance of the conference to the House.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council have passed the bill intituled "an act to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this Island in cases of Replevin,"—without any amendments.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, May 3d, 1827.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, May 4, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the documents forwarded to the House by his Excellency, on the subject of James Bardin Palmer, Esq. a Solicitor in the Court of Chancery.

Mr. Speaker left the chair:

Mr. Campbell took the chair of the committee:

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair:

Mr. Campbell, chairman of the committee, reported, that the committee had come to the following Resolution.

Resolved, That although the written defence of James Bardin Palmer, submitted by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor to the consideration of the House, is replete with misrepresentation respecting the motives of the House, yet that in the present state of the matter, the House, taking into consideration the situation of this man, will take no other or further notice of the same, except earnestly to request, that his Excellency will be pleased to bring the charges against him before a court of competent commissioners, for a solemn and final investigation; and the House doth resolve, that a committee be appointed for the purpose of conducting the said investigation on the part of the public.

On motion, that the report of the committee be agreed to.—The House divided:

For the motion,

The *Attorney General*, Mr. Campbell,

Mr. Dockendorff, Mr. M'Neill,

Mr. Beardoe, Mr. Montgomery,

Mr. Jardine, Mr. Hyde.

Mr. Mabey,

Against it,

Mr. Cameron,

Mr. Coffin,

Mr. Hodgson,

Mr. Cambridge.

The motion was accordingly carried.

Ordered, that Mr. Dockendorff, Mr. Mabey, and Mr. M'Neill, be a committee in conformity to the foregoing Resolution.

The subject matter of the conference with the committee of his Majesty's Council, on the subject of the bill intituled "an act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Impost on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Island, and for appropriating the monies thereby granted," having been reported to the House, and the committee having asked for instructions, what answer should be given by them, it was ordered, that the following answer of this House should be delivered to the committee of his Majesty's Council.

That this House entertains a most anxious wish to maintain a good correspondence with his Majesty's Council, and which it deems essential to the public service. This wish has been very plainly manifested by the House during all the period of the present General Assembly, and remarkably so during the present Session, in adopting suggestions of the Council in money bills, and new modelling these to make them agreeable to the Council; and being desirous of obtaining supplies for the public service, which are so much wanted, this House sacrificed all punctilio to attain this valuable object.

It sees no objection to the suggestion of the Council, as it relates to the adding such a clause in a new bill as shall prevent the possibility of the duty intended to be imposed from merging in the Imperial duties.

Neither is the suggestion of the necessity of a suspending clause any way objectionable, being a matter which this House deemed open for consideration by the Council.

This House, however, views in another light, the proposal of the Council, to assent to the bill for a period of three years instead of one year, and their statement that they will not agree to any appropriation other than by a general clause such as the Council has suggested.

This House considers that proposal and that statement as attempts to encroach on the right of this House in matters of supply, (a right coeval with the Legislature, and never till lately brought in question,) which this House is bound to resist: and it has now become necessary to declare, that no new bill will ever be entertained by this House, whereby the period of the endurance of a tax, or the mode of appropriation adopted by this House, shall be proposed to be altered by the Council. The House laments that his Majesty's Council should have availed itself of the opening afforded by the ready agreement of the House to new model bills of supply, to offer to this House a proposal directly at variance with what this House has declared to be its ancient and undisputed right in grants of money to the Crown.

On motion, ordered, that a message be sent to his Majesty's Council, to request a further conference with them on the subject of the bill intituled "an act for the further encrease of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Impost on all Goods, Wares, and Mer-

chandize imported into this Island, and for appropriating the monies thereby granted,"—and that the same committee do manage the said conference.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Carmichael, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,—His Majesty's Council do agree to a further conference as requested by the House of Assembly on the subject of the bill intituled "an act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Impost on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Island, and for appropriating the monies thereby granted,"—and have appointed the same committee to manage the said conference, to meet instanter in the Grand Jury room.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, May 4th, 1827.

The *Attorney General*, chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the committee of his Majesty's Council on the subject of the said bill, reported—that it had met the committee of his Majesty's Council, and communicated to them the instructions given them by the House.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, May 5, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, the House took into consideration the following message sent to the House by his Majesty's Council, on the Third day of May instant, which was read, and is as follows :

Council Chamber, May 3, 1827.

