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PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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



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

J. WENTWORTH.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province, stands prorogued unto Thursday the Seventh of *January* next.

I have therefore thought fit further to prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY unto Thursday the Third of *March* next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business, of which all Persons concerned are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly:

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Halifax*, this 28th Day of *December* 1795; in the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. M. FREKE BULKELEY.

GOD save the KING.

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Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA.

Thursday, 3d March, 1796.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House, went up to attend his Excellency, And being returned,

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

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council;

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly;

IT is peculiarly satisfactory to me, that I should again on the assembling of the Legislature be called to congratulate you on the general Prosperity of the Province, which demands our humble Thankfulness to the supreme Giver of all Good.

Among the Blessings derived from this Source we cannot but instantly advert to the Preservation of the sacred Person of our most Gracious Sovereign from a late daring and atrocious Attempt, which excites the utmost Detestation in the Breast of every faithful Subject, and therefore must sensibly affect the good People of this Province, whose Loyalty and attachment to his Majesty, his Family and Government, has been truly conspicuous.

It will be a Matter of great Pleasure to You, that I communicate the good Effects of our Regulations respecting the provincial Revenue; which having answered the Expectations formed from them, in a desirable Reduction of the public Debt, and the new funded Debt being extinguished, induce me to recommend to your Consideration some Relief of his Majesty's Subjects from such of the existing Taxes as may be most judiciously dispensed with: It being always my Wish to diminish their Burthens, consistently with their general and permanent interests, and the support of Government, more especially, as I have the fullest Reliance in their Zeal, Liberality and Wisdom readily to supply for any future Exigencies

igencies that may arise. In these Arrangements you will at the same time keep in View the Expediency of providing for erecting of public Buildings and Bridges, improving of Roads, and encouraging Agriculture; and if means could be adopted for reducing the High Price of Bread, which at present falls heavy on the poorer Part of the Community, this, also may deserve your most serious Regard, to which I shall gladly give my Aid.

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

I shall with Confidence rely on your providing the Supplies necessary for his Majesty's Government; to which end all necessary Papers and Estimates shall be communicated, and you may depend on my best Care in applying your Grants.

Mr. *President* and *Gentlemen* of the *Council*.

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

My Experience of your Zeal, Wisdom, and good Temper in our legislative Proceedings, fully justifies me in expecting, that the same will distinguish your present Deliberations.

On Motion *Ordered*, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Howe*, be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellency's Speech.

Resolved, That no Petition of a private Nature be received after Monday the 14th Instant.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cochran*, Mr. *Mc Monagle*, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Dewolf*, and Mr. *Wallace*, be a Committee of this House for the Purpose of examining the public Accounts jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and reporting thereon, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A Message was received from the Council informing the House, they had appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this House to examine and report on the public Accounts, and that their Committee was ready to meet the Committee of this House in the Committee Room of the Council immediately.

Ordered, That the Committee do attend Accordingly.

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

Friday, 4th *March*, 1796.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee, appointed Yesterday, to draw up an Address; to be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as follows:

To HIS EXCELLENCY

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

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

The ADDRESS of the House of Representatives, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency.

WE his Majesty's faithful Commons of his loyal Province of *Nova-Scotia*, beg leave to approach your Excellency, with our sincere Thanks for your Speeches at the opening of this Session of the *General Assembly*,

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The great Prosperity and Happiness this Country enjoys under a mild well administered Government, and the interposition of divine Providence, in protecting our most gracious Sovereign, from the Effects of a late daring Attempt on his sacred Person, claim our most grateful Acknowledgements, to the supreme Author of all Good.

It is with great Satisfaction we learn, that the System of Revenue, heretofore adopted, has proved not only sufficient to supply the current Expences of the Government, but has effected so considerable a Reduction of the public Debt, as may enable the Legislature consistently with Prudence to relieve the good People of the Province, from some Part of the Burthens, which our former Exigencies rendered it necessary to impose : We shall however, in all Arrangements we may propose, keep in View, the necessary Services of erecting public Buildings and Bridges, making and improving Roads of Communication, and promoting Agriculture in the Country.

The present Scarcity and consequent high price of Grain in this, and all the neighbouring Countries is truly alarming, and must, unless some effectual Remedy is provided, bring great Distress on the less opulent Parts of the Community ; we shall therefore make it a Subject of immediate and very attentive Consideration, to devise and apply the most efficacious Means in our Power, to prevent or alleviate a Calamity so much to be deprecated.

We shall most cheerfully grant the Supplies necessary for the Support of his Majesty's Government, as we have the fullest Confidence, from past Experience, that they will be faithfully applied by your Excellency, to the Purposes for which they shall be appropriated.

Your Excellency may be assured, that we shall continue assiduously to cultivate that Harmony and good Understanding, which happily subsists between the different Branches of the Legislature, and that our best Endeavours shall be exerted to support the Honour of his Majesty's Government, and to advance the true Interests of the Province.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, do wait on his Excellency to know his Pleasure when he will be attended, by this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge* and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee to report what Laws are near expiring.

On Motion of Mr. *Sterns*, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration that part of his Excellency's Speech, which relates to the present high price of Bread.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same ; which Report the House agreed to.

The Treasurer pursuant to Order, presented to the House, an Account of all Monies

received by him into, and Payments made from the Provincial Treasury, from the 4th April 1795, to the 29th February 1796.

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

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

Saturday, 5th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, reported to the House, that his Excellency having been waited on pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, to know when he would be pleased to be attended by this House; had been pleased to appoint this Day at One o'Clock, at the Government House.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, which relates to the present high price of Bread.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows;

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed for the Purpose of preparing and bringing in a Bill, to prohibit for a limited Time, under certain Penalties the exportation of all kinds of Bread Corn, out of the province.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion, of this Committee that a Bounty should be allowed and paid on all Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Barley, Meal and Flour the growth of this Province, which shall be brought to Market and actually sold in certain Towns, to be designated during the Years 1796 and 1797; which Resolutions being severally read, a first and second time, were upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge* and Mr. *Pyke*, be a Committee to prepare, and bring in a Bill, agreeable to the first Resolution reported by the Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *Pyke* and Mr. *Archibald* be a Committee to prepare, and bring in a Bill agreeable to the last Resolution reported by the Committee.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That this House will on Monday next *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, which relates to the high Price of Bread.

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

And being returned,

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I cannot sufficiently express my grateful Sentiments on your truly obliging Address,

dress, which demands my sincerest Thanks. Nothing can afford me greater pleasure than your kind Consideration of my Endeavours for the public Good, and affectionate Expressions toward me, which you will be assured I reciprocate with You most cordially.

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

Monday, 7th March, 1796.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Tonge pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships of this Province, to raise Money by Assessment for public necessary Purposes*, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Order of the day being read:

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of that part of his Excellency's Speech; which relates to the present high price of Bread.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Belcher took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred; which Report the House agreed to.

The Resolution reported by the Committee was read, and is as follows;

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed for the Purpose of preparing, and bringing in a *Bill to ascertain a general Assize for Bread throughout the Province, and also for repealing the Laws now in force respecting the same*, which Resolution being read a first and second time, was upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Millidge, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Sterns, Mr. Pyke, and Mr. Wallace, be a Committee, to prepare, and bring in a Bill agreeable to the foregoing Resolution of the Committee.

Mr. Tonge, pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill to enable two or more Justices of the Peace to hold Plea in certain Actions of Trespass*, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

Tuesday, 8th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hartsborne, *reported* from the Committee, to whom the Bill to quiet and confirm the Possession of Lands within the Township of Digby was referred in the last Session;

Session, that the Committee had examined into the Matter thereof, and are of Opinion a Bill to that Effect should pass this House, which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Committee do prepare, and bring in a Bill accordingly,

The Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships of this Province, to raise Money by Assessment for public necessary purposes, also the Bill to enable two or more Justices of the Peace to hold Plea in certain Actions of Trespass, were severally read a second Time,

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

A Petition of Messrs. *Foreman* and *Grassie*, Merchants in behalf of *Richard Cumberland*, Esq; late Agent of this Province was presented by Mr. *Sterns*, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners are at present the lawful Attornies of the said *Richard Cumberland*, and as such authorized by him to receive for his Use, whatever Sums of Money may be due to him in the said Province. That the Petitioners have in their Possession, a Warrant on the Treasurer of the Province, in favour of the said *Richard Cumberland*, for the Sum of £100 Sterling, for his Services as Agent before mentioned, bearing date the second of *January* 1790. That by means of some Mistake or other Accident, the said Sum of £100, was neither paid to the said *Richard Cumberland* or his Agent, nor entered at the Treasury, as part of the new funded Debt, of the Province, agreeable to the Directions of the Law; in consequence of which, the Petitioners upon Application being made by them, in behalf of the said *Richard Cumberland*, were refused Payment of the same, by the Treasurer. That the Petitioners have also in their Possession, two other Warrants, on the Treasurer, in favor of the said *Richard Cumberland*, for his Service as aforesaid, each for the Sum of £100 Sterling, which said Sums of Money, were entered by Mistake, in the new funded Debt, as Currency of the Province, instead of Sterling, by means of which Mistake, the said *Richard Cumberland*, has not received the full Amount of the said two Warrants. And praying the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant Payment of the Amount of the first mentioned Warrant, as well as the Balance due on the two Warrants last mentioned, to the said *Richard Cumberland*.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Beleber* and Mr. *Sterns*, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same to the House.

A Petition of Messrs. *Foreman* and *Grassie* Merchants, in behalf of *George Murray*, Esq; Vice Admiral and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships of War on the Coast of America; was presented by Mr. *Sterns*, and read, setting forth: That in the Month of *June* last, a certain quantity of Claret Wine, was brought into *Halifax* in a French Ship of War called the *La Raison*, Prize to his Majesty's Frigates the *Tbetis* and *Huffar*. That the said Wine was received by your Petitioners; at the Request of the Captors, and deposited in their Stores, at *Halifax* aforesaid, under the inspection of the Officers of Excise. That in the Month of *July* his Majesty's Ships of War, then in the Port of *Halifax*, requiring a supply of Wine, application was made to the Petitioners by direction of the Admiral, for the Claret Wine before mentioned; That the Petitioners did accordingly sell the same to the Admiral for the Use of said Ships of War, the value thereof being fixed by Appraisment at One shilling per Gallon, and the provincial Duties imposed thereon at fifteen-pence per Gallon being secured by the Petitioners. That 3204 Gallons of the said Wine in Casks, were delivered by the Petitioners, under the Inspection of the said Officers of Excise to the different Ships of War, then in Port, and Receipts for the separate Quantities of Wine given by the Officers of each Ship, to the Petitioners, which Receipts if required, the Petitioners are ready to produce; and praying the House will take the

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Cafe into Consideration, and exempt the said Wine from Payment of the Provincial Duties.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hartshorne* pursuant to Order; presented a Bill to quiet and confirm the Possession of Lands within the Township of Digby, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Sterns* reported, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill to prohibit the Exportation of all kinds of Bread Corn, out of the Province; and accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Indian Corn, Flour, Rye, and Indian Corn Meal for a limited time, and the same was read a first Time.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

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

Wednesday, 9th March, 1796.

