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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

House of Assembly,

FREDERICTON, TUESDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1799.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY having been prorogued to this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business—when a sufficient number of Members to compose a House not attending—
Adjourned until to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1799.

A sufficient number of Members to compose a House not attending—
Adjourned until to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1799.

A sufficient number of Members to compose a House not attending this day—
Adjourned until to-morrow.

FRIDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1799.

The House being met pursuant to adjournment—

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

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

Read the first time a bill “*for the encouragement of Settlers in this Province.*”

Mr. Speaker then reported that the House, in obedience to His EXCELLENCY'S commands, had been up to the Council Chamber—where his EXCELLENCY was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses; and that, to prevent mistakes, he had procured a copy of the same, which he read to the House, and is as follows, to-wit:—

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

“**I** HAVE now to recommend to your consideration the measures necessary for completing the business which, in the close of the last, was referred to a future Session; together with what may be requisite for the ordinary services of the current year.

“*Gentlemen*

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

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

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

“ I have the satisfaction to inform you that, by the Declaration of the Commissioners, appointed in pursuance of the fifth article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation between His Majesty and the United States of America, His Majesty's claim to the River Scoudiac, as a part of the Western Boundary of this Province, has been confirmed; excepting that, in tracing this River to its source, the Northern branch has been adopted.

“ I avail myself of this occasion to congratulate with you on the great Victory with which, by the blessing of Almighty God, His Majesty's Arms have been lately crowned in the Mediterranean; an event in the highest degree interesting to all His Majesty's subjects in every quarter of His Dominions, and, under the present circumstances, of importance to every civilized nation.”

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

Ordered, That Captain *M'Lean*, Captain *Agnew*, Mr. *Fraser*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Morvatt*, be a Committee to prepare the same.

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

SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1799.

Captain *M'Lean* from the Committee appointed for that purpose—Reported that the Committee had agreed to a draught of an Address in answer to His EXCELLENCY'S Speech—which he read in his place and then delivered in at the Clerk's table—where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House, and is as follows, to-wit:—

“ *To His Excellency* THOMAS CARLETON, *Esquire,*
“ LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR and COMMANDER in CHIEF
“ *of the Province of NEW-BRUNSWICK, &c. &c. &c.*

“ The Humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

“ *May it please Your Excellency!*

“ THE House of Assembly will, agreeable to Your EXCELLENCY'S recommendation, do all in their power to accomplish the objects which, at the close of the last, remained to be settled at a future Session; and will also make such provision as may be requisite for the ordinary services of the current year and for paying the debts of the Province.

“ We thank Your EXCELLENCY for having ordered such accounts and papers as may be necessary for our information to be laid before us, to which we will pay every attention.

“ We are much gratified by the information communicated in Your EXCELLENCY'S Speech that, by the Declaration of the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of the fifth article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, between His Majesty and the United States of America, His Majesty's claim to the River Scoudiac, as a part of the Western Boundary of this Province, is thereby confirmed and established.

“ We sincerely join Your EXCELLENCY in congratulations on the glorious and important Victory which, by the blessing of God, hath lately been obtained by His Majesty's Arms in the Mediterranean; an event highly interesting

“ effing to all His Majesty’s subjects, and, at this juncture, of the greatest importance to every civilized nation; and which we trust will be the means of bringing about a speedy, honorable and lasting Peace.”

Resolved, That the foregoing Address be presented to His EXCELLENCY by the whole House.

Ordered, That Colonel *Ellegood* and Mr. *Fraser* wait upon His EXCELLENCY to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with the same

The Speaker communicated to the House a Letter received from *William Knox*, Esq. and also a Letter received from *Thomas Street*, Esq. during the recess of the General Assembly—

Which were read.

The Speaker also laid before the House an extract of a letter from His Grace the Duke of PORTLAND to His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, dated 5th June, 1798, communicated to him by the Secretary of the Province—

Which was read:

And on motion of Mr. *Peters*, RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, praying that His EXCELLENCY will be pleased to lay before this House such communications as he may have received from His Majesty’s Ministers that may in any manner relate to the unhappy differences which have arisen with His Majesty’s Council on the subjects of Appropriation and Revenue; and also of such parts of His EXCELLENCY’S correspondence as may have produced those communications.