On motion, Resolved, that the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Resolution of his Majesty's Council of the 27th October, 1825, and the Resolution of the House of Assembly, passed on the 23d March last, relative to the granting and appropriating of Monies.

MR. SPEAKER,

His Majesty's Council, desirous of promoting a good understanding between the two branches of the Legislature, deem it necessary to state to the House of Assembly, the opinion of his Majesty's Council on both these resolutions, and upon the subject brought under consideration by them.

His Majesty's Council consider the Royal Instructions under which the General Assembly of this Island was called and organized, the constitution of the Colony, as regards the powers of the Legislature, each branch of which can only claim to exercise the privileges thereby granted; and consequently it becomes the duty both of the Council and the Assembly to conform in their proceedings to those Instructions, not only in Legislating, but whenever any question arises as to the powers or privileges of the Council or Assembly, to refer to those Instructions for direction and government.

His Majesty's Council, therefore, beg to call the attention of the House of Assembly to the Royal

Instructions, dated at the Court at St. James', the fourth day of August, 1769, addressed to Governor Patterson, authorising him for the first time to call and form a Lower House of Assembly, or House of Representatives, in this Island; in the 17th section of which Instructions, after directing him to pay due attention to what had been found practicable and convenient in forming the like constitution in the late established Colonies of Nova Scotia and Georgia, the following direction is contained,—“That the greatest care should be taken, that no colour or pretence is given for the assumption of any powers or privileges by the said Lower House of Assembly, or House of Representatives, which have not been allowed to Assemblies in our other Colonies.”—His Majesty's Council, therefore, submit to the House of Assembly, that the *sole right* claimed by them in their resolution of the 23d of March last, relative to the granting and appropriating all supplies to be raised or charged on the subjects of this Island, and directing, limiting, and appointing, in separate Bills, the uses, ends, purposes, and limitations, of such grants, must be derived from the Royal Instructions, granting directly to the Assembly of this Island the power thus claimed, or granting the same to the Assemblies, or to some of them, in the other Colonies.

But His Majesty's Council feel well assured, that no such power or privilege has ever been granted by the Royal Instructions to this Assembly, nor to the Assemblies of any of the neighbouring Colonies, but the powers and privileges now claimed by the Assembly have been differently considered by His Majesty's Government.

In proof of which, His Majesty's Council submit for the consideration of the House of Assembly, that part of the Royal Instructions dated the 18th of March, 1756, to the Governor of Nova Scotia,

which relates to the point in question, and which is as follows:

"Whereas the Members of several Assemblies in the plantations have frequently assumed to themselves privileges no ways belonging to them, especially of being protected from suits at Law during the Term they remain of the Assembly, to the great prejudice of their creditors, and the obstruction of Justice; and some Assemblies have presumed to adjourn themselves at pleasure, without leave from our Governor first allowed, and others have taken upon them the sole framing of money bills, refusing to let the Council alter or amend the same; all which practices are very detrimental to our prerogative; if upon your calling an Assembly in our Province of Nova Scotia, you find them insist upon any of the said privileges, you are to signify to them that it is our express will and pleasure that you do not allow any protection to any member of the Council or Assembly, further than in their persons, and that only during the sitting of the Assembly, and that you are not to allow them to adjourn themselves, otherwise than *de die in diem*, except Sundays and Holidays, without leave from you, or the Commander in Chief for the time being, first obtained. It is also our further pleasure that the Council have the like power of framing money bills as the Assembly."

His Majesty's Council also find, that in the neighbouring Colonies the uniform practice of the Assembly is, to submit to His Majesty's Council each subject to be provided for by a grant of monies, in a separate resolution, and that only such resolutions as are agreed to by both branches, are inserted in the appropriation bill, a practice which his Majesty's Council consider not only in accordance with the Royal Instructions, but one which allows to each branch of the Legislature, the free exercise of their opinion upon every subject to be provided for from the revenue of the country, to which practice the resolution of his Majesty's Council is limited, and claims for the Council here, no other or greater power than is exercised by the Councils of the adjoining Provinces.

