



met on the 7<sup>th</sup> November,

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**JOURNAL**  
AND  
PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,  
1809.

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# PROCLAMATION.

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT GENERAL

SIR GEORGE PREVOST, BARONET,

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

**W**HEREAS the *General Assembly* of this Province stands  
prorogued to Wednesday the 6th of September next.—

*I have thought fit, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Thursday the 9th day of November next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business; of which of all persons concerned, are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.*

Given under my hand and seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 28th day of  
August, 1809, in the 49th year of His Majesty's reign.

GEORGE PREVOST.

By His Excellency's Command,

SAM. HOOD GEORGE.

G O D S A V E T H E K I N G .

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THURSDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1809.

**A** MESSAGE from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

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

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—*

**W**HILE Europe, afflicted with calamities, is struggling under the disastrous events of a sanguinary war, planned to overthrow those ancient Governments, under which the Nations on that Continent were rapidly advancing in civilization and happiness—our hearts ought to be filled with gratitude to the Almighty, under whose divine favor, the powerful Empire to which we belong, now alone maintains her envied prosperity, and independence; and while she defends the remotest part of her extensive Dominions, is able to extend her succouring arm in aid of those Nations, which yet have energy to contend for their freedom and independence.

In times of such general calamity, it is fit we should be vigilant in performing the duties we owe to God and the King; and ready on every occasion to defend, to the utmost of our power, the political establishments, under which we, and our ancestors, have lived happy and free.

It is with sincere pleasure, that during this awful period of public affairs, I can congratulate you on the flourishing state of the Agriculture and Trade of this Province ; which, daily gaining strength, rapidly advances to that prosperity, which is the natural result of those sources of industry, and beneficial intercourse with our fellow subjects, that mutually support and strengthen each other.

The Treasurer of the Province has my commands, to submit for your information, a state of the Revenue, with an account of the Receipts and Expenditures, since the last Session ; from which the prosperous situation of our Finances will appear ; and it gives me peculiar satisfaction to find, that our Resources will enable me to pursue, upon a more extensive scale, those measures, which I consider so essential to the permanent interests and prosperity of the Province.

I am now able, from my own observation, as well as the information I have received from those employed on that service, to call your particular attention to the Public Roads ; in the hope that I shall be enabled the ensuing year, to have a free communication open to the Capital, from all parts of the Province, and to model the Roads according to that form, which experience has proved to be most useful and permanent.

For those purposes, I have caused an Estimate to be made, of the sums of money necessary to be appropriated to that service, the ensuing year, which the Secretary will, by my orders, present to you : Together with Estimates for the Civil Establishment of the Government, and such other public services, as I consider necessary to be provided for, in this Session.

The Agriculture, Trade, and Fisheries of the Province, having manifestly improved, under the system hitherto pursued, I recommend a continuance of the same, for the ensuing year.

If, in the course of your deliberations, any other Services, not comprehended in the Estimates I have directed to be laid before you, should, in your opinion, be necessary to the further prosperity and welfare of the Country, I shall give a ready and serious attention, to whatever you may think proper to submit for my consideration.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;—*

The experience I have had of your wisdom and liberality, in making adequate provision for the support of His Majesty's Government, and the ready attention you have given to such other exigencies, which, it has been my duty to point out, gives me a perfect reliance, on your continuing the same good disposition, in the present Session.

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

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :—*

The measures adopted by the Legislature, for establishing an efficient Militia, have been carried into effect, under my orders ; and I have much satisfaction in informing you, they have been attended with the happiest success ; I therefore, recommend to you the continuing of those Laws, with such amendments as experience may point out.

Sensible of the great personal inconvenience, which a protracted Session, at this advanced period of the year, would be to you all : I have been particularly anxious, that the Public Accounts, and Estimates, of every kind, should be ready for you,

at the opening of the Session ; and I beg you to proceed, with diligence and unanimity, to the immediate consideration of the business for which you are now assembled ;—and I assure you, that I will contribute every thing in my power, to accomplish a purpose so desirable.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Robie, and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee to prepare an answer to His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. Secretary George, by order of his Excellency, delivered to the House, an estimate for the support of the Civil Establishment of his Majesty's Government, also

An Estimate for the service of Roads and Bridges for the year 1810.

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

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. James, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Pyke (Quarter Master General of Militia) delivered to the House, an Account of disbursements for the carriage of Arms, between 14th June, 1808, and 16th September, 1809, amounting to £. 274 16 6 ; and also,

An account of Arms and Accoutrements, purchased for and issued to the Militia, between the 30th August, 1808, and 30th September, 1809, amounting to £. 11136 2 9½, and of the payments made on account of the same.

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

A Message from the Council acquainting the House, that they had appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this House, on the examination of the Public Accounts.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Pearson, be a committee to examine into and report on the expiring Laws.

*Resolved*, That no Petition of a private nature be received by this House, after the 20th instant.

A Petition of William Sabatier and others, Merchants and Inhabitants of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Hutchinson, and read, setting forth : that in consequence of the late indulgencies granted to foreigners in supplying the West India Islands, and the depression thereby occasioned to the Trade of this Province, and others his Majesty's North American Colonies, the Petitioners were appointed at a public meeting held in Halifax, a committee to solicit his Majesty's Ministers on that subject, and to watch over, and endeavour to promote, the general commercial interests of the community. That the Petitioners beg leave to express their well founded belief, that the present is the most important crisis for the Agriculture and Trade of the Province, which it has ever known, and they confidently flatter themselves that the General Assembly, viewing the subject in the same light, will liberally support that general interest, the opportunity of promoting which so effectually, may never again return.

That the Petitioners, or their predecessors, have had various communications with

with His Majesty's Ministers, and other eminent characters in England, on the subject in question, and by those communications it appears that the interests of this country have materially suffered for want of a public Agent, intimate with its concerns, capable of pointing out the nature and extent of its resources, and of answering, with pertinence and propriety, such questions as are usually put when Government requires full and correct information.

The Petitioners might allude to many instances where a deficiency of this sort has evidently existed, but particularly refer to one, which occurred in a former Session of Parliament before a Committee of the House of Commons, appointed for the purpose of relieving the alleged distress of the West-India Planters: when it was proposed, and recommended by their report, to allow American vessels to import all the principal articles of the produce of the United States required for the supply of the West-India Islands, thereby giving new facilities to the intercourse with Foreigners, to the manifest discouragement of these Provinces. In this report of the committee, founded on the examination had before them, the interests of these colonies were almost totally unnoticed, which the Petitioners conceive was entirely owing to the want of an Agent capable of answering the questions that were put, and giving the requisite information. And praying that a person, properly qualified to act as a Special Agent, may be appointed for the Province, and that he may be invested with full powers and authority to communicate with His Majesty's Ministers upon those important subjects now depending, and which promise so essentially to affect the general interests of those Northern Colonies.

*Ordered,* That the Petition do lie on the table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at one of the clock.

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Friday, 10th November, 1809.

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PRAYERS.

On motion, *ordered,* That Mr. Pearson, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Wells, be a committee to examine into, and report on, the Militia Law.

Mr. Pyke presented to the House an account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all monies received by him into, and payments by him made from, the Province Treasury, between the 31st October, 1808, and 31st October, 1809; also,

Quarterly Returns from the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, of dutiable articles entered within the said District, to the 30th Sept. 1809.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

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Saturday, 11th November, 1809.

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech; and presented an Address accordingly, which he

he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR GEORGE PREVOST, BARONET,

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

THE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

*May it please your Excellency,*

**W**E His Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Representatives of His loyal people of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency, for your Speech at the opening of this Sessions of the General Assembly.

The various events, which, during the present year, have occurred in the war, with which Europe has been so long and severely afflicted, have filled us alternately with hopes and apprehensions ; but we have now to lament that a thicker gloom hangs over the fate of many of the lately independant nations of that distressed country. Beyond the reach of the tyranny, which oppresses the Continent, Great-Britain, supported by the valour of her sons, and their attachments to a constitution, under which they enjoy liberty and independance, proudly maintains and increases her consequence and power. These blessings, and the protection afforded by His Majesty to this Colony, claim from us a diligent performance of all our religious and political duties.

From the dark prospect which Europe affords, we turn with pleasure to the brighter picture which your Excellency presents to us, of our provincial affairs—To the rapid improvements of our trade and agriculture, arising from an increased intercourse with our fellow subjects, and calling into action the various resources of the country.

With your Excellency's communication of the flourishing state of our Revenues, we feel peculiarly gratified, as it confirms the opinion expressed and acted upon by the House of Assembly in a former Sessions, and will enable us to assist your Excellency's design of pursuing, on an enlarged plan, the improvement of the Province : we allude especially to the public roads, which we have ever considered of the first importance ; and we therefore feel most highly obliged by your Excellency's visits to the several parts of the country, whereby you can judge, from personal observations, of the wants of the Province in this respect—For this, and for the pains taken by your Excellency to form a particular estimate of the sums necessary to be applied to this great public service, we offer our warmest thanks.

We have witnessed with much pleasure the general improvement of our Agriculture, Trade and Fisheries, under the present system, and are therefore disposed to continue it for the present year.—Should any services not included in the estimates be considered by us likely to advance the interests of the Province, we shall not fail to introduce them to your Excellency's notice.

We assure your Excellency that we shall make a liberal provision for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for all other measures of public utility.

We are happy to find that the Militia Laws have been successfully carried into effect under your Excellency's orders, and we will readily adopt any amendment, which may promise to render them still more beneficial.

Collected as we are from all parts of the Province, it must be particularly desirable to this Branch of the Legislature, that the Sessions of the General Assembly should not be protracted. The order to furnish us immediately with the Public Accounts is therefore gratifying to us, as it will expedite their examination, and we trust your Excellency will find a disposition in this House, to prosecute with diligence and harmony the business of the Session.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Cunningham, be a committee, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know his pleasure, when he will be attended by the House.

A Petition of Messrs. Bonnell and Budd of Digby, Merchants, was presented by Mr. Warwick, and read, praying an abatement of four pence per Gallon on Six Puncheons of Rum, imported by them from Jamaica.

A Petition of John Parker and others, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying to be allowed the bounty on a certain quantity of Wheat and Rye, by them raised on new lands.

A Petition of Richard Curry and others, Inhabitants of King's and Hants Counties, was presented by Mr. Shey, and read, praying for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to aid them in re-building a bridge over the half way river near Mount Denfon.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, 13th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pyke, reported from the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the address of the House, that the committee had, pursuant to order, waited on his Excellency accordingly, and that his Excellency was pleased to appoint this day at three of the Clock, at the Government House.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Excellency with their address, pursuant to the Resolution of Saturday last.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that his Excellency had been pleased to give this answer :

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

YOUR Address is peculiarly acceptable, and has my best thanks : for conveying to me sentiments that cannot fail to promote the public good—my only end and aim.

GEORGE PREVOST.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Tuesday, 14th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *ordered*, that the committee of this House for examining the public accounts do make a special report thereon, before they sign such accounts.

Mr.

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to order, reported specially from the committee of public accounts, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the committee find in the Treasurer's accounts a charge of £.531 against the Province, as money paid by him to the Commissioners of Roads, as their last payment upon their contracts, which sum does not appear to be paid, but is due to the Commissioners, and warrants are drawn on the Treasurer for the amount, which was done by the Treasurer in order to simplify the accounts ; and that there is also the sum of £.119 17 6, charged by the Collector of Impost and Excise, for the port of Halifax, in his account for Extra Waiters, over and above the £.250 granted for that service in the last Sessions, and thereupon,

Mr. Robie moved, that the foregoing committee, in their report on the public accounts, do place the above sum of £.531 to the credit of the Province, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion ten, against it nine ; so it passed in the affirmative.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 15th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

The House met and adjourned until To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

Thursday, 16th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, but on account of the Trial of one Edward Jordan and his wife, for Piracy and Murder on the High Seas, before a Special Court of Admiralty, summoned for that purpose, and Mr. Speaker, and many of the Members of the House, being engaged as Counsel in the cause,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Friday, 17th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, but the Trial of Jordan and his wife being not yet ended,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Saturday, 18th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of James Leaver, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson and read, praying a drawback of the duties on 435 gallons Rum, by him exported to Cape Breton in May last, amounting to 24l. 15s. 5d.

A Petition of Samuel Marshall was presented by Mr. Buskirk and read, praying a bounty on a quantity of Sult, by him exported to Demarara in the year 1803.

