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JOURNAL,
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
Of the PROVINCE of
NOVA-SCOTIA.

Thursday 25th October, 1787.

THE House met agreeably to the Proclamation, at One o'Clock the Speaker took the Chair.

MEMBERS present.

SOLICITOR-GENERAL,

Mr. FILLIS,

Mr. PYKE,

Mr. WALLACE,

Mr. COCHRAN,

Mr. SCHWARTZ,

Mr. BULKELEY,

Mr. PUTNAM,

Mr HILL,

Mr. JAMES,

Major MILLIDGE,

George William Sherlock, Esq; returned Member for the Town of Liverpool, having been sworn before His Majesty's Council, took his Seat in the House. Member for LIVERPOOL takes his Seat.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber. Message from His Excellency.

The Speaker, and the House attended accordingly, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following SPEECH;

GENTLEMEN of the Council and House of Assembly.

“ IN Consequence of the Encouragement, which from the most commendable Motives, you gave in your last Sessions, to Arts and industry, and thereby to promote the Welfare of this Province, and its Progress to a flourishing Condition, a very considerable Expence has been incurred, and a proportional Accumulation to the public

His Excellency's Speech.

“ public Debt ; it will therefore necessarily engage your particular
 “ Attention to provide the means for discharging the increased Debt,
 “ in Justice to those to whom the Province is indebted, and to preserve
 “ the public Credit. Amongst the several matters you thought pro-
 “ per Objects of Attention and Encouragement you have judiciously
 “ distinguished the Culture of Hemp, I need not inform you how
 “ much, nor the Reason, that the raising Hemp should be attended to
 “ with the best Consideration and utmost Exertion. And I am to ac-
 “ quaint you that His Excellency Lord DORCHESTER, His Majesty’s
 “ Governor-General in North America, has required from me to be
 “ informed whether by any reasonable Encouragement Hemp could be
 “ raised in this Province to advantage and imported into Great Britain.
 “ As no time can be so fit for an Enquiry into this Matter as the
 “ present, it will therefore be an Object of your particular Considera-
 “ tion, that from the Result I may be enabled to give His Excellency
 “ sufficient and satisfactory Information concerning it. In the course
 “ of the Sessions you will re-enact all such Laws as shall expire at the
 “ End of this Year, and shall appear useful and necessary. From the
 “ public Offices you will receive all Papers necessary for your Infor-
 “ mation, and I assure you, Gentlemen, of my Readiness on all Oc-
 “ casions to promote the Prosperity of this Country.

After which, the House returned, and the same was read, and taken into Consideration, and thereupon

Committee appointed to prepare an Address.

Ordered, That the Solicitor-General, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Putnam, be a Committee to prepare an Address, in Answer to His Excellency’s Speech.

The House adjourned to Monday at 11 o’Clock.

Monday 29th October, 1787.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address, in Answer to His Excellency’s Speech, reported a Draft, which being read Paragraph by Paragraph, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

T O H I S E X C E L L E N C Y

J O H N P A R R, Esqr.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty’s Province of Nova-Scotia, the Islands of St. John, Cape-Breton, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of REPRESENTATIVES
 in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

Address reported.

“ **W**E the Representatives of His Majesty’s faithful Province of
 “ Nova-Scotia, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to re-
 “ turn you our unfeigned Thanks for your Speech at the opening of
 “ the Sessions.

“ We

“ We shall immediately proceed to take the Province Debt, as well as the State of the Revenue into our Consideration, and to put the same on such a Footing, as we have no doubt will convince the public Creditors, of the Justice of the Government.

“ We esteem it a singular Mark of His Majesty’s Paternal Regard, That he has been graciously pleased to appoint for His Governor-General in America, a Nobleman so well endowed as Lord DORCHESTER, with every Qualification and Virtue necessary to render us a flourishing and happy People: At the same time we cannot but most gratefully acknowledge the early Mark of His Lordships Attention to the Interest of the Province, in recommending the Culture of Hemp, a Commodity for the Production of which the Soil and Climate of this Country is peculiarly adapted; and we shall endeavour to point out the most effectual Measures which in our Opinion are necessary to be taken, to accomplish so laudable a Purpose.

“ We shall take into our Consideration the Laws nearly expiring, and shall re-enact such as upon Trial have been found beneficial.

“ The long Experience we have had of your Excellency’s steady Attention to the Welfare of this Province, gives us the highest Satisfaction to be again assembled under your Government, and to receive further assurances of the Continuance of your Attachment and Regard for the Prosperity of the Country; and we beg leave to assure you, that nothing on our Part shall be wanting to lighten the Cares of Government, and to make your Residence amongst us honourable and happy.

S. S. BLOWERS, Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Wallace, Mr. James, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Fillis and Mr. Dight, who were a former Committee of the House for examining the public Accounts with a Committee of the Council, and reporting thereon, be again appointed for that Purpose.

Committee appointed to examine public Accounts.

On Motion of the Solicitor-General, *ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to confer with a Committee of His Majesty’s Council on the subject of addressing His Royal Highness Prince WILLIAM HENRY, and on the Adoption of suitable Measures for shewing to His Royal Highness every possible Mark of Respect and Attention during his Residence among us. Mr. Wilkins, Solicitor-General, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Day and Mr. Leckie appointed for that Purpose.

Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the subject of addressing his Royal Highness Prince William Henry.

Mr. Wilkins was directed to inform the Council of the foregoing Vote, and while he was gone on that Duty the following Message was received from the Council.

“ His Majesty’s Council request the *House of Assembly*, to join them in a Committee to wait on Governor PARR, to pray His Excellency to ask the Honor of His Royal Highness Prince WILLIAM HENRY to accept a Ball and Entertainment at the public Expence.”

Message from the Council.

Major Millidge moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the better Regulation of the Poor; leave given. Mr.

Petition from Jonathan Binney, Esq; presented.

Mr. *Fillis* presented a Petition from *Jonathan Binney, Esq;* praying the House would re-consider their Resolution of the 23^d December, 1785, respecting the Commerce carried on at *Canso*, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Message from the Council, requesting the Attendance of the Committee of the House.

A Message from the Council to acquaint the House, they had appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of the House on the subject of addressing His Royal Highness Prince WILLIAM HENRY, and requesting the Attendance of the Committee of the House in the Council-Chamber for that Purpose.

The Committee ordered immediately to attend.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Tuesday 30th October, 1787.

House wait on His Excellency with their Address.

His Excellency the Governor having signified to the House, that He was ready to receive their Address,

The Speaker and the House waited on His Excellency therewith. The House being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Petition from THO. STONE presented.

Mr. *M Monagle* presented a Petition from *Thomas Stone*, praying the payment of £. 21. 0. 9. a Ballance due him for Repairs done on the *Windsor Road*, and also some Allowance for his Services, which was read, and Ordered to be referred to the Committee of public Accounts.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Wednesday 31st October, 1787.

Treasurer's Accounts received by the House.

The Treasurer's Accounts were presented and Ordered to be referred to the Committee of public Accounts.

Petition from JOHN MICH. HEINICKE presented.

Mr. *Schwartz* presented a Petition from *John Michael Heinicke, Potter at Lanenburg*, praying some assistance to enable him to extend his Business in that Branch of Manufactory, which was read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition from ALEXANDER BRYMER, junr. presented.

Mr. *Wilkins* presented a Petition from *Alexander Brymer, junr.* complaining of an undue Election for the Township of *Liverpool*, which being read,

Order thereon.

Ordered, That it be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and that the Sheriff of *Queen's County* be directed to attend this House with his Poll Book.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Thursday

Thursday 1st November, 1787.

A Petition from *Detlif Christopher Jessen*, Esq; Collector of the Impost and Excise Duties for the District of *Lunenburg*, was presented, praying the House would grant him some Allowance for his Attention and Duty in that Office for these Eighteen Month past, during which Period no Vessels had been allowed to enter there from the West-Indies, whereby he could receive the Commissions allowed by Law, altho' he had been obliged to pay constant Attention; and grant Permits for dutiable Articles imported from *Halifax*; at which Port the Duties were secured.

Petition from D. C. *Jessen*, Esq; presented.

Ordered, That the Petition lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Friday 2^d November, 1787.

Ordered, That no Petition of a private Nature be received after Friday the 9th Instant.

A Message was received from the Council, informing the House, they had appointed a Committee, to join the Committee of the House on the public Accounts; and that their Committee was ready to meet the Committee of the House in the Council-Chamber for that Purpose.

Council appoint a Committee to examine public Accounts.

Ordered, That the Committee attend accordingly.

The Committee appointed to confer, with a Committee of the Council on preparing an Address to His Royal Highness Prince WILLIAM HENRY, and on taking suitable Measures for shewing to His Royal Highness every possible Mark of Respect during his Residence among us, reported, That the joint Committee had agreed to provide in Honor of His Royal Highness, a Dinner and Ball, on Monday next; and that the same having been signified to His Royal Highness, he had been graciously pleased to accept thereof. The Committee also reported, that the following Address to His Royal Highness had been agreed to:

Address to His Royal Highness Prince William Henry, reported,

To His Royal Highness

PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY.

May it Please your Royal Highness,

“ HIS Majesty's faithful Subjects the *Lieutenant Governor*, Council and *House of Assembly*, beg Leave to offer to your Royal Highness their most sincere congratulations on your safe Return to this Province.

“ Impressed with a lively Sense of the great Blessings we enjoy under the mild and auspicious Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, protected and supported by the Power and Bounty of Great Britain, and happy in the undisturbed Enjoyment of civil and religious Liberty, we gladly embrace the Opportunity of being assem-

“ bled in our legislative Capacities, to express to the illustrious Son
 “ of our beloved King the most cordial Declarations of the Loyalty
 “ and firm Attachment of the whole People of *Nova-Scotia*, to His
 “ Majesty's sacred Person, Family and Government; and we humbly
 “ request that your Royal Highness will be pleased to represent our
 “ most dutiful Sentiments to His Majesty in the Manner most accep-
 “ table.

“ The Education chosen for your Royal Highness and your very
 “ eminent professional Merit afford to His Majesty's loyal Subjects the
 “ most pleasing Satisfaction; not only as evincing His Majesty's con-
 “ tinued attention and Regard to the Welfare of His People, but as
 “ adding further additional Security to the Empire, and the delightful
 “ Prefage of future Glory and increased Renown to the illustrious
 “ House of Hanover.

“ That our Most Gracious Sovereign and His Royal Consort may
 “ long continue happily to reign in the Hearts of all their Subjects,
 “ and that your Royal Highness may be distinguished as the most ce-
 “ lebrated of your Profession are the ardent and united Wishes of the
 “ People of *Nova-Scotia*.

Agreed to by the
House.

Which being read, was unanimously agreed to by the House, and
 thereupon resolved, That this House feels itself highly honoured by
 the Condescension of His Royal Highness, and will cheerfully pro-
 vide for defraying the Expences of such Entertainment.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Saturday 3d November, 1787.

Mr. Day moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the Amendment of
 an Act to prevent vexatious Law Suits and cross Actions, and that the
 same should be read a first Time on Wednesday next; leave given.

The House adjourned to Monday at 1 o'Clock.

Monday 5th November, 1787.

House attend His
Royal Highness
Prince William
Henry.

The House met at one o'Clock, and his Excellency the Lieutenant-
 Governor having signified to the House, that His Royal Highness
 would receive the Address of the Legislature at the Government-
 House at two o'Clock; the House adjourned to attend him at land-
 ing, and to wait on Him therewith.

To which His Royal Highness was pleased to make the following
 ANSWER;

GENTLEMEN,

His Royal High-
ness's Answer to the
Address of the Le-
gisature.

“ I T affords me the most heartfelt Satisfaction to receive so loyal
 “ and dutiful an Address from the Lieutenant Governor, His Ma-
 “ jesty's Council and the House of Assembly in the Province of Nova-
 “ Scotia

“ Scotia : I shall with real Pleasure embrace the earliest Opportunity
 “ to make known to the King, the Sentiments expressed by this re-
 “ spectable Body for His Majesty’s most sacred Person ; and likewise
 “ inform my Royal Father of the Gratitude and Sensibility entertained
 “ by all His loyal Subjects, in this Part of the British Dominions, for
 “ those Blessings they can only enjoy under His mild and auspicious
 “ Government.