His Majesty's Council have deemed it proper, thus to call the attention of the House of Assembly not only to the Royal Instructions by which their powers and privileges are limited and defined, but also to the practice of the other Colonies under the same Instructions, with a sincere desire on the part of his Majesty's Council to establish and protect, upon correct principles, the separate rights of the Council and Assembly; as the Council consider, that the interest of his Majesty's subjects in this Island will be best promoted, by allowing to each branch the free exercise of their opinion upon every subject which may come under the consideration of the Legislature.

His Majesty's Council consider, that the rules and practice of Parliament, so far as may be consistent with our situation, should be pursued by the Legislature here, but the Council do not admit that the House of Assembly can derive any of the powers assumed by them in their resolution, from the practice or usage of the House of Commons, but that the powers and privileges of the Assembly must depend upon the Royal Instructions under which the Colonial Legislature has been formed.

His Majesty's Council likewise consider it their duty to guard against any appropriations, however desirable, which may exceed the disposable funds of the Island, and thereby lead to public embarrassments; and they deem the exercise of this right of greater importance, when it is considered that the House of Assembly originate money votes without recommendation from the King's Representative, and therefore exercise a greater power, in this particular, than the House of Commons possess.

His Majesty's Council have been thus explicit on the subject of those resolutions, and they also wish the House of Assembly to understand, that they entirely disapprove of the novel course pursued by the House of Assembly in the present Session of annexing to the revenue bills numerous clauses of appropriation of monies, to separate and distinct subjects not mentioned in the revenue bills, nor having any connexion with them, or with each other, as the Council are thereby prevented from exercising the privilege belonging to them as one branch of the Legislature of dissenting to a proposition of which they disapprove, without at the same time being obliged to reject the revenue which the public services may demand and which otherwise they may be desirous of granting. J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

A message from his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, by J. L. Hurdis, Esq. Private Secretary.

"J. READY, Lieut. Governor.

"The Lieut. Governor informs the Assembly, that the "act relating to Marriages and Baptisms, and for making Polygamy felony," passed by the Legislature of this Colony, in the year 1825, has been disallowed by his Majesty in Council.

On motion, resolved, that the following message be sent up to his Majesty's Council, on the subject of their message of the 3d May instant, relative to the granting and appropriating of monies.

The House of Assembly has taken into consideration the Message of his Majesty's Council on the subject of its resolution of the 27th of October, 1825, and the resolution of this House of the 23d of March last, relative to the granting and appropriating of aids and supplies of money to his Majesty for the uses of the Government.

His Majesty's Council cannot be more desirous than the House of Assembly is of promoting a good understanding between both branches of the Legislature, of which disposition, the House deems that it has given evident proofs from the commencement of the present General Assembly, and of its earnest wish to raise the requisite aids and supplies for the exigencies of his Majesty's Government; and it is willing to hope, that no contest between it and his Majesty's Council upon points of privilege may be the means of preventing such supplies reaching his Majesty for the use and benefit of this Island, where they are so very much required; and the House of Assembly trusts, that it may never be found deficient in originating, as well as appropriating, such supplies beneficially for the Crown and the Colony.

His Majesty's Council assented to two bills of supply, and also to a bill of appropriation, during the first Session of 1825.

In the second Session of the same year, two bills of supply were assented to without any communication or conference with his Majesty's Council, or without any objection or difficulty regarding them being ever suggested to the House of Assembly.

The same day that the assent of his Majesty's Council was given to the bill of appropriation, its resolution of the 27th of October, 1825, was sent to the Assembly, only a few minutes prior to the prorogation, and appears to the House of Assembly, to have been ill calculated for the beneficial purpose of obtaining his Majesty's supplies.

That resolution informed the House of Assembly, that several of its articles of appropriation were objectionable, but that his Majesty's Council had as-

sented to them, from the consideration that the Session was near a close, and great inconvenience might be experienced by the Colony were they to reject the bill; but intimating that they would be disposed to exercise their right of deliberating separately upon every measure for which provision was to be made in the appropriation bill from any monies raised or to be raised by any other act or acts of the General Assembly, and that his Majesty's Council would not in future be disposed to give their assent to any bill for appropriating such monies, unless the several sums and services therein contained should have been previously submitted by the House of Assembly, in separate resolutions, for the concurrence of his Majesty's Council, and should have severally received their assent.

The House of Assembly, from the period at which this resolution was communicated to it, had no opportunity of expressing its opinion till the commencement of the present Session. It has done so by its resolution of the 23d of March last, which it sees no reason whatsoever to alter.

