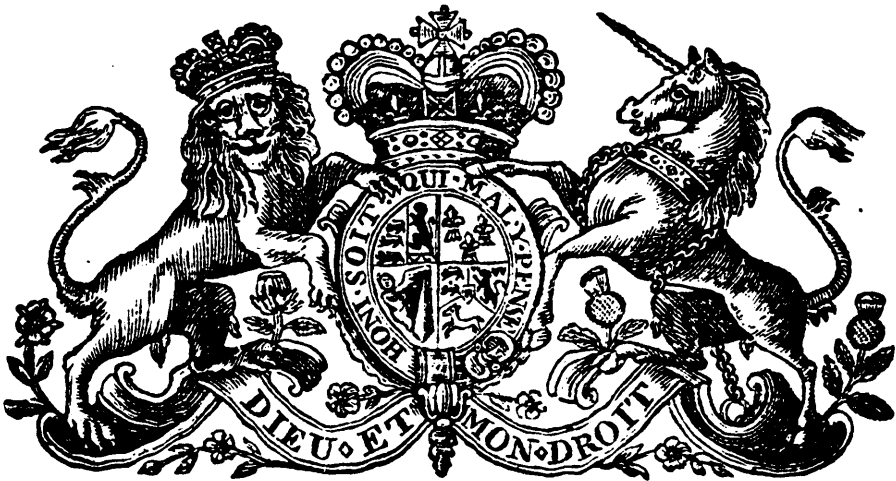



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House of Assembly,

FREDERICTON, TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1798.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY having been prorogued to this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business—when a sufficient numbers of Members to compose a House not attending—

Adjourned until to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1798.

A sufficient number of Members to compose a House not attending—

Adjourned until to morrow.

THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1798.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—and it being the day observed in honor of Her MAJESTY'S birth-day—

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1798.

The House being met pursuant to adjournment—

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR requiring the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber.

The House attended accordingly—and being returned, and the Speaker having taken the Chair—

Read

Read the first time a bill “to prevent Trespasses.”

Mr. Speaker then reported that the House had attended His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR in the Council Chamber, where HIS EXCELLENCY was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, and that, to prevent mistakes, he had procured a copy of the same; which he read to the House, and is as follows, to wit:

“Gentlemen of the Council,
“And Gentlemen of the Assembly,

“THE principal objects that I have at this time to recommend to your consideration, are the ordinary services of the current year and of the two last preceding years, together with such particulars as were recommended during the two last Sessions, and for which the necessary provisions have not been completed.

“Gentlemen of the Assembly,

“I have given orders for such accounts, and papers, as may be necessary for your further information, to be laid before you.

“Gentlemen of the Council,
“And Gentlemen of the Assembly,

“THE business now before you will, I hope, be dispatched in such manner as may be most effectually conducive to the present and future prosperity of this Province, which, in our respective stations, as branches of the Legislature, we cannot but consider as the great end of all our deliberations.”

On motion made and seconded—

Resolved, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, in answer to the foregoing Speech.

Ordered, That Major Murray, Colonel Coffin, Mr. William Pagan, Mr. Simonds and Mr. Campbell, be a committee to prepare the same.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1798.

Major Murray, from the committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His EXCELLENCY'S Speech—*Reported*, That the committee had agreed to a draught of the same—which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Clerk's table; where the same being again read, was unanimously agreed to by the House, and is as follows, to wit:

“To His Excellency THOMAS CARLETON, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

“The Humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

“May it please Your Excellency!

“The House of Assembly will without delay, take into their serious consideration the ordinary services of the current and preceding years, and make such provision as the present situation of the Province will admit.

“We thank YOUR EXCELLENCY for ordering such accounts and papers as may be necessary for our further information, to be laid before us.

“Nothing

“ Nothing shall be wanting on our part to expedite the business now before us, and we trust it will be conducted in such manner as will effectually conduce to the future prosperity of this Province, which, as one of the Branches of the Legislature, we cannot but consider as the great end of all our deliberations.”

Resolved, That the foregoing Address be presented to His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR by the whole House.

On motion, *Ordered*, That Captain *Agnew*, The *Attorney General*, Mr. *Gilbert*, Mr. *Peters*, Mr. *Glenie*, and Mr. *Street*, be a committee to bring in a bill “for regulating and establishing a table of Fees.”

The committee appointed to correspond with the Agent of the Province, during the recess of the General Assembly, laid before the House the said correspondence—

Which was read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, take into consideration the correspondence with the Agent of the Province.

The House then adjourned until Monday next at eleven of the Clock.

MONDAY, 22d JANUARY, 1798.

Ordered, That Colonel *Ellegood* and Mr. *Gilbert* wait upon his Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address in answer to His EXCELLENCY'S Speech.

The said Members returned and reported that they had waited upon His EXCELLENCY accordingly, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the House with the same on Wednesday next at twelve of the Clock.