PRAYERS,

A Petition of *Richard John Uniacke*, his Majesty's Solicitor General, was presented by Mr. *Belcher*, and read; setting forth, that in the Month of June 1794, *Francis Green*, Esq; exhibited a Petition to this House, accompanied with an Affidavit of one *Benjamin Green*, and containing false and scandalous Accusations against the Petitioner. That in Consequencethereof, the Petitioner had presented to the House a Petition denying the Matter, stated in the Petition and Affidavit before mentioned to be true. That the House had appointed a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to request he would Order the Attorney General to apply to his Majesty's Supreme Court, for an Information against the Petitioner and other Persons named in the said *Francis Green's* Petition. That the Attorney-General, in Obedience to such Orders, did apply for an Information against the Petitioner and others, and after a full hearing, the Supreme Court, in Easter Term last, dismissed the Application, severely reprehending the Authors and Contrivers of an Accusation so false, malicious and unfounded. And praying the House will be pleased to remove the Stigma, which appears against the Petitioner on the Journals of the House, and also reimburse him for the great expence, and trouble he had been put to, in defending himself against the Prosecution.

A Petition of the Magistrates and Inhabitants of the Township of *Argyle*, was presented by Mr. *Skinner*, and read, setting forth; That the present Situation of the

Court House for the Townships; of *Argyle* and *Yarmouth*, is inconvenient for a majority of the Inhabitants of those Townships; and praying the House will take the same under their Consideration, and grant Relief in the Premises.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Bill to quiet and confirm the Possession of Lands within the Township of Digby, was read a second Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to prohibit the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Indian Corn, Flour, Rye and Indian Corn Meal, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him, to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills, which stood committed; which report the House agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Petition of Messrs. *Cox* and *Walter* of *Shelburne*, Merchants, was presented by Mr. *Humpbrys*, and read, setting forth. That the Petitioners in the Month of *July* 1793, exported in the Schooner *Elsy*, *Peter Robinson*, Master, from the Port of *Shelburne*, to the Island of *St. Peters*, four Puncheons of Rum, containing Four Hundred and Seventy three Gallons, the Duty on which was duly paid, or secured at the Excise-Office in *Liverpool*, as appeared by a Permit from the Collector of Impost and Excise of *Liverpool*, lodged in the Collector's Office at *Shelburne*. That the Petitioners obtained the necessary Vouchers for the said Rum being duly landed, at *St. Peters*, from the Naval Officer there, as well as the Master's Affidavit taken before the Collector of *Shelburne* aforesaid, which Papers were transmitted by the Petitioners to the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Revenue at *Halifax*, for the Purpose of obtaining a Drawback of the Duties on the said Rum. That the Petitioners have been deprived of receiving the said Drawback, as they apprehend, from the Papers above mentioned being mislaid in the Office of the said Commissioners; and praying the House will be pleased to examine into the Merits of their Case, and grant them Relief in the Premises.

A Petition of *Susanna Green*, Widow of the late *Benjamin Green*, Esq. deceased; was presented by Mr. *Belcher*, and read, setting forth; that the Petitioners late Husband was Treasurer of the Province for many years, and had discharged the Duties of his Office with Integrity, and to the Satisfaction of the Public. That immediately after the decease of her said Husband, the Joint Treasurers with the Honourable *Alex. Bryme*, examined his Books and Accounts, and stated a balance due from him to the Public, which the Petitioner immediately discharged, since which by a further Examination into his Books and Accounts the sum of £150 more, has been stated as a

Balance, part of which the House remitted, but the Remainder is yet demanded from the Petitioner, who is left with a numerous Family of Children, and is unable to pay the same without selling Part of the real Estate of her late Husband, which is all the Petitioner has to support herself and family; and praying the House will be pleased to take the Services of her late Husband, and her distressed Situation into Consideration, and grant such Relief in the Premises as to them may seem meet.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

An engrossed Bill to prohibit the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Flour, Rye, and Indian Corn Meal, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to prohibit the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Flour, Rye and Indian Corn Meal.*

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships of this Province, to raise Money by Assessment for public necessary purposes to the next Session. And that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the Bills, which stood committed; which report the House, agreed to.

On Motion of Mr. Millidge, *Ordered*, That Mr. Millidge, Mr. McMonagle, and Mr. Hart, be a Committee to report such Alterations and Amendments as may appear to them expedient to be made, in the Licence Duty Acts.

The Clerk to the Commissioners of the Revenue, pursuant to Order, presented to the House a general Account of the Duties on all Articles imported and exported in the Port of Halifax, and also an Account of all articles subject to Duty, stored and issued for his Majesty's Navy; between the 1st January and 31st December 1795.

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

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

Thursday, 10th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Hector Maclean, Esq; for behalf of himself, and the Freeholders of the Township of Douglass, was presented by Mr. Sterns, and read; setting forth that a Tract of Land comprehending nearly the whole of the said Township, was granted in trust to John Small, Esq; in the Year 1783, for the Use of the Officers and Soldiers of the 84th Regiment. That a great number of the Persons for whom the said Tract of Land was granted, did quit the Province before the Survey and Location was completed, and in consequence thereof, a number of Settlers were admitted, not included in the deed in Trust, and lots of Land in like manner, as to the Soldiers, who actually did settle, were laid out and possession given to them. That many of these

these Settlers have made great Improvements, and resided on these Lands for several Years, not apprehending that there exists any kind of defect in their different Titles. That the Petitioners conceive the interposition of the Legislature only can secure the Property to those of the latter description of Freeholders, as well as the others for whom the Grant in trust has been granted: and praying the House will be pleased to take their Case into consideration, and appoint a Committee to examine into and report on the same in the next Session, or grant such other relief in the Premises, as as they may deem fit; and thereupon.

On Motion *Ordered*, that the Petition be referred to Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Dimock*, who are to examine into the Merits thereof, and report thereon to to this House in their next Session.

Mr. *Millidge* reported from the Committee appointed to prepare a *Bill for ascertaining a general Assize for Bread throughout the Province*, and accordingly presented a *Bill to regulate the Assize of Bread*, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to enable one or more Justices of the Peace, to hold plea in certain Actions of Trespafs, and had agreed to the same, with some amendments. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to quiet and confirm the possession of Lands in the Township of *Digby*, and had agreed to the same without Amendment; which Bills they had directed him to report to the house, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the said Bills and Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, and thereupon Mr. *Tonge* moved, that the report of the Committee so far as its relates to the Bill to enable one or more Justices of the Peace to hold plea in certain Actions of Trespafs, be not agreed to by this House, and that the said Bill be rejected, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion seven, against it sixteen.

For the Motion.

Mr. *Tonge*,
Mr. *Belcher*,
Mr. *Maclean*,
Mr. *Howe*,
Mr. *Archibald*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *Bolman*,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *James*,
Mr. *Schwartz*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *Hartshorne*,
Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Northup*,
Mr. *Pyke*,
Mr. *Freeman*,
Mr. *Lusbie*,
Mr. *Moody*,
Mr. *Baxter*,
Mr. *M'Elbinney*,
Mr. *Rutherford*,
Mr. *Leonard*,
Mr. *Emrie*,

So it passed in the Negative.

The Amendments to the Bill above mentioned, were then read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

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

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Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill intituled, *an Act to regulate Juries*, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time,

A Petition of *Joshua Sanford, John Smith, Daniel McNeil*, and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Newport* and *Douglas*, and the adjacent District called the Man of War Land, was presented by Mr. *Dimock*, and read ; setting forth, That the Petitioners experience very great inconvenience in their intercourse with the other parts of the County, to which they belong, and the Capital of the Province, by the want of Bridges over the Rivers *Kentcook* and *Cockmegun*, the passage of which is at most times difficult, and at some Seasons absolutely impracticable. That the settled Lands on the North sides of those Rivers from their contiguity to *Halifax*, would afford very extensive Supplies to that Market were the difficulties of the Communication removed by means of Bridges, and that there is yet unlocated a Tract of sixty square Miles in the District called the Man of War Land, which the Petitioners are convinced would very speedily be settled, was a free access given by these means to the Capital, and the settled parts of the Country. That considering the Advantages to be derived from the erection of these Bridges the Petitioners have subscribed to the amount of £.300 towards the Accomplishment of that work, which Sum is insufficient for the purpose : and praying the House will be pleased to grant them such Aids to attain an Object of so much public Utility, as to them may seem meet.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Friday, 11th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Lawrence Hartshorne*, Agent for the Officers and Crew of his Majesty's Ship *Argonaut*, was presented by Mr. *Belcher*, and read ; setting forth, That in the month of *December* last past, Thirty Eight Cases of Claret Wine, and two and a half pipes of Madeira Wine, containing in all four Hundred and Ninety-nine Gallons and one half Gallon, were laden on board his Majesty's said Ship, for the supply of the Officers then ordered on Service to the *West Indies*. That the said Ship failed immediately for the *West Indies*, carrying the said Wine on board her, and has not since returned : That the Duties imposed by Law on the said Wines were secured with the Collectors of the Provincial Revenue, and praying the House will order the Duties on the same to be remitted on Security being given in the amount of the said Duties, that the said Wine shall not be reloaded in this Province.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Major *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill to encourage the killing of Bears, Loup Cervies and Wild Cats* ; and the same was read a first Time, and thereupon, Mr. *Tonge* moved, that the Bill be rejected, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Petition of *Jonathan Tremain*, and others, was presented by Mr. *Wallace*, and read ;

read ; setting forth, That a Communication between the Metropolis, and the opposite Shore of the Harbour of *Halifax*, by means of a convenient and safe Bridge of Boats or other practicable Structure, from near the black Rock on the Eastern side to a landing, immediately to the Northward of the Naval Hospital on the Western side, would greatly contribute to the public Benefit of both Town and Country. That such a Communication would directly encourage and promote the Population, Agriculture and Improvement of the Eastern and North East parts of the Province, consequently facilitate and increase the transportation of Provisions, Fuel and other Products of the Country to Market. That the Petitioners in conjunction with a respectable Number of other Freeholders, are desirous to undertake, and to construct, at their own Risk, Charge and Expence, a safe and commodious Bridge, in such a Manner, as to be fit to pass over with Horses and Cattle of all Sorts, Carriages loaded or unloaded, and foot Passengers at the same time, so as not or obstruct to impede the passage of Ships and Vessels of any size to, and from the Basin. And praying, that an Act may pass this present Sessions, authorising the Petitioners forthwith to construct and erect the said Bridge, and to grant to them, their Heirs and Assigns, an exclusive Right, Interest and Privilege in the same, when completed ; to levy and receive a reasonable Toll for the Passage over said Bridge, for the space of Ninety Years, from the time of its being completed, so as to reimburse them for the risk and expence of Building and keeping it in substantial Repair, and likewise for the Interest of their Money so to be advanced, with such other Aid, as the Wisdom and liberality of the House may deem proper to render said Undertaking effectual, for the purpose intended ; it being understood, that at the expiration of the said term of Ninety Years, the Petitioners or their Heirs are to surrender all their Right and Title in the said Bridge, and the public landings at each End thereof to the Public for ever, and thereupon, Mr. *Wallace*, moved for leave, to bring in a Bill conformably to the Prayer of the said Petition, which the House agreed to.