That resolution is quite conformable to the usages and practice of this Island, from the earliest period of its Legislature down to the present time.

It is likewise conformable to the usage and practice of the House of Commons.

The House of Assembly claims, by that resolution, no new rights or privileges; it only seeks to maintain and uphold rights which have been exercised hitherto, without a dispute, until the day of the Council's resolution in question.

The House of Assembly, however, deems it respectful to his Majesty's Council, to notice the various points contained in its message which are supposed to uphold this novel claim, and the more so, as the House is of opinion, that a candid examination of them will prove that they are unfounded, and that the ancient and undisputed usage of the Legislature of the Island, and the practice of the House of Commons, are the only safe and true guides by which the House can be directed.

His Majesty's Council says, in its Message, that the Royal Instructions, under which the General Assembly of this Island was called, and organised, is the constitution of the Colony, as regards the power of the Legislature; and that each branch of it can only exercise the privileges thereby granted; and that it is the duty both of the Council and the Assembly, to conform in their proceedings to those Instructions, both in legislating and when any question arises as to the powers or privileges of the Council or Assembly, and to refer to them for their direction and Government.

The House has no disposition to controvert this statement of his Majesty's Council, and agrees, that all the Colonial Constitutions in conquered countries, were the gift and grant of the Crown; and that the Royal Instructions have been the basis of their constitution, and that in all instances such Royal Instructions are fit and proper to be referred to. The House of Assembly maintains and upholds its privileges, and its resolution of the 23d of last March, on no other foundation; on its strict conformity to the King's Instructions to the first Governor of the Colony, and to the uninterrupted usage of the Legislature since.

The Message of his Majesty's Council has directed the attention of the House to the King's Instructions to his Excellency Walter Patterson, the first Governor of the Colony; and although they are referred to for the purpose of upholding the claims of his Majesty's Council, at this distant period, they appear to the House to sustain and uphold the ancient practice of the Legislature, which has taken place under them.

The 18th article of these instructions, which is referred to in the Message of his Majesty's Council, seems to the House to be very plain, and is as follows: "It is equally unnecessary and impracticable to point out to you, in these our Instructions, all the various and important objects to which the several constitutions, both legislative and judicial heretofore established and defined, will apply; such objects will be very many in the first establishment of government, and will require an exertion of the greatest activity and discretion, as to the rules and principles by which the proceedings, either of the Council, Assembly, or Courts of Judicature, are to be governed, in all cases not hereinbefore provided for or explained. Many useful precedents may be found in the Instructions to our Governor of Nova Scotia, a copy whereof is herunto annexed, and by which you are to regulate your conduct, as far as different circumstances will admit, in all cases wherein they refer to establishments of a similar nature."

The House of Assembly has examined those Instructions, dated in the year 1766, to Lord William Campbell, the Governor of Nova Scotia, wherein there does not appear any one article which directs the rules, orders, or course of proceeding in the Legislature of that Colony, or the rights and privileges, or jurisdiction, of the Council or House of Assembly, respectively.

It appears, therefore, to the House, that from these Instructions Governor Patterson could gather nothing whatsoever as to the rules or orders of proceeding either of the Council or House of Assembly which he was about to form or their respective jurisdiction or authority.

The other article of these same early instructions, being the 17th, and which is particularly noticed in the message of his Majesty's Council, as affording an argument to uphold its claim, is as follows: "The forming a Lower House of Assembly, or House of Representatives, for our said Island of St. John, is a consideration that cannot be too early taken up, and ought to be maturely weighed, for until this object is attainable, the most important interests of the inhabitants will necessarily remain without that advantage and protection which can only arise out of the vigour and activity of a complete constitution. The division already made of the Island of St. John into Counties, Parishes, and Townships, will naturally suggest to you what ought to be established in respect to the places that should elect Representatives; and by a due attention to what has been found practicable and convenient in forming the like constitutions in the late established Colonies of Nova Scotia and Georgia, you cannot materially err in such other regulations incident to this institution as may be necessary, until the form of it, and the rules and methods of proceeding, can be more precisely defined by a permanent Law."