“ It is the most flattering Circumstance, Gentlemen, to a Man so
 “ young in His Majesty’s Service, to be publicly noticed by the Le-
 “ gislative Body of this Country, and which cannot but be the strongest
 “ Inducement for me to pursue the Naval Profession with constant
 “ Application, in order to acquire the Confidence of my Sovereign,
 “ and by my future Exertions, when placed in Command, to prove
 “ my Gratitude to my Fellow Subjects in the British Colonies, for
 “ these unmerited Favours and Distinctions.

WILLIAM.

The House adjourned to 11 o’Clock To-Morrow.

Tuesday 6th November, 1787.

Mr. *Monagle* presented a Petition from *Jrael Andrews*, praying the House would examine into the Expenditure of Money drawn from the Provincial Treasury, for the Purpose of building a Bridge over the River *St. Croix*, and making a Road to the same in the Years 1775, and 1776, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition from *Jrael Andrews* presented.

Mr. *Belcher* moved, That it having been suggested without Doors that the Monies voted by this House, and granted by the *General-Assembly* at their last Session, had been in some Instances misapplied, the Committee of public Accounts should be instructed to make particular Enquiry into the due Appropriation of all such Monies by the Commissioners appointed to lay out and expend the same ; and that no Accounts be passed without the strictest Scrutiny into the Propriety of the Expenditures,

Mr. *Belcher*’s Motion respecting the Expenditure of public Monies.

Resolved accordingly.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,

Gentlemen,

“ I am commanded by His Royal Highness Prince *William Henry*,
 “ to signify to His Majesty’s Council, and House of Assembly, His
 “ thorough Approbation of the Manner in which the public Enter-
 “ tainment was conducted and managed Yesterday, as well at the
 “ Dinner as at the Ball.”

Message from his Excellency the Lieut Governor.

J. PARR.”

A Petition from *John Sergeant*, Landwaiter and Gauger for the District of *Shelburne*, praying a Continuance of his Salary for the ensuing Year, was read, and ordered to lie on Table.

Petition from *John Sergeant*, presented.

Petition from Robert Appleby, presented.

A Petition from Robert Appleby, a Debtor confined in the County Goal of Shelburne, praying the House would relieve him from his Confinement; was read, And

Order thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Leckie and Major Millidge be a Committee to examine into the Merits of the Petition, and report to the House thereon.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow

Wednesday 7th November, 1787.

Petition from the Butchers of Halifax presented.

A Petition from the Butchers of Halifax, praying a Reduction of the Rents of the Stalls in the Market-House at Halifax, was read, and on Motion of Mr. Hill,

Order thereon.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for the better Regulation of the public Markets throughout the Province.

Petition from Thomas O'Brien, presented.

A Petition from Thomas O'Brien, Waiter in the Impost and Excise Office for the District of Shelburne, praying a Continuance of his Salary for the ensuing Year, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

According to Order,

Bill to prevent multiplicity of Law suits.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act in Amendment of an Act made in the sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to prevent the Multiplicity of Law Suits*, was read a first Time, and debated, and thereupon, Mr. Day moved for the second reading of the Bill on Monday next, ordered accordingly.

Read a first Time.

Mr. Day, Moved for leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the several Acts of this Province, the first intituled, *An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of 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 also, An Act in further Addition to an Act, made in the fifth Year of His 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*, leave given.

Committee appointed to examine into the Amercement of the County Hants.

On Motion of Major Millidge, ordered, That a Committee of this House be appointed to enquire into the Circumstances of the Amercement of the County of Hants, for the Building a Bridge over the Creek, leading from the Town of Windsor, across the Forcing Place, to the Town of Falmouth, and to report to the House thereon, Mr. James, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Leckie and Mr. Dennison appointed accordingly.

Petition from Jonathan Crane presented.

A Petition from Jonathan Crane, Esq; praying certain Impost Duties may be refunded him, as stated in his Petition, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Thursday

Thursday 8th November, 1787.

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of Mr. *Binney's* Petition.

House resolve itself into Committee on Mr. *Binney's* Petition.

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair.

Mr. *Binney* having been called upon and heard before the Committee, produced several Affidavits and other Papers in Justification of his Conduct as Chief Magistrate and Collector of *Canso*, during the Year 1785, which were read and considered, and thereupon

Resolved, That the further Consideration of Mr. *Binney's* Petition be deferred to Wednesday next, and that Col. *Tonge*, Mr. *Foster Sberlock* and Mr. *Amos Chapman*, be summoned to attend the House on that Day

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman of the Committee, *reported* the above Proceedings, which were agreed to by the House.

Report of the Committee.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Friday 9th November, 1787.

The following Petitions recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to the Consideration of the House, were read, and *ordered* to lie on Table.

Petitions recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, viz.

A Petition from *John Taylor* and others, praying for a Sum of Money to be granted them for the Purpose of opening a Road from the River *Sissabou* to *Cape Forcbue*.

Petition from *John Taylor, &c.*

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Digby*, praying a Sum of Money to be granted for the Purpose of opening a Road from *Sandy Cove* and other Places in that Township to *Annapolis, &c.*

Petition from Inhabitants of *Digby*.

A Petition from *John Taylor* and other Inhabitants at *St. Mary's Bay*, praying for some Allowance in Consequence of their having erected a Grift Mill at that Place at a great Expence, and which is found to be very useful to the Inhabitants.

Petition from Inhabitants of *St. Mary Bay*.

A Petition from *Anthony Henry* was presented, praying the Payment of £53. 3. 0. may be allowed him for Supplies of Stationary to the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, which was read, and dismissed; the House having already granted to the Collectors 6 *per Cent.* on Account of their Collections in Lieu of all other Allowances whatever.

Petition from *Anthony Henry*, presented.

A Petition from *Robert Collins*, Mason, praying the Sum of £111, 1. 8. may be allowed him, on Account of Work done for Government in 1781, agreeable to the Accounts before presented to this House in their last Session, was read, and a Motion being made and seconded, to dismiss the same; the House divided thereon, and there appeared for the Question Eleven, against it Twelve.

Petition from *Robert Collins*.

A Petition also from *John Wisdom*, Carpenter, praying the Sum of £195. for Work done for Government in 1781, was read, and thereupon

Petition from *John Wisdom*, presented.

Resolution thereon.

Resolved, That Mr. *Fillis*, Mr. *Jessen*, and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to examine and report on the two foregoing Petitions; Sent up to the Council for Concurrence.

Petition from the Inhabitants of *Pictou*, &c. presented.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Pictou*, *Chedabucto*, &c. praying some Assistance to enable them to open Roads in those Settlements, was read, and *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Petition from the District of *Colchester* presented.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Pictou*, and the District of *Colchester*, praying to be erected into a separate County, was read, and Mr. *Wallace*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the above Purpose; leave given.

Petition from *John Harris*, &c. presented.

A Petition from *John Harris* and other Commissioners for repairing the Road leading from the Settlement of *Truro* to *Pictou*, praying the Sum of £20. may be repaid them, for so much by them expended on that Road, over and above the Sum voted by this House for that Purpose, which was read, and considered, and on Motion, *ordered*, that it be dismissed.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow

Saturday 10th November, 1787.

The following Petitions received Yesterday were Read and *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Petition from *Philip Marchinton* presented.

A Petition from *Philip Marchinton*, praying certain Duties may be refunded him on dutiable Articles exported by him to *New Brunswick*, as stated in his Petition.

Petition from *John Emerson* presented.

A Petition from *John Emerson*, Esq; praying the House would grant him a Premium for a Mill erected by him at *Windsor*, for the Purpose of making Flour, Oatmeal and shelling of Barley, being the first Mill of that Construction built in that District, and which is found to be highly beneficial to the Inhabitants thereof.

Windsor Road Bill.
Read a first Time.

The Solicitor General having prepared and presented the Heads of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise a Sum of Money to repair the public Road leading from Halifax to Windsor, and to cause the Proprietors of Lands on each Side said Road to settle the same more expeditiously*, the same was read a first Time, and *ordered* to be read a second Time on Tuesday.

Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor respecting Militia.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by the Deputy Secretary of the Province,

The Lieutenant Governor thinking it necessary to array the Militia of the Province early next Spring, and by the great Addition of Inhabitants to put them on a more increased and respectable Footing than they have hitherto been, desires that the general Militia Laws may be revised and taken under Consideration, so as to enable Government, if occasion shall require it, to make the best Advantage of a well disciplined Militia, which being read.

Committee appointed thereon.

On Motion of Col. *Tonge*, *ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to take the above Message into Consideration, and report thereon; Col. *Tonge*, Col. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Pyke*, Major *Millidge*, Major *Crane*, and Mr. *Jessen*, appointed accordingly.

Different

Difernt Parts in this Province suffering great Inconvenience in their Trade for the want of Custom House Offices in such Places, it is thereupon ordered on the Motion of Mr. Belcher, that a Committee be appointed to report to this House, what Parts of the Province require in their Opinion the Establishment of a Collector of the Customs authorized to enter and clear Vessels to and from the West-Indies and other Foreign Ports; also what Fees are now taken by the Custom-House Officers already established within the Province. Mr. Leckie, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Sberlock, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Marchinton and Mr. James, appointed for that Purpose.

Motion respecting Custom House Officers in out Ports.

The House adjourned to Monday at 11 o'Clock.

Monday 12th November, 1787.

According to Order,

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Multiplicity of Law Suits*, was read a second Time; and Major Millidge, offered a Proviso to the same, and Mr. Day thereupon moved, that the Bill as now amended should be committed, which being put, passed in the negative.

Bill to prevent Multiplicity of Law Suits.

Read a second Time

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Settlement of the Poor*, was presented, and read a first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time on Thursday next.

Bill for Relief of the Poor.

Read a first Time.

Agreed, That the House will To-morrow take into their Consideration Mr. Brymer's Petition, respecting the Election for the Town of Liverpool.

A Message from the Council to inform the House, they had appointed Mr. Newton and Mr. Cochran, to join the Committee of this House, to examine and report on the Petitions of Robert Collins and John Wisdom.

Message from the Council to inform the House they had appointed a Committee on Wisdom and Collins's Petition.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Tuesday 13th November, 1787.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor informing the House he had received from His Majesty the following Instruction, which he recommended to the Consideration of the House.

Message from His Excellency the Governor respecting the establishment of public Schools.

“ It is our Will and Pleasure, that you recommend to the Assembly
“ within your Government to make due Provision for the erecting
“ and maintaining of Schools, where Youth may be educated in com-
“ petent Learning and in Knowledge of the Principals of the Chri-
“ stian Religion.

And on Motion of the Solicitor General Mr. Wilkins, Major Barclay Solicitor General, Mr. Hill, Major Millidge, Mr. Dewolf and Mr. Jessen, were

Committee appointed to consider the Subject of the same.

were appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the Subject of the above Message, and report thereon.

According to Order.

House resolved itself into Committee on the Liverpool Election.

The Petition of *Alexander Brymer*, was Read, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of it.

Col. Tonge, took the Chair.

Mr. Brymer the Petitioner having appeared before the Committee, and fully heard on his Petition, the Sheriff of *Queen's County*, who produced several Certificates and other Papers in Justification of his Conduct, was also heard.

Mr. Wilkins, moved, That it appears to this Committee that the Election for the Township of *Liverpool* had been irregularly conducted by both Parties, and ought therefore to be set aside, Which being seconded, and put, passed in the Affirmative.

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report of the Committee agreed to.

Col. Tonge, chairman of the Committee, reported their proceedings, which were agreed to by the House, and the Election of *George William Sberlock*, Esq; adjudged to be void.

Whereupon Resolved, That the Speaker be desired to request His Excellency the Governor would be pleased to Order a new Writ to be issued for the Election of a Member for the Town of *Liverpool*.

House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Wednesday 14th November, 1787.

Resolution relative to the Conduct of the Sheriff of *Queens County*.