The Bill to regulate the Assize of Bread, also

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, an Act to regulate Juries; were severally read a second Time,

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

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill intituled, an Act to prohibit the exportation of *Wheat, Rye, Barley, Indian Corn, Flour, Rye, and Indian Corn Meal*, with some Amendments ; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

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

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Howe* and Mr. *Sterns*.

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

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

And being returned,

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

An engrossed Bill *to quiet and confirm the Possession of Lands in the Township of Digby*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be *an Act to quiet and confirm the Possession of Lands in the Township of Digby*.

An engrossed Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, intituled *an Act for the Limitation of Actions, and for avoiding Suits of Law*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, intituled, *an Act for the limitation of Actions and for avoiding suits of Law*.

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

On Motion of Mr. Millidge, *ordered*; That Mr. Sterns, Mr. Millidge, Mr. McMognagle, Mr. James, and Mr. Hartshorne, be a Committee to report to the House, the Propriety of establishing and laying out a Road from the River *Niſtor* in the County of *Annapolis* to the Town of *Halifax*.

Mr. Tonge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill *to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to raise Money by Assessment, for the Establishment and Support of public Schools*, and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. Sterns, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the sixth year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act for regulating the times and places of holding the several Courts of Justice therein named*, also,

A Bill in Addition to an Act, made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign intituled, *an Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned*, and the same were severally read a first Time.

Resolved, That the said Bills be read a second Time.

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

Saturday, 12th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of the Justices and Grand Jury of the District of *Piſcou*, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read; setting forth, that from the badness of the Roads throughout that District, the Settlers labour under many Inconveniences. That the Petitioners beg leave to represent the absolute Necessity there is, for additional labour being done on the public Roads, in so late settled, a part of the Province, and praying the House will pass an Act, authorizing the Justices and Grand Jury in their *General Sessions*, to assess on the Inhabitants and absent Proprietors within that District, such Sums of Money, or adequate portions of Labour, as they shall from time to time judge necessary for the purpose aforesaid; and thereupon, Mr. Hartshorne moved, for leave to bring in a Bill, conformably to the prayer of the Petition, which the House, agreed to.

A Bill *to encourage the killing of Bears, Loup Cerviers and wild Cats*, also

A Bill, *to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to raise Money by Assessment for the establishment and Support of public Schools*, also

A Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign intituled, *an Act for regulating the Times and places of holding the several Courts therein named*; and also,

A Bill in Addition to, an Amendment of an Act, passed in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, for the raising Money by Presentment in the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned*; were severally read a second Time.

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

Mr. *Humphrys*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Shelburne, to raise Monies for the supplying the Wells of the said Town with Pumps, and for the keeping of them in Repair, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act intituled, *an Act for the Limitation of Actions and for avoiding suits of Law*; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House. And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported*, from the Committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to encourage the killing of Bears, Loup Cerviers and Wild Cats to the next Session. That the Committee had gone through the Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province for the defraying certain County charges therein mentioned*, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in, at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Bills to them referred, and thereupon,

Mr. *Millidge* moved, that the report of the Committee so far as it relates to the Bill to encourage the killing of Bears, &c. be not agreed to by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 12, Against it 14.

For the Motion.

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| Mr. <i>Millidge</i> , | Mr. <i>Lusbie</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Hartshorne</i> , | Mr. <i>Howe</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Skinner</i> , | Mr. <i>McElbinney</i> , |
| Mr. <i>James</i> , | Mr. <i>Rutherford</i> , |
| Mr. <i>McMonagle</i> , | Mr. <i>Archibald</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Freeman</i> , | Mr. <i>Leonard</i> , |

Against the Motion.

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| Mr. <i>Moody</i> , | Mr. <i>Dimock</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Bolman</i> , | Mr. <i>Embrie</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Pyke</i> , | Mr. <i>Tonge</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Baxter</i> , | Mr. <i>Maclean</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Hart</i> , | Mr. <i>Humphrys</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Northrup</i> , | Mr. <i>Belcher</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Sterns</i> , | Mr. <i>Schwartz</i> . |

So it passed in the Negative.

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The House then agreed to the report of the Committee, and the Amendments to the Bill, as passed by them were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Cosbran*, reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council to examine the public Accounts, that the Committee had drawn up a special report, relating to the Capitation Tax; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it, in, at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows;

That there has been paid into the Treasury on Account of the Capitation Tax, since the 20th *March* 1795.

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| By the Collectors of | <i>Liverpool</i> , | - | - | £31 | 19 | 8 |
| | <i>Lunenburg</i> , | - | - | 115 | 18 | 0 |
| County of <i>Halifax</i> . | { <i>Piñon and Merrigemise</i> , | - | £33 2 4½ | 156 | 10 | 6½ |
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| | { <i>Colchester</i> , | - | 53 8 2 | | | |
| | <i>Shelburne</i> , | - | - | 63 | 11 | 8½ |
| | <i>Sydney</i> . | - | - | 31 | 7 | 10 |
| | <i>Hants</i> , | - | - | 39 | 16 | 0½ |
| | <i>Annapolis</i> , | - | - | 122 | 5 | 4½ |
| <i>King's County</i> , | { Remitted | - | £63 0 0 | 112 | 12 | 0 |
| | { In Collectors hands | - | 49 12 0 | | | |
| | <i>Cumberland</i> , | - | - | 43 | 15 | 0 |
| Total collected | | | | £.717 | 16 | 2 |

And thereupon, on Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to examine all Papers, relating to the Collection of the Capitation Tax, together with the above Report of the Committee of public Accounts, and also how far the Provisions of the several Acts; relating to the said Tax have been complied with, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Lusbie*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Archibald*, and Mr. *Hart*, be a Committee accordingly.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled, an Act in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act intitled, *an Act for the limitation of Actions, and for avoiding suits of Law*; into consideration; and the said Amendments being read a first and second Time, were upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Monday, 14th *March*, 1796.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Moody*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the killing of Wolves, Bears, Loup Cerveirs and Wild Cats, and the same was read a first time, and thereupon Mr. *Hartshorne* moved, that the Bill be dismissed, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

On Motion, *resolved*, that the said Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly,

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

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, for raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for defraying County Charges therein mentioned*, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, for raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned*.

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

A Petition of *John Schneider*, and others, Bakers, residing in *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Sterns*, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners are apprehensive they will be materially injured if the Bill, intituled an Act, to regulate the Assize of Bread now before the House, should be enacted into a Law, agreeable to the present Tenor of the same, and praying the House will be pleased to take into their Consideration the objections the Petitioners have to offer against the said Bill, and grant such relief therein, as they may deem proper.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to a Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill therein mentioned is committed.

A Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Shelburne, to raise Monies for the supplying the Wells of the said Town with Pumps, was read a second Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to an Act, made in the 5th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act, *for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned* without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill, from the Council, intituled *an Act, to regulate Furies*; and also through the Bill *to encourage the killing of Wolves, Bears, Loup Cerviers and Wild Cats*, and had made several Amendments thereunto respectively; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments, in, at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted

acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills to them referred, and thereupon,

Mr. *McMonagle*, moved; that the Report of the Committee so far as it relates to the Bill last mentioned, be not agreed to by the House; which being seconded and put, passed in the Negative.

The Report of the Committee was then agreed to by the House, and the Amendments to the Bill were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, also agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill to encourage the killing of Wolves, Bears, Loup Cerviers, and Wild Cats, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled an Act, to regulate Juries, be read a third time to morrow.

On Motion, Resolved, That a present further conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the Conference had with the Council, on Saturday last, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

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

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

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

And being returned,

Mr. *Howe* reported, the Substance of the said Conference to the House, and thereupon.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments, made by the Council, to the Bill intituled an Act to prohibit the exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Indian Corn, Flour, Rye and Indian Corn Meal, into consideration, and the said Amendments, being read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

A petition of *Louis Ettinger*, was presented by Mr. *Tonge*, and read setting forth; That the Petitioner was a Collector of the Capitation Tax, in the Township of *Douglafs* for the Year 1794. That he had collected four Pounds of the said Tax, in the said Township which was allotted to him to collect; That he was called on by the Collector of Impost and Excise at *Windsor*, to pay the Monies he had collected. That in complying with the requisition of the said Collector, he had the misfortune to be thrown off his Horse into a River, he had necessarily to pass; whereby he lost the Money he had so collected; which event he made known to the Justices in their Sessions and applied for relief, who referred the Petitioner to this House, and praying the House will be pleased to take his case into consideration, and discharge him from making good the said Money.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 15th March, 1796.

PRAYERS,

An Engrossed Bill, to encourage the killing of Wolves, Bears, Loup Cerviers and Wild Cats, was read the third time, and thereupon Mr. *McMonagle*, moved, That

That the said Bill do not pass; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Ten, against it Nineteen.

For the Motion.

Mr. McMonagie,
Mr. James,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Leonard,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Bulkeley,
Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Bolman,

Against the Motion.

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| Mr. Moody, | Mr. Pyke, |
| Mr. Embrie, | Mr. Howe, |
| Mr. Dimock, | Mr. Schwartz, |
| Mr. Tonge, | Mr. Humphrys, |
| Mr. McElbinny, | Mr. Northrup, |
| Mr. Freeman, | Mr. Dickson, |
| Mr. Lusbie, | Mr. Maclean, |
| Mr. Hart, | Mr. Belcher, |
| Mr. Rutherford, | Mr. Campbell, |
| Mr. Baxter, | |

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, that the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to encourage the killing of Wolves, Bears, Loup Cerviers and Wild Cats.*

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

Resolved, That this House will on Saturday next the 19th Instant, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the several private Petitions, now before the House.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled *an Act to regulate Juries*, was read the third time.

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the same, with some Amendments.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, by direction of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered to the House, several Letters containing a Correspondence between his Excellency and Vice Admiral *Murray*, on the Subject of granting a Drawback of the Provincial Duties on 3024 Gallons Wine, purchased by Order of the Admiral, and issued to his Majesty's Ships under his Command; and also for exempting all Wines from the said Duties that may in future be so issued, or purchased by the Officers of the Navy on this Station, for their own Use, and the same were read.

Ordered, That they do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Dewolf* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Bill to regulate the Assize of Bread, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same, and also of the several Bills, which stood committed; which Report the House agreed to.