The House of Assembly is now, for the first time since its establishment, called upon to offer a construction upon the scope and meaning of this article of the Royal Instructions; and it appears to bear one widely different from what his Majesty's Council appears to have given it, with a view to uphold its novel claim.

It appears to this House, that his Majesty merely drew the attention of the Governor to a consideration of such places as he should cause Representatives to be elected from, and that by a due attention to what had been found practicable and convenient in the new Governments of Nova Scotia and Georgia, he could not materially err in forming such other regulations incident to the Institution, until

the forms and rules of proceeding could be fixed by a permanent law. In short, that Governor Patterson might make use of them as an example in what had there been found convenient, but not as a Rule.

The House of Assembly, however, is of opinion, that the best comment on this article of the Royal Instructions is the conduct of the Governor to whom they were addressed, and his proceedings under them.

Governor Patterson, in the first Session of the Legislature, held on the 7th day of July, 1773, addressed the Council and House of Assembly in the following words :

“As this is the first General Assembly which hath ever met in this Island, you will find it necessary to make many rules, orders, and forms, for the regulation of your proceedings, which I recommend to be the first business you take up, and that you will be governed in it, as far as situation and circumstances will allow, by the rules, orders, and forms, which have for so many ages, and to so high a pitch of glory, conducted the Parliament of Great Britain.” And at the same time, in addressing the House of Assembly, the Governor addressed it in the following words :

“Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

“As all laws by which any taxes are laid, or Revenue raised, must originate with you, if I thought it consistent with my duty to his Majesty, or in other words, conformable to the interest of this Island, in its present infant state, I would ask you to make some provision for the incidental services of this Government.”

This House has been regulated from that day, down to the present time, by such rules, forms, and order of proceeding, as was suggested in that speech.

The British Parliament was ever its model, and the House trusts that it may ever continue so to be ; and while it disclaims any thing like an assumption of the whole power of the British House of Commons' yet it trusts, that it will never be construed as a departure from the Royal Instructions, or as an undue assumption of authority, that it follows the rules, orders, and forms of proceeding, of the House of Commons, in passing its laws.

This House is quite aware of that part of the 17th article of the same Instructions, on which his Majesty's Council appears to have so much reliance, and which is in the following words : “That the greatest care should be taken, that no colour or pretence is given for the assumption of any powers or privileges by the said Lower House of Assembly which have not been allowed to Assemblies in our other Colonies, and that their mode of passing laws, and the exercise of that negative upon those laws which we have thought fit to reserve to you, by our Commission, under our Great Seal, do conform to, and correspond with, those regulations and restrictions which have been established in this respect in our other American colonies.”

It appears to the House of Assembly that this Instruction had not in view the regulation of any rule or order of proceeding as between the Assembly and the Council, but as related to the prerogative of the Crown, and the exercise of the negative reserved by the Governor's commission, on which the House trusts it is in no danger of ever making an encroachment.

His Majesty's Council, in its message, states, that it is well assured that no such power or privilege was ever conferred by the Royal Instructions on this House, or on any of the neighbouring Colonial Assemblies, of granting and appropriating the supplies to the Crown in the way claimed by this House in its Resolution of the 23d of March last. And the Council, in proof of this assertion, is pleased to

submit to the consideration of the House, an article of the Royal Instructions to the Governor of Nova-Scotia of the 13th March, 1756, to this purport,—that members of Colonial Assemblies had assumed to themselves privileges no way belonging to them, such as being protected from suits at law, and that Assemblies had adjourned themselves at pleasure, without leave from the Governor first allowed, and others had taken upon them the sole framing of money bills, refusing to let the Council alter or amend the same, and that it was his Majesty's pleasure, that the Council of Nova-Scotia should have the like power of framing money bills as the Assembly.

The House of Assembly cannot help expressing its surprise, that the Royal Instructions alluded to should now have been brought forward with a view to influence the present question, inasmuch as it bears a date 17 years prior to the existence of the Legislature of this Colony, and which the House believes was never known or heard of within the Island before it was announced in the message of his Majesty's Council; and were it not for the respect which this House owes to every statement, in matter of fact, which comes from his Majesty's Council, its authenticity might well have been doubted of, more particularly when it is well known that in the very Colony where such instruction is supposed to be in force, no practice of the kind exists, but on the contrary, that all money bills originate with the House of Assembly.