Resolved unanimously, That it does not appear to this House, that the Sheriff of *Queen's County* discovered in the late Election for *Liverpool* any corrupt partiality in his Conduct during that Election.

Windsor road bill read a second Time.

Read a second Time, the *Windsor Road* Bill, and agreed, that the House will go into the Consideration of the same in Committee To-morrow.

Proceedings respecting *Mr. Binney's* Petition.

According to the Order of the Day the House were proceeding to consider *Mr. Binney's* Petition, when Major *Barclay* moved, that the Consideration of the Petition be deferred until *Amos Chapman* and *Foster Sberlock*, the Witnesses, who were examined in a former Committee of the House can be had for further Examination; which being seconded, and put, passed in the Affirmative.

Committee appointed to inform His Excellency the Governor therewith.

It was then moved, That as it will probably be impracticable to procure the Attendance of the Witnesses during this Session of the Assembly, and the House having reason to doubt the Truth of the Facts testified to the Former Committee (on the 23d of *December 1785*) by those Witnesses, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor to request he will be pleased to institute an Enquiry into those Facts, and that the House having the fullest Reliance on his Justice will cheerfully acquiesce in the Result of his Enquiries.

Solicitor

Solicitor-General, *Major Barclay*, and *Mr. Wallace*, appointed accordingly.

Capt. Howe, moved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into and report to the House the best Means which can be adopted to promote the Manufacture of Iron in this Province, some valuable Iron Ore having been lately discovered in it; *Capt. Howe*, *Major Barclay*, and *Major Millidge*, appointed accordingly.

Motion to promote manufacture of Iron in the Province. ✓

The following Petitions were received in Consequence of the particular Situation of the Petitioners, whereby they were prevented from complying with the Order of the House, and *ordered* to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Richard Townsend* and others, Millers at *Shelburnes* praying an Amendment to the Act for regulating the Toll to be taken by Grift Mills.

Petition from *Richard Townsend* and others.

A Petition from *Joseph Tinkham*, Esq; Sheriff of *Queen's County*, praying an Allowance for the Expences of His Attendance on this House in Consequence of their Order for that Purpose.

Petition from *Joseph Tinkham*.

A Petition from *Henry Charlton*, praying he may be allowed the Bounty on a Saw Mill as stated in his Petition.

Petition from *Henry Charlton*.

A Petition from *John Cunningham*, Esq; stating, that the *Windsor Road Bill* if passed into a Law in its present Form would materially injure him, and praying the same may not be passed, *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Petition from *John Cunningham*.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Thursday 15th November, 1787.

Read a second Time, the *Bill for the Relief of the Poor*, and agreed to go into Committee To-morrow on the Consideration of it.

Bill for relief of the Poor.
Read a second Time

Mr. Bulkeley, the Deputy Secretary offered to the House a Petition from *Francis Green*, Esq; late Sheriff of *Halifax*, praying to be reimbursed for the Money recovered by *John Stairs* against him for a Jail Breach, *ordered* to lie on the Table.

Petition from *Francis Green*, Esq; presented.

The House went into Committee on the *Windsor Road Bill*.

House resolved itself into a committee on *Windsor Road Bill*

Mr. Fillis took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Fillis Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had taken into Consideration the above Bill and made some Progress therein, and prayed leave to sit again on Monday, which was agreed to by the House.

Report of the Committee.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow

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Friday

Friday 16th November, 1787.

The following Petitions recommended to the Consideration of the House by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor ; were read, and ordered to lie on the Table

Petition from John Newton Esq; presented.

A Petition from John Newton, Esq; Collector of the Impost and Excise Duties for the District of Halifax, praying some Allowance for his Services in that Office as stated in the Petition.

Bill to prevent the Multiplicity of Law Suits.

Major Barclay, moved, that the further Consideration of the Poor Bill be deferred to the next Session, which passed in the Affirmative.

Read a first Time.

Read a first Time a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectually carrying into Execution*, "An Act made in the sixth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to prevent the Multiplicity of Law Suits." And on Motion of Mr. Day, read a second Time.

House resolved itself into Committee on the above Bill.

The House went into Committee on the Consideration of the above Bill.

Mr. Fillis took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report of the Committee.

Mr. Fillis, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had taken the above Bill into Consideration, and agreed to the same with Amendments; which Report the House agreed to, and ordered, that the Bill pass to be engrossed as amended in the Committee.

Motion respecting Public Buildings at Dartmouth.

On Motion of Mr. Wallace, ordered, that the Committee of public Accounts be directed to inspect the Buildings erected at Dartmouth at the public Expence for the Whale Fishers and Mechanicks, and to report thereon previous to the passing of the public Accounts of the Expenditures there.

Bill for maintaining Light House at Port Roseway. Read a first and second Time.

Read a first Time a Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Roseway Island*, and ordered to be read a second Time on Monday next.

Motion respecting Public Slaughter House at Halifax.

Mr. Day, moved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Management of the public Slaughter House in Halifax, and the Appropriation of the Rents received for it. Mr. Putnam, Mr. Day, and Mr. Hill, appointed accordingly.

Petition from Henry Charlton considered.

The Petition from Henry Charlton, was considered, and ordered to be referred to the Commissioners appointed to pay the Premium allowed on Saw Mills, agreeable to the Resolve of this House for that Purpose.

Petition from Philip Marchinton considered.

The Petition from Philip Marchinton, was considered, and thereupon resolved, that the House cannot grant the Prayer of the Petition, not having it in their Power to dispense with the Law.

The House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Saturday 17th November, 1787.

Message from the Governor respecting Mr. Binney.

A Message was received from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, acquainting the House in Answer to their Message of the 14th Instant referring the Case of Mr. Binney to his Decision.

“ That he has made the most minute and strict Enquiry into that Gentle-
“ man’s Conduct as Superintendant of the Trade, and Fisheries at Canfo,
“ and that he has fully vindicated himself to the Lieutenant-Governor in every
“ Particular, and stands in his Opinion exculpated from all the Charges ex-
“ hibited against him, and that the Information given to the Committee of the
“ House on the 23d December 1785, appears to be erroneous and founded
“ on Misconception of Facts.

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The Petition from *John Emerson, Esq;* was considered, and there-
upon Mr. *Dewolf* moved, that the Sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to
him as a Premium for the Mill built by him at *Windsor*, which be-
ing seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Petition of *John Emerson Esq;* con- sidered.

Major *Barclay* then moved, that the same be dismissed, which was agreed to.

The Petition from *John Michael Heinicke, Potter*, was considered and thereupon Mr. *Schwartz* moved, that the Sum of £20. be allowed him as a Premium, to enable him to extend his Manufacture, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative; Mr. *Wilkins* then moved, that the same be dismissed, which was agreed to.

Petition from *John Michael Heinicke* Considered.

Presented and read a first Time, a Bill, intituled, *An Act in Amend- ment of an Act for establishing a public Market, at the Market House in Halifax, and for regulating the same.*

Bill respecting Mar- ket House at *Halif- ax.*
Read a first Time:

And on Motion read a second Time, and ordered to be ingrossed on Monday next.

The Petition from *Joseph Tinkham*, was considered, and dismissed.

Petition of *Joseph Tinkham* dismissed. Account from *John Sallow’s* presented.

An Account from *John Sallows, Coroner for Queen’s County*, amount- ing to £27. 18. 3. for sundry Inquisitions taken by him, between the 27th October 1783, and 16th March 1787, was presented; and on Motion, resolved, that the Sum of £21. 1. 0. be allowed him in Part of his Account; the same having been incurred previous to the Resolve of the 26th December 1785, respecting the Payment of the several Coroners by the respective Counties.

Resolution thereon.

Capt. *Howe*, moved, that the Speaker be instructed in his Corres- pondence with the Agent for the Province to express to him the Gra- titude of the House for the Attention which has been paid by the Go- vernment at Home to the Building of Churches in the New Settlements, and to request him to make Application to Parliament for a Sum of Money to be granted for the Purpose of building and repairing the Churches in the other Towns and Settlements of the Province, most of which stand in need of such Assistance on Account of the Poverty of the People.

Motion of *Captain Howe* respecting the Building &c. of the Churches in the Province.

The Petition from *Jonathan Crane, Esq;* was considered, and there- upon resolved, that the Sum of Nine Pounds, four Shillings be allow- ed him, agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

Petition from *Jona- than Crane* consider- ed.

The House adjourned to Monday at 11 o’Clock.

Resolution thereon.

Monday

Monday 19th November, 1787.

Bill respecting Market House at Halifax, and Also Bill to prevent Multiplicity of Law Suits, Read a third Time and sent to the Council. Bill for regulating and maintaining Light House at Port Roseway.

Read a second Time Bill respecting Toll to be taken by Grift Mills. And Bill relating to High ways, &c. Read a first and second Time.

House resolved itself into Committee on the above Bills.

Report of the Committee.

House resolve itself into a Committee on Windsor Road Bill.

Report of the Committee.

Read a third Time,

The Bill for regulating the Hire of the Stalls in the Market House at Halifax, and the Bill for preventing the Multiplicity of Law Suits, which were agreed to, and sent to the Council for their Concurrence by a Member.

Read a second Time, the Bill for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Roseway Island.

Presented and read a first Time a Bill, intituled, an Act in Amendment of an Act made in the Twenty first Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act in Addition to an Act made in the Tenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grift Mills in this Province; Also a Bill intituled, an Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, &c. And on Motion the same were then read a second Time.

The House went into Committee on the foregoing Bills.

Col. Tonge took the Chair,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Col. Tonge, Chairman of the Committee reported, that they had taken the Bills into Consideration, and after debating them Paragraph by Paragraph had agreed to the same with Amendments, which Report was agreed to by the House; and thereupon ordered, that the Bills as reported, pass to be engrossed.

According to the Order of the Day.

The House went into Committee on the further Consideration of the Windsor Road Bill.

Mr. Fillis took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Fillis Chairman of the Committee reported, that they had taken into Consideration the above Bill, and agreed to the same with Amendments; which Report the House agreed to, and ordered, that the Bill as reported, pass to be ingrossed,

House adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Tuesday 20th November, 1787.

Read a third Time Bill relating to Highways, &c. Read a third Time Bill respecting Toll to be taken by Grift Mills. Motion thereon.

Read a third Time the Bill relating to Highways.

Also read a third Time the Bill relating to the Toll to be taken by Grift Mills, and Mr. Day thereupon moved, that the following Proviso stand as Part of the Bill.

Provided always, That additional Toll hereby granted for bolting shall not be construed to extend to any Mill or Mills already erected by the Proprietor or Proprietors of Land within the Township of Newport,

Newport, Windsor, Falmouth, Horton, Cornwallis, Truro, and Lunenburg, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared

For the Motion :

- Mr. Day,
- Mr. McMonagle
- Mr. Belcher,
- Mr. Dennison,
- Mr. Archibald,
- Mr. Fillis,
- Mr. Jessen,
- Mr. Northup,
- Mr. Crane,
- Col. Tonge,

Against it :

- Mr. James,
- Col. Lawrence,
- Major Barclay,
- Mr. Smith,
- Mr. Leckie,
- Mr. Wilkins,
- Capt. Howe,
- Solicitor General,
- Major McNeil,
- Major Milledge,
- Mr. Pyke,
- Mr. Cochran,
- Mr. Putnam.

The Bill as engrossed then passed the House.

Read a third Time *the Roseway Island Light House Bill*, and passed the same.

Read a third time
Bill for regulating
and maintaining
Light House at Port
Roseway.

The above three Bills were then sent to the Council for their Concurrence, by Mr. Uniacke.

Sent to the Council.

Presented and read a first Time the three following Bills, and ordered to be read a second Time to-Morrow, viz.

Read a first time.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act in Addition to and Amendment of an Act made in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign*, intituled, *An Act for Regulating Servants.*

Bill for Regulating
Servants.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Collecting of the Revenue of this Province.*

Bill for better collecting
Revenue.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for Regulating bound and free Negroes and Molattoes, and for more effectually Punishing such Persons of that Description as shall in future be guilty of Offences.*

Bill for Regulating
Negroes, &c.