Mr. *Cochran* *reported*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council to examine the public Accounts, and read the Report in his place; and afterwards delivered the same, in, at the Clerk's Table where it was again read, and is as follows, viz :

The Committee of his Majesty's Council and *House of Assembly*, upon the public Accounts Report :

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| <i>Treasury.</i> | <p>That the Treasurer's Accounts have been received up to the 29th <i>February</i> last, properly stated and correct with Vouchers for all Charges and Discharges; The Balance in his Hands on that Day arising from the various Duties and Taxes paid into the Treasury is - £3,998 13 2</p> | |
| <i>Collectors of Impost and Excise, Halifax.</i> | <p>Their Accounts have been received up to 31st <i>December</i> last: They have paid into the Treasury since 26th <i>March</i> 1795, £11,183 10 0, and there now remains in their Hands, Securities for duties to the amount of - £.22,353 1 0</p> | |
| <i>Collector of Hants.</i> | <p>His Accounts have been received up to the 31st <i>December</i> last, are correct and properly stated, and he has paid into the Treasury since the 26th <i>March</i> last - - - £16 11 9</p> <p>No Balance appears to remain in his Hands, or to be due from that District on account of Impost and Excise Duties</p> | |
| <i>Collector of King's County.</i> | <p>His Accounts have been received up to 31st <i>December</i> last, which appears to be correct, and he has paid into the Treasury since 26th <i>March</i>, 1795. - - - £207 0 0</p> <p>Securities remain in hands to be collected and remitted to the amount of - - -</p> | £63 2 7 |
| <i>Collector of Lunenburg.</i> | <p>Blank returns have been made from that District up to the 31st <i>December</i> last, there being no dutiable Goods entered there during that Period.</p> | |
| <i>Collector of Colchester.</i> | <p>His Accounts have been received up to the 31st <i>December</i> last, and he has paid into the Treasury since 26th <i>March</i>, 1795. - - - £56 7 4</p> <p>No Balance or Securities appear to remain with him at this Time, on Account of Impost and Excise Duties.</p> | |
| <i>Collector of Liverpool.</i> | <p>His Accounts have been received up to 31st <i>December</i> 1795, properly stated; he has remitted from the Balance in his Hands on 26th <i>March</i> last, and his Collection since that period, £602 10 0 and there remains in his Hands to be collected and remitted - - -</p> | £914 16 8 |
| <i>Collector of Shelburne.</i> | <p>His Accounts have been received up to 31st <i>December</i> 1795, properly stated and he has remitted to the Treasury since 26th <i>March</i> last from his former Balance and Collections since. £283 19 3</p> <p>There remains now in his Hands Securities taken previous to the 31st <i>December</i> last, to be collected and remitted amounting to - - -</p> | £603 14 6 |
| <i>Collector of Cumberland.</i> | <p>NOTE; he has remitted to the Treasury since the Treasurer's Accounts have been rendered £200 0 0</p> <p>No Accounts from that District, but the Treasurer has received from <i>Edward Barron, Esq</i>; since the 26th <i>March</i> last - - -</p> | £3 3 4 |
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Brought over £.1581 13 9

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| Sydney. | No Account, or Remittance from that District. | |
| Collector of Annapolis. | { His Accounts have been received up to the 31st December 1795, and it appears, that he has remit- ted to the Treasury since the 26th March, last, - - - - - £137 5 7½ A Balance now remains in his Hands to be remit- ted exclusive of Securities to be collected, of which no Account has been received, amounting to | £32 2 0 |
| Capitation Tax. | { Collected since the 26th March 1795, per report already made to the House - - - - - 717 16 0 | |
| Collector of Sambro Light House. | { His Accounts have been received up to 31st De- cember 1795, and the Nett Collections during the preceding Twelve Months, amount to £522 16 4 A Balance remains in the Collectors Hands of | £37 8 2 |
| Shelburne Light House. | { Accounts have been received from the 31st De- cember 1794, to 31st December last, and the Nett Sum collected during that period is only £50 1 4 as there does not appear to be any Collection of Light Money from the Port of Liverpool, which is comprehended in Shelburne District. | |
| Transient Poor. | { The Sum of £150 has been drawn for since March last, which leaves a balance due from the Province to the Town of Halifax, of £250 0 0 | |
| Governor's Contingencies. | { The Sum voted for that Service last Sessions, has been drawn for and expended | |

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HENRY NEWTON,
CHARLES MORRIS, } Committee of Council:

WILLIAM COCHRAN,
JOHN M'MONAGLE,
ELISHA DEWOLF,
JONATHAN STERNS,
MICHAEL WALLACE, } Committee of the House of Assembly:

A State of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, March 1796. Contra, Cr.

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| <p>Dr.</p> <p>To the amount of the Old Funded Debt due to the present Stockholders 16,880 0 0</p> <p>To Do. of the New Funded Debt uncalled for 773 7 9</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>17,653 7 9</u></p> <p>To three Months Interest upon the Old Funded Debt due the 31st <i>March</i>, 253 4 0</p> <p>Demands on Government for Salaries, &c. due 31st <i>March</i>. 1000 0 0</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>£18,906 11 9</u></p> | <p>By Balance due from the Estate of <i>Benjamin Green</i>, By Cash in the Treasury on the 1st <i>March</i>, By Securities in the Hands of the Collectors of Import and Excise for <i>Halifax</i> District, on the 31st <i>December</i> last, £22,353 1 0 Deduct for Drawbacks, &c. 12 353 1 0</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>10,000 0 0</u></p> <p>By Balance unremitted and Securities in the Hands of the Out Port Collectors that have rendered Accounts £1613 15 9</p> <p>By Balance in the hands of the Collectors of <i>Sambro</i> Light 37 8 2</p> <p>By Balance of Bonds under Execution, and Outstanding Debts in the hands of the Attorney-General 1,013 0 0</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>16,823 15 2</u> <u>2,082 16 7</u> <u>£18,906 11 9</u></p> |
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Committee of Public Accounts, *Halifax*, 15th *March*, 1796.

WILLIAM COCHRAN,
JOHN M'MONAGLE,
ELISHA DEWOLF,
JONATHAN STERNS,
MICHAEL WALLACE,

} Committee of the House of Assembly.

{ HENRY NEWTON,
CHARLES MORRIS.

Ordered,

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

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

Wednesday, 16th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hartshorne pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to enable the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury in the District of Picou, to Assess the Inhabitants of that District for the repairs of the Roads, within the same; and the said Bill was read a first Time.

On Motion Resolved, that the Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly.

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

Mr. Tonge pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the relief of James Kavanagh, of Halifax Merchant; and the same was read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to Mr. Millidge, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Sterns, Mr. James and Mr. Campbell, who are to examine into the Matter thereof, and report thereon to this House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, Intituled an Act, to encourage the killing of Wolves, Bears, Loup Cerviers and Wild Cats, with some Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to enable the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury in the District of Picou, to assess the Inhabitants of that District for the repairs of the Roads within the same; and also through the Bill to regulate the Assize of Bread, and had made several Amendments thereunto respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments, in, at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the several Bills to them referred; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

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

Thursday, 17th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Millidge* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Messrs *Foreman & Grassie*, in behalf of *Richard Cumberland* Esquire, was referred, and he read the report, in his place, and afterwards delivered the same, in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read and is as follows: That it appears to the Committee, Mr. *Cumberland* was paid all Monies due to him by the Province, for his Services to the end of the Year 1783. That in the Year 1784, *Brook Watson* Esquire, was chosen Agent of the Province. That Mr. *Cumberland* in the Year 1786, was again recognized as Agent, and in that Year the Sum of £200 Sterling, was granted him by the Province for his Services in that Year, and for former Services. That from the Year 1786, to the Year 1791 inclusive. Eight Warrants of £100 Sterling each, have been granted to Mr. *Cumberland* for his Services, among which is one for Services in the Year 1784, bearing Date on the 22d Day of *July* 1791, which has been funded; and that there was no Provision in the Appropriation Act, of the Year 1784 for that Sum. It also appears, that the Warrant for Mr. *Cumberland's* Services in the Year 1789, dated 22d *January* 1790, has not been funded. It further appears, to the Committee, that the Warrant for Mr. *Cumberland's* Services in the Year 1790, was funded in Currency, when it ought to have been Sterling. The Warrant dated 22d *July* 1791, was also funded in Currency, and ought to have been Sterling. The Warrant not funded as above stated, being Sterling, leaves the Sum of £22 4 5, due to Mr. *Cumberland*, over and above the Sums funded.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for making, repairing, laying out and altering Roads, Highways, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work, and labour of the Inhabitants, within the said County, to be performed in, and about the same; and the said Bill, was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Cochran*, reported from the Committee of this House, appointed to examine the public Accounts; and read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Report, in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows,

That the Committee, upon the Investigation of the Accounts received from the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, find certain dutiable Articles, that were seized and condemned, as forfeited to his Majesty, by the Collector of his Majesty's Customs here, not included in their Accounts, as having paid or secured the Duties to the Province, which Amount to £275 4 6. That the said Collectors, when called before the Committee, in Justification of themselves, for not securing the Duties on those Articles, produced to the Committee certain Letters of Correspondence, between his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; the Collector of his Majesty's Customs, and themselves; all of which, the Committee submit to the Consideration of the House.

The Chairman also delivered to the House, an Account of the Articles so seized, by the Collector of his Majesty's Customs, with the Amount of the Duties chargeable thereon, also

The several Letters of Correspondence from his Excellency; the Collector of the Customs; and the Collectors of Impost and Excise, on the subject; which were also read, and thereupon,

On Motion of Mr. *Sterns*, *resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee, of the whole House to take into Consideration, the above Report of the Committee of public Accounts.

The Bill to regulate the Assize of Bread, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an *Act*, to regulate the Assize of Bread,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Bills to them referred, and that the Committee, had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same ; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Friday, 18th March, 1796.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill, to enable the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury, in the District of *Pictou*, to assess the Inhabitants of that District, for the Repairs of the Roads within the same ; was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An *Act* to enable the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury, in the District of *Pictou*, to Assess the Inhabitants of that District, for the Repairs of the Roads within the same,

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

A Bill for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Roads, Highways, Bridges and Streets, within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work, and Labour of the Inhabitants within the said County, to be performed in, and about the same ; was read a second Time.

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

Mr. *Tonge*, *reported* from the Committee, to prepare a Bill, for granting a Bounty on all *Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, &c.* the Growth of this Province, which shall be brought to Market, and actually sold during the Years 1796 and 1797 ; and accordingly presented a Bill, to encourage the raising and bringing to Market, *Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Barley, Flour and Meal, made of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Barley and Oats, within this Province,* and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker *reported*, That he had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bills following, viz.

An Act in Addition to an Act, made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign intituled, *an Act, for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned.*

An Act to regulate Juries.

An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Indian Corn, Flour, Rye and Indian Corn Meal.

The Order of the Day being read.

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the report of the Committee of public Accounts.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ;

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, have improperly neglected to take Security for certain Duties to the Amount of £275. 4. 6, as stated in the Report of the Committee of this House, appointed to examine the public Accounts, and that unless they shall pay the same into the Treasury of the Province, on or before the 21st Instant, that a Committee be appointed to request, that his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, will be pleased to direct the Attorney General, to prosecute them on their Bonds ; which Resolution being read a first and second time, was upon the Question, put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Shelburne*, to raise Monies for the supplying the Wells of the said Town with Pumps ; and had made several Amendments thereunto which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the several Bills to them referred ; which Report the House agreed to.

The Amendments to the Bill, were then read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

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

Saturday, 19th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

The Proceedings of yesterday being read ; Mr. *Wallace* thereupon moved, that the Resolution respecting the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, be rescinded ; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the Motion Ten ; against it Twenty-two.

For the Motion.

Mr. Wallace,
Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Baxter,
Mr. Bulkeley,
Mr. Tonge,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. James,
Mr. Freeman,

Against the Motion.