A Petition of Comfort Haley was presented by Mr. Buskirk and read, praying a return of duties on a certain quantity of Sugar and Cotton, shipped from Halifax for Yarmouth, in November, 1808, intended for exportation to the United States, but lost at sea.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the committee appointed to join a committee of His Majesty's Council to examine the Public Accounts, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :—

*Treasurer of the Province.*

His Accounts to the 31st October, have been received, are correct, and regularly vouched ; there appears a balance in his hands of £.1.207 10 7

*Collector of Impost and Excise.*

*Halifax.*

His Accounts to 30th September have been received, and are correct ; there appears to be a balance of bonds in his hands for collection, subject to the usual drawbacks, of £29,803 7 2  
Also, on bonds for appropriated Wine Duty 561 16 0

	30,365 3 2	
Balance of bonds to be accounted for by the Attorney General,	} 455 6 8	
	}	30,820 9 10

The Collector has likewise a balance of bonds in hands for appropriated duty on Spirits, amounting to £.4.574 16 0

*Lunenburg.*

His Accounts to 30th September have been received, which are correct, there remain in his hands

Bonds to the amount of	£.290 13 5
And Cash	176 0 11
	466 14 4

*Liverpool.*

The Collector has transmitted an account to the 30th September, which is extremely incorrect and wrong stated, as his accounts have commonly been ; he does not give credit for a sufficient sum, as the balance for which he was accountable by the report of last year ; he charges large sums which are wholly inadmissible ; by his statement he has a balance of Bonds in hand amounting to £.1054 7 1, whereas by the most accurate calculation it does appear he is accountable for the sum of

1,713 12 1

*Shelburne.*

His Accounts to 30th September, have been received, and are correct ; there appears a balance, for which he is accountable, of

271 0 6

*Yarmouth.*

His accounts to 1st April last have been received, which are correct, and the balance at that date remitted to the Treasurer. A return has been received to the 30th June, by which it appears Duties have been secured, amounting to

207 15 3

*Annapolis.*

*Annapolis.*

The balance due by the former collector, is reduced to £.101 5 2  
 No payments have been made by the executors of the estate of the  
 late Robert Dickson, the last Collector. The present Collector's  
 Accounts have been received to 30th September, and are correct;  
 there appears to be a balance of bonds in his hands amounting to 443 7 7  
*Cumberland.*

No returns nor remittances.

*Colchester.*

No returns nor remittances.

*Sydney.*

No returns nor remittances.

*King's County.*

No returns nor remittances.

*Hants.*

The Collector's accounts to 30th September last have been received,  
 and are correct, except the omission of the four pence duty, ap-  
 propriated for the payment of Arms, on 100 gallons of Spirits  
 imported in September Quarter. His balance has been remitted  
 to the Treasurer.

*Pictou.*

Returns have been received from 1st December, 1807, to 30th  
 September, 1809, which are correct; no account current has  
 been received. The Treasurer's account gives the Collector  
 credit for remittances amounting to £.274 9 11, the returns  
 received amount to

774 4 3

## LIGHT-HOUSES.

*Halifax.*

The Collector's returns, to 30th September, have been received,  
 and are correct, the balance paid into the Treasury, amounting  
 to

871 17 11

*Shelburne.*

Returns to 31st March have been received, and the Collector has  
 remitted

47 8 0

*Liverpool.*

Returns to 30th September have been received, and the amount  
 remitted to the Treasurer

31 0 3

*Yarmouth.*

Returns have been received from 1st April, 1807, to 1st April,  
 1809, the amount paid to the Treasurer

26 3 1

The Treasurer's account to 31st October has been received, and is  
 correct; the balance in his hands is

613 15 5

*Committee Room, Halifax, November 14th, 1809.*

ANDREW BELCHER, }  
 E. B. BRENTON, } *Committee of Council.*

EDWARD MORTIMER, }  
 WILLIAM LAWSON, }  
 EDWARD JAMES, } *Committee of House of Assembly*

# Dr. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA,

1869. October 31. To the following Sums appropriated and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

Roads and Bridges	£.2,256	18	4
Balance of Casualty Vote for ditto	93	14	10
Do. of Emigrant Vote	7	14	7
Do. of Philadelphia Grant	50	0	0
Do. of Douglais do.	22	4	4
For a Stone Magazine for Powder	180	0	0
For building and repairing Light Houses	1,001	2	9
Alteration and repairs to Old Government House	155	9	10
For a Plan of the Province	30	0	0
Balance of Contingent Vote to the Government	50	0	0
To a Settler on West Branch of St. Mary's River	30	0	0
To a do. on East Branch of do.	30	0	0
Balance of Vote for conveying Arms to different parts of the Province	140	0	0
For purchasing Furniture for the State Rooms of Government House	250	0	0
For lighting Briar Island Light-House	100	0	0
Vote to Alexander Morrison	31	18	6
Do. to Ebenezer Wheaton	10	0	0
Do. to Robert Thomfon	9	0	0
For the purchase of two Stoves	30	0	0
For the purchase of Statutes at-large, &c.	50	0	0
	£.4,528	3	2
	21,113	12	8
	£.25,641	15	10

To balances, exclusive of appropriated duty for payment of Arms, which after deducting for probable drawbacks, may produce the sum of £3,000.

Committee Room, Halifax, 14th November, 1869.  
**ANDREW BELCHER,** } Committee of Council.  
**E. B. BRENTON,**

Committee of House of Assembly.  
**EDWARD MORTIMER,** }  
**WILLIAM LAWSON,** }  
**EDWARD JAMES,**

# Contra

By balance of the Treasurer's Account	£.1,207	10	7
By do. do. Light House Account	613	15	5
By Securities in the hands of the Collector of Impost and Excise, Halifax	£.30,820	9	10
Deduct			
For probable drawbacks	10,000	0	0
	20,820	9	10
By Balances unremitted and Securities in the hands of Out Port Collectors	3,703	9	8
Deduct			
For probable drawbacks	703	9	8
	3,000	0	0

£.25,641 15 10



Road from Richard Thomson's to Andrew Fuffner's	35	0	0
Road and Bridges from the main road leading from Cumberland to Parrborough to the River Philip	10	0	0
Road from Cumberland to the Gulf of St. Lawrence	30	0	0
Balance to open a road from Chester to the head of Margaret's Bay	180	0	0
To assist the inhabitants of Pictou to build a bridge over the Middle River	25	0	0
To re-build the bridge over the River Stewack	120	0	0
Road from the River John to Pictou	20	0	0
Margaret's Bay road, in addition to the sum of 25l. granted for that service	15	0	0
Road from St. Margaret's Bay, towards Bowers's farm at Goodwood	35	0	0
Road from Barrington to Pubnico	190	0	0
For taking down and rebuilding Avon Bridge	400	0	0
Road from Windsor to Chester	35	0	0
To assist in rebuilding the bridge over Salmon River in Truro	25	0	0
To assist the inhabitants of Onslow and Londonderry to build the bridge over the river Chiganoife	26	13	4
For the road between Cape Cove and Salmon River on Yarmouth line	40	0	0
To repair the road from M'Neil's farm to Petit	15	0	0
New main road from the half-way river on the South boundary of Horton to the stone bridge in Horton	50	0	0
The road from Silas Rand's in Cornwallis towards Aylesford Church	33	6	8
Road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis	30	0	0
Road from Baxter's Harbour to Cornwallis	30	0	0
Road from Benjamin's Mill in Horton, towards Nictaur	25	0	0
Road and bridges from the bounds of Londonderry to Amherst	50	0	0
Road and bridges from Fullerton's on the Parrborough road to Napan bridge near Amherst	14	10	0
To aid the inhabitants of Economy to rebuild the bridge over the said river	16	13	4
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	£.2,256	18	4

*Ordered*, That the said reports and abstract do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion, *ordered*, That the estimate for the support of the Civil Establishment, and also the estimate for the service of roads and bridges, be referred to the committee of Supply; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the

the business to them referred, and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which report the House agreed to.

A Petition of James M'Curdy, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying re-payment of the sum of twenty-five pounds ten shillings, expended by him in securing a Bridge over the North River at Onslow.

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at ten of the clock.

Monday, 20th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the sale of the real estates of lunatics and insane persons for payment of their debts, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same, which the House agreed to.

A petition of Archibald Smith, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying relief for an injury he alleges he sustains by the new road over the Ardoise Hill running through part of his land.

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

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

Tuesday, 21st November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorise the sale of real estates of lunatics and insane persons, for payment of their debts, was read a second time.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress

gress in the business to them referred; and that the committee had come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:—

*Resolved,* That it is the opinion of this committee, that the following sums should be granted and applied for the service of roads and bridges:

Three hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Sackville to Jacob Pence's.

One thousand pounds for the road from the Windsor Road to Gay's River.

Three hundred pounds for the road from Gay's river, through the settlement on Musquodoboit river, to the east river of St. Mary's.

Two hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Bowers' at Goodwood, to St. Margaret's Bay, at Woodin's.

Fifty pounds for the road from Prospect to St. Margaret's Bay Road.

Thirty pounds to open a road from Sambro to the Harriet Field road.

Fifty pounds for the road from Ketch Harbour to Spryfield, by the way of Herring Cove.

One hundred pounds for the road from Lower Musquodoboit, by Porter's Lake, to Salmon River.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Chizencock to the Lower Musquodoboit.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Lawrence Town to Cole Harbour.

Two hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Hammond Plains road to the bounds of Lunenburg county.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Cole Harbour, by Cow Bay and the Eastern Passage, to the eastern Battery.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Onflow to Tatamagouche.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Truro Town to the boundary of Pictou district.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from the old barns at Truro to Shubenacadie.

One hundred pounds for the road from the bridge over middle Sewack river, to the Halifax road.

Forty pounds for the road from Economy to Bass River.

Forty pounds for the road from Londonderry to Remfreg.

Seventy-five pounds for a road from Cox's, in Truro, to the Sewack Mills, to enable the inhabitants of Musquodoboit and Sewack to travel to Truro.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Gay's river to Truro on the road leading from Halifax.

Fifty pounds to secure the pier of the Salmon River Bridge in Truro.

One hundred pounds for the road from the bounds of Colchester district, to M'Connell's, at Pictou.

One hundred pounds for the road from the West River bridge, to the site of the bridge for the middle river of Pictou.

Fifty pounds for the road from the site where the bridge is to be built, over the middle river of Pictou, to the little east river of Pictou.

Fifty pounds for building a bridge over the little east river of Pictou on the main road from the middle to the east river.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from the east river bridge of Pictou to the bounds of Sydney County.

Seventy-five pounds for the road from the River John to Pictou.

Fifty pounds for the road from the east river of Picou to the east branch of St. Mary's River.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from the eastern bounds of Picou district to the Indian Gardens, at Antigonishe.

Three hundred pounds for the road from the Indian Gardens to the head of Milford Haven.

One hundred pounds for the road from Manchester to the east river of St. Mary's River.

Three hundred pounds for the road from Dorchester, in Antigonishe Bay, to the east branch of St. Mary's River.

Thirty-two pounds to open a road from Hattie's mill, on the east branch of Margomishe, to Campbell's, in the north grant of Antigonishe.

Thirty pounds to improve the road from Boylston, at Milford Haven, to the Gut of Canfo.

Thirty pounds for the road from Guyborough to Country Harbour.

Three hundred pounds for the road and bridges from Londonderry line to Amherst.

One hundred and forty pounds for the road and bridges from Amherst, to the bounds of King's County, on the Parrsborough road.

Forty pounds for the road and bridges from Richard Thompson's, to Andrew Fushner's, at Remfeg.

Thirty-five pounds for the road and bridges from Gabriel Purdy's to Remfeg Harbour.

Twenty pounds for the road and bridges from the Wentworth Settlement to Folly Lake.

Twelve pounds for the road and bridges from Macan Settlement to the river Philip.

Thirty pounds for the road from Fullerton's to Partridge Island.

One hundred pounds for the road from Partridge Island to Bass River.

Sixty pounds for the road from Partridge Island to Advocate Harbour.

One hundred pounds for the road from the bounds of Hants County on the new road from Avon Bridge to the stone bridge in Horton.

Forty pounds for the road from Pineo's to the Western bounds of Aylesford.

Seventy-five pounds for the road from Silas Rand's, in Cornwallis, to Aylesford Church.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Benjamin's mill, in Horton, to the bounds of Annapolis county, towards the Nictaur.