On Motion ordered, That the Committee of this House appointed to examine the Public Accounts with a joint Committee of the Council, be a Committee to examine and report on the Laws of this Province which are near expiring.

Committee appointed to report
on expiring Laws.

On Motion of Mr. McMonagle, ordered, that for expediting the public Business, the Attorney and Solicitor General be desired to draft such Bills as any Member of the House may have obtained Leave to bring in, from the Heads of such Bills to be furnished them.

The House took into their Consideration the Petition of the Sheriff of Halifax, requesting Indemnification for a Judgement recovered against him for the Escape of one Livesay, referred by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor to the House. The Solicitor General thereupon moved, that a Message be sent to the Council by a Member of the House, to inform them that the House had fully considered the Representation of the Sheriff of Halifax, but cannot grant the Prayer of it, as in the Opinion of the House, the Sheriffs Indemnification (if he is

Petition of Sheriff
Green considered.

entitled to any) should be made by the County of Halifax, and not by the Province at large.

A Message was received from the Council with the following Bills.

Bill for preventing Multiplicity of Law Suits, and Bill for regulating Hire of Stalls in the Market House. agreed to by the Council.
Bill for further regulating Inferior Courts at Halifax, sent down for Concurrence.

The Bill for preventing the Multiplicity of Law Suits, and the Bill for regulating the Hire of Stalls in the Market House. Agreed to.

The Bill for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Roseway Island, sent down with Amendments.

Also a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further regulating the Times of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Halifax*, sent down for the Concurrence of the House.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Wednesday 21st November, 1787.

Bill relating to public Buildings at Halifax, and Bill relating to Inferior Courts in the Province, read a first time.

Presented and read a first Time a Bill, intituled, *An Act for Erecting in the Town of Halifax a new Set of Public Buildings and for the Sale of the old ones*; and a Bill, intituled, *An Act for Regulating the Manner of Issuing Process and Execution from the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas for the several Counties in this Province, and also for Altering the Form of the Summons heretofore used, and for providing for the more effectual Service of Executions in future*: Ordered to be read a second Time To-Morrow.

Windsor Road Bill sent to the Council.

The Windsor Road Bill was read a third Time, passed and sent to the Council by a Member.

A Message was received from the Council, with the following Bills, agreed to :

Bill relating to Highways, and Bill relating to the Toll to be taken by Grist Mills, agreed to by the Council.

The Bill relating to Highways, and the Bill relating to the Toll to be taken by Grist Mills.

Bill for regulating Servants, Bill for regulating Negroes, & the Bill for better collecting Revenue in the Province, read a second Time.

According to the Order of the Day the Bill for regulating Servants, the Bill for regulating Negroes and Molattoes, and the Bill for the better regulating the Collecting the Revenue of this Province, read a second Time, and thereupon

The House went into Committee on the foregoing Bills.

Mr. Fillis took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

House resolve itself into Committee on the above Bills. Report of the Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee reported, that they had taken into Consideration the Bill for Regulating of Servants, and made some Progress therein, and prayed Leave to sit again To-Morrow, which was agreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Thursday 22d November, 1787.

Bill relating to Inferior Court at Halifax, and Skelburne Light House Bill sent to the Council.

The Bill sent down from the Council for the further Regulating the Times of Holding the Inferior Court at Halifax, was agreed to; and the Bill for maintaining and regulating a Light House on Roseway Island, as amended by the Council, was considered, agreed to, and sent back to the Council, by a Member.

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The Committee appointed to take into Consideration His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message relative to the Militia, reported sundry Amendments as necessary in their Opinion to be made in the Militia Laws of the Province, which were considered and agreed to, and thereupon ordered, that a Bill be prepared conformable to said Amendments, and that a Committee of three Members be appointed to wait on His Excellency and acquaint him therewith. * Col. Tonge, Major Millsedge, and Mr. Pyke, appointed accordingly.

Report of the Committee on Militia Laws.

The Deputy Secretary of the Province delivered to the House the Government Estimate for the Year 1788. Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Lieut. Governor's Message, recommending the Establishing and Maintaining of Schools, reported the following Plan :

Report of the Committee for Establishing a public School.

“ That they conceive it indispensably necessary, that a public School be established as soon as possible in some commodious and central Situation in this Province, for the Purpose of instructing the rising Generation in the Principles of sound Literature and the Christian Religion :

“ And as they conceive it necessary, that the Master or Head of such School should be thoroughly qualified and accomplished for that important Trust, they recommend :

“ That an exemplary Clergyman of the established Church, well skilled in Classical Learning, Divinity, Moral Philosophy, and the Belles Lettres, be provided and placed at the Head of said School, and as an Encouragement for such an one, so qualified, to accept of the Employment, that a Sum, not less than £.200 Sterling per Annum be allowed him.

“ They also recommend, that a Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, be likewise provided for the said School; with an Allowance of £.100 Sterling per Annum, and that the Right Reverend the Bishop of Nova-Scotia, be requested to endeavour to procure two Gentlemen of the above Qualifications, for those Purposes.

“ The Committee conceive that the Neighbourhood of Windsor, will be the properest Place for this School, and recommend, that a commodious House should be hired there for that Purpose; until upon Experience of the Propriety of the Situation, the Province shall find it expedient to erect a more suitable Building, or to enlarge their Plan of Education.

“ The Committee in Deliberating upon this subject, having duly considered and lamented the wretched State of Literature in this Province, and having been unavoidably led to contrast it with the State of Literature in the neighbouring Republicks, beg Leave earnestly to recommend to the Consideration of the House, whether it would not be proper, as soon as it can be found practicable, to erect a College or University in this Province, to prevent as early as may be, the Youth of this Country, (now panting after Knowledge) from rushing into the various Seminaries, already established in the United States of America, by which means their Attachment to their native Country may be in Danger of being weakened, and Principles imbibed unfriendly to the British Constitution.

“ These the Committee apprehend are Consequences of a very serious Nature, and when added to them, they consider the natural Advantages of this Province, which in Point of Situation, Climate, Salubrity of Air,

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“ and Fertility of Soil, render it inferior to no Country and superior to most.
“ They cannot but be jealous of the Honor of it, and wish that in this also we
“ might have something to boast ; and that Religion, Learning, and Virtue
“ may be so publickly encouraged, as to render us worthy of those other Bless-
“ ings which Providence has bestowed upon us.

“ The Committee therefore further recommend to the House, that the dis-
“ ferent Members be requested to consult their Constituents on the foregoing
“ Head, as well as on the Resources that may be obtained from the several
“ Counties within the Province, for the Purposes of effectually Establishing
“ and Endowing such an University and to come prepared at the next Ses-
“ sion to give the House the fullest Information on that Subject.” Which
being read and fully considered, was agreed to and thereupon

Agreed to.

Resolved, that a Sum not exceeding £.400 be granted for the Pur-
pose of hiring a proper House in the Neighbourhood of Windsor, for
an Academy, and also for paying the Salary of the President and Pro-
fessor for one Year.

Resolutions there-
on.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Right
Reverend the Bishop of Nova-Scotia, the President of His Majesty's Coun-
cil, and the Speaker of the House of Assembly, be desired to take upon
them the Government and general Management of said Academy, and
that the Speaker be requested to communicate to His Excellency and
the Bishop the Wishes of the House.

According to the Order of the Day the House went into Committee
on the further Consideration of the Bill for Regulating of Servants.

House resolve itself
into Committee on
Bill for regulating
Servants.

Mr. Fillis took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Fillis, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had
debated the above Bill, Paragraph by Paragraph, and agreed to the
same with some Amendments; which Report was agreed to, and or-
dered, that the Bill as reported, be engrossed and read a third time
To-Morrow.

Report of the Com-
mittee.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Friday 23d November, 1787.

Bill for regulating
Servants, sent to the
Council.

The Bill for regulating Servants, was read a third time, passed, and
sent to the Council.

Shelburne Harbour
Light House Bill
agreed to by the
Council.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill for Regulat-
ing and Maintaining a Light House at the Entrancce of the Harbour of Shel-
burne. Agreed to.

And the Windsor Road Bill sent down with Amendments.

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Report of the Com-
mittee on the
Amercement of the
County of Hants.

The Committee appointed to examine into the Amercement of the
County of Hants, reported, That they are of Opinion that the Judges of
the Supreme Court have done their Duty; which Report was
agreed to.

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The Committee appointed to enquire into and inform the House of the best Means to encourage and promote the Manufacturing of Bar and Pig Iron in this Province, reported as follows :

“ That they are of Opinion a Sum of Forty Pounds should be given to the first Adventurer who shall within one Year from the first January, 1788, erect a good and sufficient Bloemery or Forge, from which there shall be made Ten Tons of good merchantable Bar Iron within Six Months after the same shall be erected. And that a Sum of Eighty Pounds be given to the first Adventurer who within the Time, limited as aforesaid, shall build a good Finery from which there shall be made Ten Tons of good refined Bar Iron, within Six Months after the same shall be so erected. And that a Premium of One hundred and Fifty Pounds be given to the first Person or Persons who shall within One Year from the first Day of January, 1789, erect a Furnace from which there shall be made within Six Months after it is erected Thirty Tons of good merchantable Pig Iron.” Ordered to lie on the Table.

Report of the Committee on the Manufacturing Bar Iron in the Province.

The Solicitor thereupon moved, that Col. Tonge and Mr. Archibald be added to the Committee appointed to report on the best Means to promote the Manufacture of Iron, and that the Committee, as now augmented, be instructed to enquire into the mostly likewise Means, to promote the Growth and Manufacture of Hemp, and the Exportation of Ton and other Timber from this Province, and to report to the House, which was agreed to.

Committee appointed to examine on the best Means of promoting the Growth of Hemp, and Exporting Ton Timber.

A Message was sent to the Council by Mr. Uniacke, to inform them that the House having considered the Amendments proposed by the Council, to the Windsor Road Bill, had agreed to adhere to their Bill as sent up to the Council, except the Title.

House adhere to the Windsor Road Bill, as sent to the Council.

Presented and read a first Time the Bill, entituled, *An Act to prevent the Circulation of base and counterfeit Half Pence, and to ascertain the Current Value of English and French Crowns, Half Crowns and Shillings, within this Province*; and on Motion, read a second Time; and ordered to be read a third Time To-Morrow.

Bill for preventing Circulation of base and counterfeit Half Pence, &c. read a first & second time.

The House went into the Committee on the Consideration of the Bill for *Regulating Negroes, &c.*

House resolve itself into Committee on *Negro Bill.*

Mr. Fillis took the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that they had taken into Consideration the above Bill, made some Progress therein, and prayed Leave to sit again To-Morrow.

Report of the Committee.

The House adjourned to Eleven o’Clock To-Morrow.

Saturday 24th November, 1787.

The Bill to prevent the Circulation of base Half Pence, and to ascertain the Value of English Silver Coin, read a third Time, passed, and sent to the Council, by a Member.

Bill to prevent Circulation of base and counterfeit Half Pence, &c. sent to the Council.