A bill “for regulating and establishing a table of Fees” being brought in by the committee appointed for that purpose—

Was read the first time.

On motion, That this House do now resolve itself into a committee of Supply—*Ordered*, That His EXCELLENCY'S Speech to both Houses be referred to the said committee.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the consideration of the Supplies to be granted for the public service—

Mr. *William Pagan* in the chair.

The Speaker having resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had taken into consideration the business to them referred, and had agreed to the following Resolutions, to wit:—

“ *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that there be granted to His MAJESTY for defraying the expences of the Public Services of this Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the following sums, to wit:—

“ To the Speaker of the House of Assembly for his services during that Session and for his travelling charges the sum of *fifty pounds*.

“ To the other Members of the House of Assembly, for defraying their expences of attendance during that Session and travelling charges, reckoning twenty miles to each day's travel, to be certified by the Speaker, the sum of *seven shillings and six-pence per diem*.

“ To

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for his services during that Session the sum of *ten shillings* per diem, and for other services the sum of *fifty pounds*.

“ To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Council in General Assembly, the sum of *ten shillings* per diem during that Session.

“ To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Assembly the sum of *ten shillings* per diem during that Session.

“ To the Door-keeper of the Council in General Assembly the sum of *five shillings* per diem during that Session.

“ To the Door-keeper of the Assembly the sum of *five shillings* per diem during that Session.

“ To the Messenger the sum of *five shillings* per diem during that Session.

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for Fuel, Stationary and other expences of that Session, the sum of *sixteen pounds and twelve shillings*.

“ To the Treasurer of the Province for his services for one year ending the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the sum of *one hundred and twenty-five pounds*.

“ To the Tide Surveyor in the City of Saint John for his services to the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the sum of *forty pounds*.

“ To the Clerk of the Council in General Assembly for Stationary and other expences relating to that Session, the sum of *twenty-five pounds* on account.

“ To the Sheriffs of the several Counties for returning the Members to serve in General Assembly the following sums, to wit:—To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John the sum of *fourteen pounds, one shilling and eight-pence*—To the Sheriff of the County of Westmorland the sum of *eleven pounds, ten shillings and four-pence*—To the Sheriff of the County of Charlotte the sum of *fifteen pounds, ten shillings and four-pence*—To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland the sum of *seven pounds, eighteen shillings and four-pence*—To the Sheriff of King's County the sum of *thirteen pounds, ten shillings and four-pence*—To the Sheriff of Queen's County the sum of *eight pounds, two shillings and four-pence*—To the Sheriff of the County of York the sum of *sixteen pounds, fifteen shillings and four-pence*—And to the Sheriff of the County of Sunbury the sum of *four pounds, seventeen shillings and four-pence*.

“ To the Treasurer of the County of Charlotte for defraying the expences incurred by the said County in securing and maintaining divers Prisoners who had mutined on board of the ship *Roman Emperor*, the sum of *seven pounds, sixteen shillings and three-pence*.

“ To the Colonel of the Militia of Queen's County for defraying the expence of purchasing Drums, the sum of *nine pounds, five shillings and one penny*—and to Captain *Stephen Jarvis* of the York County Militia for defraying the expence of a Drum, the sum of *two pounds, eighteen shillings and nine-pence*.

“ To the Members for the County of Charlotte for defraying the expence of two hundred and fifty-four days service of Privates, nineteen days service of Serjeants, and four days service of Drummers of the Militia of that County, or such part of the same as they may apply for and receive, to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly, the sum of *fourteen pounds, seven shillings and six-pence*.

“ To

“ To Captain *Nathan Frink* for expences incurred by him in apprehending, maintaining and transporting French Prisoners of War, the sum of *ten pounds*.

“ To *Christopher Sower* for printing the Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly, the sum of *thirty-nine pounds, eighteen shillings and eight-pence*; and for printing the Acts passed in the Session of the General Assembly held in one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and the Act “ for regulating Elections,” the sum of *thirty pounds, thirteen shillings and eight-pence*.

“ To His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for defraying expences of the Province, a sum not exceeding *one hundred pounds*.”

“ *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that there be granted to His MAJESTY for defraying the expences of the Public Services of this Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the following sums, to wit:—

“ To the Speaker of the House of Assembly for his services during that Session, and for his travelling charges the sum of *fifty pounds*.

“ To the other Members of the House of Assembly for defraying their expences of attendance during that Session and travelling charges, reckoning twenty miles to each day's travel, to be certified by the Speaker, the sum of *seven shillings and six-pence per diem*.

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for his services during that Session the sum of *ten shillings per diem*, and for other services the sum of *fifty pounds*.

“ To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Council in General Assembly the sum of *ten shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Assembly the sum of *ten shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Door-keeper of the Council in General Assembly the sum of *five shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Door-keeper of the Assembly the sum of *five shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Messenger the sum of *five shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for Fuel, Stationary, and other expences of that Session the sum of *twenty pounds*.