Ordered, That Mr. *Peters*, Mr. *Robert Pagan* and Colonel *Coffin* do present the same.

Mr. *Fraser* moved for leave to bring in a bill “ to continue and amend an Act, intituled ‘ *an Act for regulating the Fisheries in the different Rivers, Coves and Creeks of this Province, so far as the same respects the Fisheries in that part of the County of Northumberland which is within the Bay and River Miramichi and its branches*’—

And Captain *Agnew* moved for leave to bring in a bill “ *for regulating and establishing a table of Fees*”—

Leave was given—

And the said bills being brought in accordingly—were read the first time.

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

MONDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1799.

Colonel *Ellegood* from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address in answer to His Excellency’s Speech—Reported that they had waited upon His Excellency accordingly, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the House with the same on Wednesday next at two of the clock.

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

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

Mr. *Peters* from the Committee appointed for that purpose—Reported, that they had waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of the House, praying that he would be pleased to lay before this House the communications received from His Majesty’s Ministers, relating to the differences with the Council on the subjects of Appropriation and Revenue—and that His Excellency was pleased to say he would send an answer to the same in writing.

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

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 22d JANUARY, 1799.

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

Which bill was read the first time.

On motion, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the consideration of a bill “for regulating and establishing a table of Fees”—

Captain *Agnew* in the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—That the Committee had taken the said bill into consideration and had made a progress therein.

And requested leave for the Committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

A letter from *William Knox*, Esq. addressed to the late Committee of Correspondence, was laid before the House—and read.

On motion—Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the consideration of the Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Ordered, That His Excellency's Speech to both Houses be referred to the said Committee.

On motion—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to lay before this House such part of His Majesty's instructions as relates to the establishment of Fees in this Province.

Ordered, That Colonel *Coffin* and Mr. *Fraser* do present the same.

Mr. *William Pagan* moved for leave to bring in a bill “to amend an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled ‘an Act to prevent bringing infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John’—

And Mr. *Glenie* moved for leave to bring in a bill “to amend an Act made and passed in the thirty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled ‘an Act to regulate the terms of the sittings of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in this Province, and to enlarge the jurisdiction of the same, and for the summary trials of certain actions’—

Leave was given.

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

WEDNESDAY, 23d JANUARY, 1799.

Read the second time—a bill “for altering the times and place of holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Westmorland.”

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

A Petition from *William Brown* and *Alexander Allan*, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the South-West, North-West, and Middle Districts of Miramichi—

A Petition from *Alexander M^cDonald* and *James Henderson*, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Bay and River Miramichi, from Middle Island downwards—

A Petition from *Ephraim Betts*—

And a Petition from *George Murdoch*, praying for regulations respecting the Fisheries in the Bay and River Miramichi—

Were severally presented to the House and read.

On motion—Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. *Robert Pagan*, Mr. *Peters*, Captain *M^cLean*, Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Gilbert*, to enquire into the subject matter thereof and report thereon by bill or otherwise; and

and that the said Committee have power to send for such persons and papers as they may judge necessary.

Colonel *Coffin* from the Committee appointed to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the Address of this House, requesting that he would be pleased to lay before this House His Majesty's instructions relating to the establishment of Fees in this Province—*Reported*, That the Committee had waited upon His Excellency accordingly—and that he was pleased to say he would send an answer thereto in writing.

The House then waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech—

And being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had waited upon His Excellency with their said Address, and that he was pleased to make the following reply thereto, viz :

“ *Gentlemen,*

“ I THANK you for the assurances you give me, that you will do all in
“ your power to accomplish the objects which, at the close of the last, re-
“ mained to be settled at a future Session, and that you will make the requi-
“ site provision for the Ordinary Services of the current year, and for paying
“ off the debts of the Province; and I hope that your deliberations will not
“ be impeded by any difference of sentiment, if there be any such remaining
“ between the several Branches of the Legislature, respecting points of distinct
“ and separate consideration.”

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered to the House which was read, and is as follows, to-wit :

THOMAS CARLETON.

“ THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR directs to be herewith laid before the
“ House of Assembly an account of the Rent of the House hired for the ac-
“ commodation of the General Assembly and Courts of Justice for one year,
“ ending the first of February, 1799, amounting to *thirty pounds*.