Twenty pounds for the road from Black Rock to Little Lake in Cornwallis.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis.

Ten pounds for the road from Edy Newcomb's to the Bay of Fundy, in Cornwallis.

Twenty pounds for the road from Baxter's Harbour to Cornwallis.

Twenty-seven pounds to improve the road from Bishop's Bridge in Horton to Manning's Plain in Falmouth.

Eighty-one pounds to assist the inhabitants of Falmouth and Horton to rebuild the bridge over the half-way River near Mount Denson.

Fifty-six pounds for the road from the bounds of King's County to the Nictaur road.

Sixty pounds to finish the bridge at Saw Mill Creek in the township of Annapolis

lis, and to remove the rocks on that part of the Post Road between said bridge and the house of John Whitman, Esq.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Moose River bridge to Lee's mills, by the way of Bear River bridge, on the post road to Digby.

Fifty pounds for the road between Digby and Yarmouth.

Fifty pounds for the road from the Scissabou bridge to the house of Colonel Taylor.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Digby to Williams's mill brook, on the peninsula below Digby.

One hundred and twenty-five pounds for the road from Williams's brook to the Petit Passage in Digby.

One hundred pounds for that part of the road leading from Nictaur to Liverpool, between the half way tree and the six mile tree, towards Nictaur.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Montegan, in the township of Clare, to the Yarmouth line.

Fifty pounds for that part of the Post Road between Gouger's blacksmith shop, and Mrs. Pineo's house in Wilmot, as lately altered.

One hundred pounds for the road, in the township of Wilmot, called the Back Road from the meeting house near Hicks's ferry, to the extremity of the same road to the eastward.

Fifty pounds to aid the inhabitants of the townships of Annapolis and Wilmot in erecting a bridge over the Annapolis river at Gate's ferry, near the farm of Foster Woodberry.

Thirty-six pounds to Dowie Ditmars and Dennis Rutherford, being so much due them on finishing and completing Bear River Bridge.

Twenty-five pounds to aid the inhabitants of Clements to repair the bridge over Hollingsheads's Creek on the lower road, between Annapolis and Digby.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Lee's mill to Van Venser's farm, on the main road leading to Yarmouth.

Thirty-five pounds to improve the road leading from the main road in the township of Granville, near the farm of Mr. Delap, to the Bay of Fundy.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Yarmouth to Strawberry Point.

Fifty pounds for the road from Strawberry Point to Pubnico.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Pubnico to Barrington.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Barrington to Shelburne.

One hundred pounds for the road from Shelburne to the bounds of Queen's county.

Ninety-two pounds for the road from Cyrus Parry's, in Yarmouth, to the bounds of Annapolis county.

Two hundred pounds for the road from Liverpool Falls to the Half-Way Tree, on the Nictaur road.

Fifty pounds for the road from the bounds of Shelburne county to John Robertson's, at Port Jolly.

Fifty pounds for the road from Robertson's, at Port Jolly, to John Figg's at Port Mutton.

One hundred and twenty-five pounds to repair Broad River bridge, and improve the main road leading from said bridge to the tree within one mile of Liverpool.

Fifty pounds for the road from Herring Cove to the South-West Cove at Port Metway.

Forty-two pounds for the road from Mill Bridge to the bounds of Lunenburg county.

One hundred pounds for the road from the bounds of Queen's county to the road leading to Broad cove.

Fifty pounds for the road from Petit Rivere bridge to Pernette's mills on Lahave river.

Two hundred pounds for the road from Frail's, about three miles from the town of Chester, to the bounds of Halifax county.

One hundred pounds for the road from Chester to Windsor; the expenditure to commence nine miles from the town of Chester, and to end within three miles of the Forks of Avon river.

Fifty pounds for the road from the bounds of Lunenburg township to Gold River bridge.

Sixty pounds for the road from Koch's mill, at the Falls of Lahave, to the German Settlement on the main road leading from Lunenburg to Annapolis.

Thirty-two pounds to complete the road from Zwicker's mill at Mufh-a-Mufh, and the Block-house Hill, on the main road leading from Annapolis to Chester.

Four hundred and sixty-eight pounds fifteen shillings for the road from Pence's to Monkville, in the county of Hants.

One hundred pounds for the causeway from Monkville to Avon Bridge.

Fifty pounds for the new road from Avon Bridge to the bounds of King's county.

One hundred and fifty pounds for completing the Avon Bridge.

Fifty pounds for the upper bridge at the Kenetcook river, on the main road to Halifax, leading through the nine mile river settlement, and for improving the said road.

Fifty pounds for the bridge over the Meander River, on the main road from Newport to Halifax.

One hundred pounds for the main road through Rawdon leading to Halifax, beginning at the North bounds of said township, and for re-building the bridge over the river Hebert.

One hundred pounds for the main road in Douglafs, from Alexander M'Donald's, to the new road at Jackson's near the Shubenaccadie.

Twenty pounds for the bridge over the West branch of the river Avon, and the road leading to the Avon Bridge.

Forty-one pounds for the main road from Noel to the main road in Douglafs, leading to Halifax.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply.

The said report and resolutions were severally read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

On motion, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine into the expenditure of all monies granted for roads and bridges which have not yet been accounted for to the Legislature, and report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That the committee of public accounts of this House be a committee for the above purpose.

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

Wednesday

Wednesday, 22<sup>d</sup> November, 1809.

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two districts of Pictou and Colchester, respectively, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Collins, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Nathaniel Parker, and the same was read, praying a compensation for services performed, and expenses incurred, by him in exploring and opening a road from Nictaur to Liverpool.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Adolphus Vieth, and the same was read, praying a compensation for his services as Clerk to the Adjutant General of Militia, between 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1807, and 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1808.

*Ordered*, That the petitions do lie on the table.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> instant, take into consideration the several private petitions now before this House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the Bill to authorise the sale of real estates of lunaticks and insane persons, for payment of their debts.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

The said amendment was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, that a committee be appointed to examine into the receipt and expenditure of the license duty money for the town and peninsula of Halifax.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. James, be a committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the petition of William Sabatier and others, was read and considered; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Agent to communicate with His Majesty's Ministers respecting the Trade and Fisheries of this Province, conformably to the prayer of the said Petition.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. of London, be appointed a special Agent for this Province, for the purposes above mentioned.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the forgoing resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at Two of the Clock.

Thursday, 23d November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary George, delivered to the House, by order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for their consideration, a Petition of James Gautier, also

An Account of William Minns, for sundry printing performed by him for Government, between 22d April, 1808, and 1st September, 1809, amounting to £.35 2 6, and also

An account of John Howe, for sundry extra Printing performed by him for Government, between 29th November, 1808, and 24th October, 1809, amounting to £.368 3 0.

The Petition of James Gautier, was read, and is as follows:

That the Petitioner for upwards of Twenty-three years, served in the capacity of Clerk to different Secretaries of the Province, and also a part of the time as Deputy Clerk to his Majesty's Council; that from the infirmities of age he is now incapacitated from earning his Bread, whereby he is reduced to great want, and praying relief.

The Account of John Howe, and also the Account of William Minns, were severally read, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the petition and accounts do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two districts of Pictou and Colchester, respectively,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to move for fit again on the consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

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

Friday, 24th November, 1809.

PRAYERS,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two Districts of Pictou and Colchester, respectively.

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

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered,* That the Bill be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to authorise the sale of the real estates of lunaticks and insane persons, for payment of their debts, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be—An Act to authorise the sale of the real estates of lunaticks and insane persons, for the payment of their Debts.

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

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, the account of John Howe, and also the account of William Minns, were severally read; and thereupon,

*Ordered,* That the said Accounts be referred to a committee, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Hatchinson, and Mr. Mortimer, be a committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, the petition of James Gautier was read; and, thereupon,

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved,* that a committee be appointed to join a committee of his Majesty's Council, to procure plans for the erection of a Province House, for the accommodation of the Legislature, and for Public Offices, and also estimates of the probable expence of the said building in case it shall be erected of Stone, Brick or Wood, and to report thereon as soon as possible.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Lawton, and Mr. Pyke, be a committee for the above purpose.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that they had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, 25th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

The proceedings of yesterday being read, thereupon,

Mr. James moved, that that part of the same which relates to the granting of fifty pounds to James Gautier, be expunged from the Journal, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion eleven, against it ten.

For the motion,

Mr. POOL,  
Mr. COLLINS,  
Mr. ARCHIBALD,  
Mr. PEARSON,  
Mr. HALIBURTON,  
Mr. JAMES,

Mr. DIMOCK,  
Mr. MARSTERS,  
Mr. ALLAN,  
Mr. WARWICK,  
Mr. MORTON,

Against the motion,

Mr. PYKE,  
Mr. PARKER,  
Mr. ROBIE,  
Mr. MORTIMER,  
Mr. MARSHALL,  
Mr. WELLS,  
Mr. CUNNINGHAM,  
Mr. LENT,  
Mr. SHEY,  
Mr. BAKER,

So it passed in the affirmative, and the said proceedings were expunged accordingly.

An engrossed Bill, for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two districts of Pictou and Colchester, respectively, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be—An Act for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two Districts of Pictou and Colchester, respectively.

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

A bill, for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of this Province; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 27th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the better securing the liberty

liberty of the subject, and for preventing of illegal imprisonments ; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill, to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several counties and districts of this Province, was read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by committee, on the subject of the resolution of this House for appointing a Special Agent.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Archibald, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Hutchinson reported that the managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

The order of the Day being read, thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of private petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of the same ; which report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday, 28th November, 1809.

#### PRAYERS.

A Bill for the better securing the liberty of the subject, and for preventing of illegal imprisonments, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be—An Act for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the fitting out of

of vessels in this Province for carrying on the bank and cod fisheries; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

The petition of Messrs. Bonnell and Budd, was, by leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Warwick.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of private petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the committee had come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

The petition of John Parker, and others; the petition of James Leaver; the petition of Nathaniel Parker; the petition of Archibald Smith; and the petition of James M'Curdy, were severally read; and, thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the said petitions should be referred to the committee of supply.

The petitions of Comfort Haley and Adolphus Vieth, were severally read; and, thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the said petitions should be referred to a committee to be appointed by the House to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon.

The said report was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the report so far as it respects the Petition of Nathaniel Parker, be not agreed to by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Nine, against it Sixteen.

For the motion,

Mr. ROACH,  
Mr. MORTON,  
Mr. LAWSON,  
Mr. HUTCHINSON,  
Mr. PEARSON,  
Mr. ARCHIBALD,  
Mr. HALIBURTON,  
Mr. SHEY,  
Mr. BAKER,

Against the motion,

Mr. CUNNINGHAM,  
Mr. JAMES,  
Mr. CRANE,  
Mr. PYKE,  
Mr. COLLINS,  
Mr. MARSTERS,  
Mr. DIMOCK,  
Mr. RITCHIE,  
Mr. POOL,  
Mr. LENT,  
Mr. WELLS,  
Mr. ROBIE,  
Mr. WARWICK,  
Mr. PARKER,  
Mr. CHANDLER,  
Mr. ALLAN.

So it passed in the negative.

The said report and resolutions were then, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of John Parker and others, the Petition of James Leaver, the Petition of Nathaniel Parker, the Petition of Archibald Smith, and the Petition of James M'Curdy, be referred to the committee of supply, agreeably to the report of the committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of Adolphus Vieth be referred to Mr. Robie, Mr. Warwick and Mr. Ritchie, agreeably to the report of the committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Comfort Haley be referred to Mr. Pool, Mr. Lent, and Mr. Buskirk, agreeably to the resolution of the committee of the whole House.

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council, by committee,

committee, on the subject matter of the conference held yesterday, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

The Clerk acquainted the House, that the Council had agreed to the conference as desired by the House immediately in the committee room of the Council.

*Ordered*, That the managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Hutchinson reported that the managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Ninety-seven Resolutions of this House for granting Monies for Roads and Bridges, viz.

Three hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Sackville to Pence's.

One thousand pounds for the road from the Windsor Road to Gay's River.

Three hundred pounds for the road from Gay's river, to the east river of St. Mary's.

Two hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Bowers' to St. Margaret's Bay, at Woodin's.

Fifty pounds for the road from Prospect to St. Margaret's Bay Road.

Thirty pounds for a road from Sambro to the Harriet Field road.

Fifty pounds for the road from Ketch Harbour to Spryfield.