Mr. Archibald, *Mr. Campbell,*
Mr. Schwartz. *Mr. Hartsborne,*
Mr. Rutherford, *Mr. Belcher,*
Mr. Bolman, *Mr. Northup,*
Mr. Dickson, *Mr. Moody,*
Mr. Lusbie, *Mr. Maclean,*
Mr. Hart, *Mr. Humpbrys,*
Mr. McElbinney, *Mr. Leonard,*
Mr. Dimock, *Mr. Millidge,*
Mr. Pyke, *Mr. Embrie,*
Mr. Sterns, *Mr. Skinner.*

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley* by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, delivered to the House.

An Account for Provisions purchased, and furnished, to a Party of the Militia of *Digby*, when called out on actual Service there, as certified by Col. *Hatfield*, dated 15th Sept. 1795, amounting to £10. also

An Account of *Joseph Bell*, for Expences incurred, for Provisions furnished, and Medicines and Attendance supplied, to a party of the Accadian Militia of *Sciffabou*, when sick at *Yarmouth*, on their return to their Homes, from working on the Fortifications at *Halifax*, amounting to £49 14 4, also

A Petition of *Rennie Sorrie*, and others, of the said Militia, praying a further Allowance for their Services ; and Also

An Account of sundry Expences incurred by *Thomas Barclay*, in sending down two Companies of the *Nova-Scotia Legion*, to labour on the public Fortifications at *Halifax*, amounting to £17 10 3.

Ordered, That the said Papers be referred to Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Dewolf*, Mr. *Baxter*, and Mr. *Rutherford*, who are to examine the same, and report thereon to this House.

An engrossed Bill, to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Shelburne*, to raise Monies for the supplying the Wells of the said Town with Pumps ; was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act, to enable the Inhabitants of the several Towns in this Province, to raise Monies for the sinking Wells, supplying the same with Pumps, and for keeping them in Repair.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

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

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Skinner, took the Chair,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same ; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Monday, 21st March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the raising and bringing to Market of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Barley and Flour, and Meal, made of Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Barley and Oats, within this Province ; was read a second Time, and thereupon Mr. Wallace, moved, that the Bill be dissolved, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 20, Against it 9.

For the Motion.

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| Mr. Hartshorne, | Mr. Leonard, |
| Mr. Skinner, | Mr. Lushie, |
| Mr. Millidge, | Mr. Embrie, |
| Mr. Belcher, | Mr. Dewolf, |
| Mr. Hart, | Mr. Rutherford, |
| Mr. McMonagle, | Mr. Baxter, |
| Mr. Campbell, | Mr. Freeman, |
| Mr. Moody, | Mr. James, |
| Mr. Wallace, | Mr. Bolman, |
| Mr. McElbinny, | Mr. Humphrys, |

Against the Motion.

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| Mr. Sterns, |
| Mr. Howe, |
| Mr. Cochran, |
| Mr. Dimock, |
| Mr. Northrup, |
| Mr. Pyke, |
| Mr. Tonge, |
| Mr. Schwartz, |
| Mr. Archibald, |

So it passed in the Affirmative.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Millidge, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act, to enable the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury, in the District of Picton, to assess the Inhabitants of that District, for the Repairs of the Roads, within the same ; without any Amendment.*

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Towns in this Province, to raise Monies for the sinking of Wells, supplying the same with Pumps, and for keeping them in repair ; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

The Council do desire a present Conference, on the subject of the Bill, intituled *an Act, to quiet and confirm the Possession of Lands, within the Township of Digby* by Committee in the Committee, Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed, of Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Sterns*, and Mr. *Rutherford*, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned.

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

On motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progress in the Business to them referred; and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

On Motion of Mr. *Humphry's* *Ordered*, that the Petition of Messrs. *Cox* and *Walter*, be referred to Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Sterns*, who are to examine into the Merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

A Petition of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Howe*, and read, setting forth; That the Petitioners having received a Letter from the Clerk of the House inclosing their Resolve respecting the Conduct of the Petitioners in neglecting to take the proper Securities, for certain Duties on Goods, seized by the Officers of his Majesty's Customs, and directing the Petitioners to pay the same into the Treasury on before this Day. The Petitioners therefore wish to explain to the House the Motives of their Conduct on the Occasion and all the Transactions relating to it; and praying leave to appear before them, for that purpose, and thereupon,

On Motion of Mr. *Howe*, *resolved*, that this House will To-morrow at One of the Clock, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Petition; and that the Collectors of Impost and Excise, have leave to appear before the Committee at that time, to explain the Motives of their Conduct, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

Ordered, That the Clerk do inform the Collectors of Impost and Excise, of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, for making, repairing, laying out and altering Roads, Highways, Bridges and Streets, within the County of *Annapolis*, &c. And that they had directed him to report the Bill to the

the House, without any Amendment; and he delivered the said Bill in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the Bills to them referred; which Report, the House agreed to,

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, 22d March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, for making, repairing laying out and altering Roads, Highways, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and labour of the Inhabitants of the said County, to be performed in, and about the same; was read the third Time,

Resolved, That that the Bill do pass, that the Title be, *an Act*, for making repairing laying out and altering Roads, Highways, Bridges and Streets, within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants, within the said County, to be performed in, and about the same.

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

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee, to whom sundry Papers relating to Expences, incurred by the Militia, on Service last Season, were referred on Saturday last; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows.

That the Account exhibited by *Joseph Bell*, for the Expences for Provisions furnished, and Medicines and Attendance supplied, for a Party of the Accadian Militia of *Scissabou*, when Sick at *Yarmouth*, on their return home, from working on the Fortifications at *Halifax*, appears to be just and reasonable, and that the Sum of £49 14 4, is due to the said *Joseph Bell*.

That the Account for Provisions for the Militia of *Digby*; and the Accounts of sundry Expences incurred by *Thomas Barclay* in sending down part of the *Nova-Scotia* Legion to *Halifax*, and the Memorial of *Rennie Sorrie*, appearing to the Committee to depend on a general Principle, they are desirous that the Sense of the House should be taken on the Question, and therefore have not particularly investigated those Claims,

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments, made by the Council, to the Bill intitled, *an Act*, to enable the Inhabitants of the several Towns in this Province, to raise Monies for the sinking of Wells, supplying the same with Pumps, and for keeping them in repair, into Consideration, and the said Amendments, being read throughout a first and second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

The Order of the Day being read.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of the Petition, of the Collectors of Imposit and Excise for the District of *Halifax*.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. Skinner, took the Chair,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that the Petition of the Collectors having been read, and One of the Collectors having also appeared before the Committee and fully heard by them, in Explanation of their Conduct, and the Committee having likewise called on, and examined the Inspector and Searcher, for the said District, respecting the said Transaction, thereupon the Committee, had come to a Resolution, which the Chairman read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Collectors of Impost and Excise, have adduced nothing in Explanation of their Conduct, to change the Determination of the House expressed in their Resolution of Friday the 18th instant, which Resolution was read a first and second time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act to regulate the Assize of Bread*, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. Skinner took the Chair,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that they had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the same ; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Wednesday, 23d March, 1796.

PRAYERS,

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. Skinner, took the Chair,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee, had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the same ; which Report the House agreed to.

The Petition of *Louis Ettenger*, was by leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Tenge.

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On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, ordered, that Mr. *Sterns*, inform the House, how far the Council retained on the part of the Province, against Messrs. *Brymer* and *Belcher*, have proceeded in the Suit of Chancery, and if there is any Obstruction exists, which prevents the Suit being proceeded on, and thereupon,

Mr. *Sterns* informed the House; that the Council directed to prosecute Messrs. *Brymer* and *Belcher*, to recover the Duties of which they are supposed to have defrauded the Province, have caused a Bill in Equity to be drafted, but conceive that they cannot proceed with Effect, in the same, unless the Penalties contained and inflicted in the several Acts of Parliament, and of this Province, which they are supposed to have infringed, shall, on the part of the Crown, be pardoned and released.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request he will be pleased to pardon and release the Penalties of all Laws, which inflict Pains on Messrs. *Brymer* and *Belcher*, for any Acts charged against them, or either of them, by a Bill in Equity, to be filed by his Majesty's Attorney General, for the purpose of recovering certain Duties, by them payable on, and by virtue of several Acts of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Milidge*, be a Committee for the above Purpose:

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, ordered, that the Clerk do wait on the Treasurer, to know whether the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, have paid the sum of £275 4 6, into the Treasury, agreeable to the Resolution of this House, on Friday last the 18th instant, and report thereon.

Mr. *Wallace*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to encourage the building of a Bridge across the Harbour of *Halifax*, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion resolved, That the several Letters of Correspondence between his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and Vice-Admiral *Murray*, on the subject of granting a Drawback of the Provincial Duties, on Wines issued and supplied to the Navy, be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Pursuant to leave given, a Petition of *Lawrence Hartshorne*, in behalf of Vice-Admiral *Murray*, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships of War, on the Coast of *America*, was presented by Mr. *Sterns*, and read, setting forth; That in the Month of *December* last, a Quantity of Claret Wine was sold and delivered to his Majesty's Ships *Resolution*, *Argonaut* and *Africa*, by the Petitioner by Order of the Admiral, amounting to 3769 Gallons for the Use of the Seamen of the said Ships; and praying the House will be pleased to direct, that the said Wine so delivered be exempted from the Provincial Duties.

Pursuant to leave given, a Petition of Messrs. *Foreman* and *Grassie*, in behalf of *Roddam Home*, Esqr; Captain and Commander of his Majesty's Ship of war the *Africa*, and other Officers of the said Ship, was presented by Mr. *Hartshorne*, and read, setting forth; that on or about the 20th Day of *December* last past, the said *Roddam Home*, and other Officers of the said Ship, purchased of *Joseph S. De Franca*, of *Halifax*, Merchant, for their own Use, 364 Gallons of Madeira Wine, in Pipes. That the said Ship *Africa* was at that Time laying in the Harbour of *Halifax*, bound to the *West-Indies*, and the said *Joseph S. De Franca*, did immediately after the Purchase of the said Wine

as aforesaid, lade the whole Quantity thereof on board the said Ship, for, and on Account of the said Captain and Officers, and pay the Provincial Duties imposed thereon, as will appear by certain Documents relative to the said Purchase, now remaining in the Office of the Collectors of Impost and Excise. That soon after the Shipment of the said Wine, the said Ship *Africa*, did quit the Port of *Halifax*, and sailed for the *West-Indies*, with the said Wine on board of her, and has not since returned. And praying the House will be pleased to allow the said Captain and Officers, a Return of the Provincial Duties, on the Wine so purchased, on Security being given, that the same shall not be relanded in this Province.

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

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

Thursday, 24th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled an *Act*, to regulate the *Assize of Bread*, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the Amendments made by them, to the said Bill,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Dewolf*, and Mr. *Pyke*.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on private Petitions, and the several Letters of Correspondence, between his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and Vice-Admiral *Murray*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows.

The Petition of Messrs. *Foreman* and *Grassie*, in behalf of *Richard Cumberland*, and also the Report of the Committee, to whom the same was referred, were read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Mr. *Cumberland*, be paid the Sum of £22 4 5, with Interest from the 1st July 1789, his Warrants being short funded that Sum, and that no more is now due to him, having had by Mistake, a Warrant for £100 Sterling, dated 22d July 1791; which Warrant states, that it is in lieu of One drawn for the Year 1784, which was not provided for by the Legislature; there being no Agent for that Year.