“ Also an account of the expence amounting to *nine pounds* incurred for
“ printing the Acts of the last Session; and an account of cash paid by the
“ Secretary of the Province for Expresses and Post-Office charges in the Pub-
“ lic Service, amounting to *fifteen pounds, fifteen shillings and nine-pence*, for
“ payment of which several sums His Excellency recommends it to the House
“ to make the requisite provision.

“ His Excellency also directs the Treasurer's accounts from the 6th March,
“ 1798, to the 15th January, 1799, to be herewith laid before the House:
“ And he recommends it to the House to make provision for payment of the
“ several Adjutants of the Militia.”

T. C.

Ordered, That the said Message and Accounts be referred to be taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

The order of the day being read—

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the consideration of the Supplies to be granted for the Public Service—

Major *Murray* in the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution, viz.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And

And requested leave for the Committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

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

THURSDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1799.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with extracts of Letters from the Secretary of State, was delivered to the House, which was read, and is as follows, to-wit:

THOMAS CARLETON.

“ THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, in answer to the request of the Assembly expressed in their Address of the 19th instant, directs to be herewith laid before the House extracts from the Letters which he has received from His Majesty’s Secretary of State, relative to the unhappy differences which have arisen between the Council and Assembly on the subjects of Appropriation and Revenue; and as he cannot but feel a confidence in the mutual desire of both Houses to heal those unhappy differences, he hopes that this communication may contribute to facilitate their sincere and mutual endeavours to obtain that salutary and important object.”

T. C.

And a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with extracts from His Majesty’s Commission and Instructions to the Governor, was also delivered to the House—which was read, and is as follows, to-wit:

THOMAS CARLETON.

“ THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR directs to be herewith laid before the House of Assembly, such parts of His Majesty’s Commission and Instructions as relate to the establishment of Fees in this Province.”

T. C.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Supplies to be granted for the Public Service—

Major *Murray* in the Chair.

The Speaker having resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had made a further progress in the business to them referred, and had agreed to the following Resolutions, to-wit:—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“ Resolved,

“ Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that there be granted
 “ to His Majesty for defraying the expences of the Public Service of this Pro-
 “ vince for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the fol-
 “ lowing sums, to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“ To the Members for Queen's County to reimburse monies expended in
 “ opening the road from Kennebeckacis to Jimseg, the sum of *fifteen pounds*.

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

“ Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that there be granted
 “ to His Majesty for defraying the expences of the Public Service of this Pro-

“ vince for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, the following sums, to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“ To *Christopher Sower* for printing three hundred copies of the Acts passed in the Session of the General Assembly held in one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, the sum of *fifteen pounds and nine shillings*;—and for the balance due him for printing the Journal of the House of Assembly in the Session of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the sum of *seventeen pounds, nineteen shillings and eight-pence*;—also for printing the Journal of the House of Assembly in the Session of one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, the sum of *thirty-three pounds and eight-pence*.

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

And requested leave for the Committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

On motion—*Ordered*, That the bill “*for regulating and establishing a table of Fees*” be again taken into consideration in a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

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

FRIDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1799.

According to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the bill "*for regulating and establishing a table of Fees*"—

Captain *Agnew* in the Chair.

The Speaker having resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had again taken the said bill into consideration, and were of opinion that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next Session of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

House in Committee—

Major *Murray* in the Chair—

Went again into the further consideration of the Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

And requested leave for the Committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

On motion—*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself again into a Committee on the further consideration of the supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

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

SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1799.

A Petition from the Freeholders of the County of York—

And a Petition from the Freeholders of King's County—

Were severally presented to the House and read—

Praying that this House will in future separate all Grants of pay to themselves from other Grants of Public Money, and thereby remove a grievance which the Petitioners complain of, and the chief obstacle to the restoration of harmony between the two Branches of the Legislature, &c.

And on motion—*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

The order of the day being read—

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Supplies to be granted for the Public Service—

Major *Murray* in the Chair.

The Speaker having resumed the Chair—

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

That a motion was made and seconded, that it be "*Resolved*, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that a remuneration of the expences of the Members attending in General Assembly ought to be defrayed from the Public Treasury, the same being a Provincial service"—and that it be reported to the House as the opinion of this Committee, that the same be a standing order.

Upon which the Committee divided.

YEAS.

Mr. *Speaker*,
Colonel *Coffin*,

Colonel *Ellegood*,

Colonel *Fanning*.