“ To the Treasurer of the Province for his services to the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the sum of *seventy-five pounds*.

“ To the Tide Surveyor in the City of Saint John for his services to the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the sum of *twenty pounds*.

“ To the Clerk of the Council in General Assembly for Stationary and other expences relating to that Session, the sum of *twenty-five pounds on account*.

“ To His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for defraying expences of the Province, a sum not exceeding *one hundred pounds*.”

“ *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that there be granted to His MAJESTY for defraying the expences of the Public Services of this Province for the current year, the following sums, to wit:

“ To the Speaker of the House of Assembly for his services during the present Session and for his travelling charges the sum of *fifty pounds*.

“ To the other Members of the House of Assembly, for defraying their expences of attendance during the present Session and travelling charges, reckoning twenty miles to each day's travel, to be certified by the Speaker, the sum of *seven shillings and six-pence per diem*.

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for his services during the present Session the sum of *ten shillings per diem*, and for other services the sum of *fifty pounds*.

“ To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Council in General Assembly, the sum of *ten shillings per diem* during the present Session.

“ To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Assembly the sum of *ten shillings per diem* during the present Session.

“ To the Door-keeper of the Council in General Assembly the sum of *five shillings per diem* during the present Session.

“ To the Door-keeper of the Assembly the sum of *five shillings per diem* during the present Session.

“ To the Messenger the sum of *five shillings per diem* during the present Session.

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for Fuel, Stationary and other expences of the present Session, the sum of *fifteen pounds, ten shillings and eleven-pence*.

“ To the Treasurer of the Province for his services to the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, the sum of *sixty-two pounds and ten shillings*.

“ To the Clerk of the Council in General Assembly for Stationary and other expences relating to the present Session, the sum of *twenty-five pounds on account*.

“ To His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for defraying expences of the Province for the current year, a sum not exceeding *one hundred pounds*.

“ To His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for the payment of the Adjutants of the several Regiments of Militia for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, a sum not exceeding *one hundred and sixty pounds*.”—

And requested leave for the committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

TUESDAY, 23d JANUARY, 1798.

The committee appointed at the last Session to examine *John Ryan*, Printer, relative to a complaint made against him for publishing copies of sundry letters from *William Knox*, Esq.—made a report—

Which was read :—

And on motion, *Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Read the second time, a bill “ *for regulating and establishing a table of Fees*”.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

On motion, The House again resolved itself into a committee on the further consideration of the supplies to be granted for the Public Service—

Mr.

Mr. *William Pagan* in the chair—

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had again taken into consideration the business to them referred—and had come to the following Resolutions, to wit:—

“ *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that there be granted to His MAJESTY for defraying the expences of the Public Services of this Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, out of the monies now remaining in the Treasury, the following sums, to wit:

“ To the Speaker of the late House of Assembly for his services during that Session and for his travelling charges, the sum of *fifty pounds*.

“ To the other Members of the late House of Assembly for defraying their expences of attendance during that Session and travelling charges, reckoning twenty miles to each day's travel, to be certified by the Speaker, the sum of *seven shillings and six-pence per diem*.

“ To the Heirs or Representatives of the late Chaplain of the House of Assembly the sum of *ten shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Clerk of the Council in General Assembly for Stationary and other expences of that Session, the sum of *twenty-five pounds*.

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for his services during that Session the sum of *ten shillings per diem*, and for other services the sum of *forty pounds*.

“ To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Council in General Assembly the sum of *ten shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Serjeant at Arms attending the Assembly the sum of *ten shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Door-keeper of the Council in General Assembly the sum of *five shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Door-keeper of the Assembly the sum of *five shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Messenger the sum of *three shillings per diem* during that Session.

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for House-rent for the accommodation of the General Assembly and Courts of Justice for one year ending the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the sum of *forty pounds*.

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for Fuel, Stationary and other expences of that Session, the sum of *twenty pounds, five shillings and seven-pence*.

“ To the Treasurer of the Province for his services for one year ending the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, the sum of *one hundred and thirty-five pounds*.

“ To the Tide Surveyor in the City of Saint John for his services to the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, the sum of *forty pounds*.

“ To *William Pagan*, Esq. for Books imported on the subjects of the Laws of Nature and Nations, of the Constitution of Great-Britain, and rules and proceedings of the British Parliament, purchased by order of the House of Assembly, the sum of *twenty-four pounds, three shillings and four-pence*.

“ To His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for the payment of the Adjutants of the several Regiments of Militia for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, a sum not exceeding *one hundred and sixty pounds*.