The Petition of *Richard John Uniacke*, was read, and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Report of the Attorney General, as entered on the Journals of the House, on the 7th April 1795, contains a full acquittal of the Conduct of the Petitioner; the rule obtained against him and others in the *Supreme Court*, having been dismissed, with Costs.

The Petitions of Messrs. *Foreman* and *Graffie*, and also the Petitions of *Lawrence Hartshorne*, were severally read, and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Duties on 3204 Gallons Wine, purchased and supplied by Messrs. *Foreman* and *Graffie*, for the use of his Majesty's Ships of War, by Order of Vice Admiral *Murray*, amounting to £200 5, should be remitted ; and that the same be provided for in the Appropriation Bill of this Session of the *General Assembly*.

Resolved, That is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Duties on 364 Gallons Wine purchased by the Captain and Officers of his Majesty's Ship *Africa*, for their own use, amounting to £22 15, should be repaid them agreeable to the Prayer of the Petition of Messrs. *Foreman* and *Graffie* in their Behalf, and that the same be provided for in the Appropriation Bill as aforesaid.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Duties, on certain Quantities of Wine, amounting to 4268½ Gallons delivered on board his Majesty's Ships of War by the said *Lawrence Hartshorne*, for the Use of the Officers and Seamen, amounting to £266 15 7½, should be remitted, and that the same be provided for in the Appropriation Bill as aforesaid.

The several Letters of Correspondence, between his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and Vice Admiral *Murray*, were read, and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Commissioners of the Revenue, should be authorized to remit the Duties secured on all Wines, which hereafter may be supplied for the Use of his Majesty's Navy as an Allowance from his Majesty, to the Officers and Seamen serving on board his Majesty's Ships of War, on this Station, upon the same proofs being made, which are by Law required, for the Exemption from Duties of Spirituous Liquors, so allowed and supplied to his Majesty's Navy.

The Petition of *Susanna Green*, was read, and considered, and thereupon:

Resolved, That as it appears to this Committee, that the Sum of £160 18 1 was paid by the Public Officers to the Petitioner, as a balance found in the Treasury, over and above what was due the Province, and that the Petitioner had expended the same in the Interment of her Husband, and providing Mourning for her Children, and that she is now unable to repay the same therefore *Resolved*, that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Commissioners of the Revenue, should be directed to strike out the above Balance, in the Statement of the public Accounts, and that the Petitioner, and also the Heirs of the late *Benjamin Green*, Esq; be released from the Payment thereof.

The Petition of *Joshua Sandford*, and others, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £140, should be granted and paid to the Managers and Directors, who may be appointed by the Petitioners, to superintend the erecting a Bridge over the River *Kenetcook*, and that a further Sum of £60, be also granted and paid to the Managers and Directors, who may be appointed as aforesaid, to superintend the erecting the Bridge over the River *Cockmegun* ; which several Sums shall and may be drawn for by Warrant, from the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, on a Certificate from Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to inspect the said Bridges when completed ;

pleted, that the same are respectively well and substantially built, and finished in a good and Workmanlike manner.

The Petition of the Magistrates and Inhabitants of the Township of *Argyle*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioners are entitled to Relief, and that leave should be given to bring in a Bill to that effect.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the several Resolutions in favor of Messrs. *Foreman* and *Grassie*, *Lawrence Hartshorne*, *Suanna Green*, and *Joshua Sanford*, and others ; to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

The Clerk *reported*, that pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, he had waited on the Treasurer, to know whether the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, had paid the Sum of £275 4 6, into the Treasury, agreeable to the Resolution of the House, on Friday the 18th Instant, and was informed by the Treasurer that the Collectors had not paid the said Money.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ;

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred the Consideration of the Bill, *to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province, to raise Money by Assessment, for the Establishment and Support of public Schools to the next Sessions* : That the Committee had gone through the Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, for regulating the Times and Places of holding the several Courts of Justice therein named*, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in, at the Clerk's Table, and thereupon,

Mr. *Tonge*, *moved*, that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill respecting the Establishment of Schools, be not agreed to, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Twelve, against it Seventeen.

For the Motion.

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| Mr. <i>Tonge</i> , | Mr. <i>Rutherford</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Howe</i> , | Mr. <i>Moody</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Cochran</i> , | Mr. <i>Schwartz</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Pyke</i> , | Mr. <i>Archibald</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Macleane</i> , | Mr. <i>Lusbie</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Dimock</i> , | |
| Mr. <i>Sterns</i> , | |

Against the Motion.

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| Mr. <i>Embrie</i> , | Mr. <i>Humphrys</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Leonard</i> , | Mr. <i>Dewolf</i> , |
| Mr. <i>McMonagle</i> , | Mr. <i>Hartshorne</i> , |
| Mr. <i>James</i> , | Mr. <i>Belcher</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Freeman</i> , | Mr. <i>Millidge</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Northup</i> , | Mr. <i>Skinner</i> , |
| Mr. <i>McElbinney</i> , | Mr. <i>Wallace</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Campbell</i> , | M, <i>Hart</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Dickson</i> , | |

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till Saturday at Eleven of the Clock, the Morrow being Good Friday.

Saturday, 26th *March*, 1796.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the Building of a Bridge across the Harbour of Halifax, was read a second Time,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Millidge *reported* from the Committee, appointed to examine into the several Acts for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for granting to His Majesty, a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licenced ; That the Committee are of Opinion, there cannot be any Alteration or Amendment made to the said Acts, until the same shall be carefully revised, and comprehended into one Act, which would take up too much Time of the House this present Session, and therefore the Committee recommend the deferring the same, until the next Session, which report the House agreed to.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, Intituled an *Act for making, repairing, laying out and altering Roads, Highways, Bridges, and Streets, in the County of Annapolis, &c.*

And thereupon,

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the Amendments made by them, to the said Bill,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. Millidge, Mr. Sterns, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Dewolf and Mr. Rutherford.

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

Monday, 28th *March*, 1796.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to and in Amendment of an Act passed in the sixth

sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act, for regulating the Times, and Places of holding the several Courts of Justice therein named, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the title be an Act in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act, for regulating the Times and Places of holding the several Courts of Justice, therein named.

An engrossed Bill, to encourage the building of a Bridge, across the Harbour of Halifax, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to encourage the Building of a Bridge across the Harbour of Halifax.

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

Mr. Millidge, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Relief of James Kavanagh of Halifax, Merchant, was referred, and read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows.

That it appears to the Committee, that a Petition was presented to the House, by Messrs. Kavanagh and Sberlocks, in December 1785, praying to grant him a Remission of certain sunk Duties, which was deferred to further Consideration; and on the 1st December 1787, it was *resolved* by the House, that the same should be dismissed, the House not having it in their Power to dispense with the Law. That in the Month of June 1791, another Petition was presented by Mr. Kavanagh, on the same subject requesting the House would be pleased to hear him by his Council; upon which the House *resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed, it not being in the Power of the House, to consider the same, the Merits having been repeatedly decided upon by the House. That another Petition, in June 1792, was presented to the House, in behalf of Mr. Kavanagh, of the same import with the One last mentioned, and the House entered into the same Resolution. That it also appears to the Committee, that in April 1793, another Petition was preferred by Mr. Kavanagh, praying, that the House would be pleased to remit the Sum of £42, being a part of the before mentioned Duties, for which Execution then remained against him, and the House having considered the Petition, dismissed it. That Mr. Kavanagh, having appeared before the Committee, in his Defence, produced a Paper to them, importing to be, an Entry of the Ship *John and Ann*, in the Month of April 1785; from which it appeared, that a great Quantity of Articles, imported in that Ship, were landed at the Port of Halifax, and that what remained on board of the Cargo, was allowed to be exported free of the Sunk Duty. That Mr. Kavanagh, produced another Paper to the Committee, enumerating the several Articles imported by him in the Year 1785, in the Brigantines, two *Brothers, Parr*, and *Nymph*, subscribed by Messrs. *Newton* and *Selby*, and bears to be a true Copy from the Manifest Book, at the Excise Office. That by an Account of Rum, imported into and exported out of this Province, by Mr. Kavanagh, in the Year 1785, made up by Mr. *John Selby*, from a Blotter, kept in the Office of the Collectors of Impost and Excise; it appears to this Committee, that 14,187 Gallons of Rum, were imported; and 10,206 Gallons of Rum, were exported, but no Permits appear of the Exportation of more than 5192 Gallons, as per Paper marked No. 9. That Mr. Kavanagh further produced to the Committee, an Account of Molasses, Coffee and Sugar, exported by him in the year 1785, copied from his Books, by Mr. *Selby*, on which he had paid a Sunk Duty of £63 2. No Permits

Permits were produced of the Exportation of these Articles, but Mr. *Selby* assured the Committee, that the above Account was copied from Mr. *Kavanagh's* Books, which appeared to him, to have been fairly, and regularly kept. That the Solicitor General was examined by the Committee, and his Examination taken in Writing, to which, with all the Papers before enumerated, they refer to the House. That it further appears to the Committee, that a Prosecution was entered against Mr. *Kavanagh*, on his Bonds, given for the above Sunk Duty.

On Motion, *resolved*, That the above Report, with the Papers respecting the same, and also the Bill for the relief of *James Kavanagh*, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon.

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the relief intended to be granted to *James Kavanagh*, by the Bill brought in for that Purpose, be not granted ; he not having made out a Case, to entitle him to the Interposition of the House in his Favor.

The said Resolution was read a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On Motion *resolved*, That the Bill for the Relief of *James Kavanagh* of *Halifax*, Merchant, be dismissed.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for regulating the Times and Places of holding the several Courts of Justice therein named ; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

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

Mr. *Belcher*, *reported* from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolution of the House of Wednesday the 23d Instant, respecting Messrs. *Brymer* and *Belcher* : That his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and was pleased to say, he would take the same into Consideration.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 29th March, 1796.

PRAYERS.

On Motion *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with his Majesty's Council, on the Petition of *Hector Maclean*, and others, Freeholders of the Township of *Douglafs*.

Ordered, That the Committee to whom the said Petition is referred, do manage the said Conference, with the Council.

Mr. Tonge, reported from the Committee appointed to examine all Papers relating to the Collection of the Capitation Tax, together with the Report of the Committee of public Accounts, and also how far the Provisions of the several Acts relating to the said Tax have been complied with and read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows.

That the Committee to their great Disappointment find, that the Acts passed in the Years 1793, and 1794, which require Returns of the Assessments of the Capitation Tax, to be made by the Assessors, and annual Statements of the said Tax, to be made by the Justices of the several Counties in the Province, have been so much neglected, or so imperfectly complied with, as to afford the Committee no Materials for making any satisfactory Report of the State of that Tax.

The following Statement will shew how far the several Counties and Districts have gone towards complying with the Requisitions of the abovementioned Laws.

County of *Halifax*.

No Annual Statement.

Returns of Assessment.

Halifax Township 1791.

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| Amount paid into the Treasury | £275 | 0 | 0 |
| Said to be in the hands of the Collector | 70 | 0 | 0 |

County of *Lunenburg*.

A correct Statement to the End of the Year 1793.

Returns of Assessments.