The House of Assembly laments to find, that in a claim so new and unprecedented as that which has been made by his Majesty's Council, it should found it on matters both foreign and obsolete, and that it should be thought necessary in addition to these, to resort to the very foundation of our Legislature to uphold by new glosses and constructions, a claim which never was heard of till the 27th of October, 1825.

The House of Assembly finds no such article in the Royal Instructions to Governor Patterson, nor in those to Lord William Campbell, to which he was referred for examples and precedents, as that extraordinary one alluded to by the message of his Majesty's Council, and said to have been directed to the Governor of Nova-Scotia in the year 1756, giving the Council a power to originate money bills—the conclusion of the House is, that by its being omitted in these Instructions, and every subsequent one, his Majesty must have been advised to omit it. The House is confirmed in this conclusion by the 19th article of the Instructions to Governor Patterson, which proves clearly, that the King looked for grants of money from the House of Assembly alone, and which is in the following words :

“It will however be your duty, as soon as a General Assembly is formed, to recommend this matter to the House of Representatives, and require them in our name to grant us such Revenue, as may amount to all the expences of Government on some certain estimate;”—and the speech of Governor Patterson to the House of Assembly in its first Session, is quite in conformity to this Instruction.

The House has not failed to remark in the message of his Majesty's Council, a studied omission of all mention of the usage and practice of this Legislature, and a constant reference to the practice of adjoining Colonies, or neighbouring Colonies, as if this Legislature had no rules, usages, or practices of its own to refer to, or as if these were quite unworthy of consideration. His Majesty's Council cannot surely have forgotten, that the House of Assembly did, by the mouth of its Speaker, in the first Session of the present General Assembly, claim all its ancient rights and privileges, and that his Excellency the

Lieut. Governor in answer thereto, did "most willingly grant them all their privileges in as full a manner as they have at any time been granted or allowed by any former Governor of this Island."

One of these most important privileges is the granting supplies to the Crown, and limiting and appointing the uses, ends, and purposes of such grants, with the assent no doubt of his Majesty's Council; and the House cannot offer a better proof of all grants of money being the gift and grant of the Assembly, than the ancient practice of such bills being presented by the Speaker to the Lieut. Governor for his acceptance.

That it is now, for the first time, proposed to this House, that it should regulate its proceedings by the usages and practices of another Colony, of which it knows nothing, and were it to accede to what his Majesty's Council is pleased to suggest, it would draw the Legislature of this Island into an ignominious dependence on the usages of another Colony, of which it is, and hath been, quite independent.

That the House of Assembly does not believe that it claims any higher powers than many other Colonial Assemblies, and that it knows of no practice of any existing Assembly, except that of Nova Scotia, which affords the least support to the pretensions of his Majesty's Council.

It has been further urged in the message from his Majesty's Council, that the House does originate money votes without recommendations from the King's Representative, and therefore exercises a greater power in that respect than the House of Commons possess.

The House of Assembly thinks it necessary most explicitly to deny the assertion of his Majesty's Council in this matter; it neither claims the power nor exercises it, of voting any supplies, unless these are either approved of, or suggested by the King's Representative; and the House trusts, that it will never encroach on his Majesty's prerogative, wherein it holds the liberty of the subject to be as much interested, as in the upholding of the privileges of this House.

That the House considers the remark of his Majesty's Council, that it is their duty to guard against any appropriations however desirable, which may exceed the disposable funds of the Island, and thereby lead to embarrassment—as quite inapplicable, and containing, by implication, a censure on this House.

The House of Assembly considers the observation of his Majesty's Council as uncalled for and unfounded, more particularly when it is borne in mind, that all the experience the House has yet had, has confirmed its calculations of the produce of the supply, and that it has been fully adequate to the appropriation; and the House entertains no doubt, that the bills passed by it during the present Session, would, if assented to, raise a revenue equal to all its appropriations.

The House of Assembly, in claiming the right to appropriate the monies which it has raised, exercises no novel privilege, for from the earliest period of the Colony the practice of this House has been, either to vote the supply and the appropriation in the same bill, or to vote the supply in one bill and to appropriate it in another bill. The charge of novelty, therefore, belongs not to the House, but to the claim of his Majesty's Council alone.