One hundred pounds for the road from Lower Musquodoboit, to Salmon River.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Chizencook to the Lower Musquodoboit.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Lawrence Town to Cole Harbour.

Two hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Hammond Plain road to the bounds of Lunenburg county.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Cole Harbour, by Cow Bay and the eastern Passage, to the eastern Battery.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Onflow to Tatamagushé.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Truro town, to the boundary of Pictou District.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from the old barnes in Truro to Shubenaccadie.

One hundred pounds for the road from the bridge over middle Sewack river, to the Halifax road.

Forty pounds for the road from Economy to Bass River.

Forty pounds for the road from Londonderry to Remfeg.

Seventy-five pounds for a road from Cox's, in Truro, to the Sewack Mills.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Gay's river to Truro.

Fifty pounds to secure the pier of the Salmon Bridge in Truro.

One hundred pounds for the road from the bounds of Colchester district, to M'Connell's, at Pictou.

One hundred pounds for the road from the West River bridge, to the scite of the bridge for the middle river of Pictou.

Fifty pounds for the road from the scite where the bridge is to be built, over the middle river of Pictou, to the little east river of Pictou.

Fifty pounds for building a bridge over the little east river of Pictou.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from the east river bridge of Pictou, to the bounds of Sydney County.

Seventy-five pounds for the road from the River John to Pictou.

Fifty

Fifty pounds for the road from the east river of Pictou to the east branch of St. Mary's River.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from the eastern bounds of Pictou district to the Indian Gardens, at Antigonishe.

Three hundred pounds for the road from the Indian Gardens to the head of Milford Haven.

One hundred pounds for the road from Manchester to the east river of St. Mary's River.

Three hundred pounds for the road from Dorchester, in Antigonishe Bay, to the east branch of St. Mary's River.

Thirty-two pounds to open a road from Hattie's mill, on the east branch of Margomishe, to Campbell's.

Thirty pounds for the road from Boylston, to the Gut of Canfo.

Thirty pounds for the road from Guysborough to Country Harbour.

Three hundred pounds for the road from Londonderry line to Amherst.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Amherst, to the bounds of King's County.

Forty pounds for the road from Richard Thompson's, to Andrew Fushner's.

Thirty pounds for the road from Gabriel Purdy's to Remisheg Harbour.

Twenty pounds for the road from Wentworth Settlement to Folly Lake.

Twelve pounds for the road from Macan Settlement to the river Philip.

Thirty pounds for the road from Fullerton's to Partridge Island.

One hundred pounds for the road from Partridge Island to Basf River.

Sixty pounds for the road from Partridge Island to Advocate Harbour.

One hundred pounds for the road from the bounds of Hants County, to the stone bridge in Horton.

Forty pounds for the road from Pineo's to the Western boundary of Aylesford.

Seventy-five pounds for the road from Silas Rand's, in Cornwallis, to Aylesford Church.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Benjamin's mill, in Horton, to the bounds of Annapolis county.

Twenty pounds for the road from Black Rock to Little Lake in Cornwallis.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis.

Ten pounds for the road from Edy Newcomb's to the Bay of Fundy, in Cornwallis.

Twenty pounds for the road from Baxter's Harbour to Cornwallis.

Twenty-seven pounds for the road from Bishop's Bridge in Horton to Manning's Plain in Falmouth.

Eighty-one pounds to assist the inhabitants of Falmouth and Horton to rebuild the bridge over the half-way River.

Fifty-six pounds for the road from the bounds of King's County to the Nictaur road.

Sixty pounds to finish the bridge at Saw Mill Creek in township of Annapolis, to remove the rocks on the Road between said bridge and the house of J. Whitman.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Moose River bridge to Lee's mills, by the way of Bear River bridge, on the road to Digby.

Fifty pounds for the road between Digby and Scissabou.

Fifty pounds for the road from the Scissabou bridge to the house of Colonel Taylor.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Digby to Williams's mill brook, on the peninsula below Digby.

One hundred and twenty-five pounds for the road from Williams's brook to the Petit Passage in Digby.

One hundred pounds for the road from Nictaur to Liverpool, between the half way tree and the six mile tree, towards Nictaur.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Montegan, in the township of Clare, to the Yarmouth line.

Fifty pounds for the Road between Gouger's blacksmith shop, and Mrs. Pinceo's house in Wilmot.

One hundred pounds for the road, from the township of Wilmot, called the Back Road, from the meeting house near Hicks's ferry, to the extremity of the same road to the eastward.

Twenty-five pounds to aid the inhabitants of Clements to repair the bridge over Hollinghead's Creek on the lower road, between Annapolis and Digby.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Lee's mill to Van Venler's farm, on the road to Yarmouth.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Yarmouth to Strawberry Point.

Fifty pounds for the road from Strawberry Point to Pubnico.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Pubnico to Barrington.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from Barrington to Shelburne.

One hundred pounds for the road from Shelburne to the bounds of Queen's county.

Ninety-two pounds for the road from Cyrus Parry's, in Yarmouth, to the bounds of Annapolis county.

Two hundred pounds for the road from Liverpool Falls to the Half-Way Tree, on the Nictaur road.

Fifty pounds for the road from the bounds of Shelburne county to John Robertson's, at Port Jolly.

Fifty pounds for the road from Robertson's, at Port Jolly, to John Figg's at Port Mutton.

One hundred and twenty-five pounds to repair Broad River bridge, and improve the main road from said bridge to the tree within one mile of Liverpool.

Fifty pounds for the road from Herring Cove to the South-West Cove at Port Metway.

Fifty pounds for the road from Herring Cove Bridge to Mill Bridge.

Forty-two pounds for the road from Mill Bridge to the bounds of Lunenburg county.

One hundred pounds for the road from the bounds of Queen's county to the road leading to Broad cove.

Fifty pounds for the road from Petit Rivere bridge to Pernette's mills on Lahave river.

Two hundred pounds for the road from Frail's, to the bounds of Halifax county.

One hundred pounds for the road from Chester to Windsor.

Fifty pounds for the road from the bounds of Lunenburg township to Gold River bridge.

Sixty pounds for the road from Koch's mill, at the Falls of Lahave, to the German Settlement on the main road leading from Lunenburg to Annapolis.

Thirty-two pounds to complete the road from Zwicker's mill at Mush-a-Mush, and the Block-house Hill, on the road leading from Annapolis to Chester.

Four hundred and sixty-eight pounds fifteen shillings for the road from Pence's to Monkville, in the county of Hants.

One hundred pounds for the causeway from Monkville to Avon Bridge.

Fifty pounds for the new road from Avon Bridge to the bounds of King's County.

One hundred and fifty pounds for completing the Avon Bridge.

Fifty pounds for the upper bridge at the Kenetcook River, on the main road to Halifax, leading through the Nine Mile River Settlement, and for improving said road.

Fifty pounds for the bridge over the Meander River, on the main road from Newport to Halifax.

One hundred pounds for the main road through Rawdon, leading to Halifax, beginning at the north bounds of said township, and for re-building the bridge over the River Hebert.

One hundred pounds for the main road in Douglafs, from Alexander M'Donald's, to Jackson's, near the Shubenaccadie.

Twenty pounds for the bridge over the west branch of the River Avon, and the road leading to the Avon bridge.

Forty-one pounds for the main road from Noel, to the main road in Douglafs, leading to Halifax.

The Council have not agreed to two resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, for roads and bridges, viz :

Fifty pounds to aid the inhabitants of the townships of Annapolis and Wilmot to erect a bridge over the Annapolis river, at Gate's ferry, near the farm of Foster Woodberry.

Thirty-six pounds to Dowie Ditmas and Dennis Rutherford, due to them on completing Bear River Bridge.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to the Acts relating to Highways, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

A message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the two resolutions of this House, of the 22<sup>d</sup> instant, respecting the appointment of a special Agent.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Shey and Mr. Roach, be a committee to examine into the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; and also to prepare and bring in a Bill, with such alterations and amendments to the said Act, as to them may appear expedient.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorise the sale of the Real Estates of Lunatics and Insane Persons, for payment of their Debts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the committee, to whom the account of John Howe, and also the account of William Minns were referred; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows :

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That the committee have investigated the accounts of Mr. Howe, for printing done for the last two years, and find that the charges in general are conformable to those made many years ago by his predecessor Anthony Henry for like services : that the Militia Regulation Books, and the printing for the extra Session of Assembly, appear to be charged at a high rate, and that a deduction should be made from those charges. That the committee have obtained a proposal from Mr. Howe, which they conceive it will be beneficial for the House to agree to ; that if a reasonable deduction is made from the account for the years 1807 and 1808, say six-pence on each of the Militia Regulation Books, and 22l. 15s. for the extra Session, and the rate of printing for the last year is taken at Mr. Howe's proposal for his future accounts, there will be now due to Mr. Howe, 180l. 9s. 9d. That there are certain exceptionable charges in Mr. Howe's accounts, of which the committee do not take notice, because Mr. Howe withholds a charge to a greater amount for extra printing performed last winter.

That the committee have also examined the account of William Minns, and find that the several services for which he has charged, have been performed by him.

*Ordered*, That the report be referred to the Committee of Supply ; and thereupon, On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same ; which report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 29th November, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in addition to the Acts relating to Highways ; also,

A Bill to encourage the fitting out of vessels in this Province for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries ; and also,

A Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands ; were severally read a second time.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill in addition to the Acts relating to Highways, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to

to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of the Bills to them referred ; which the House agreed to.

The said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to the Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Pool reported from the committee to whom the petition of Comfort Haley was referred ; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read ; and thereupon,

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 30th November, 1809.

#### PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, in addition to the Acts relating to Highways, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to the Acts relating to Highways.

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and he accordingly presented a Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned ; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Pearson, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of John Archibald, and the same was read, praying the re-payment of twenty-six pounds two shillings and eight pence, being so much he expended in completing the repair of the Road and Bridges from Fletcher's to Truro, in the year 1806.

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Pearson reported from the committee appointed on the Militia Law, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said report be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Haliburton, who are to prepare and bring in a Bill in amendment of the Militia Law.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Robert Pagan, and forty-one other persons, Magistrates or Inhabitants of the District of Fictou, and the same was read ; setting forth, that Edward M'Cray, and Matthew Allan, two young men, natives of this Province, came to reside in that District about twelve months ago, and since that time industriously followed their occupations and employments,

ployments, as farmers and labourers, (chiefly in manufacturing timber) inoffensively, as peaceable subjects of the Government. That a number of settlers, who lately emigrated to this Province, and who were principally engaged in the same business, pursued by the said M'Cray and Allan, entered into violent contentions with the said two men, and in the months of August and September last, forcibly seized upon a large quantity of Timber made by them, and converted the same to their own use. That the said M'Cray and Allan had recourse to legal measures for redress, and writs of *Capias* were allowed by one of the Judges of His Majesty's Supreme Court, against the persons who had so seized their property, marked for trial to the amount of four hundred pounds. That a number of persons in the said District, in situations above the labouring class, took part with the persons who had taken the timber of M'Cray and Allan, and repeatedly heretofore threatened to have the said two men put on board of Men of War; and, during a visit which Admiral Sir ALEXANDER COCHRANE made to the said settlement, formed a conspiracy against them; and, as the petitioners were well informed, applied to the Admiral, in the name of the Magistrates of Picou, to have the said two men, M'Cray and Allan, impressed: stating them to be persons of infamous characters, and disturbers of the Peace; that, in consequence of such combination and application, the said M'Cray and Allan, who were peaceably following their lawful occupations on shore, were taken and carried on board the Ram cutter, then lying in the harbour of Picou, in the month of October last, when, in consequence of an *ex parte* representation by those who conspired against them, they were confined in irons, and afterwards a further application was made by the same individuals to the Admiral, that they might not be liberated in Halifax: and, before any writ of *Habeas Corpus* could be executed, to procure their discharge, they were turned over to the *Thetis* frigate, and sent to the West-Indies. That the said two men were not seamen, nor any way employed in navigation, and were taken on shore at their lawful occupations—the one labouring in a blacksmith's shop, and the other assisting in building a House. That they had property to the amount of some hundred pounds, and owed money, and had large engagements in business in the District. That the petitioners cannot express the surprise and astonishment, occasioned by this transaction, particularly when they were informed, that the said M'Cray and Allan were sent to some part of the West-India Station, beyond the reach of the Common Law of this Province. Accustomed, as the Petitioners have been, to consider their rights and liberties as well guarded and secured to them in this Province, as that of their fellow subjects in Great-Britain, or any other part of His Majesty's Dominions, they fully hoped that the said M'Cray and Allan would have been instantly released, but they are well assured the worthy Admiral, for whom they entertain the highest esteem, was deceived by such *ex parte* statement, and gave credit to the application, and representation, as the act of the Magistrates of this District, all of whom, at the time, were entirely ignorant of the act, and now, equally with good subjects, detest such infamous injustice and cruelty. That the Petitioners have the fullest confidence in the justice and humanity of their much respected Governor, Sir GEORGE PREVOST, and in his uniform disposition to guard His Majesty's Subjects in this highly favored Colony from oppression: and they trust that this Honorable House, upon investigating the facts involved in this affair, will take such way to make them known to his Excellency as may seem most proper—earnestly soliciting that this Honorable House, whose duty it is to watch over all attempts to destroy our liberties, will institute an enquiry and minute investigation of this iniquitous transaction, and take such measures, as may cause two of their fellow subjects to be re-

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restored to their liberty, and direct punishment upon all the conspiracy, and finally to prevent the occurrence of such unprincipled and malicious outrages in future.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the better securing the Liberty of the Subject, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed; which report the House agreed to.