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| <i>Lunenburg</i> . | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | 1794 | |
| <i>Chester</i> . | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | | |
| <i>New Dublin</i> | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | | |
| | | | Amount paid into the Treasury | | £494 12 7 |
| | | | Paid during the Session | | 40 0 0 |

County of *Hants*.

Correct Statements to the End of the Year 1794.

Returns of Assessments.

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|-------------------|------|------|--|------|--------------|
| <i>Windsor</i> . | 1791 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 | |
| <i>Newport</i> . | 1791 | | | | |
| <i>Falmouth</i> . | 1791 | | | | |
| <i>Douglafs</i> . | 1791 | | | | |
| <i>Rawdon</i> . | 1791 | | | | |
| | | | Amount assessed to December 1794, Collectors and Assessors Commissions Deducted | | } £261 11 7½ |
| | | | Amount paid into the Treasury | | |

County

County of *Cumberland*:

Annual Statements for 1791 and 1793:

Returns of Assessments.

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| <i>Fort Lawrence.</i> | 1791 | 1793 | | |
| <i>Amberst.</i> | 1791 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 |
| <i>Napan, &c.</i> | 1791 | 1793 | 1794 | |
| <i>River Philip,</i> | 1791 | 1793 | 1794 | |
| <i>West-Chester & Ramsbeg.</i> | } 1791 | 1793 | | |

Amount of Assessments returned, Collectors and Assessors Commissions being deducted } £125 1 1
 Amount paid into the Treasury 153 5 4

County of *Annapolis*.

A Statement to the end of the Year 1794, which appears Correct, but does not shew the whole Amount of the Assessments with the Deductions for Persons relieved, Commissions, &c.

Returns of Assessments.

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| <i>Digby District,</i> | 1791 |
| <i>Sciffabou,</i> | 1791 |
| <i>Clements,</i> | 1791 |
| <i>Granville,</i> | 1791 |
| <i>Annapolis,</i> | |
| <i>Wilmot,</i> | |
| <i>Clare,</i> | |

It appears that the Remainder of the Assessments of this County, were lodged with a Gentleman now in Town, who by mistake, did not bring them.

Total Amount assessed as appears by the Statement received } £534 13 5½
 Amount paid into the Treasury 508 19 7

County of *King's County*.

No Annual Statement.

Returns of Assessments.

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| <i>Cornwallis,</i> | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 |
| <i>Horton,</i> | 1791 | | | | |
| <i>Aylesford,</i> | - | - | 1792 | | |
| <i>Parrsborough,</i> | | | | | |

Amount paid into the Treasury } £178 4 7
 N.B. Paid since the 24th March. 50 0 0

County of *Queen's County*.

No Annual Statement.

Returns of Assessments.

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| <i>Liverpool, which includes } the whole County.</i> | } 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795. |
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| | | | | | Amount Assessed, Commissions deducted } £168 12 3½ |
| | | | | | Amount paid into the Treasury 42 1 9 |

County of *Shelburne*.

No Annual Statement.

No Returns of Assessments.

Amount paid into the Treasury } £252 5 4½
 In the hands of Collector of Impost and Excise 60 0 0

County of *Sydney*.
No Annual Statement.
Returns of Assessments.

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| <i>Guyborough and Manchester</i> | 1791 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 | |
| <i>Country Harbour</i> | 1791 | 1793 | 1794 | | |
| <i>Tracadie, &c.</i> | 1791 | | | | |
| <i>Gut of Canso,</i> | 1791 | | | | |
| Amount paid into the Treasury | | | | | £91 13 5½ |

District of *Colchester*.
No Annual Statement.
Returns of Assessments.

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| <i>Truro,</i> | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 | |
| <i>Onslow,</i> | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 | |
| <i>Londonderry,</i> | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 | |
| | | in part } | in part } | | | |
| <i>Economy,</i> | 1791 | | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 | |
| <i>Tatamagusha,</i> | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | 1794 | | |
| <i>Stewiack,</i> | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | 1794 | 1795 | |
| <i>Musquodoboit,</i> | 1791 | 1792 | 1793 | | | |
| <i>Sbubenascadie,</i> | - | - | - | - | 1795 | |
| Amount of Assessments returned, Commissions included | | | | | | £243 4 2½ |
| Amount paid into the Treasury | | | | | | 139 13 11 |

District of *Piñou*.
No Annual Statement.

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| <i>Gulph of St. Lawrence,</i> | 1793 | 1794 | | |
| <i>Piñou Harbour,</i> | 1793 | | | |
| Amount paid into the Treasury. | | | | £13 12 6 |

District of *Yarmouth*.
No Annual Statement.
Returns of Assessments.

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| <i>Yarmouth</i> | 1793 | | | |
| <i>Argyle,</i> | | | | |
| Amount paid into the Treasury | | | | £103 6 6 |

The Committee conceiving that the Arrearages of this Tax if duly collected would be sufficient to discharge the Debt for which the same was imposed, recommend the passing an Act, to suspend any future Assessments of this Tax, other than for Arrearages thereof, and to make such further regulations as appear necessary for enforcing the due Assessment and Collection of all such Arrearages as may be due to the Province, from the different Counties and Districts :—A Draft for an Act, for which purpose, the Committee submit to the Consideration of the House which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon.

Mr. *Tonge*, pursuant to leave given delivered in at the Clerk's Table, a Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the Funded Debt only excepted, and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof as relate to any New Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made; and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion, *ordered*, That the Committee of this House appointed to examine the Public Accounts, do inform the House, whether the Debt due from *John Newton, Esq;* to the Province, as Stated in the Resolution of this House, on Thursday the 9th *April 1795*, has been discharged.

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

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

Wednesday, 30th *March, 1796.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, after the first Day of July next, the Funded Debt only excepted; and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any New Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made;* was read a second Time,

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

Mr. Skinner, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, *to alter and establish the Place, where the Courts of Justice for the Townships of Yarmouth and Argyle shall in future be held;* and the same was read a first Time; and thereupon Mr. Poole, moved, that the Bill be dismissed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Ten, Against it Twenty. So it passed in the Negative, and thereupon,

On Motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now read a second time, and the Bill was read accordingly,

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

Mr. Secretary Bulkeley by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered to the House an Estimate of the Charge towards the Support of the Government of *Nova-Scotia*, and other Expences from the first Day of *July 1796*, to the Thirtieth Day of *June 1797*.

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

The Order of the day being read,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill *to alter and establish the Place where the Courts of Justice for the Township of Yarmouth and Argyle shall in future be held*, and had agreed to the same without Amendment; And also through the Bill *in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first*

first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted, and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Acts, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table; which Report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill reported by the Committee without Amendment be engrossed.

The Amendments to the Bill reported by the Committee, were read through a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon agreed to by the House.

Ordered that the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

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

Thursday, 31st March, 1796.

PRAYERS,

An Engrossed Bill to alter and establish the Place where the Courts of Justice for the Townships of Yarmouth and Argyle shall in future be held, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act, to alter and establish the Place where the Courts of Justice for the Townships of Yarmouth and Argyle shall in future be held

An Engrossed Bill in addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted; and to suspend the Operation of such parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made.

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

On Motion of Mr. Skinner, resolved, That Auditors be appointed to examine into the Accounts of Charles McNiel and Renald McKinnon, Esqrs. late Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of Shelburne, and report thereon to this House in their next Session.

Ordered, That Mr. Skinner, Mr. Humphry's and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

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

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. Millidge, reported from the Committee appointed to Report to the House on the Propriety of establishing and laying out a Road from the River Niator in the County

County of *Annapolis* to the Town of *Halifax*, and read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz

That the Committee have examined several Persons, and from the best Information they have been able to procure are of Opinion, that it is an object of great Importance to the Public, and recommend that the said Road be explored by proper Persons, to be appointed for that Purpose, and who shall make a specific Report of the Quality of the Lands they pass over and the probable Amount of Expence necessary to make the said Road per Mile; and that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, be authorized to appoint Commissioners to carry the object of the above report into Effect and draw Money by Warrant on the Treasury for a Sum not exceeding £60, for the Purposes aforesaid

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table,

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire a Conference with the Council, agreeable to the several Resolutions of this House, on the 24th, 26th and 29th Instant.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And being returned,

Mr. *Sterns* reported, That the Managers appointed to confer on the subject of the Bill, intituled, *an Act to regulate the Assize of Bread*, had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported, That the Managers appointed to confer on the subject of the Bill for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Highways &c, within the County of *Annapolis* &c. had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported, That the Managers appointed to Confer on the subject of the petition of *Heilor Maclean* and others; had been at the Conference and stated Substance of the said Conference to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act, *to alter and establish the Place where the Courts of Justice for the Townships of Yarmouth and Argyle, shall in future be held*, without any Amendment,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *James*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, *in Addition to, and Amendment of the Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Sambrô-Island*, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House in favor of *Suzanna Green*,
The several Resolutions in favor of Messrs. *Foreman* and *Grassie*, also

The Resolution in favor of *Lawrence Harisborne*, and

The Resolution in favor of *Joshua Sanford* and others,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 35th Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, to amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present further Conference on the subject of the Bill, intituled an Act, for making repairing, laying out and altering Highways &c. in the County of *Annapolis* &c. in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew,

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

And being returned,

Mr. *Milledge*, reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

On Motion the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same ; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Friday,

Friday, 1st April, 1796.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, also,

A Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 35th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being relating to a Militia in this Province; and also,

A Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of the Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House, on Sambrô-Island, were severally read a second Time,

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

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Bills,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, to encourage the building of a Bridge across the Harbour of Halifax, without any Amendment, and also,

The Bill, intituled an Act, for making, laying out and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work, and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County to be performed in, and about the same, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred the Consideration of the Bill, in Addition to, and in Amendment of the Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Sambrô-Island, to the next Session. That the Committee had gone through the Bill, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the 35th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in his Province; and also through the Bill, to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, and had made several Amendments thereunto respectively and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table; and thereupon, Mr. McMonagle moved, that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of the Militia Act, be not agreed to; which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The House then agreed to the Report of the Committee, and the Amendments to the Bills, as passed by them, were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments, be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. Skinner took the Chair;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair

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The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Saturday, 2d April, 1796.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, *to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

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

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act *to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province*.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act, to continue in force, the several Acts therein mentioned*, without any Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province*, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign intituled *an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted; and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred; and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the same; which Report, the House agreed to.

Mr. Tonge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, to raise a Revenue, for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, after the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted, and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made*; and the same was read a first Time,

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

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

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

Monday, 4th April, 1796.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Skinner, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill, *to enable the Inhabitants of Yarmouth and Argyle, to erect a Bridge, over the Tusket River, near the Tusket Village* and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, in Amendment of an Act passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted; and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made.*

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. Skinner took the Chair;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On Motion, a Bill, *to enable the Inhabitants of the Townships of Yarmouth and Argyle, to erect a Bridge over the Tusket River, near the Tusket Village*, was read a second Time,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty-first Year, of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue, for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted; and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the Thirty-first year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act, to raise a Sum of Money for the purpose of Paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted, and to suspend the Operation of such parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a Conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill intitled an Act in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, to raise a Revenue, for the purpose of paying off all such Debts are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted, &c. to morrow at Twelve of the Clock, in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference, and a Committee

Committee was appointed of Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Mullidge*, Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Dewolf*,

Ordered, That the Managers do attend Accordingly.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

Mr. *Tonge*, pursuant to leave given given, presented a *Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign*, intitled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying off the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province and of the several Acts made in Addition to, or in Amendment thereof, and the same was read a first Time, *Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

Tuesday, 5th April, 1796.