- The Bill for regulating Negroes, &c. deferred.
- The House were proceeding to the Order of the Day, when the *Solicitor General* moved, that the Bill for *Regulating Negroes, &c.* should be deferred to the next Session, which being put, passed in the Affirmative.
- Bill relating to Inferior Courts, read a second Time.
- Read a second Time the Bill for *Regulating the Manner of Issuing Procefs and Executions, &c. from the Inferior Court of Common Pleas.*
- House resolve itself into Committee on the above Bill.
- The House went into Committee on the above Bill.
- Mr. *Fillis* took the Chair.
- The *Speaker* resumed the Chair.
- Report of the Committee.
- The Chairman of the Committee reported, that they had debated the Bill Paragraph by Paragraph, and agreed to the same with Amendments; which Report the House agreed to, and ordered, that the Bill as amended, be read a third Time on Monday.
- Message from the Council with a Petition of Messrs: *Cochrans.*
- A Message was received from the Council, with a Petition from *Thomas, James and William Cochran*, (recommended by His Excellency the Governor) praying that they may be allowed Payment for the Sum of £.810. 9. 2. with Interest thereon, from 7th Novemb. 1783, agreeable to the Vote of the late House of Assembly at that Period.
- Petition from *Phin. Lovett.*
- A Petition from *Phineas Lovett*, Colonel of the *Annapolis County Militia*, praying the Payment of £.63 5. 10. for Militia Service performed in that District, in the Year 1781 and 1782.
- Petition from *D. C. Jessen.*
- A Petition from *D. Christopher Jessen*, Esq; praying the Payment of £.68. 16. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. agreeable to the Vote of this House, on the 13th of June last.
- Bill relating to Public Buildings at Halifax, read a second Time.
- The above Petitions ordered to lie on the Table.
- Read a second Time the Bill relating to the *Public Buildings at Halifax*, and thereupon Mr. *Day* moved, that the same be now dismissed, which being seconded and put, passed in the Negative.
- House resolve itself into Committee on the above Bill.
- The House then went into Committee on the foregoing Bill.
- Mr. *Fillis* took the Chair.
- The *Speaker* resumed the Chair.
- Report of the Committee.
- The Chairman reported, that the Committee had debated the Bill Paragraph by Paragraph, and had agreed to the same with Amendments, which Report the House agreed to; and ordered, that the Bill, as reported, be read a third Time To-Morrow.
- The House adjourned to Monday at Eleven o'Clock.

Monday 26th November, 1787.

- Bill relating to Inferior Courts, sent to the Council.
- The Bill for *Regulating the Manner of Issuing Procefs and Executions, &c. from the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas*, read a third Time, passed and sent to the Council by a Member.
- Bill for raising Money by Presentment for Defraying County Charges, read a first Time.
- Presented, and read a first Time the Bill for the Amendment of the several Acts for raising Money by Presentment for the Defraying County Charges; ordered to be read a second Time To-Morrow.
- Motion of Thanks to the Bishop of Nova-Scotia.
- Mr. *Day* moved, that the Thanks of this House be given to the Right Reverend Father in God, the Bishop of Nova-Scotia, for the excellent Sermon preached by him Yesterday, and that the Secretary of the
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the Province, be desired to request of him a Copy thereof, for the Press, and that this House will provide for the Expence of printing the same, which being put, passed unanimously.

Read a first Time a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Ascertaining and Establishing of the Fees lawful to be taken within this Province*; and on Motion read a second Time.

Bill for ascertaining and establishing Fees, read a first and second Time.

A Message was received from the Council, with a Petition from the Overseers of the Poor, requesting Information relative to the Execution of their Office, which was read and considered, and the same returned to the Council, with a Message, that in the Opinion of the House, it would be improper for it to give any Opinion on the Subject of the Petition.

Petition from the Overseers of the Poor at Halifax received.

A Message was also received from the Council, with the Bill for regulating Servants, agreed to.

Bill for regulating Servants, agreed to by the Council.

And the Bill to prevent the Circulation of base Half Pence, and to ascertain the Value of English Silver Coin, sent down with Amendments, which being considered, were agreed to, and the Bill, as amended, sent back to the Council.

Bill to prevent Circulation of base and counterfeit Half Pence, sent down with Amendments.

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, the House agreed to go into Committee on the Consideration of the Government Estimate, and of the Ways and Means for providing for the current Expences of the Province for the ensuing Year.

Motion respecting the Consideration of Ways & Means.

Agreed also, that the House will meet in Committee this Evening at 7 o'Clock on the Consideration of the *Fee Bill*.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow

Tuesday 27th November, 1787.

The Chairman of the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the *Fee Bill*, reported, that they had made some Progress therein, and prayed Leave to sit again; agreed to.

Report of the Committee on the *Fee Bill*.

The Bill relating to the Public Buildings at Halifax, read a third Time, passed, and sent to the Council, by a Member.

Bill relating to the Public Buildings, sent to the Council.

According to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee on Ways and Means.

House resolve itself into Committee on Ways & Means.

Mr. *Fillis* took the Chair.

The Solicitor General moved, that it is the Sense of the Committee that the present Revenue Laws be continued for another Year, which being put, passed in the Affirmative.

Report of the Committee.

The Solicitor General then moved, that in Addition to the present Revenue Laws a Duty of Ten per Cent be laid on all Commodities imported into this Province from the United States, which also passed in the Affirmative.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the above Proceedings of the Committee, which were agreed to by the House.

A Mes-

Bill relating to the Circulation of base Half Pence, &c. agreed to by the Council.

A Message was received from the Council, with the Bill relating to the Circulation of base Half Pence, and to ascertain the Value of the English Coin; agreed to.

The House agreed to meet in Committee on the further Consideration of the *Fee Bill* this Evening at 7 o'Clock.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Wednesday 28th November, 1787.

The Committee who met on the further Consideration of the *Fee Bill*, reported Progress; Agreed to.

The Bill for the Amendment of the several Acts for raising Money by Presentment for defraying County Charges, read a second Time, and thereupon the Solicitor General moved, that the House would enter into the following Resolution.

Motion thereon.

Resolved, that as great Confusion and Disturbance are likely to arise in the County of Hants, on Account of the same having been amerced by the Judges of the Supreme Court, in their last Session at Windsor, in the Sum of Sixty Pounds; to prevent and put an End to such Confusion, there be paid out of the Province Treasury the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to be applied to the Building of the Bridge for for which the said Supreme Court, have amerced said County; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared

For the Question,

- Mr. Dewolf,
- Mr. M^oMonagle,
- Solicitor General,
- Mr. Cochran,
- Mr. Pyke,
- Mr. Howe,
- Mr. Fillis,
- Mr. Day,
- Mr. Belcher,
- Col. Tonge,
- Mr. Northup.

Against it,

- Mr. Crane,
- Mr. Schwartz,
- Mr. Leckie,
- Mr. Bulkeley,
- Col. Lawrence,
- Major M^oNiel,
- Major Barclay,
- Major Milledge,
- Mr. Jessen,
- Mr. Wilkins,
- Mr. Dennison,
- Mr. James.

Motion relative to the Administration of Justice in the Supreme Court.

Major Milledge moved, that Dissatisfactions having prevailed in the Province relative to the Administration of Justice in the Supreme Court, this House should To-Morrow at Ten o'Clock go into a Committee of the whole House on the Investigation of the Facts which have occasioned those Dissatisfactions, which passed unanimously.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Thursday 29th November, 1787.

According to Order.

The House went into Committee.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

The *Speaker* resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

The House attended His Excellency, when he was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills.

House attend His Excellency.

The Bill, intituled, '*An Act for the further Regulating of the Times of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Halifax, and the*

Bills assented to.

Bill, intituled, An Act to prevent the Circulation of base and counterfeit Half Pence, and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current Value of English Crowns, Half Crowns, and Shillings, within this Province.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Friday 30th November, 1787.

The Committee appointed to examine into the Facts which have occasioned Dissatisfactions in the Province, relative to the Administration of Justice in the Supreme Court, reported, that they had proceeded on such Examination, the Narrative of which they submitted to the Consideration of the House, and thereupon

Report of the Committee on the Administration of Justice in the Supreme Court.

Major Milledge moved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the Subject, and to request he would be pleased to take the same into his Consideration, and adopt such Measures thereon as he may think just and right. *Major Barclay*, *Mr. Wilkins*, and *Mr. Day*, appointed accordingly.

Motion thereon.

On Motion, ordered, that *Mr. Jessen* be added to the Committee for examining into the State of the Custom Houses in the several Out Ports in this Province, in the Room of *Mr. Sherlock*.

The Petition from *D. C. Jessen*, Esq; praying for some Allowances for his Services as Collector of *Lunenburg*, during the last Eighteen Months, withdrawn.

The Petition of *D. C. Jessen*, withdrawn.

A Petition from *Andrew Beardman*, stating, that he had made a Settlement on the Road leading from *Annapolis* to *Shelburne*, which proves useful to Persons travelling that Way, and praying the House would make him the same Allowance as is extended to the People of *Shelburne*, settled on said Road, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition from *Andrew Beardman*.

A Petition was presented from *D. C. Jessen*, Esq; praying to be allowed Payment of the Sum of £.68. 7. $\frac{1}{2}$. which Sum was voted by the House in their last Session, and did not pass the Council, ordered, to be referred to the Committee on Petitions, &c.

Petition from *D. C. Jessen*.

House resolve itself
into Committee on
private Petitions
&c.

The House went into Committee on the Consideration of Private Petitions.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

The Petition of *Gregory Springall*, referred over from last Session, was considered, and thereupon Major *M^cNiel* moved, that the Sum of £.254. 11. 3. be granted him agreeable to the Prayer of the same, which passed in the Negative.

The Petitions of *John Sargent*, Gauger, and *Thomas O'Brien*, Land Waiter at *Shelburne*, were considered, and thereupon

Resolved, that there be allowed and paid to each of the Land Waiters and Gauger for the District of *Shelburne*, at the Rate of £.40 per Annum, for the Year 1788, and that the same be defrayed out of the Collection of Impost and Excise Duties at *Shelburne*.

The Petition of *Noah Bowen*, referred over from last Session, was considered, and thereupon

Resolved, that the Sum of £.40. 16. 8. be granted and paid to him agreeable to the Prayer of the same.

The Petition of *D. Christopher Jessen*, Esq; was considered, and thereupon *resolved*, that the Sum of £.68. 7. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. be granted and paid to him, agreeable to the Prayer of the same.

The Petition from *George Bayer* and *others*, referred over from last Session, was dismissed.

The Petition from *Israel Andrews*, was dismissed.

The Petition of *John Newton*, Esqr; Collector for the District of *Halifax*, was read, and the Committee, having fully considered the same, are of Opinion, that no extra Allowance can be granted him, the House having already made ample Provision for his Services.

Report of that
Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

The *Chairman* of the Committee reported the foregoing Proceedings and prayed Leave to sit again To-Morrow; which the House agreed to.

House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Saturday 1st December, 1787.

Presented and read a first Time, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing in Force the several Acts herein after mentioned, and for laying a Duty on the Importation of certain Goods and Merchandizes into this Province*; and on Motion read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time on Monday.

Bill for continuing
in Force several Acts
therein mentioned,
and for laying a Duty
on certain Goods
and Merchandizes,
read 1st & 2^d time.

The Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the *Lieutenant Governor*, respecting the Administration of Justice in the Supreme Court, reported the following Draft :

To

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN PARR, Esqr;

Address reported.

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in General Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Province of Nova-Scotia in General Assembly convened, beg Leave to address your Excellency upon a Subject of the utmost Importance; and on which we cannot be silent, without betraying the sacred Trust reposed in us by the People; a Trust we dare not sacrifice even to the Feelings of Humanity, and which in the present Instance we discharge with a Degree of Reluctance that nothing but a Sense of our Duty can overcome.

The regular and impartial Administration of Justice is so essential to the Happiness, and we may say to the Existence of every Government, that no wise Legislature can be inattentive to it, but on the contrary they will ever make it an Object of their first, and most watchful Regard.

On this Ground it is, we now inform your Excellency, that Complaints have been laid before us of the improper and irregular Administration in Office of His Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court, the Proofs of which, as they have been offered to us, we beg Leave to submit to your Excellency, and to request you will be pleased to institute an Enquiry into their Conduct, in such a Manner, that a fair and impartial Investigation may take place, that the Public be fully convinced of their Innocence or Criminality, and that they themselves may be satisfied in what they have an undoubted Right to expect, a Trial by their Peers.

Which being read, was agreed to, and ordered, that the same be engrossed; and the Speaker was requested to know when His Excellency would be ready to receive the same.

The Committee appointed to examine and report on the best Means to promote the Manufacture of Iron, and the most likely Means to promote the Growth and Manufacture of Hemp, and the Exportation of Ton and other Timber, in Addition to their former Report, reported as follows:

That in the Session of 1785, the Plan held out by a Committee appointed to consider the Utility of giving Bounties on the Produce of this Province as far as it relates to the Article of Hemp, is fully adequate (if continued) to promote the Cultivation of that Article within this Province.

Report of the Committee on Hemp, and Ton Timber.