The said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday, 1st December, 1809.

#### PRAYERS.

A Bill in addition to the Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating Townships, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, of Mr. Robie, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

*Resolved,* That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £.35 2 6, should be granted to William Minns, in full of his Account for extra printing.

The chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee

to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply; which the House agreed to.

The said resolution was read throughout a first time; and thereupon,

Mr. Robie moved, that the same be not received by the House; which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill in addition to the Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages; and also the Bill, to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on New Lands, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred; which report the House agreed to.

The said amendments to the Bills were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Mr. Robie reported from the committee to whom the petition of Adolphus Veith was referred; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the committee have examined the said Petition, and the Treasurer's Accounts, and also the Appropriation Bills, and find that the Petitioner was not paid for his services from the 27th June, 1807, to the 26th December, 1808, being eighteen months; that for several years previous to that time, the Assembly voted him 20l. per annum, but as the interval, unpaid for, comprehends part of the period, during which the new Militia Law caused more business than usual in the office of the Adjutant General of Militia, the committee submit to the House, whether the Petitioner ought not to receive more than at the usual rate for that period.

*Ordered*, That the said report, and the petition of Adolphus Veith, and also the petition of John Archibald, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply; which report the House agreed to.

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

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Saturday,

Saturday, 2d December, 1809.

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PRAYERS.

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating Townships; and also,

A Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned: were severally read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands; was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to Encourage the Raising of Bread Corn on new Lands.

An engrossed Bill for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:

*Resolved*, That is the opinion of this committee, that the present system of Revenue, should be continued for another year; except that it appears expedient to impose a duty of ten per cent. on all neat cattle and sheep, that may hereafter be imported from the United States of America.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the committee on the expiring Laws, do prepare and bring in Bills, agreeably to the foregoing resolution of the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee on the subject of the Militia Law; and accordingly presented a Bill to amend and alter the Act for the better regulation of the Militia; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

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Monday,

Monday, 4th December, 1809.

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PRAYERS.

A Bill to amend and alter the Act for the better regulation of the Militia, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill, for the better securing the Liberty of the Subject, and for preventing of Illegal Imprisonments, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the better securing the Liberty of the Subject, and for preventing of Illegal Imprisonments, and Detainments, of any Persons within this Province.

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

A message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two Districts of Pictou and Colchester respectively.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the sale of the Governor's North Farm, and to invest the proceeds thereof in other Lands; and, also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for erecting the Districts of Colchester and Pictou, into Counties, and for regulating the representation thereof; to which two Bills, they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a committee to join a committee of this House on the subject of a Province House, agreeably to the resolution of the 24th Nov. last, who are ready to confer thereon with the committee of the House immediately, in the committee room of the Council;

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the committee do attend accordingly.

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to amend and alter the Act for the better regulation of the Militia.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. James took the chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of the Reverend Allen M'Donald, and others, inhabitants, residing on the shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, between Margomithe and Cape St. George; and the same was read, setting forth,

forth, the great extent of coast between the places above mentioned, being twenty miles; without any harbour or creek to shelter vessels, navigating that shore, from the violence of storms, and stating the practicability of carrying out a Pier from Arafag Point, to form a shelter for vessels and boats, and praying the aid of the House in addition to six hundred days work, subscribed by the inhabitants.

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *ordered*, that the petition of Robert Pagan and others be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. James, Mr. Lawfon and Mr. Chandler, who are to examine into the allegations of the same, and report thereon to the House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages, with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday, 5th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Governor's North Farm, and to invest the proceeds thereof in other Lands ; and, also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for erecting the Districts of Colchester and Picou, into Counties, and for regulating the representation thereof ; were severally read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bills be read a second time:

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands, immediately in the committee-room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the Conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Dimock, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Mr. Secretary GEORGE, by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, delivered to the House a petition from John Taylor and others, inhabitants of St. Mary's River, addressed to His Excellency ; which petition His Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House.

The said Petition was read, and is as follows :

That the Petitioners reside about ten miles from the head of the tide upon the said river, and are making great improvements in that new Settlement ; that their present communication with Halifax is chiefly by sea, and that they suffer many inconveniences on account of having no road opened from their said Settlement to the head of the tide ; that the Petitioners made application to the Representatives of the County of Sydney and County of Halifax, to procure a small sum of money to open the said road, but unfortunately the sum of money recommended by His Excellency for the service of roads and bridges was previously disposed of. That the petitioners had been advised to make this application to His Excellency, being well assured, that if His Excellency would be pleased to recommend the granting of one hundred pounds to open the afore said road, that the same would be allowed ; which would be of infinite service to the Petitioners, and other inhabitants afore said, and that the petitioners, as in duty bound, would ever pray.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Act for laying an Impost Duty on all articles imported from the United States of America ; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 6th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton reported further from the committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented a Bill for continuing the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar; also,

A Bill to continue the Acts for the better support of the Poor, in the respective Counties of this Province; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed to keep Public Houses or Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors: and the same were severally read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bills be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Governor's North Farm, and to invest the proceeds thereof in other lands; also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for erecting the Districts of Colchester and Pictou into Counties, and for regulating the representation thereof; and, also,

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Act for laying an Impost Duty on all articles imported from the United States of America; were severally read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the better securing the Liberty of the Subject, and for preventing of Illegal Imprisonments, and Detainments, of any Persons within this Province.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act for the better securing the Liberty of the Subject within this Province; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Robie, *resolved*, that this House do not agree to the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. James took the chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill

to amend and alter the Act for the better regulation of the Militia ; also the Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships ; also the Bill to alter and extend the times for holding the Supreme Court in several of the Counties and Districts of this Province ; and also the Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Act for laying an Impost Duty on all articles imported from the United States of America ; and had made several amendments thereunto respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House. That the committee had deferred, to the next Session, the consideration of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for erecting the Districts of Colchester and Picou into Counties, and for regulating the representation thereof ; and he afterwards delivered the Bills with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

The chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred.

The said report, and amendments to the foregoing Bills, were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the Bills, with the amendments, be engrossed.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk do acquaint the Council, that this House hath deferred the consideration of the engrossed Bill, passed by them, entitled, An Act for erecting the Districts of Colchester and Picou into Counties, and for regulating the representation thereof, to the next Session.

On motion, *resolved,* That a Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill, passed by them, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Governor's North Farm, and to invest the proceeds thereof in other Lands ; and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker.

The Council agree to the conference, as desired by this House, immediately in the committee room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Robie, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Pyke, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Robie reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

The House proceeded to take the amendments, made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands, into consideration ; and the same were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the amendments made by them to the same.

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

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Thursday,

Thursday, 7th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to amend and alter the Act for the better regulation of the Militia, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend and alter an Act, passed in the 48th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to provide for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia; and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force.

A Bill to alter and extend the times for holding the Supreme Court in several Counties and Districts of this Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and extend the times for holding the Supreme Court in several of the Counties and Districts of this Province.

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, an Act for laying an Impost Duty on all articles imported from the United States of America, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Hutchinson moved, that the Bill do not pass, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, eleven; against it, seventeen:

For the motion.

Mr. WARWICK, Mr. PEARSON,  
Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. PYKE,  
Mr. BARSS, Mr. HUTCHINSON,  
Mr. POOL, Mr. ROBIE,  
Mr. LAWSON, Mr. COLLINS,  
Mr. ARCHIBALD,

Against the motion.

Mr. PARKER, Mr. PURDY,  
Mr. JAMES, Mr. HALIBURTON,  
Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. LOVET,  
Mr. CRANE, Mr. ALLEN,  
Mr. RITCHIE, Mr. SHEY,  
Mr. MORTIMER, Mr. ROACH,  
Mr. DIMOCK, Mr. MARSTERS,  
Mr. WELLS, Mr. BAKER,  
Mr. MORTON,

So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, entitled, An Act for the support of the Poor in the respective Counties within this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on all articles imported into this Province, from the United States of America.

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating Townships, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships.

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

A Bill for continuing the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar; also

A Bill to continue the Acts for the better support of the Poor, in the respective Counties of this Province; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be Licensed to keep Public Houses or Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors: were severally read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands, severally, without any amendment.

And then the messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to encourage the fitting out of vessels in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred; which report the House agreed to.

The said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

On motion, the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors, &c. were read; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said amendments.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a conference should be desired by the House with the Council on the subject matter of the said amendments.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do request a conference with the Council, by committee, agreeably to the foregoing resolution.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday, 8th December, 1809.

**PRAYERS.**

*Ordered*, That the Petition of John Taylor and others, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of the Reverend Allen M'Donald and others, be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Roach, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference, as requested by this House, on the subject matter of the amendments, made by the Council, to the Attorney Bill, immediately in the committee-room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Ritchie, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Robie reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for appointing one other Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in several of the Counties and Districts in this Province, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a further Conference, by Committee, on the subject matter of the last Conference, immediately, in the committee-room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the Conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

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

And the names of the Managers were called over ;

And they went to the Conference ;

And being returned,

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

A message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, entitled, An Act for the support of the Poor in the respective Counties within this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported into this Province, from the United States of America.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages ; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to all the said amendments, except the words following, vizt: "not being actually engaged for another;" and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council having considered the message of the House, sent up to them, respecting the amendments made to the Bill in addition to the Act for regulating the rates and prices of carriages, are willing to agree to leave out the words "not being actually engaged for another," if the words "being on his stand" shall be substituted in place thereof.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House doth agree to the amendment proposed by the Council.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill above-mentioned to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution;

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. James took the chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill for continuing the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; also the Bill to continue an Act for granting to his Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum and other distilled spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar; also the Bill to continue an Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective counties of this Province; and also the Bill to continue an Act for imposing an additional duty of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same; and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table. The chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred: which report the House agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

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

further consideration of the amendments, made by His Majesty's Council, to the Bill for the better regulation of Attornies, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the House should agree to the amendments, so far as relates to the leaving out the 13th Section of the Bill, but that the other parts of the amendments be rejected by the House.