“ To

“ To His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for defraying an expence incurred by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, in maintaining and securing divers prisoners apprehended in the United States and conveyed to the Gaol of Saint John, charged with having committed Piracy, the sum of *twelve pounds, six shillings and seven-pence.*”

“ To *John Holland*, Esq. late Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John for his extra trouble in keeping the prisoners committed to the Gaol of Saint John from the other parts of the Province, the sum of *twenty pounds.*”

“ To *Thomas Wetmore*, Esq. for services performed by him in preparing sundry bills and other assistances of Clerkship rendered the House of Assembly, the sum of *ten pounds.*”

“ To His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for defraying expences of the Province, a sum not exceeding *one hundred pounds.*”

“ *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that there be granted to His MAJESTY towards defraying the expences of the Public Services of this Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the following sums, to wit :—

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for House-rent for the accommodation of the General Assembly and Courts of Justice for one year ending the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the sum of *forty pounds.*”

“ To *Christopher Sower* for printing the Acts passed in the Session of the General Assembly held in one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the sum of *nineteen pounds and seventeen shillings.*”

“ To *John Ryan* for printing, the sum of *nine pounds and twelve shillings.*”

“ To *Ephraim Betts* going express with a Writ of Election to the County of Northumberland, the sum of *two pounds and five shillings.*”

“ To the General Post-Office for postage of letters with Writs of Election to several Counties, the sum of *three pounds, five shillings and nine-pence.*”

“ To *James Sutter* for bringing one hundred copies of the Act “for regulating Elections” express from Saint John to Fredericton, the sum of *ten shillings.*”

“ To His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for the payment of the Adjutants of the several Regiments of Militia for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, a sum not exceeding *one hundred and sixty pounds.*”

“ To the Members for Queen’s County to re-imburse monies expended in opening the road from Kennebeckacis to Jimfeg, the sum of *fifteen pounds.*”

“ To *Christopher Sower* for printing the Journal of the House of Assembly in the Session held in one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the sum of *thirty pounds* on account.

“ To *William Knox*, Esq. Agent of this Province towards defraying his expences in the service thereof, the sum of *one hundred and twelve pounds.*”

And requested leave for the committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the consideration of WAYS and MEANS of providing for the Supplies voted for the years one thousand seven hundred and

ninety-six, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

Ordered, That Colonel *Fanning*, Mr. *Siddall* and Mr. *Smith* be a committee to examine and report such Laws as have expired or are near expiring.

The order of the day being read—

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the consideration of the correspondence with the Agent of the Province.—

Mr. *Robert Pagan* in the chair—

The Speaker having resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had taken into consideration the business to them referred, and had made a progress therein.—

And requested leave for the committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1798.

The House met—and then waited upon His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR with their Address in answer to His EXCELLENCY'S Speech at the opening of the Session—

And being returned, the Speaker took the chair and reported that the House had waited upon His EXCELLENCY with their Address, and that he was pleased to make the following reply thereto, to wit:—

“ *Gentlemen*,

“ I thank you for the assurance you give me, that nothing on your part
 “ shall be wanting to expedite the business now before you, the completion
 “ of which is of such evident importance to the interest and reputation of
 “ the Province.”

The committee appointed to examine and report such Laws as have expired or are near expiring, made a report—

Which was read—and

Thereupon Ordered, That the same Members be a committee to prepare a bill “ to continue several Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring.”

On motion, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, to request that he will be pleased to communicate to this House such information as he may have received from His MAJESTY'S Ministers on the subject matter of the bill “ for laying an impost
 “ on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale, and Playing Cards”—a draught of which was transmitted by His EXCELLENCY at the request of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *William Pagan* and Captain *M'Lean* do present the same.

The order of the day being read—

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the consideration of WAYS and MEANS—

Mr. *Glenie* in the chair—

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had taken into consideration the business to them referred—and had had come to the following Resolution, to wit:

“ *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that there be granted
 “ to

“ to His MAJESTY, for the support of the Government of this Province, the following duties of impost, to wit:—

“ On every gallon of Rum *six-pence*; on every gallon of Brandy, Geneva, and other distilled spirituous Liquors *eight-pence*; on every gallon of Wine *nine-pence*; on every gallon of Molasses *one penny*; on every hundred weight of Brown Sugar *two shillings*; on every pound of Bohea Tea *one penny*; on every pound of Hyson, Souchong, and all other Teas *two-pence*; on every pound of Leaf Tobacco *two-pence*; on every pound of other Tobacco, excepting that manufactured in Great-Britain, *six-pence*; on every pound of Loaf Sugar *one penny*; on every hoghead of Porter, Ale, and Beer, *five shillings*; and on every pack of Playing Cards *six-pence*.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

A Message from His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR was delivered to the House, which was read—and is as follows, to wit:—

NEW-BRUNSWICK, 24th January, 1798.

THOS. CARLETON. “ MESSAGE from His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR to the House of Assembly.