It appears to the Committee, that the easy Access to all the Ports, Harbours, Rivers and Creeks for Vessels of large as well as small Tonnage, the great Quantities of Maple, Ash, Beach, Birch, Elm, Spruce, Pine, Hemlock, and Fir, and almost all Species of Timber of the larger Dimensions, and the facility of transporting Ton and other Timber may enable this Province to supply that Commodity to any Amount.

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The Committee is of Opinion, that the Provincial Agent should be instructed to apply to Parliament for a Renewal of the Bounties heretofore granted by Great Britain on American Hemp and Ton Timber, and that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be requested to co-operate with the same by an Application to His Majesty's Ministers.

The Committee have the fullest Confidence that these Measures will have the most beneficial Effects to this Province, and be attended with real Advantage to the Mother Country.

Which was agreed to, and ordered, that the Committee do wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with a Copy of the above Report, and also inform His Excellency of the Wishes of the House on that Subject.

According to Order

House resolve itself into Committee on Private Petitions, &c.

The House went into Committee on the Consideration of Petitions, &c.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

The Petition of *James Kavanagh*, and *George and Foster Sberlock*, referred over from the last Session, was considered, and thereupon

Resolved, that the same be dismissed, the House not having it in their Power to dispence with the Law.

Resolved, that the Sum of £.59. 8. 1. be allowed and paid to *Anthony Henry*, Printer, for Stationary, and for the Laws of the Province supplied to the House, agreeable to their Vote in the last Session.

Report of the Committee.

Resolved, that the Sum of £.168. 17. 2½. be allowed and paid for fundry Expences incurred for Repairs done at the Government House, and South Farm, agreeable to an Account, presented to the House.

An Account from *Charles Morris*, Esq; Surveyor General of Lands, (recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor) amounting to £.63. 1. for Stationary expended in his Office, during the last three Years, was considered, and on Motion, dismissed.

Resolved, that there be allowed and paid to the *Secretary* of the Province, Twenty Pounds, per Annum, for Office Rent, for the Year 1787 and 1788; and also

Resolved, that the like Sums be allowed and paid to the *Surveyor General of Lands*, for Office Rent, for the Year 1787 and 1788.

The *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

The *Chairman* reported the above Proceedings of the Committee, and prayed Leave to sit again on Monday, which the House agreed to.

The House adjourned to Monday at Eleven o'Clock.

Monday 3d December, 1787.

According to Order.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing in Force the several Acts herein after mentioned, and for laying a Duty on the Importation of certain Goods and Merchandizes into this Province*, read a third Time, passed and sent to the Council by a Member.

Bill for continuing in Force several Acts therein mentioned, and for laying a Duty on certain Goods and Merchandizes, sent to the Council.

The following Petition was received recommended to the Consideration of the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in consequence of Directions from His Majesty's Secretary of State.

A Petition from *William Lee*, Carpenter, praying the Payment of £584. 16. for Work done by him at the Governor's North Farm, (the Property of Government) during the Administration of *Sir Andrew Hamond*, agreeable to his Account of Particulars, presented to the House the last Session; ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition from *William Lee* received.

The *Speaker* informed the House, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor would be ready at 12 o'Clock, to receive their Address.

House attend His Excellency with their Address.

The *Speaker* and the *House* accordingly waited on him therewith.

The House returned, and *Speaker* took the Chair.

Read a third Time, the Bill, intituled, *An Act for better ascertaining and establishing the Fees lawful to be taken within this Province*, ordered to be engrossed.

Fee Bill read a third Time.

Presented and read a first Time, A Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable Winckworth Tonge of Windsor, in the County of Hants, Esq, to dispose of certain Parts of his Estate, by a Lottery*; ordered to be read a second Time To-Morrow.

Winckworth Tonge's Lottery Bill read first Time.

The House went into Committee on the Government Estimate for the Year 1787.

House resolve itself into Committee on the Government Estimate.

M. Pyke took the Chair.

Resolved, That a Sum of £400. be granted and paid to the present *Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court*, in lieu of all Fees whatever for the Year 1788. £400.

Resolved, That a similar Allowance be made to another *Assistant Justice*, when such a one shall be appointed, such Allowance to commence and be payable from the Time he shall be qualified and take his Seat on the Bench, but not otherwise.

Resolved, That the Sum of £100. be granted and paid to the *Speaker* of the House of Assembly for the Year 1788. £100.

Resolved, That the Sum of £100. be granted and paid to the *Solicitor General* for his Services for the Year 1788. £100.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid to the *Treasurer* of the Province, for himself, Clerk, and Office Rent for the Year 1788. £400.

Resolved, That the Sum of £100. be granted and paid to the *Clerk* of the Council, in General Assembly, for the Year 1788. £100.

Resolved, That the Sum of £100. be granted and paid to the *Clerk* of the House of Assembly, for the Year 1788. £100.

Resolved, That the Sum of £100. be granted and paid to the *Clerk* of the *Crown*, provided he attends the Supreme Court in all their Sittings for the Year 1788. - - - - - £100.

Resolved, That the Sum of £30. be granted and paid for the Expenses of *Council* in General Assembly, for the Year 1788.

Resolved, That the Sum of £80. be granted and paid to the *Printer*, for printing for Government and the General Assembly for the Year 1788.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieuteuant Governor be empowered to draw Money from the Treasury from Time to Time to defray the Expenses of maintaining Prisoners, committed to the Goal of Halifax, and not chargeable to the County, the Expenditure of such Sums to be accounted for to the Committee of Public Accounts, at their next Sessions.

Resolved, That the Sum of £30. be granted and paid to the *Keeper* of the *Council Chamber* and *House of Assembly* for the Year 1788. - - - - - £30.

The *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Committee report.

The *Chairman* of the Committee reported the foregoing Proceedings, and prayed Leave to sit again To-Morrow, which the House agreed to.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Tuesday 4th December, 1787.

Fee Bill sent to the Council.

The *Fee Bill* being engrossed, was passed, and sent to the Council by a Member.

Account from *Overseers of the Poor* at *Windsor*, presented.

An Account from the *Overseers of the Poor* at *Windsor*, for Supplies to Transcient Poor, amounting to the Sum of £24. 16. 1. was presented, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Report of Committee on *Robert Appleby's* Petition.

The Committee appointed to examine into the Merits of *Robert Appleby's* Petition, reported as follows :

That they have considered the present Situation of the Petitioner, and think him worthy of the Relief petitioned for ; which Report was agreed to, and thereupon

Bill for Relief of Robt. Appleby, read first & second time.

Mr. *Wilkins* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Robert Appleby, an insolvent Debtor* ; Leave given, and the Bill read a first and second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time To-morrow.

Winkworth Tonge's Lottery Bill read second time.

Read a second Time *Winkworth Tonge's Lottery Bill* ; and ordered to be read a third Time To-Morrow.

Bill to relieve conscientious Persons from taking Oaths in usual Form, read 1st and 2d time.

Presented and read a first and second Time a Bill, intituled, *An Act to relieve certain conscientious Persons from being obliged to take Oaths in the usual Manner* ; ordered to be read a third Time To-Morrow.

Moved,

On Motion ordered, that two Members of the House be appointed to confer with the *Chief Justice* on the Subject of the Fees taken by him in Civil Causes and offer him an Equivalent therefor, to be paid by the Province; the *Solicitor General* and *Major Barclay* appointed accordingly.

Motion respecting Fees taken by Chief Justice.

The House went into Committee on the further Consideration of the Government Estimate.

House resolve itself into Committee on Government Estimate.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid for two Waiters for the Port of *Halifax*, provided, they do not act as Clerks in the Collector's Office, but actually reside in Town and attend their Duty, £70. each, - - - - - £140.

And also for one Gauger and Weigher, provided he actually resides in Town, and attends his Duty, - - - - - £80.

Resolved, That His Excellency the *Lieutenant Governor* be empowered to draw by Warrant on the Treasury, for Defraying the Expences of entertaining His Royal Highness Prince *William Henry*, and other Contingent Expences, for the Year 1788, a Sum not exceeding - - - - - £700.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid for the *Collection* of the *Impost* and *Excise Duties* for the District of *Halifax*, Six per Cent on the Amount of the Collections in Lieu of all other Allowances whatever, for the Year 1788.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid to the *Collectors of Impost* and *Excise Duties* at the Out Ports, including *Shelburne*, Ten per Cent on the Amount of their Collections.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid to the *Agent* of the Province, for the Year 1788, - - - - - £.100. Sterling.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid to the *Keeper of the Light House*, for the Year 1788, - - - - - £100.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid for a *Messenger* to the Governor and Council, for the Year 1788, - - - - - £40.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid a Sum, not exceeding £600. for the Purpose of Defraying the Contingent Expences of the *General Assembly*, during the present Session, the same to be drawn for, by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, on the Certificates of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and the Secretary of the Province.

Resolved, That the Sum of £40. be granted and paid to the *Speaker*, for Fuel, Servants and other Expences for the House of Assembly, during the past and present Year.

Resolved, That there be paid to the Reverend Mr. *Weeks*, Chaplain to the House of Assembly, for his Attendance during this Session, - - - - - £10.

Resolved, That there be paid to *Peter Etter*, senr. Messenger to the House of Assembly, after the Rate of 5s. per Day, for his Attendance during this Session.

The

Speaker resume
Chair.
Message from the
Council, with
Bill for Security and
Payment of Interest
on Warrants, for
Concurrence.
Windsor Road Bill,
with Amendments.

Resolves agreed to.

And Resolve with
Observations.

Motion thereon.

Report of the Com-
mittee on Govern-
ment Estimate.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council, with

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Security and Payment of Interest due on Warrants and Treasurer's Notes*, sent down for Concurrence.

Also the *Windsor Road Bill*, sent down with Amendments.

And with the following *Resolves* of the House, agreed to by the Council.

- Resolve in Favour of *Jonathan Crane*,
- Resolve in Favour of *Noah Bowen*,
- Resolve in Favour of *Christopher Jessen*,
- Resolve in Favour of *John Anderson*.

And also with the Resolve in Favour of *John Sallows*, with their Observations on the same.

And thereupon, on Motion, *ordered*, that a Committee be appointed to confer with His Majesty's Council on the Amendments of the *Windsor Road Bill*, and also on the Subject of the Report of the Committee on the *Establishing and Maintaining Schools*, and also on the Observations made by the Council, on the Account of *John Sallows*, Coroner, *Mr. Wilkins*, the *Solicitor General*, and *Major Barclay*, appointed accordingly.

The House went again into Committee.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The *Chairman* reported the Resolutions of the Committee, and prayed Leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Wednesday 5th December, 1787.

According to Order.

Bills sent to Council.
Winckworth Tonge's
Lotterie Bill.
Bill for Relief of con-
scientious Person taking
Oaths in usual
Form.
Bill for Relief of
Robert Appleby.

Read a third Time, passed, and sent to the Council, by a Member, the three following Bills :

Winckworth Tonge's Lotterie Bill;

The Bill for the Relief of certain conscientious Persons taking Oaths;
And the Bill for the Relief of *Robert Appleby*, an insolvent Debtor.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Deputy Secretary of the Province, viz.

Message from His
Excellency the
Lieut. Governor.

“ In the present Conjuncture of the Affairs of Europe, and from the Letters and Instructions I have lately received from the King's Minister, I think any Deviation from my Proclamation, respecting the Trade with the United States, which is founded upon His Majesty's Order in Council, would at this Time be highly improper for me, to comply with.

J. PARR.”

Resolution thereon.

Which was immediately taken into Consideration, and thereupon resolved, that a Message be sent to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to acquaint him, this House are disposed and will cheerfully acquiesce in any Measures which Government may think proper to purpose. *Mr. Bulkely* and *Mr. Putnam*, appointed accordingly.

A Message was received from the Council, to inform the House they had appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of the House on the *Windsor Road Bill, &c.* and that the Committee of the Council were ready to meet them in the Council Chamber for that Purpose; the Committee ordered to attend accordingly.

Message from the Council.

Order thereon.

On Motion of Mr. Day, for committing the Bill for the Amendment of the several Acts for raising Money by Presentment for the Defraying County Charges.