The said resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee to whom the petition of Robert Pagan and others, was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is follows :

That the committee have carefully examined witnesses, on the subject of the imprisonment, detention and transportation, of Edward M<sup>c</sup>Cray, and Matthew Allan, from whose evidence it appears, that the said Edward, and Matthew, are Natives of this Province ; regularly enrolled in the fifth battalion of Militia at Pictou, and had industriously followed their occupation, as Labourers in the making of Timber in that District, for nearly eight months last past ; that they were not Seamen, or any ways engaged in Navigation ; that the said Edward and Matthew had been, for some time past, engaged in a controversy with many of the Inhabitants of the said District, respecting the right to a large quantity of Timber, made by the said Edward and Matthew. That the said two men were, in the month of October last, at Pictou aforesaid, arrested, during the day time, while engaged about their lawful occupations on shore : the said Matthew being at work in a Blacksmith's Shop ; and the said Edward assisting in erecting a House, at the mouth of the harbour of Pictou ; and carried Prisoners on board his Majesty's Cutter Ram, commanded by Mr. Sheppard, where they were confined under a close guard, in the hold of the said cutter, until she arrived off the harbour of Halifax ; and that, in order to prevent their release and discharge, they were then put on board of a Schooner, at the Beach, near the harbour's mouth, and the day following were put on board his Majesty's ship Thetis, which ship sailed, with the said two men on board, for some part of the West India station. That it also appears to the committee, that the said two men, were in nowise subjects of impressment, and were taken by the said Mr. Sheppard, on board the said cutter, and confined on a charge made against them, of their having been thieves and robbers. That it also appears, to the committee, that since this unjustifiable transaction, many young men, natives of the Province, and not subject to impressment, have been alarmed, lest they should share the same fate, and frequently have fled from their homes, and occupations, on that account. The committee lastly submit to the House, the foregoing Statement of facts, in order that such proceedings may be taken, as to the House may seem most proper on the occasion ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved, unanimously*, That the taking, detention and transportation,

of Edward M'Cray, and Matthew Allan, from this Province, is highly illegal, unconstitutional and oppressive; and is productive of great injury to this Province, by creating a constant alarm and suspicion upon the minds of many of its inhabitants; and that therefore an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request his immediate interference to procure the return of the said Edward M'Cray and Matthew Allan to their Country and friends.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Ritchie, be a Committee to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Archibald reported from the joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and this House, appointed for the purpose of procuring plans, and also estimates of the probable expense, of a Building suitable for the meeting of the Legislature, &c. and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and thereupon,

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday, 9th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for appointing one other Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court, was read a second time.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the committee, on the subject of the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for Roads and Bridges, and accordingly presented

A Bill in amendment of the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion resolved, that a conference be desired with the Council, by committee, on the subject of the amendment made by them to the Bill, to alter and extend the times for holding the Supreme Court, &c. and that the Clerk do desire the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the 32d year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages ; without any amendment.

The Council have sent down the Bill, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Attornies, Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province, and adhere to the amendments made by them to the said Bill.

The Council agree to the conference, as desired by this House, immediately, in the committee-room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Robie, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Ritchie, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Robie reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the engrossed Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the sale of the Governor's North Farm, and to invest the proceeds thereof in other Lands.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Roach took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the amendments be engrossed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill to amend and alter the Militia Law, and the said amendments were read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon,

*Resolved,* That this House doth agree to the said amendments, so far as they relate to a clerical error in the word "received," and leaving out of the Bill the sixth section, but to the other amendments they do not agree.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk do carry the said Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for appointing an Especial Agent of this Province, and the same was read a first time,

*Resolved,* That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to the resolution of yesterday ; and presented an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows :

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Baronet, Lieutenant-Governor and  
Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its  
Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

*May it please Your Excellency;*

**T**HE House of Assembly beg leave to represent to your Excellency, that Edward M'Cray, and Matthew Allan, two natives of this Province, who were not Seamen, or any way engaged in Navigation, in the month of October last, at Pictou, in the County of Halifax, were arrested, while employed about their lawful occupations on shore, and carried on board His Majesty's Cutter *Ram*, commanded by a Mr. Shepperd, then lying in the harbour of Pictou, and were closely confined on board the said Cutter, until she arrived at the beach, in the harbour of Halifax; when the said two men were sent on board His Majesty's Ship *Thetis*, belonging to Sir ALEXANDER COCHRANE'S Squadron, in order to prevent their being released by legal process; which said ship immediately sailed, with the said two men on board, to some part of the West-India Station.

The House of Assembly have carefully enquired into the imprisonment, detention and transportation, of the said two men; and declare to your Excellency, that the proceedings on that occasion, appear to them unjustifiable and illegal, which have also created alarm in the minds of many of His Majesty's Subjects for their personal liberty and security—highly injurious to the true interests of His Majesty's Government.

The House, therefore, most respectfully request, that your Excellency would be pleased to adopt such proceedings hereupon, as may appear to your Excellency best calculated to procure the release of the said Edward M'Cray and Matthew Allan, and that they may be returned to their homes.

The House of Assembly the more cheerfully apply to your Excellency, on this occasion, from their experience of the ready attention which your Excellency has invariably manifested to preserve the rights and liberties of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and from the fullest conviction of your Excellency's disposition, carefully to guard them from cruelty and oppression.

*Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by a committee of this House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Ritchie, be a committee agreeable to the foregoing resolution.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 11th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for appointing an Especial Agent of this Province; and also,

A Bill in amendment of the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the services of Roads and Bridges, were severally read a second time.

*Resolved*.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the support of a Light-House on Briar Island, at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the committee to whom the petition of the Reverend Allen McDonald, and others, was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That it appears to the committee, that the erecting of a Pier, at Point Arasack, on the shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, would be a shelter for vessels and boats, whereby the lives of many valuable settlers might be preserved; there being no place of safety for vessels or boats to harbour in from Margomithe to the Gut of Canso, a distance of fifty miles: the committee therefore recommend that the sum of 250l. should be granted, which sum, in addition to the six hundred days labour, already subscribed by the inhabitants, in the vicinity, would, in the opinion of the Committee, effect this useful undertaking.

*Ordered,* That the report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill in amendment of the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. Pyke took the chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply; which report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday, 12th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to provide for the support of a Light-House on Briar Island, at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy, was read a second time.

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*Resolved,*

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to provide for the support of a Light-House on Briar Island, at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House. That the committee had directed him to report the Bill for appointing an Especial Agent of this Province, without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the said Bills, with the amendments to the Bill first mentioned, in at the Clerk's Table.

The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills to them referred; which the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bill, as reported from the committee, were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bills, and the foregoing amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary GEORGE acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows :

GENTLEMEN,

THE necessity of taking the most prompt and efficacious measures to apprehend and bring to justice, the parties concerned in the late horrid Piracy and Murder, committed on this coast, on board the schooner Three Sisters, induced me to offer a reward of one Hundred Pounds, Sterling, for the apprehension of them; they have been in consequence apprehended, and brought to Justice, and sundry expences have been incurred in preparations for the Trials, and for the payment of witnesses, and other incidents; copies of which shall be laid before the Assembly, as soon as they can be made out. In the mean time, I have to request the Assembly to provide for the discharge thereof, from his Majesty's Treasury, by a Resolution of their House for that purpose.

GEORGE PREVOST.

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

Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the sale of part of the Lands and Tenements of Samuel Hart, a Lunatick, and the same was read a first time; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Robie, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Pyke, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar.

An engrossed Bill, to continue the Acts for the better support of the Poor, in the respective Counties of this Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue the Acts for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for imposing an additional duty of Excise on Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act for imposing an additional duty of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same.

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

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill for appointing one other Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. Robie reported from the committee to whom the Bill to authorise the sale of part of the lands and tenements of Samuel Hart, of Halifax, merchant, a lunatick, was referred, as follows :

That the committee have examined the several commissions, petitions and documents, referred to in the preamble of the said Bill, and find all the facts therein stated, to be correctly set forth.

*Resolved*, That the aforesaid Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar; also

A Bill, entitled, An Act for continuing the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for imposing an additional duty of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same, severally, without any amendment.

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The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill to encourage the fitting out of Vessels for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled; An Act in addition to the Act relating to Highways, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Lovett, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference;

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council, by committee, on the subject matter of the last conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council agree to the conference, as desired by the House, immediately, in the committee-room of the Council.

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

And the names of the Managers were called over;

And they went to the Conference;

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported that the Managers had been at a further Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

A Bill to authorise the sale of the lands and tenements of Samuel Hart, of Halifax, merchant, a lunatick, was read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a committee of the whole House: and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill, accordingly,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Roach took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address of this House of the 9th instant; that the committee had waited on, and delivered the said Address to, His Excellency accordingly, to which Address his Excellency had been pleased to give the following written Answer:

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

I will persevere in the measures I have already adopted to procure the return and release of Edward M'Cray, and Matthew Allan, who appear to have been improperly impressed, on shore, by an officer belonging to one of His Majesty's armed vessels, whilst in the harbour of Pictou. From the well known disposition of the Admiral, commanding on the West-India Station, to promote the commercial interests of this Province, I cannot entertain a doubt, but that upon his receiving my representation, they will be immediately released.

GEORGE PREVOST.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 14th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to authorise the sale of part of the lands and tenements of Samuel Hart, of Halifax, merchant, a lunatick, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to authorise the sale of part of the lands and tenements of Samuel Hart, of Halifax, merchant, a lunatick, or insane person, for payment of his debts, and for his maintenance and support.

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

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to authorise the sale of the Governor's North Farm, and to invest the proceeds thereof in other Lands, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with several amendments.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the support of a Light-House on Briar Island, at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy, without any amendment.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the Bill for appointing an Especial Agent.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved,* That this House doth agree to the Conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Lawson, do manage the said conference ;

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned ;

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

An engrossed Bill for appointing one other Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Robie moved, that a clause be added to the said Bill, as follows, vizt: "*Provided always, and be it further enacted*, That if any person, hereafter to be appointed an Assistant Justice, shall, at the time of such appointment, have, hold or enjoy, any post, office or situation, under His Majesty, the term of six months shall be allowed to him to settle the accounts of such office or situation, and to effect his resignation thereof;" which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative: and thereupon the Clerk, by order of the House, inserted in the Bill a clause as above mentioned, as part of the said Bill.

Mr. Roach then moved, that the said Bill do not pass; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twelve, against it, twelve.

For the motion.

Against the motion.

Mr. LOVET,	Mr. PURDY,	Mr. MORTIMER,	Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. SHEY,	Mr. BARSS,	Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. CHANDLER,	Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. COLLINS,	Mr. ROACH,	Mr. JAMES,	Mr. ARCHIBALD
Mr. WELLS,	Mr. POOL,	Mr. HALIBURTON,	Mr. PEARSON,
Mr. MORTON,	Mr. BAKER,	Mr. PARKER,	Mr. PYKE.

So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the motion.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of this Province, and for declaring the qualification of persons hereafter to be appointed Justices of the said Court, and for the appointment of another Assistant Justice of the said Court.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Acts relating to Highways, and the same were read throughout a first and second time: and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do not agree to the said amendments, but adhere to their Bill as originally sent up to the Council, and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed by the committee to report the same without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing an Especial Agent of this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

**A message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :**

**Mr. Speaker,**

The Council request a conference by committee on the subject of the amendments proposed by this House to the Bill to authorize the sale of the Governor's North Farm.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved,* That this House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Pearson, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, *resolved,* That a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject matter of the last conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council agree to the conference, as desired by the House immediately, in the committee room of the Council.

*Ordered,* That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned ;

Mr. Haliburton reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. Pyke took the chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply ; which the House agreed to.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of roads and bridges, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue, and in addition to, and amendment of, an Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

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Friday,

Friday, 15th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and had come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of fifty pounds should be granted to complete that part of the main road, in the Township of Annapolis, between the Nictaur road and Shafner's house.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty-five pounds, should be granted to aid the Inhabitants of the Nictaur Road, and New Germany, to open a Road from George Robertson's, on the Liverpool Nictaur Road, to the Falls of Labave, at Thomas Pinney's.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty-five pounds, should be granted to the Inhabitants of the Settlement of Pero, to improve the Road leading to Cornwallis.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Fifty Pounds, should be granted to repair the Road from the head of the Tide near Angevine's, on Remsheg Harbour, to Pugwash, near Capt. Fushner's.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty-five pounds, should be granted to assist the Inhabitants to rebuild the Bridge over the five Mile River in Douglas, the same having been carried away by the floods.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of one hundred pounds, should be granted to open a Road from the Settlement on St. Mary's River, near the Lakes, to the head of the Tide in the said River.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of ten pounds, should be paid to Ebenezer Wheaton, towards his support for the present year, in consideration of his being deprived of the use of one of his arms, which disability happened while he was employed in the second battalion of embodied Militia, on duty at Halifax, the Winter before the last.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding two Hundred and forty five pounds, should be granted and applied to erect and complete a Fence, for enclosing the Garden and Grounds, belonging to the New Government house.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty five pounds ten shillings, should be granted to James M'Curdy, to repay him the like sum he expended in securing the North River Bridge upon the Road leading to Cumberland, in the year 1808.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Forty-five pounds should be granted to Nathaniel Parker, in full, as a compensation for services performed, and expenses incurred, by him in exploring and opening a Road from Nictaur to Liverpool.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds, should be granted and paid to John Howe and Son, in full of their account for extra printing, and all other services, up to the commencement of the present Session of the General Assembly.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty-four pounds fifteen shillings and five pence should be granted to James Leaver, in full for a drawback of the duties on four hundred and thirty-five gallons of Rum, by him exported to the Island of Cape Breton in the month of May last.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, That the sum of forty pounds should be granted to Adolphus Vieth, for his services as Clerk to the Adjutant General of the Militia, from the 27th June, 1807, to the 26th December, 1808.