“ HIS EXCELLENCY recommends it to the House of Assembly to provide for payment of one year’s rent of the House hired by order of His EXCELLENCY for the accommodation of the General Assembly and the Courts of Justice, ending the first of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, *forty pounds*.

“ Also for payment of the expence of printing three hundred copies of the Acts passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, *fifteen pounds and nine shillings*.

“ And for payment of the services of the several Adjutants of the Militia.

“ By His EXCELLENCY’S Command,

“ JON. ODELL.”

Ordered, That the said Message be referred to the committee of supply.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

THURSDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1798.

A bill “ to continue several Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring ”—being brought in by the committee appointed for that purpose—

Was read the first time.

An account of *Christopher Sower* for printing the Journals of the House of Assembly in the Sessions of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, was presented to the House and read—

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee of supply.

On motion—The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the consideration of a bill “ for regulating and establishing a table of Fees.”

Major *Murray* in the chair—

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—That the committee had taken into consideration the business to them referred, and had made a progress therein—

And requested leave to sit again.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

The Members appointed to present to His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR the Address of this House on the subject of the bill "*for laying an impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale, and Playing Cards*"—reported, that they had waited upon His EXCELLENCY with the same, and that he was pleased to say he would send a Message to this House in answer thereto.

On motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. *William Pagan*, Mr. *Campbell* and Captain *M'Lean*, be a committee to prepare a bill "*for raising a Revenue in this Province.*"

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1798.

Read the second time a bill "*to continue several Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring.*"

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the committee appointed to prepare a bill "*for raising a Revenue in this Province,*" be instructed to present the same under the title of a bill "*for raising a Revenue in this Province and for appropriating the monies arising therefrom to the Public Services therein mentioned.*"

The House again resolved itself into a committee on the consideration of a bill "*for regulating and establishing a table of Fees.*"

Major *Murray* in the chair—

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had again taken the said bill into consideration, and had made a further progress therein—

And requested leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

SATURDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1798.

A bill "*for raising a Revenue in this Province and for appropriating the monies arising therefrom to the Public Services therein mentioned,*" being brought in by the committee appointed for that purpose—

Was read the first and second time—and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR was delivered to the House, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:—

“NEW-BRUNSWICK, 26th January, 1798.

THOS. CARLETON.

“MESSAGE to the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

“The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR informs the House in answer to their Address of yesterday, that he has not yet received any information from His MAJESTY'S Ministers on the subject of the bill "*for laying an impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale, and Playing Cards*"—a draught of which, at the request of the House, His EXCELLENCY transmitted in a letter to the Secretary of State, dated the 25th February, 1797.

“By His EXCELLENCY'S Command,

“JON. ODELL.”

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The House then resolved itself into a committee on the further consideration of the bill “*for regulating and establishing a table of Fees*”—

Major *Murray* in the chair—

The Speaker having resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had again taken the said bill into consideration, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered, That the report be accepted, and that the said bill be engrossed.

On motion—The House again resolved itself into a committee on the further consideration of the correspondence with the Agent of the Province—

Mr. *Robert Pagan* in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had made a further progress in the business to them referred—

And requested leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

House in committee—

Captain *Agnew* in the chair—

Took into consideration a bill “*to continue several Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring.*”

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had agreed thereto.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted, and that the bill be engrossed.

A bill “*to provide for the services of the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight,*” being brought in by leave—

Was read the first time.

Colonel *Fanning* by leave brought in a bill “*for the registering of Marriages, Births, and Deaths*”—

Which was read the first time.

The House then adjourned until Monday next at eleven of the clock.

MONDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1798.

On motion—The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the consideration of a bill “*for raising a Revenue in this Province and for appropriating the monies arising therefrom to the Public Services therein mentioned*”—

Captain *M'Lean* in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had made a progress therein—

And requested leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1798.

The House again resolved itself into a committee on the further consideration of a bill “for raising a Revenue in this Province and for appropriating the monies arising therefrom to the Public Services therein mentioned.”

Captain *M'Lean* in the chair.

The Speaker having resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had made a further progress in the said bill—

And requested leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

On motion—The House resolved itself into a committee on the further consideration of the supplies to be granted for the Public Service—

Mr. *William Pagan* in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had again taken into consideration the business to them referred—and had voted the following sums for the services of the current year, viz :—

“ To the Clerk of the Assembly for House-rent for the accommodation of the General Assembly and Courts of Justice, for one year ending the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, the sum of *forty pounds*.

“ To *Christopher Sower* for printing three hundred copies of the Acts passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, the sum of *fifteen pounds and nine shillings*.

“ And for the balance due him for printing the Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly in the Session of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the sum of *seventeen pounds, nineteen shillings and eight-pence*.

“ Also for printing the Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly in the Session of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the sum of *thirty-three pounds and eight-pence*.

“ To *John Ryan* for printing, the sum of *nine pounds*.”