The House went into Committee on the above Bill, and the Bill for the better regulating of the Collection of the Revenue.

House resolve itself into Committee on Consideration of Bills.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

The Bill for the Amendment of the several Acts for raising Money by Presentment for the defraying County Charges, was read and considered, and thereupon

Capt. Howe moved, that the same be deferred to the next Session, which was agreed to.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the above proceedings of the Committee, which the House agreed to.

A Message was received from the Council, with the Bill

Message from the Council.

intituled, *An Act for continuing in Force the several Acts herein after mentioned, and for laying a Duty on the Importation of certain Goods and Merchandizes into this Province, sent down with Amendments; and thereupon ordered, that a new Bill be brought in for continuing the several Laws near expiring.*

Bill for containing in Force several Acts therein mentioned, and laying Duty on Importation certain Goods and Merchandizes, with Amendments.

A Message was received from the Council with the *Windsor Road Bill*, sent down with Amendments, which were considered, agreed to, and the Bill, as amended, sent back to the Council, by a Member.

A Message was received from the Council, with the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Robert Appleby, an Insolvent Debtor*, agreed to.

Robert Appleby's Bill agreed to.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Thursday 6th December, 1787.

The Committee of His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts laid before the General Assembly, by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, report, that they have examined the Accounts, and find them as follows: viz.

Report of the Committee on Public Accounts.

The Treasurer's Accounts to the first of November, 1787, are exact, well stated, and properly vouched.

Treasurer's Accounts.

Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, to the 30th June, 1787, are exact, well stated and properly vouched.

Collectors for Halifax.

Ditto for *Lunenburg*, are exact and regular, so far as he has made any Collections, which ended June, 1786.

Collector for Lunenburg.

Ditto for *Liverpool*, his Accounts are imperfect, and only £48. 19½ collected and paid into the Treasury.

Ditto for Liverpool.

Collector for <i>Shelburne</i> .	Collector for <i>Shelburne</i> , his Accounts to the 31st of March, 1787, are exact, and no Accounts since, and a Balance to that Period to be paid into the Treasury of £270. 17. 6.																																																
Ditto for <i>Annapolis</i> .	Collector for <i>Annapolis</i> , no Accounts since June 1786, and no Remittance.																																																
Ditto for <i>Cornwallis</i> .	Collector for <i>Cornwallis</i> , his Accounts are all exact, and a Balance paid into the Treasury of £265. 3. 8.																																																
Ditto for <i>Windsor</i> .	Collector for <i>Windsor</i> , his Accounts are all regular and clear, and has paid £100. into the Treasury.																																																
Ditto for <i>Colchester</i> .	Collector for <i>Colchester</i> , no Account has been transmitted.																																																
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The Account for Work done by *Russell*, *Collins* and *Lawler*, have Government House been examined, and we find due them

Mr. <i>Russell</i>	-	£100. 9. 5.
<i>Collins</i>	-	46. 1. 7.
<i>Lawler</i>	-	52. 2. 3.
		£198. 13. 3.

There is also the Sum of £461. 12. 8. included in the Treasurer's Accounts of Outstanding Debts due from *Geo. Deschamps*, Esq;

There has been no Accounts sent from the different Collectors of Licences, for the several Counties throughout the Province.

And on the Special Report being read, the Solicitor General moved, that the House should go into the Consideration of the same To-Morrow, which was agreed to.

A STATE of the REVENUE raised in the Province
of NOVA-SCOTIA, from March 1786,
to 30th June, 1787.

Where collected	When	Excise	Sunk Duty	Impost	Amount
<i>Halifax</i>	to June 1786.	1067. 18. 11.	383. 14. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$.	14. 10. 5.	1466. 4. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$.
	September -	1064. 3. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.	328. 10. 10.	13. 5. 9.	1406. 19. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.
	December -	700. 8. 7.	1090. 3. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.	112. 0. 7.	1902. 12. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.
	March 1787.	616. 16. 10.	771. 9. 7.	178. 0. 4.	1566. 6. 9.
	June -	1086. 4. 5.	564. 11. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.	175. 3. 4.	1825. 19. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
					£8168. 3. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$.
<i>Shelburne</i>	March 1787.	- -	- -	- -	906. 18. 1.
<i>Liverpool</i>	- -	- -	- -	- -	48. 19. - $\frac{1}{2}$.
<i>Cornwallis</i>	June -	- -	- -	- -	265. 3. 8.
<i>Windsor</i>	- -	- -	- -	- -	100. - -
<i>Lunenburg</i>	- -	- -	- -	- -	208. 15. 1.
					£9697. 18. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Dr. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, being a general State of the Province Accounts to 25th Octob. 1787. Cr.

To Amount Sum due on Treasurer's Notes and Loan Warrants to 1st June, 1786. £8470. 16. 8½. Deduct so much paid off - - - 280.	8190. 16. 8½.	1787	By Amount of Bonds on Sunk Duty in the Hands of the Collectors of Excise and Impoft not yet due	852. 10. 10.
Demands on the Treasury to 25th Octob. 1787.	4545. 2. 6.		Amount of Bonds and Notes on Excise and Impoft as per general Account	514. 13. 7.
Interest on Treasurer's Notes to 1st Nov. 1787.	614. 0. 0.		Outstanding Debts per Treasurer's Accounts	736. 6. 4.
Due on School Lottery Fund	514. 7. 8.		Amount of Bonds in Hands of the Attorney General	256. 10. 10.
£13,864 6. 10½.	614. 0. 0.		Ballance School Lottery first Class	614. 8. 6.
£13,864 6. 10½.	514. 7. 8.		Ballance due from Collector at Annapolis	62. 8. 11.
£13,864 6. 10½.	614. 0. 0.		Ballance due from Collector at Sbelburne to 31st March last	270. 17. 6.
£13,864 6. 10½.	514. 7. 8.		Ballance due from Collector at Liverpool, Ditto	149. 5. 11.
£13,864 6. 10½.	514. 7. 8.		Ballance due from Collector of Licences, to the 30th September, 1787, to be paid into the Treasury	492. 5. 9.
£13,864 6. 10½.	514. 7. 8.		By Ballance	9914. 18. 8½.
£13,864 6. 10½.	514. 7. 8.		} MICHAEL WALLACE, BENJAMIN JAMES, JOHN FILLIS, JOHN W.M. SCHWARTZ, JOHN B. DIGHT,	£13,864 6. 10½.
HENRY NEWTON, ISAAC DESCHAMPS, THOMAS COCHRAN,	} Committee of Council.		} Committee of the House of Assembly.	

Presented and read a first Time, a Bill, intituled, *An Act in further Addition to An Act passed in the second Year of His Majesty's Reign*, intituled, an Act for appointing Fire Wards, and punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire.

Bill relating to Fire-wards, read first Time.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace* ordered, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on the Subject of dividing the County of Halifax, previous to his bringing in a Bill for that Purpose; Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Archibald* and Mr. *Smith* appointed accordingly.

House went into a Committee of Supply,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair.

House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Chief Justice on the Subject of Fees taken by him, having reported, that he had readily consented to receive an equivalent therefore—It was thereupon resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be allowed and paid to the Chief Justice, in Lieu of the Fees to be taken by him for the Year 1788.

The Petition of *William Lee* was considered, and thereupon resolved, that out of Respect to the Recommendation of the Petition the Sum of £. 300 be allowed and paid to Mr. *Lee* on Account of the Monies advanced by him for Materials furnished for the House built by Sir *Andrew Hammond* at the North Farm, while he was Lieutenant Governor in the Province, and that a Committee be appointed to examine and report on the Accounts of the Expences incurred for the Buildings there, Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Schwartz*, and Mr. *Fillis* appointed accordingly.

Resolved, That a Bounty of seven Shillings and six Pence per Ton be allowed and paid on all Vessels of Seventy five Tons and upwards that shall be built within this Province of good and sufficient materials and in a workmanlike manner, and Launched and fit for sea within the Year 1788.

The Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from the Council with the

Speaker resumes the Chair.

Windsor Road Bill, agreed to,

Message from Council with *Windsor Road Bill*, agreed to.

And the *Fee Bill* sent down with Amendments, and thereupon on Motion, Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Council on the Subject of the above amendments, the Solicitor General Major *Barclay* and Major *Milledge* appointed accordingly.

And the *Fee Bill* sent down with Amendments. Order thereon.

A Message was received from the Council with a Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the several Laws mentioned therein*, sent down for Concurrence.

Message from Council with Bill for continuing Laws mentioned therein for Concurrence.

The House went again into Committee.

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

House resolve itself Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That it is the Sense of this Committee in the present State of the Provincial Funds, no money should be granted for making or repairing any Roads, except the High Way from *Halifax* to *Annapolis*, and from thence to *Shelburne*, and One Hundred Pounds for repairing

pairing the Road leading from *Patridge Island* to the Head of the River *Hebere*, that District having as yet received no Assistance of the Kind.

Resolved, That the Sum of five Hundred Pounds be granted and paid for the Purpose of compleating the Road lately opened between *Annapolis Royal* and *Shelburne*, one Half thereof to be expended on the Road at the *Annapolis* Side, and the other on that Part towards *Shelburne*.

Resolved, That the Sum of five Hundred Pounds be granted and paid for the purpose of building Bridges over the River *Piffaquid* at or near the Forks of said River, and also for making the Road to the same by the way of *Windsor*.

Resolved, That the Sum of five Hundred Pounds be granted and paid for the Purpose of repairing the Road between *Sackville Bridge* and the three Mile Plain near *Windsor*.

Resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid for the Purpose of repairing the large Causeway on the *Annapolis Road*, and also the Road between *Marshall's* and *Bowens Tavern* on said Road.

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds be granted and paid for a Bridge built over the River *St. Croix* this Fall, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, agreeable to the Contract presented to this House.

Resolved, That the sum of five Hundred Pounds be granted and paid for the Purpose of compleating the Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*.

Resolved, That all the Monies voted this Session for the purpose of repairing and making Roads, be laid out under the Direction of Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor, which Commissioners shall make Contracts in Writing for all the Materials and Work they shall think proper to have done, which Contracts with the Accounts of the same, in which the Monies have been expended, shall be submitted to the Committee of public Accounts, that the same may be duly audited and passed.

Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Proceedings of the Committee, which the House agreed to.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Friday 7th December, 1787.

Fireward Bill read a second Time.

House resolve itself into Committee on *Dartmouth Whale Fishery*.

Read a second Time the *Bill respecting Firewards at Halifax*. According to Order.

House went into Committee on the Subject of the *Whale Fishery at Dartmouth*.

Mr. Tonge took the Chair.

The Commissioners appointed to expend and lay out the Monies voted by the *General Assembly* for the Purpose of encouraging and establishing

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Memoranda

Report of the Committee.

blishing a Whale Fishery at *Dartmouth*, appeared before the Committee, and the *Solicitor General*, one of the Commissioners having been fully heard;

Mr. *Wilkins* thereupon *moved*, That the special Report made by the Committee of public Accounts respecting the Expenditure of Monies, voted for the Encouragement of the Whale Fishery be recommitted, and that the Commissioners appointed for that Service be desired to prepare their Accounts, and submit them with the Vouchers to such Committee to be audited and passed by them before the next Session, agreeable to Law; which passed in the Affirmative.

The *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

The *Chairman* of the Committee reported the foregoing Proceedings, which the House agreed to.

The Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Custom Houses at the Out-Ports, reported the following Address.

Report of the Committee.

Committee appointed to examine into State of Custom Houses at Out Ports.

Report on Address.

To HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN PARR, Esqr;

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

The humble ADDRESS of the House of Representatives in GENERAL - ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

IT having been represented to this House, that the Merchants residing in different Parts of the Province, suffer great Inconvenience by being obliged to send the Masters of their Vessels trading to the West-Indies and Europe, either to Halifax or Shelburne, for the Purpose of clearing and entering, to the great Detriment of the Owners, which is often attended with Risk besides Delay, on Account of the Cargoes being suffered to remain on Board until such Entry or Clearance is made, and should a Vessel meet with any Accident, coming from Sea, they are prevented from Unloading until Orders arrive from the present Ports of Entry, which will often take up from four to six Days.