The House of Assembly seeks for no more than the ancient undisputed usage which hath been exercised in granting supplies to the crown, from the earliest period of its Legislature down to the last day of the last Session of the House of Assembly.

This House cannot conclude its observations on the

message of his Majesty's Council without this remark, that it will ever feel a satisfaction and pride, that from the commencement of the Legislature, the British Parliament has been adopted and followed as its model, and that though the House owes its existence to the benevolence of his Majesty, and knows that it is part of a subordinate Legislature, yet it equally bears in mind, that his Majesty's Council is so too, and that if the House exercises no higher powers, in matters of supply, than the House of Commons, so it is hoped, that his Majesty's Council might have rested satisfied with such authority as the British Peers have in a like matter.

The House of Assembly most deeply laments, that his Majesty's Council should have originated this novel claim, from which it is feared that no public good can arise, and that it may interrupt, if insisted on, that harmony between the two branches of the Legislature, which is so essential to the public service; and the House must here observe, that its good disposition to grant the requisite supplies has not been confined to words, but has been proved by its acts in the present Session. A bill of supply granting £1700* has been passed by the Assembly, of which it knows nothing further than that a public newspaper gives it the information that it has been rejected by his Majesty's Council. A bill of supply of 2½ per cent upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into the Island, is in the course of being lost by the present unhappy claim of the Council.

There are two other money bills passed by the House, which it is still willing to hope may not be ultimately lost, and which comprehend the main supplies of the year.

Although these two bills were originally incorporated in one, yet at the suggestion of his Majesty's Council, at a conference, it was agreed that it should be rejected, and that two other bills might be brought in, which the Assembly readily agreed to, although attended with considerable labour, it being unwilling to stand upon punctilios, and ready to concede all minor matters, which did not touch directly its rights and privileges, and which might tend to conciliate his Majesty's Council.

Whatever may be the fate of these bills, the House of Assembly will, after a Session of much application, have the consolation to know, that it has left nothing undone to afford liberal aids and supplies to the crown, for the use of the Colony.

C. DESBRISAY, Clerk H. A.

Assembly Room, May 5th, 1827.

Mr. Cameron was directed to carry up the said message to his Majesty's Council.

A message from his Majesty's Council, by *Mr. Carmichael*, their clerk, with the following bills, agreed to, viz.

A bill intituled "an act to revive, alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty; intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of

this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, exported from this Island, and to appropriate the monies thereby granted."

A bill intituled "an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for encreasing the Revenue, by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea, and to appropriate the monies thereby granted."

Also, the following bill, not agreed to: A bill intituled "an act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a duty of Impost on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Island, and for appropriating the monies thereby granted."

On motion, it was ordered, that the message sent up to his Majesty's Council this day, in answer to their message of the 3d instant, be printed.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, May 7, 1827.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

On motion, it was ordered, that the Acts passed this Session, be printed in the Prince Edward Island Register, with a little delay as possible.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. Campbell do wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, with the Resolution of this House of the 4th inst. on the subject of J. B. Palmer, Esq. a Solicitor in the Court of Chancery:—who having accordingly waited on his Excellency, returned, and reported, that his Excellency was pleased to say, he would take the matter into consideration.

His Majesty's Council sent down the following bill, agreed to, viz. A bill intituled "an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 52d year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act for raising a fund to keep and repair the Pumps, Wells, Streets of Charlotte-Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The House of Assembly having taken consideration the incidental expences of this Session, allowed the same as follows: the Reverend *Louis Charles Perkins*, Chaplain to the House

Assembly,	£25 0 0
<i>Charles Desbrisay</i> , Clerk to the House of Assembly, for his services, Stationary, &c.	99 6 4
<i>James Douglas Hazzard</i> , Interpreter to the House of Assembly, for his services this Session,	53 10 0
<i>John Robinson</i> , Sergeant at Arms, for his services as such to the House of Assembly, 49 days at 7s. per day—also for providing fuel, table cloth, &c.	23 6 0

Mr. George Mabey, for his services as Messenger to the House, 49 days at 6s. 6d. per day—also for carting books, 16 0 6

William Birch, as Door-keeper to the House, 49 days at 5s. per day—and cutting wood, cleaning Assembly room, &c. 12 17 0

Ordered, that the foregoing account be sent up to his Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

A message from his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, by *George Richard Goodman*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

"It is the command of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that this Honorable House do attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber."