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

House in committee—

Captain *M'Lean* in the chair—

Went again into the consideration of the bill “for raising a Revenue in this Province and for appropriating the monies arising therefrom to the Public Services therein mentioned.”

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had again taken the said bill into consideration, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

And upon the question that the said report be accepted—

A motion was made and seconded—That so much of the said bill as relates to the appropriation of monies be struck out—

Upon which the House divided.

Y E A S.

Colonel *Coffin*,
Captain *M'Lean*,
Mr. *Yeamans*,

Colonel *Fanning*,
Colonel *Ellegood*,
Major *Murray*,

Mr. *Peters*,
Mr. *Siddall*.

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N A Y S.

Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. W. Pagan,
Mr. Mowatt,

Mr. Younghusband,
Mr. Street,
Mr. Simonds,
Mr. Smith,

Captain Agnew,
Mr. R. Pagan,
Major Dixson.

And the question being then put that the said report be accepted—it passed in the affirmative.

Thereupon Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed.

Read the second time a bill “*for the registering of Marriages, Births, and Deaths*”—

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

The House then resolved itself into a committee on the consideration of the said bill—

Mr. Campbell in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had directed him to report it as their opinion that the same be referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted—and that Colonel Fanning, Mr. Robert Pagan, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Street, be a committee for that purpose.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

 WEDNESDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1798.

On motion—The House went into consideration of the report of the committee appointed to examine *John Ryan*, Printer, respecting the publication of certain Letters.—

And upon the facts stated in the said report, do not find that the said *John Ryan* published the same with any evil intention, and therefore acquit him of any censure.

Mr. *William Pagan* moved for leave to bring in a bill “in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled “*an Act for the regulation of Seamen.*”

Leave was given—and the said bill being brought in accordingly—

Was read the first time.

Read the third time as engrossed—a bill “*to continue several Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring.*”

Ordered, That the said bill pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Younghusband* moved for leave to bring in a bill “to revive and continue an Act intituled ‘*an Act to lay a tax on Dogs.*’

Leave was given.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

 THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1798.

A bill “*for raising a Revenue in this Province, and for appropriating the moneys arising therefrom to the Public Services therein mentioned*”—being read the third time as engrossed.

A motion was made and seconded—that such parts of the said bill as relates to the appropriation of monies, be taken out and sent up in a separate bill—
And the question being put on the said motion, it passed in the negative.

Y E A S.

Colonel *Coffin*,
Captain *M'Lean*,
Mr. *Yeamans*,

Colonel *Fanning*,
Colonel *Ellegood*,
Major *Murray*,

Mr. *Peters*,
Mr. *Siddall*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Gilbert*,
Mr. *Campbell*,
Mr. *W. Pagan*,
Mr. *Mowatt*,

Mr. *Youngbusband*,
Mr. *Street*,
Mr. *Simonds*,
Mr. *Smith*,

Captain *Agnew*,
Mr. *R. Pagan*,
Major *Dixson*,
Mr. *Glenie*.

Thereupon Ordered, That the said bill pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

On motion—The House again resolved itself into a committee on the further consideration of the correspondence with the Agent of the Province—

Mr. *Campbell* in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the committee had taken into consideration the business to them referred—and that a motion was made and seconded, that it be “*Resolved*, that it is the opinion of this committee, that Mr. *Knox* “having in his letter of the 3d July, 1797, informed the House, that by accepting the Agency of this Province, he had it not in view to lend himself “to support the claims of the one Branch of the Legislature against the other, “and this House having, by requesting the concurrence of the Council in “that appointment, put him in that disagreeable situation. Mr. *Knox*’s further services, as Agent for this House, shall for that reason be dispensed with; “and that the thanks of the House be presented to him for his past services.”
Upon which the committee divided.

Y E A S.

Mr. *R. Pagan*,
Mr. *Mowatt*,
Major *Dixson*,
Mr. *Simonds*,

Mr. *Youngbusband*,
Captain *Agnew*,
Colonel *Fanning*,

Mr. *W. Pagan*,
Mr. *Glenie*,
Mr. *Street*.

N A Y S.

Colonel *Coffin*,
Major *Murray*,

Captain *M'Lean*,
Mr. *Speaker*,

Mr. *Siddall*.

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

FRIDAY, 2d FEBRUARY, 1798.

The House went into consideration of the report of the committee of the whole House on the correspondence with the Agent of the Province—

And upon the question—*Resolved*, That the said report be re-committed.