We therefore pray your Excellency would be pleased to recommend to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in London, the Necessity of establishing Officers for that Purpose by Deputation at the most convenient Places in the Bay of Fundy, and in the Basin of Minas, and also

That your Excellency would be pleased to direct the Collectors of the Ports of Halifax and Shelburne, to appoint vigilant preventive Officers to take Cognizance of, and reports from all Vessels putting in from Sea, or loading at all the Out Ports within their respective Districts.

In Behalf of the House,

S. S. BLOWERS, *Speaker.*

And thereupon ordered, That the Committee do wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the same.

Presented and read a first Time, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the several Acts herein after mentioned*, and on Motion read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time To-Morrow.

Order thereon.

Bill for continuing Acts mentioned therein, read first and second Time.

House

House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

House went into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Resolved, That a Bounty of One Shilling per Bushel shall be allowed and paid on all clean, fresh merchantable Flax Seed, raised and manufactured within this Province, and brought to Market, during the Year 1788, the same to be paid to the Grower thereof, on his making Affidavit of raising the same; and that an additional Bounty of six Pence per Bushel be allowed and paid to the Exporter thereof to Great Britain or Ireland only, and within Nine Months from the Time of its being raised, and that Certificates do accompany such Flax Seed to the Custom House where it is to be cleared outwards, shewing where, and when it was raised.

Resolved, That a Premium of Fifty Pounds shall be allowed and paid on the greatest Quantity of Merchantable Hemp, not less than a Ton, raised and manufactured by any Person in the Province, and brought to Market at any Shipping Port in the same, during the Year 1788.

Thirty-seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings on the next greatest Quantity, not less than three Quarters of a Ton, raised, manufactured and brought to Market as above.

Twenty-five Pounds on the next greatest Quantity, not less than half a Ton, raised, manufactured and brought to Market as aforesaid; and that a Bounty at the Rate of Five Shillings for every Hundred Weight shall be allowed and paid on all Hemp, raised, manufactured and brought to Market as aforesaid.

The *Speaker* resumed the Chair,

Report of the Committee.

The *Chairman* reported the foregoing Resolutions of the Committee; which the House agreed to.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Saturday 8th December, 1787.

According to Order.

Fireward Bill read third Time.

Read a third Time the Bill, respecting Firewards at Halifax, and ordered to be engrossed.

Bill for continuing AEs mentioned therein, sent to Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the several AEs herein after mentioned*, read a third Time, passed, and sent to the Council, by a Member.

Report of the Committee on Collins & Wisdom's Accounts.

The Committee of His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly appointed to examine the Accounts of Robert Collins, and John Wisdom, reported as follows:

“That having reconsidered the Demands of Robert Collins, Mason, and John Wisdom, Carpenter, for Work done &c. for the Government as by their Accounts exhibited in 1782. and having also had under Consideration the Report of the Committee last Session, do find a Balance due
“ to Robert Collins of - - - £108. 1. 5.
“ to John Wisdom - - - 194. 12. 2.
“ And altho' the Charges for Carpenters and Masons, and for the Materials
“ furnished

“ furnished, are very high and appear extravagant, yet upon good Testimony, we find they are no more than the usual Charges for Work done, and Materials furnished to others at that Time.”

Ordered, that the above Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order thereon:

House went into a Committee of Supply.

House went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Resolved, that the Bounty on Pot Ash be continued for the Year 1788.

Resolved, that a Premium of Forty Pounds shall be allowed and paid to the first Adventurer who shall within One Year from the first January, 1788, erect within this Province, a good and sufficient Bloomery or Forge, from which there shall be made from the Ore of the Country, Ten Tons of good merchantable Bar Iron, within Six Months after the same shall be so erected.

Resolved, that a Premium of Eighty Pounds shall be allowed and paid to the first Adventurer who within the Time limited as aforesaid, shall build a good Finery, from which there shall be made Ten Tons of good refined Bar Iron, within Six Months after the same shall be so erected. And that a Premium of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds shall be allowed and paid to the first Person or Persons who shall within One Year from the first January, 1788, erect a Furnace, from which there shall be made within Six Months after it is erected, Thirty Tons of good merchantable Pig Iron.

Resolved, that the Accounts for Supplies to Transient Poor in the several Counties in this Province presented to the House in the past and present Sessions, and now on the Table, be dismissed.

The Report on the Demands of Robert Collins and John Wisdom being read, Mr. Putnam thereupon moved, that the same be finally rejected, which being seconded and put, the Committee divided thereon, and there appeared

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Mr. Putnam,

Mr. Bulkeley,

Col. Tonge,

Capt. Howe,

Mr. Leckie,

Mr. Jessen,

Major Milledge,

Mr. Fillis,

Col. Lawrence,

Mr. Wallace,

Mr. Dewolf,

Mr. Dight,

Mr. Archibald,

Mr. Hill,

Mr. Belcher,

Mr. Cochran,

The Chairman.

Mr. Wallace then moved, that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be paid to Mr. Collins, and also the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty Pounds be paid to Mr. Wisdom, in full of their Demands, which was agreed to.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the foregoing Proceedings of the Committee of Supply, and that they had gone through their Business; which the House agreed to, and a Bill ordered to be brought in accordingly.

Report of the Committee.

Message from the Council with *Fee Bill*.

Bill relating to public Buildings, and Bill relating to Inferior Courts, with Amendments.

Bill for Relief of Robert Appleby, and W. Tonge's Lottery Bill, agreed to.

A Message was received from the Council with the *Fee Bill*. Also, The *Bill relating to the Public Buildings at Halifax*, and the *Bill for regulating the Manner of Issuing Procefs and Executions from the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas*, sent down with Amendments, which Amendments were considered and agreed to.

A Message was received from the Council with the *Bill for the Relief of Robert Appleby*, and *Winckworth Tong's Lottery Bill*, agreed to.

The House adjourned to Monday at Eleven o'Clock.

Monday 10th December, 1787.

Bills sent to Council.

Fee Bill.

Bill relating to public Buildings.

Bill relating to Inferior Courts, and Fireward Bill.

Resolution respecting appointment of Collectors of Impost and Excise.

Agreed to by the Council

Bill relating to public Buildings, Bill relating to Inferior Courts, Fee Bill, and Fireward Bill.

The following Bills as amended were passed and sent to the Council by a Member :

The *Fee Bill*.

Bill relating to the Public Buildings at Halifax, and the *Bill for regulating the Manner of Issuing Procefs and Executions for the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas*.

The *Fireward Bill* being engrossed, the same was also passed and sent to the Council by a Member.

Resolved, That His Excellency the *Lieutenant Governor* be requested by the Speaker to appoint able and sufficient Persons throughout this Province, to act as Collectors of the Duties of Impost and Excise in every District, and to remove all such as either by Age, Inability or Misconduct are unfit for such Offices.

A Message was received from the Council with the following Bills agreed to.

The *Bill relating to the Public Buildings at Halifax* ;

The *Bill for regulating the Manner of Issuing Procefs and Executions from the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas* ;

The *Fee Bill*, and the *Fireward Bill*.

The House adjourned to Twelve o'Clock To-Morrow.

Tuesday 11th December, 1787.

Appropriating Bill for the Year 1788, sent to Council.

Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, respecting the Judges of the Supreme Court.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for Applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Services of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly*, was presented, passed and sent to the Council by a Member.

The following Message was received from his Excellency the *Lieutenant Governor*, by the Secretary of the Province.

" I have your Address of the third Instant with the Complaints exhibited
" therewith against His Majesty's Justices of the Supreme Court, which are
" of so serious a Nature as to require a very deliberate Investigation, which
" cannot at present be gone into. I cannot however avoid remarking to
" you, that many of the Charges are Matters of legal Opinion in which the
" Judges and some of the Practitioners have differed ; which are Circum-
" stances

“stances that have often happened in England with the Twelve Judges :
 “and as to the Insinuations of a more criminal Nature they appear to be en-
 “tirely void of Foundation, and I believe that no Charge of Partiality or
 “Corruption in Office can in any Degree be imputed to them ; however you
 “may rely on it, that the whole shall be fully considered in such Way as to
 “do ample Justice to all concerned.

J. PARR.”

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill, intituled,
*An Act for Applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of
 the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty eight, and for Appro-
 priating the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly,* agreed to.

*Appropriation Bill
 for the Year 1788,
 agreed to by the
 Council.*

The House adjourned to Eleven o’Clock To-Morrow.

Wednesday 12th December, 1787.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the
 Lieutenant Governor, by the Deputy Secretary of the Province.

“The Lieutenant Governor acquaints the House of Assembly in Answer to
 “their Address of the Seventh Instant, that he has had some Time past under
 “his Consideration, the Inconvenience that attends Merchants and others
 “carrying on Trade and Commerce in such Parts of the Province very distant
 “from the Places where Officers of the Customs are stationed. That he had
 “desired the Collector to represent the same to the Commissioners of the Cu-
 “stoms in England, and sends the House of Assembly an Extract of their
 “Letter on the Subject.

Message from His
 Excellency the
 Lieut. Governor in
 Answer to the Ad-
 dress of the House
 on the Subject of
 Custom House Of-
 ficers.

(“ And as it may be necessary to emp’oy proper Persons to act as Waiters
 “and Searchers at some of the principal Out Bays within your District, you
 “are to transmit to us the Names of the Persons so employed, to whom Com-
 “missions will be sent out on your Certifying to us that they have given Se-
 “curity in Five Hundred Pounds for the faithful Discharge of the Trust re-
 “posed in them.) And if the Establishment of such Offices should not answer
 “the full Intent of what the House of Assembly wish in this Instance, the
 “Lieutenant Governor will use his best Endeavours to procure such further
 “Powers and Instructions as may be requisite for the better Accomodation
 “of the Trade and Commerce of this Province.”

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Govern-
 or, requiring the Attendance of the House of Assembly in the Coun-
 cil Chamber.

House attend His
 Excellency.

The Speaker with the House attended accordingly, when His Ex-
 cellency was pleased to give His Assent to the following Bills :

Bills agreed to.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act in Amendment of an Act for Establishing a
 Public Market at the Market Place in Halifax, and for Regulating the
 same.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for more effectually carrying into Execution
 the Provisions of an Act made in the Sixth Year of His Majesty’s Reign,
 intituled, An Act to prevent the Multiplicity of Law Suits.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act in Amendment of an Act made in the Twenty-
 first Year of His present Majesty’s Reign, intituled, An Act in Addition to
 an Act made in the Tenth Year of His present Majesty’s Reign, intituled,*

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An Act for Establishing the Toll to be taken at the several Grist Mills in this Province.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges, Streets, &c.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for Regulating and Maintaining a Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of Shelburne.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act in Addition to and Amendment of an Act made in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for regulating Servants.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Robert Appleby, an insolvent Debtor.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise a Sum of Money, to repair the public Road leading from Halifax to Windsor, and to cause the Proprietors on each Side said Road to settle the same more expeditiously.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing in Force the several Acts here- in after mentioned.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable Winckworth Tonge of the County of Hants, Esqr, to dispose of certain Parts of his Estate by Lottery.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Manner of Issuing Procefs and Execution from the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas for the several Counties in this Province, and for altering the Form of the Summons heretofore used.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act in further Addition to an Act passed in the Second Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for appointing Fire-wards and punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Establishment of Fees as regulated by the Governor and Council at the Request of the House of Assembly.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling Commissioners to make Sale of the public Buildings therein named for public Uses, and to erect on the lower Parade in the Town of Halifax a commodious Building, and also to provide or build a Common Jail.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Services of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and for appropriating the Supplies, granted in this Session of General Assembly.*

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following
SPEECH.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL, and
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

His Excellency's
Speech.

THE Season of the Year calls on me to close this Session of the General Assembly. But I cannot dismiss you without acknowledging your Unanimity and Dispatch of the public Business, and I am at the same Time to return you my Thanks for your Services.

The Secretary of the Province then by His Excellency's Command declared the GENERAL ASSEMBLY prorogued to Monday the 17th of March next, and the same was prorogued accordingly.