The chairman also acquainted the House that the committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to two resolutions of this House for granting the following sums for roads, vizt :

50l. for the road between the Nictaur road and Shaftner's house in the township of Annapolis.

25l. for a road from George Robinson's, to the falls of Lahave at George Pinney's.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the sale of part of the lands and tenements of Samuel Hart, of Halifax, merchant, a lunatick, or insane person, for payment of his debts, and for his maintenance and support ; also

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue, and in addition to, and amendment of, an Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, severally, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and extend the times for holding the Supreme Court in the several Counties and Districts of this Province, and for declaring the qualification of persons hereafter to be appointed Justices of the said Court, and for the appointment of another Justice of the said Court, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill above-mentioned, and the same were read throughout a first and second time: and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do not agree to the said amendments, but adhere to their Bill as originally sent up for concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Secretary GEORGE acquainted the House that he had a message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Message to the House.

And

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows :

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

HAVING reason to suppose Mr. Nathaniel Atchefon, of London, will consent to act as a joint Agent for this Province, with your present Agent Mr. Barnard, I recommend that Mr. Atchefon be provided for accordingly.

GEORGE PREVOST.

Mr. Secretary GEORGE also laid before the House, by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,

An account of expences incurred in the trials of Edward Jordan and Margaret Jordan, and John Kelly, and for the execution of Edward Jordan, for piracy and murder on the high seas—amounting to 253l. 11s. 3d.

*Ordered;* That the said Message and account do lie on the table to be perused by the Members of the House.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary GEORGE:

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency, in the Council Chamber.

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following :

An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands.

An Act in addition to, and amendment of, the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating Townships.

An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of carriages.

An Act to continue the Acts for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province.

An Act to continue an Act for granting to His Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar.

An Act to continue an Act for imposing an additional duty of Excise on Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same.

An Act for continuing the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An Act to provide for the support of a Light House, on Briar Island, at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy.

A message from the Council by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council agree to the amendments proposed by the House to the Bill, entitled, An Act authorising the sale of the Governor's North Farm, and to invest the proceeds thereof in other Lands, except the naming the Commissioners therein, which they do not agree to.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr.

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, passed in the 41st year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleaning and paving, the streets in the town and peninsula of Halifax; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday, 16th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

A Bill in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, passed in the 41st year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleaning and paving, the streets in the town and peninsula of Halifax, &c. was read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a committee of the whole House: and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill, accordingly,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of yesterday, on the subject of the appointment of Mr. Nathaniel Atcheson, of London, as a joint Agent for the Province, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Robie, *resolved*, that the House having already adopted two different modes of appointing a special agent, both of which have been rejected by His Majesty's Council, it is inexpedient, and contrary to the usage of Parliament, and of this House, to propose any further measures for that purpose, this Session.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Resolution be presented to his Excellency, by a Committee of this House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. James and Mr. Lovett, be a committee accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the report of the joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and this House, on the subject of a Province House, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and alter an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to provide for the greater security of the Province by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force, severally, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the fitting out of Vessels in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have agreed to six resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz :

50l. for the road from Remsheg Harbour to Pugwash.

25l. for the bridge over the Five Mile River in Douglafs.

10l. to Ebenezer Wheaton.

180l. to John Howe & Son.

245l. to inclose the garden and grounds of the new Government House.

100l. to open a road from the Settlements on St. Mary's River to the head of the tide.

The Council have not agreed to two resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz :

25l. for the road from Pero to Cornwallis.

45l. to Nathaniel Parker.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject matter of the Supreme Court Bill.

And then the messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Haliburton, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Robie reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the committee had come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of Twenty-five pounds should be granted to William Canady, for the use of his son Dennison Canady, who became delirious while engaged in Militia Duty at Halifax in the winter of 1808, and has continued deranged since that time.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty-nine pounds fifteen shillings should be granted to Comfort Haley, being the amount of duties paid by him on a certain quantity of Sugar and Cotton imported by him from St. Domingo in the year 1808, and afterwards exported from Halifax to Yarmouth, and lost at sea.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of fifty pounds should be granted to James Ratchford and James Noble Shaanon, for the encouragement of a packet to run between Windsor and Partridge Island, under such regulations as may be made and ordered by the Justices in Session for the County of Hants, in the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of eight hundred pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence should be granted for the purchase of new Furniture, for the levee room, the drawing room, and the dining room of the new Government House; the same to be expended under the direction of a commissioner, to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds (in addition to the sum of one hundred pounds already appropriated) should be granted, to enable Commissioners, to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to provide for lighting the Light-House on Briar Island, for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, should be granted to discharge the balance now due to the Commissioners of the Island of Sable, and for the support of the establishment for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of thirty pounds should be granted to the Clerk of His Majesty's Council, for his services in the extra Sessions of the General Assembly, in the last and present year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of thirty pounds should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for his services in the extra Session of the General Assembly, in the present year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of ten pounds, should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to reimburse the expence of extra Clerks, employed in the service of the House, in the extra Session of the General Assembly in the last year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, That the sum of thirty pounds should be granted to James Gautier, in consideration of his past services to the Province, and present distressed situation.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings should be granted to Edward Bond, door-keeper of His Majesty's Council, for his services in the extra Session of the General Assembly, in the present year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that in case any unforeseen accident should happen to any of the bridges on the great public roads of the Province, so as to interrupt travellers, it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to order a commissioner or commissioners to rebuild such bridge or bridges, or to remove any other unforeseen obstruction that may impede travelling; and the House of Assembly pledges itself to provide for the expence, not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds,

the commissioner or commissioners accounting for the expenditure thereof; and it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, from time to time, to draw warrants on account, in favour of such commissioner or commissioners, provided the said sum or sums, so drawn on account for such services, shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty pounds should be granted to Archibald Smith, in full compensation for the public road running through his land on the Ardoise hill.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of four pounds three shillings and four pence, should be granted to James Harvie, for a bounty on one hundred bushels of Wheat, raised by him in the year 1808.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of two pounds one shilling and eight pence, should be granted to Benjamin Cacey, for a bounty on fifty bushels of Wheat, raised by him in the year 1808.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of six pounds five shillings, should be granted to William Thompson, for a bounty on one hundred and fifty bushels of Wheat, raised by him in the year 1808.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of four pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence, should be granted to John Parker, for a bounty on one hundred and fifteen bushels of Wheat, raised by him in the year 1808.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of two pounds seventeen shillings and eight pence half-penny, should be granted to Timothy Dimock, for a bounty on fifty-two bushels of Wheat, and twenty-three bushels of Rye, raised by him in the year 1808.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of one hundred pounds, should be granted to aid the inhabitants of Aylesford, Wilmot and Annapolis, to clear out the Annapolis river, from James Harvie's dwelling house to the head of the tide, in said river.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the continuing a Pier from Arifack Point, upon the South shore of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, across the Cove, formed by the said point, will be of infinite service to small vessels seeking a harbour on the said shore; and that so soon as His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor shall be pleased to grant so much of the land, covered with water, adjoining the said point, as may be necessary to form a harbour for small vessels, in trust for the benefit of the Public, that the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds should be granted to assist in making the said pier, in aid of the inhabitants on the said Gulf Shore, who have subscribed six hundred and twenty-five days labour towards erecting the same.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty-six pounds two shillings and eight pence, should be granted to John Archibald, for the like sum expended by him in completing the repairs of the roads and bridges on the main road leading from Fletcher's to Truro.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of thirty-five pounds should be granted to aid the inhabitants of Long Island, in the County of Annapolis, to repair the road on the said Island, leading to the Grand Passage.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of thirty six pounds should be granted to aid the inhabitants of Clare to repair the Montegan bridge, in the county of Annapolis.

The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to  
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move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

*Resolved*, that a conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the two last Resolutions passed in the Committee of the whole House, and that the Clerk do request the same.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 18th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House for granting the sum of 25l. 10s. to James M'Curdy.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference, by committee, on the subject of the Supreme Court Bill, immediately, in the committee-room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

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

And they went to the Conference;

And being returned,

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference, as desired by this House, on the subject of the two Road Resolutions, sent up for concurrence, immediately, in the committee-room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lovett, Mr. Warwick and Mr. Wells, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference;

And being returned,

Mr. Lovett reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to two resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz :

36l. for repairing Montegan Bridge.

35l. for the Road on Long Island, in the County of Annapolis.

The Council have not agreed to two resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz :

26l. 2s. 8d. to John Archibald.

20l. to Archibald Smith.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject matter of the Supreme Court Bill, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the conference, as desired by this House, immediately, in the committee-room of the Council.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last conference, on the said subject, do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Robie reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

An engrossed Bill in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the town and peninsula of Halifax, &c. was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the town and peninsula of Halifax, and also the Act, in amendment thereof, passed in the 42d year of His present Majesty's reign.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council will agree to the Bill to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court, &c. with the amendments, agreed to by the committees in conference on the said Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the Bill, as amended by the committees, being engrossed, was read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in several of the Counties and Districts of this Province, and for declaring the qualification of persons hereafter to be appointed Justices of the said Court, their number and salaries.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in several of the Counties and Districts of this Province, and for declaring the qualification of persons hereafter to be appointed Justices of the said Court, their number and salaries, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply, to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and had come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of four hundred pounds should be granted for erecting a Light House on Cranberry Island, near Canso, under the direction of a Commissioner or Commissioners, to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of forty-five pounds should be granted to the Adjutant General of the Militia, for payment of his Clerk, Stationary, Postage, and all other contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of forty-five pounds should be granted to the Quarter Master General of the Militia, for payment of his Clerk, Stationary, Postage, and all other contingent expenses, for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding eight pounds, should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Fuel, for the House of Assembly, for the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum of one hundred and seventy-five pounds, should be granted to John Howe and Son, Printers, for printing for the Government and the General Assembly for the ensuing year.

The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 19th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the roads, throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses or Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to eleven resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz :

- 3l. 15s. to Edward Bond.
- 30l. to James Gautier.
- 800l. 16s. 8d. for Furniture for the New Government House.
- 30l. to the Clerk of the House of Assembly.
- 10l. to Ditto for extra Clerks.
- 30l. to the Clerk of the Council.
- 50l. for the Parrsborough Packet.
- 29l. 15s. to Comfort Haley.
- 250l. for repairs of Bridges on great Public Roads.
- 400l. for the Island of Sable.
- 200l. for Briar Island Light House.

The Council have not agreed to five resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz :

- 4l. 3s. 4d. to James Harvie.
- 2l. 1s. 8d. to Benjamin Cacey.
- 6l. 5s. to William Thompson.
- 4l. 15s. 10d. to John Parker.
- 2l. 17s. 8d. to Timothy Dimock.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, &c. with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for raising a revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, or shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 40l. to Adolphus Vieth.

The Council have not agreed to two resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz :

100l. for clearing out the Annapolis River.

35l. for the road from Granville to the Bay of Fundy.

The Council request a conference, by committee, on the subject of the several resolutions of this House, for granting monies, now before the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pearson, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Morton, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Pearson reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, the amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the fitting out of vessels in this Province, for carrying on the Bank and Cod Fisheries, were read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the said amendments be postponed to this day three months.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for appointing commissioners to erect a Province House in the town of Halifax, for the accommodation of the General Assembly ; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Morton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers ; and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bills be now read a second time ; and they were severally read a second time accordingly.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, or shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to two resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz :

250l. for erecting a Pier at Arifack Point, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

24l. 15s. 5d. to James Leaver.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House for granting the sum of 25l. to William Canady.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill in amendment of the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made farther progress in the business to them referred, and that the committee had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty four pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, should be granted to Messrs. Forsyth, Smith and Co. in full for a drawback of the duties on 435 gallons Rum by them exported to the Island of Cape Breton, in May last.

The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 20th December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, was read a third time.