The House then resolved itself into a committee on the consideration of the same—

Mr. *Campbell* in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair—

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The Chairman reported that the committee had again taken into consideration the business to them referred—and that a motion was made and seconded that it be “*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that the Thanks of the House of Assembly be given to *William Knox*, Esq. for his past services as Agent for this Province, but as in his letter of the 3d July last he informs the House that he should be sorry to be considered as the particular Agent of either Branch of the Legislature, that on accepting the Agency he had no intention of lending himself to prefer and support the claims of the one Branch against the other, and as the last House before they chose him Agent came to the resolution that His MAJESTY’S Council should be requested to concur therein, and the opposite claims of the two Houses respecting matters of the first moment and importance to the Colony, now place him in so unpleasant a situation as to put it out of his power by preferring and supporting the claims of this House to get the important objects they wrote to him about carried into effect, that his services in future as Agent for this House must necessarily and of course be dispensed with.”—

Upon which the committee divided.

Y E A S.

Captain *Agnew*,
Mr. *R. Pagan*,
Mr. *Younghusband*,
Mr. *Smith*,

Major *Dixson*,
Colonel *Fanning*,
Mr. *W. Pagan*,
Mr. *Glenie*,

Mr. *Mowatt*,
Mr. *Street*,
Mr. *Simonds*,
Mr. *Gilbert*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Speaker*,
Mr. *Siddall*,
Mr. *Yeamans*,

Mr. *Peters*,
Major *Murray*,
Colonel *Ellegood*,

Captain *M’Lean*,
Colonel *Coffin*.

And upon the question being put that the said report be accepted—
The House divided.

Y E A S.

Captain *Agnew*,
Mr. *R. Pagan*,
Mr. *Younghusband*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Mowatt*,

Mr. *Street*,
Major *Dixson*,
Colonel *Fanning*,
Mr. *W. Pagan*,

Mr. *Glenie*,
Mr. *Simonds*,
Mr. *Gilbert*,
Mr. *Campbell*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Siddall*,
Mr. *Yeamans*,
Mr. *Peters*,

Major *Murray*,
Colonel *Ellegood*,

Captain *M’Lean*,
Colonel *Coffin*.

A bill “*to provide for defraying the expences of the Public Service for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and for disposing of the monies now in the Treasury*”—being brought in by leave—

Was read the first and second time—

And Ordered to be committed.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

SATURDAY, 3d FEBRUARY, 1798.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of a bill
 “to provide for defraying the expences of the Public Service for the year one thousand
 seven hundred and ninety-five, and for disposing of the monies now in the Trea-
 sury”—

Mr. *Peters* in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had agreed thereto.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted, and that the bill be engrossed.

On motion, Ordered, That some Members be appointed to search the Journals of the Council as to their proceedings upon the bill “for raising a Revenue in this Province and for appropriating the monies arising therefrom to the Public Services therein mentioned,” and make report to this House.

Mr. *Street* and Mr. *Campbell* are appointed for that purpose.

Major *Dixson*, by leave, brought in a bill “for altering the times and place of holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Westmorland”—

And the said bill being read the first and second time, was ordered to be committed.

The Members appointed to search the Journals of the Council as to their proceedings upon the bill “for raising a Revenue in this Province and for appropriating the monies arising therefrom to the Public Services therein mentioned”—reported, that upon searching the said Journals they found the following entry :

“COUNCIL CHAMBER, Thursday, 1st February, 1798.

“Read a bill from the Assembly ‘for raising a Revenue in this Province and for appropriating the monies arising therefrom to the Public Services therein mentioned’—

“On motion of Mr. Justice *Saunders*—resolved unanimously, that the further consideration of this bill be put off for three months.”

Mr. *Glenie*, by leave, brought in a bill “to encourage the killing of Bears and Loup-cerviers.”

Which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed.

The House then adjourned until Monday next at eleven of the clock.

MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1798.

Read the second time, a bill “in addition to and in amendment of an Act intituled ‘an Act for the regulation of Seamen.’

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

On motion, The House resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of a bill “to encourage the killing of Bears and Loup-cerviers”—

Colonel *Ellegood* in the chair.

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—That the Committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had agreed thereto with amendments.

Which report was accepted, and ordered that the said bill be engrossed.

Read the third time as engrossed, a bill “to provide for defraying the expence of the Public Service for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and for disposing of the monies now in the Treasury.”

Ordered, That the said bill pass and be sent up for concurrence.

House in Committee—

Major *Murray* in the chair—

Took into consideration a bill “*for altering the times and place of holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Westmorland.*”

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—That the Committee were of opinion that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed to the next Session of the General Assembly—that a copy thereof be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace in the County of Westmorland, and that the same be publicly read at the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the said County—to the intent that all persons interested may shew cause why the said bill should not pass into a Law.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

A Message from the Council informing this House that the Council have concurred in passing a bill “*to continue several Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring.*”

House in Committee—

Captain *Agnew* in the chair—

Took into consideration a bill “in addition to and in amendment of an Act intituled ‘*an Act for the regulation of Seamen.*’

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had taken the said bill into consideration—and had agreed to the same—

Which report was accepted, and the said bill ordered to be engrossed.