PRAYERS.

A *Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign*, intitled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying off the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the Public Debt of this Province, and of the several Acts made in Addition to, or in Amendment thereof; was read a second time,

Resolved, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House; and thereupon.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

Mr. *Sterns*, *reported* from the Committee appointed to confer with his Majesty's Council agreeable to the Resolution of Yesterday, that they had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House; and thereupon,

Resolved,

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

Mr. *Wallace*, pursuant to Order, *reported* from the Committee of public Accounts, that two Payments Amounting to £85 13. had been made into the Treasury in part Payment of the Debt due from *John Newton*, Esq; and that the Balance thereof being £728. is now in the Hands of the Attorney General secured by Bond, which Sum is ready to be paid to the Treasurer whenever the same shall be called for.

The Clerk *reported*, that the Treasurer informed him, that the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, had this Day paid the Sum of £275 4 6. into the Treasury, as stated in the Resolution of the House on Friday the 18th *March*, and it appearing to the House, that the Collector of his Majesty's Customs claimed the same, as Duties received from him on Articles, not liable to Duties imposed by the Laws of this Province, and he having also put the right so claimed in a course of legal Discussion thereupon.

Resolved, That the said Sum of £275 4 6. shall remain in the Treasury, subject to the final Decision at Law on that subject.

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

Wednesday, 6th *April*, 1796.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk *reported*, that the Council doth agree to a further Conference, agreeable to the Resolution of this House Yesterday, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

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

And being returned ;

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

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the *Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty Third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wines, Rum, &c.*

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the *Bill*, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment, and he afterwards delivered the *Bill* in at the Clerk's Table,

Ordered, That the *Bill* be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew ;

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

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

And being returned.

Mr. Tonge, reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

An engrossed Bill in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying off the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and of the several Acts made in Addition to, and in Amendment thereof ; was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to His Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying off the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province ; and of the several Acts made in Addition to, and in Amendment thereof.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair ;

Mr. Skinner took the Chair ;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ;

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the business to them referred ; and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the same ; which Report the House agreed to.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying off the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and of the several Acts made

in Addition to, or in Amendment thereof ; without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Mr. *Tonge*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Messrs. *Cox* and *Walters*, was referred ; and read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows ;

The Committee having duly considered the said Petition, and having also had before them the Papers stated in the said Petition to be lost, (but which have since been recovered) the Committee are of opinion, that the Prayer of the said Petition, should not be granted, the Certificates of the landing of the Articles, on which a Draw-back is claimed, being incomplete, and not containing the requisites of the Law; and thereupon Mr. *Humbrey's* moved, that the Report be not agreed to by the House, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The Report was then agreed to by the House, and on Motion *Resolved*, that the Petition of Messrs. *Cox* and *Walters*, be dismissed.

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

Thursday, 7th April, 1796.

PRAYERS,

On motion, the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a supply for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act, in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign*, intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue, for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted ; and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Acts, in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment hereafter to be made ; without any Amendment,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration on the same ; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Friday

Friday, 8th *April*, 1796.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had passed several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Resolutions were read one by one, and thereupon Mr. *Sterns*, *moved*, that the Resolution for granting £600. for the Purpose of procuring Boards and Plank and Plans and Sections for a Government House, and a Range of public Buildings hereafter to be erected, be not agreed to by the House : which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 8, Against it 19.

For the Motion.

Mr. *Sterns*,
Mr. *Northrup*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *Lusby*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Dewolf*,
Mr. *McElbinney*,

Against the Motion.

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| Mr. <i>Moody</i> , | Mr. <i>Archibald</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Leonard</i> , | Mr. <i>Schwartz</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Pyke</i> , | Mr. <i>Dickson</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Tonge</i> , | Mr. <i>Humphrys</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Rutherford</i> , | Mr. <i>Sargent</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Howe</i> , | Mr. <i>Belcher</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Wallace</i> , | Mr. <i>Cochran</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Hartshorne</i> , | Mr. <i>Bulkeley</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Macleane</i> , | Mr. <i>Embrie</i> , |
| | Mr. <i>Skinner</i> . |

So it passed in the Negative.

The Resolutions *reported* by the Committee, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House:

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

Saturday, 9th *April*, 1796.

PRAYERS:

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *resolved*, that the Resolution for granting £500. for the Purpose of procuring Boards and Plank, and Plans and Sections for a Government House, and a range of public Buildings hereafter to be erected, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Resolution,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Resolution to them referred, and had drawn up, and substituted a Resolution in Amendment

ment thereof, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the said Resolution in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Resolution be drafted in the Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in the present Session.

Mr. *Sterns* moved, that that Part of the Journals of Yesterday, which respects the Resolution for granting £600, for the purpose of purchasing boards and plank, and procuring Plans and Sections for a Government House, and a Range of public Buildings hereafter to be erected be amended, by inserting the said Resolution in the Words of it; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 12, Against it 16.

For the Motion.

Mr. *McMonagle*,
Mr. *Sargent*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *Lusby*,
Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Sterns*,

Mr. *James*,
Mr. *Humpbrys*,
Mr. *Leonard*,
Mr. *Dewolf*,
Mr. *M^cElbinney*
Mr. *Dimock*,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Archibald*,
Mr. *Howe*,
Mr. *Dickson*,
Mr. *Embrie*,
Mr. *Pyke*,
Mr. *Cochran*,
Mr. *Rutherford*,
Mr. *Moody*,

Mr. *Belcher*,
Mr. *Maclean*,
Mr. *Bulkeley*,
Mr. *Schwartz*,
Mr. *Tonge*,
Mr. *Hartshorne*,
Mr. *Wallace*,
Mr. *Skinner*,

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Mr. *Tonge*, moved, That the Resolution for granting the Sum of £150, for the Purpose of discharging the Balance due for Building a Bridge over *Sackville River*, be not agreed to by the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 14, Against it 14.

For the Motion,

Mr. *Tonge*,
Mr. *James*,
Mr. *Sargent*,
Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Lusby*,
Mr. *Humpbry's*,
Mr. *Leonard*,

Mr. *Embrie*,
Mr. *Dewolf*,
Mr. *Rutherford*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Moody*,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Bulkeley*,
Mr. *Maclean*,
Mr. *Schwartz*,
Mr. *Belcher*,
Mr. *Dickson*,
Mr. *Archibald*,
Mr. *Howe*,

Mr. *Sterns*,
Mr. *Cochran*,
Mr. *Pyke*,
Mr. *Wallace*,
Mr. *M^cElbinney*,
Mr. *Hartshorne*,
Mr. *McMonagle*.

Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote against the Motion.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On Motion the Bill for applying certain Monies for the Service of the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety six, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read the first time,

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Tonge, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Officers of his Majesty's Navy to obtain a Drawback of the Duties on Wines by them taken out of this Province and consumed without the Limits thereof; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 12, Against it 14.

For the Motion,

Against the Motion.

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| Mr. Bulkeley, | Mr. Howe, | Mr. Sterns, | Mr. McMonagle, |
| Mr. Maclean, | Mr. Sargent, | Mr. Hart, | Mr. Dimock, |
| Mr. Schwartz, | Mr. Cochran, | Mr. Archibald, | Mr. Belcher, |
| Mr. Moody, | Mr. Pyke, | Mr. Lusby, | Mr. Detwolf, |
| Mr. Wallace, | Mr. Hartshorne, | Mr. Humphrys, | Mr. McElbinney, |
| Mr. Tonge, | Mr. Skinner, | Mr. Leonard, | Mr. Millidge, |
| | | Mr. Embrie, | Mr. Rutherford. |

So it passed in the negative.

An engrossed Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety six, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read the third time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-six, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province,

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

On Motion of Mr. McMonagle, Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Revenue for the Time being, be authorized to direct such Repairs to be made on the Government House, as they shall think necessary during the Recess of the General Assembly.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, for applying certain Monies, therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety six, and for appropriating such part of the supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, without any Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution authorizing the Commissioners of the Revenue, to direct such Repairs to be made on the Government House, as they shall think necessary, during the Recess of the General Assembly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the Clock

Monday, 11th *April*, 1796.

PRAYERS,

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

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

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

An Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, intituled an Act, for the limitation of Actions, and for avoiding suits of Law.

An Act, to encourage the killing of Wolves, Bears, Loup Cerviers and Wild Cats.

An Act, to enable the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury in the District of *Piitou*, to assess the Inhabitants of that District, for the Repairs of the Roads within the same.

An Act, to regulate the Assize of Bread.

An Act, to enable the Inhabitants of the several Towns in this Province, to raise Monies for the sinking of Wells, supplying the same with Pumps, and for keeping them in Repair.

An Act, for making, repairing, laying out and altering Roads, Highways, Bridges and Streets within the County of *Annapolis*, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants within the said County, to be performed in, and about the same.

An Act, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for regulating the Times and Places of holding the several Courts of Justice therein named.

An Act, to encourage the building of a Bridge across the Harbour of *Halifax*.

An Act, to alter and establish the Place where the Courts of Justice for the Townships of *Yarmouth* and *Argle* shall in future be held.

An Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province.

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

An Act, in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of *July* next, the funded debt only excepted ; and to suspend the Operation of such Parts of the said Act, and the several Acts in Amendment thereof, as relate to any new Tax or Assessment, hereafter to be made.

An Act, to enable the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Yarmouth* and *Argyle*, to erect a Bridge over the *Tusket River*, near the *Tusket Village*.

An Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar for the Purpose of paying off the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of the Province, and of the several Acts in Addition to, or in Amendment thereof.

After

After which Mr. Speaker delivered to his Excellency a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted this present Session, and spake as follows, viz;

May it please your Excellency,

HIS Majesty's most faithful subjects the *Commons of Nova-Scotia*, have paid particular attention to the several objects recommended by your Excellency in your Speech, at the opening of this Session of *General-Assembly*, and have granted such Supplies as they conceive will be sufficient to defray the Annual Expences of this Government. I am directed in their name Humbly to Pray your Excellency will be pleased to Assent to their Bill for appropriating those Supplies.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the said Bill following viz. An Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety six, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province. After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech, viz.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

THE object of our Assembling being accomplished, it only remains for me to present you my Thanks for the Diligence and Harmony with which your Deliberations have been conducted.

The Provisions made for improving Roads, and erecting Bridges, together with the preparatory Arrangement for public Buildings, will produce I trust, lasting advantages to the Province, and reflect Credit upon your Wisdom and public Spirit.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

I thank you for the Supplies granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government, which shall be faithfully applied, and I hope the Benefits resulting from mutual Confidence and Kindness, will be continued by your Influence throughout your respective Districts.

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

GENTLEMEN,

It is his Excellency's will and pleasure, that this *General Assembly*, be prorogued to Thursday the 7th Day of July, to be then here held; and this *General Assembly*, is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 7th Day of July next.