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*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and further amendment of, an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a conference be desired with the Council, by committee, on the present state of the Fisheries of the Province, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council agree to the conference, as desired by this House, immediately, in the committee-room of the Council.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Collins, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Barfs and Mr. Lovet, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Robie reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House ; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Collins, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Barfs, and Mr. James, do prepare and bring in a Bill for the encouragement of the Fisheries.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and further amendment of, an Act, passed in the 34th year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

And then the messenger withdrew.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to five resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz :

24l. 15s. 5d. to Messrs. Forsyth, Smith & Co.

400l. for erecting a light-house on Cranberry Island.

45l. to the Adjutant General of Militia.

45l. to the Quarter Master General of Militia.

175l. to Messrs. Howe & Son.

The Council request a conference, by committee, on the Resolution of this House, for granting eight pounds for Fuel for the Assembly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald and Mr. Pool, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, that a conference be desired with the Council, by committee, on the subject of the amendments proposed by them to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, &c. and that the Clerk do request the same.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 8l. for Fuel for the Assembly.

The Council agree to the conference as desired by the House immediately in the committee room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Pyke and Mr. Haliburton, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the Conference ;

And being returned,

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding eight pounds, should be granted to the Clerk of the Council, to defray the expence of Fuel for his Majesty's Council the present Session.

The chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply ; which the House agreed to.

The said resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

Mr. Lawson reported from the committee on the subject of the Fisheries, and accordingly presented a Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 8l. to defray the expence of Fuel for the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill for appointing commissioners to erect a Province House, in the town of Halifax, for the accommodation of the General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had deferred the consideration of the said Bill to the next Session; which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Robie moved, That the House do come to the Resolution following, viz:

Whereas the ruinous and decayed state of the Building, in which His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly now sit, makes it inconvenient and unhealthful to hold the General Assembly there any longer; and it is expedient to provide a more convenient place for that purpose, to be occupied until a Province House shall be provided: *Resolved, therefore,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, the Council and Assembly, to appoint three commissioners, one of whom shall belong to His Majesty's Council, and two to the House of Assembly, for the purpose of hiring a suitable place for the holding the General Assembly; who are hereby authorized and empowered to take a lease of some suitable place, on the part of the Province, not exceeding four years, and to fit up the same in a suitable manner for the purpose aforesaid; and it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor to draw by warrant on the Treasury for a sum not exceeding 250l. in favor of such commissioners, to be expended by them in providing necessary furniture, and making suitable repairs and additions to such Building, to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly; which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk do carry foregoing resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the joint committee of His Majesty's Council and this House, appointed to investigate the public accounts; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz:

That the Committee have examined all the accounts for the Expenditure of Monies, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1809, which they have found correct, and properly certified, except as follows, viz:

Vote 1808, 50l. and 10l.—Road from Bass River to Economy, no certificate. To build a bridge, and repair the road towards Patridge Island, there is a contract and certificate, certified by two Justices, but not in Sessions—remains undrawn 16l. 13s. 4d.

*James N. Shannon, Commissioner.*

140l.—Road from Chester to Windsor. The sum of 101l. 1s. 9d. including commissions, has been expended by days work, at the extravagant rate of 7/6 per day, certified by two Magistrates—remains undrawn 38l. 18s. 3d.

*Anthony Vaugban, commissioner.*

25l.—Road from Bear River to Lee's Mills; no certificate. The whole sum paid.

*Benjamin Potter, commissioner.*

60l.—Road from Court House in Horton to Pineo's.—This sum has been expended by days work at the high rate of 7s. per day.

*Henry Gesner, commissioner.*

200l.—Road between Koch's Mill and the Falls of LaHave River. Contracts for 75l. No account rendered, but the sum of 80l. 11s. 9d. paid by the Treasurer—leaving unexpended 19l. 3s. 3d.

*Christopher Lones*, commissioner.

200l.—Road from Fullerton's to Napan Bridge—85l. 9s. 4d. expended, as appears by six contracts, including commissions. No certificate. Remains undrawn 14l. 10s. 8d.

*Jesse Lewis*, commissioner.

55l.—Road between Mill Brook and the Petit Passage—Money paid; no certificate.

*William Johnson*, commissioner.

200l.—From Guyborough to the East Branch of St. Mary's River—expended by day's work at 6s. per day; certified. He has charged in his account 12 days at 10s. per day for himself, besides the usual commission—being 6l. which he ought to account for.

*William Atwater*, commissioner.

250l.—In addition to other sums, amounting to 573l. for building a Bridge over Bear River. It appears by an account of the commissioners, that they have expended, including their commissions, the sum of 609l. leaving a balance due them of 36l. The work has been contracted for as per copy of contract produced, but no other voucher or certificate.

*Ditmas & Rutherford*, commissioners.

35l.—Road from Lower Horton to Ealmouth. Money paid; no voucher or certificate.

*Arunal Rathburn*, commissioner.

The committees further report upon the accounts for the expenditure of Monies granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, for former years, that have heretofore been found incorrect, and not properly certified, viz :

Votes 1805 & 1806, 60l. & 50l.—To assist in building the Bridge over the North River of Onslow.—Reported last year; proper vouchers have now been received for expending the same.

*James M. Curdy*, commissioner.

1806, 30l.—Road from River John to Picou—Reported last year; proper vouchers have been received

*Thomas Lewden*, commissioner.

1807, 50l.—Road from Charles Brown's to the Bridge at Sutherland's—Reported last year; proper vouchers have been received.

*John Fraser*, commissioner.

1807, 60l.—To erect a Bridge over Petit Rivere, and to repair the Road—Reported last year; proper vouchers have been received.

*John Packs*, commissioner.

300l.—Road from Hall's to Truro—240l. paid in part; certificates received for the expenditure of the whole sum.

*William Fleming & David Archibald*, commissioners.

40l. & 15l.—Road from Harrington's to Pineo's, and from Greenwood's to Harrington's—reported last year; proper certificates have been received.

*David Whidden*, commissioner.

200l.—Road from Horton to Nictaur. It appears the Treasurer has paid the money, though no proper certificates have been received.

*Calab Forsyth*, commissioner.

30l.—Causeway from Allan's Creek to near the Court House in Annapolis. The money paid, though no certificate has come forward.

*Dewie Ditmas*, commissioner.

40l.—Scillabou to Yarmouth. Money paid, but no account or certificate for the expenditure.

*Charles M. Carthy*, commissioner.

1807, 40l.—Road from Lee's mills to Long's tavern: Balance of 13l. paid by the Treasurer. No certificate.

*Wiswall & Rutherford*, commissioners.

50l. & 15l.—Road from County of Cumberland to Truro, to aid in building a Bridge over the North River at Parrborough. The accounts are certified by an Inspector, and approved of by the Grand Jury.

*Jesse Lewis*, commissioner:

The Committees also report as follows :

*Public Markets.*

The Acting Commissioner's accounts have been received to the 31st October, 1809, and are correct; there is a balance in his hands of 1130l. 5s. 11d. He states that there are accounts to be brought forward against the said balance, for extending and re-building the Public Market landing Slip; also, extending and rebuilding the Fish Market Slip; and the repairs of both Markets; and, when the season will permit, a Green Market to be erected on the passage down to the Market-landing Slip.

*License and Road Accounts, for the District of Halifax.*

The Commissioners Accounts have been received from the 16th July, 1804, to the 31st December, 1807; are correct and properly vouched; there is a balance due to them of 193l. out of which sum there appears to be due to the Honourable Andrew Belcher, 60l. 9s. 6d. There is also a balance due to the Estate of William Lyon, Esq. deceased, the former Acting Commissioner, of 264l. 19s. 7½d. The present Acting Commissioner's accounts have been received, are correct, and properly vouched, up to the 31st March, 1809; balance then due to him 251l. 6s. 11½.

ANDREW BELCHER,  
EDWARD B. BRENTON, } *Committee of  
Council.*

EDWARD MORTIMER,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
EDWARD JAMES. } *Committee  
of the  
House of Assembly.*

*Ordered*; That the report do lie on the table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 21st December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, was read a second time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now committed to a committee of the whole House: and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

**A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :**

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference, by committee, on the subject of the Resolution for hiring a Building for the accommodation of the General Assembly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Morrton, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the Conference;

And being returned,

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

An engrossed Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province.

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

**A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :**

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the resolution of this House for hiring a Building for the accommodation of the General Assembly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred; and that the committee had come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding twelve pounds should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationary furnished to the Commissioners of the Revenue, and for the House of Assembly.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of one hundred and sixty eight pounds eleven shillings and two pence, should be granted to the Secretary of the Province, to defray the expense incurred in the Trials of Edward Jordan, and Margaret Jordan, and John Kelly; and for the execution of Edward Jordan, for Piracy and Felony on the High Seas: the same to be paid to the several persons named in a schedule—to be certified by the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of one hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and two pence should be granted to the Secretary of

of the Province, to pay the Reward offered by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the apprehension of Edward Jordan, and others, concerned in the horrid Murder and Piracy, lately committed on board the schooner Three Sisters, on the coast of this Province.

The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

The said resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleaning and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein ; also the Act in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-second year of His present Majesty's reign.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of forty-five pounds should be granted to open and improve a Road from the Settlement on Briar Island, to the Light-House on said Island.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of one hundred and sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence should be granted and paid to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esquire, of London, for services rendered by him to this Province, in promoting its Commercial Interests.

The chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply ; which the House agreed to.

The said resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to three resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz ;

111l. 2s. 2d. to pay the reward for the apprehension of Edward Jordan, and others.  
 168l. 11s. 2d. to defray the expence incurred in the Trials of Edward Jordan, and  
 others.

12l. to the Clerk of the Assembly, for Stationary.

And then the messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House for granting the sum of 45l. for a Road on Briar Island.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Robie, *resolved*, that Mr. Speaker be requested to cause the Assembly Room to be fitted up and painted during the next Summer, and also to procure a new carpet, and new cushions for the seats and chairs, and that this House will provide for the payment of the same.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday, 22d December, 1809.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference, by committee, on the Resolution of this House for granting 116l. 13s. 4d. to Nathaniel Atchefon, Esquire.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Hutchinson, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the Conference;

And being returned,

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the committee had come to several resolutions thereupon, upon which they had framed a Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the ensuing year; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the Resolutions and Clauses were severally read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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On motion, the said Bill was read a first time.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be now read a second time, and the same was read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. James, *resolved*, That the Seat of John Bolman, Esq. a Member of this House, and Representative for the Town of Lunenburg, be vacated, for absenting himself from this House during the whole of the last and present Session.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do take the usual steps for procuring a new Writ for the Election of a Member to represent the Town of Lunenburg aforesaid.

An engrossed Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the ensuing year, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year ensuing, and for appropriating such part of the supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the Clerk do make a correct Index of the Journals of the House of Assembly to the present time, and procure the same to be handsomely bound and lettered, each volume to contain the Journals of one Assembly, and the House will provide for defraying the expence of the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year ensuing, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province—without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary GEORGE :

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

An Act to authorise the sale of part of the lands and tenements of Samuel Hart, of Halifax, merchant, a lunatick, or insane person, for payment of his debts, and for his maintenance and support.

An Act to continue, and in addition to, and amendment of, an Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

An Act to amend and alter an Act, passed in the 48th year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to provide for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force.

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

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An Act to alter and extend the times of holding the Supreme Court in several of the Counties and Districts of this Province, and for declaring the qualification of persons hereafter to be appointed Justices of the said Court, their number and salaries.

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses, or shops, for the retail of spirituous liquors.

An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province.

An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty first year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleaning and paving, the Streets, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein, and also the Act, in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-second year of his present Majesty's Reign.

After which Mr. Speaker, spake as follows :

*May it please your Excellency,*

I beg leave to present to your Excellency, on behalf of the Commons of Nova-Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted the present Session, for the support of his Majesty's Government, and the service of the Province for the ensuing year, and to request your Excellency's assent to the same.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the said Bill, following, viz :

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year ensuing, and for appropriating such part of the supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech :

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

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

**T**HE praise-worthy dilligence you have used in the dispatch of the affairs of this Session, enables me to consult your private convenience, by affording you a recess.

For the ready attention you have paid to my recommendations at the opening of the Session, and for the liberal and wise provision you have made for the services I then considered it my duty to point out to you, I now return you my thanks.

I shall endeavour that the Supplies you have granted to His Majesty shall be applied faithfully to the Services for which you have intended them.

GEORGE PREVOST.

Afterwards, the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's Command, said :

GENTLEMEN,

IT is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the 15th day of March next, to be then here held ; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 15th day of March next.