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, when his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following bills:

I. A bill intituled "an act for regulating Apprentices."

II. A bill intituled "an act to amend an act made and passed in the 43d year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend an act intituled an act to prevent the running at large of Rams at improper seasons."

III. A bill intituled "an act to establish an Assize of Bread within the Town and Royalty of Charlotte-Town."

IV. A bill intituled "an act to ascertain the population of the Island."

V. A bill intituled "an act to regulate Appeals from the Courts of Justices of the Peace in this Island, in amendment of an act made and passed in the 13th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled an act for the more easy and speedy recovery of Small Debts."

VI. A bill intituled "an act to regulate the driving Carts, Carriages, Sleighs, and Carioles, on the Highways."

VII. A bill intituled "an act to continue and amend an act made and passed in the 59th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to regulate the sale of the Interest of Leaseholders when taken in Execution."

VIII. A bill intituled "an act to authorise the formation of a Fire Engine Company for the Town of Charlotte-Town."

IX. A bill intituled "an act to establish and regulate the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this Island in cases of Replevin."

Mr. Speaker then addressed his Excellency as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

I hold in my hand the bills which have passed both Houses for granting a supply for the support of his Majesty's Government.

I regret to say, that the extent of these Supplies is considerably short of what was intended by this House, by his Majesty's Council having declined giving their concurrence to three of our bills, which would, undoubtedly, have produced a considerable addition of revenue. It has been the anxious wish of this House to meet with confidence and effect, all your Excellency's measures for the improvement of the Island, and it has as far as possible, without conceding the rights of the Representatives of the people, yielded to the suggestions of his Majesty's Council in matters of supply. We had passed a bill for raising an assessment on land, and appropriated the produce thereof to building Gaols in the three Counties, in accordance with your Excellency's recommendation at the opening of the Session, and thereby to remove a grievance, that has been long and generally felt and complained of. The two principal bills of supply are appropriated to the same objects which received your Excellency's assent in the two last Sessions, with the exception of one additional article, recommended by your Excellency. Our last financial measure was, a bill to be intituled an act levying a duty of two and one half per cent upon all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, with certain exceptions; the produce of which it was our wish to appropriate towards enabling your Excellency to meet the expence of taking the census of our population, under the directions of the act of this Session authorizing that object, and in deference to your Excellency's recommendation at the opening of the Session, we appropriated two hundred and fifty pounds, towards encouraging and supporting the Agricultural Society, lately established; we also included an appropriation of sixty pounds towards a very important road; and lastly, we made an appropriation of ten shillings per diem, to the Members of this House, for their attendance during this laborious and lengthy Session. The bill has been rejected by his Majesty's Council, who have, in a message to the House, informed it, that the appropriation is not among the least of their objections to its receiving their concurrence.

His Excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:

X. A bill intituled "an act for raising a fund in aid of supporting the Light House on Cranberry Island."

XI. A bill intituled "an act to continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 52d year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act for raising a fund to make and keep in repair the Pumps, Wells, and Streets of Charlotte-Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

XII. A bill intituled "an act to revive, alter and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of the reign of his present Majesty, intituled an act for increasing the Revenue by levying an additional duty on all Wines, Gin, Brandy, Rum, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, imported into this Island, and to repeal and amend certain parts of an act passed in the 25th year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled an act to amend, render more effectual, and to reduce into one act, the several laws made by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors; and for allowing a Drawback upon all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors exported from this Island; and to appropriate the monies thereby granted."

XIII. A bill intituled "an act to revive, alter, and continue an act made and passed in the 6th year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled an act for increasing the Revenue by levying a duty on Tobacco and Tea; and to appropriate the monies thereby granted."

His Excellency was then 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;

I sincerely congratulate you upon your having brought the business of the present Session to a satisfactory termination, and that I am now enabled to release you from further attendance upon your public duties.

"I thank you for the continued attention you have paid to the various subjects recommended by me to your consideration at the commencement of your labours, and I assure you, that it will be my earnest study carefully to apply the means you have provided and placed at my disposal, to the several services for which they are appropriated."

The President of his Majesty's Council, by his Excellency's command, then said:

Gentlemen,—It is his Excellency's will and pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the second day of August next, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the second day of August next.

God save the King.