The Committee to whom was referred the bill “*for the registering of Marriages, Births and Deaths*”—reported that they had agreed to the same—

Which was read—and ordered to be taken into consideration in a Committee of the whole House.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1798.

Read the third time as engrossed, a bill “*to encourage the killing of Bears and Loup-cerviers*”—and a bill “in addition to and in amendment of an Act intituled ‘*an Act for the regulation of Seamen.*’

Ordered, That the said bills pass, and be sent up for concurrence.

A Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Parishes of Saint Stephen and Saint David in the County of Charlotte, was presented to the House and read—setting forth, that great inconvenience is suffered in the said Parishes by reason that no person is resident therein who is authorized, under the existing Laws of this Province, to solemnize and celebrate Marriage—and praying relief.

On motion, *Ordered,* That the said Petition lie on the table.

House in Committee.

Captain *Agnew* in the chair—

Took into consideration a bill “*for the registering of Marriages, Births and Deaths.*”

The Speaker resumed the chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had directed him to report as their opinion, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next Session of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1798.

On motion, *Ordered*, That some Members be appointed to search the Journals of the Council as to their proceedings upon the bill “to provide for defraying the expence of the Public Service for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five and for disposing of the monies now in the Treasury”—and make report to this House.

Captain *Agnew* and Mr. *Campbell* are appointed for that purpose.

The said Members returned and reported that upon searching the said Journals they found the following entry—

“COUNCIL CHAMBER, Monday, 5th February, 1798.

“Read a bill from the Assembly, ‘to provide for defraying the expence of the Public Service for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and for disposing of the monies now in the Treasury.’

“On motion of Mr. *Winslow*, resolved unanimously, that the further consideration of this bill be put off for three months.”

On motion, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a draught of a Letter to His MAJESTY’S Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, to be submitted to the House.

Mr. *Glenie*, Mr. *Robert Pagan*, and Captain *Agnew* are appointed for that purpose.

Mr. *Glenie* from the Committee appointed to prepare a draught of a Letter to His Grace the Duke of PORTLAND, Secretary of State for the Home Department, reported that the Committee had agreed to a draught thereof—which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the table; where the same was again read, and debated paragraph by paragraph.

And upon the question that the House do agree to the same—

A motion was made and seconded—that the several paragraphs of the said Letter, together with the different divisions of the House thereon, be inserted in the Journal—

Upon which the House divided—

	Y E A S.	
Colonel <i>Coffin</i> ,	Major <i>Murray</i> ,	Mr. <i>Siddall</i> .
Colonel <i>Ellegood</i> ,	Captain <i>M’Lean</i> ,	
	N A Y S.	
Captain <i>Agnew</i> ,	Mr. <i>W. Pagan</i> ,	Mr. <i>Glenie</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. Pagan</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Street</i> ,
Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Youngbusband</i> ,	Major <i>Dixson</i> .
Mr. <i>Mowatt</i> ,		

The question being then put that the House do agree to the said Letter—it passed in the affirmative—

	Y E A S.	
Captain <i>Agnew</i> ,	Mr. <i>W. Pagan</i> ,	Mr. <i>Glenie</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. Pagan</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Street</i> ,
Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Youngbusband</i> ,	Major <i>Dixson</i> .
Mr. <i>Mowatt</i> ,		

	N A Y S.	
Colonel <i>Coffin</i> ,	Major <i>Murray</i> ,	Mr. <i>Siddall</i> .
Colonel <i>Ellegood</i> ,	Captain <i>M’Lean</i> ,	

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1798.

The House met—and adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1798.

A message from the Council informing the House that the Council have concurred in passing the bill “in addition to and in amendment of an Act intituled ‘*an Act for the regulation of Seamen.*’

On motion, *Ordered*, That some Members be appointed to search the Journals of the Council as to their proceedings upon the bill “*for regulating and establishing a table of Fees*”—and make report to this House.

Captain *Agnew* and Mr. *Campbell* are appointed for that purpose.

The said Members returned and reported that upon searching the said Journals they found the following entry :—

“ COUNCIL CHAMBER, Wednesday, 7th February, 1798.

“ The consideration of the bill ‘*for regulating and establishing a table of Fees*’ having been resumed and some time spent thereon—Resolved unanimously, “that the further consideration of this bill be put off for three months.”

A message from His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR requiring the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber.

The House having attended accordingly, His EXCELLENCY was pleased to give his assent to the following bills, to-wit :—

An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled “*an Act for the regulation of Seamen*”—and—

An Act to continue sundry Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring.

After which His EXCELLENCY was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses, to-wit :—

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ I SHALL now dismiss you from further attendance at this time in General Assembly, and refer to a future Session the completion of the business which has been recommended to your consideration.”

And then the Clerk of the Crown, by His EXCELLENCY’S command, declared the General Assembly to be prorogued to the Second Tuesday in MAY next.