NAYS.

Captain *Agnew*,
Mr. *Smith*,

Mr. *Frazer*,
Mr. *R. Pagan*,

Mr. *Glenie*,
Mr. *Simonds*,
Mr. *Peters*,

Mr. Peters,
 Captain M'Lean,
 Mr. W. Pagan,
 Mr. Yeamans,

Major Dixson,
 Mr. Younghusband,
 Mr. Mowatt,

Mr. Street,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Gilbert.

And that a motion was made and seconded that it be "*Resolved* as the opinion of this Committee, that the Grant of the same be by bill of separate provision"—

Upon which the Committee also divided.

YEAS.

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

Mr. Peters,
 Mr. Fraser,
 Colonel Fanning,

Colonel Ellegood,
 Mr. Speaker.

NAYS.

Captain Agnew,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. W. Pagan,
 Mr. R. Pagan,

Major Dixson,
 Mr. Younghusband,
 Mr. Mowatt,
 Mr. Glenie,

Mr. Simonds,
 Mr. Street,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Gilbert.

And requested leave for the Committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell and Mr. Robert Pagan be a Committee to bring in a bill "*for defraying the expences of the Public Service of this Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.*"

On motion—*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself again into a Committee, on the further consideration of the Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

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

MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1799.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Maugerville in the County of Sunbury, was presented to the House and read, setting forth—that they feel themselves aggrieved by the twentieth section of the Act "*for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways, &c.*" which fixes the width of Sleds at four feet eight inches from outside to outside of the runners—and praying relief.

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

A bill "*for defraying the expences of the Public Service of this Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five*" being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose—was read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed.

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

Mr. William Pagan in the Chair.

The Speaker having resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had directed him to report it as their opinion, that the services therein mentioned be provided for in three separate bills, which the Committee had agreed to under the several titles following, viz:—a bill "*to provide for payment of sundry Debts of the Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five*"—a bill "*for defraying the Ordinary Services of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five*"—and a bill "*to provide for payment of the services therein mentioned.*"

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

According to the order of the day—

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Supplies to be granted for the Public Service—

Major *Murray* in the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had again taken into consideration the business to them referred, and had agreed to the following resolution, viz.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“ To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for defraying contingent expences of the Province, a sum not exceeding *one hundred pounds*.

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

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

“ To *Christopher Sower* for printing the Acts passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, the sum of *nine pounds*.

“ To the Secretary of the Province, to reimburse monies paid to sundry Expresses in the Public Service, the sum of *twelve pounds and ten shillings*, and also to the General Post-Office for postage of Letters with Writs of Election to several of the Sheriffs, the sum of *three pounds, five shillings and nine-pence*.”

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

On motion—The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the

the consideration of WAYS and MEANS of providing for the Supplies granted for the Public Service—

Mr. Campbell in the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

“Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the support of the Government of this Province; the following duties of impost, viz:—On every gallon of Rum *six-pence*; on every gallon of Brandy, Geneva, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors *eight-pence*; on every gallon of Wine *nine-pence*; on every gallon of Molasses *one penny*; on every hundred weight of Brown Sugar *two shillings*; on every pound of Bohea Tea *one penny*; on every pound of Hyson, Souchong, and all other Teas *two-pence*; on every pound of Leaf Tobacco *two-pence*; on every pound of other Tobacco, excepting that manufactured in Great-Britain *six-pence*.—

“And on every pound of Loaf Sugar *one penny*; on every Hoghead of Porter, Beer, and Ale, *five shillings*; and on every pack of Playing Cards *six-pence*; to be brought up in a separate bill.”

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

Ordered, That Capt. Agnew, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Youngusband, be a Committee to bring in a bill “for raising a Revenue in this Province”—

And that Mr. Fraser, Mr. Morwatt and Mr. Simonds, be a Committee to bring in a bill “for laying an Impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale, and Playing Cards.”

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

TUESDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1799.

A bill “for defraying the Ordinary Services of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five”—a bill “to provide for payment of sundry Debts of the Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five”—and a bill “to provide for payment of the services therein mentioned”—

Were read the third time as engrossed.

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

A Petition from Samuel Duffy, keeper of the Light-House on Partridge Island, praying for an increase of his allowance for that duty—

Was presented to the House, and read.

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

A bill “for raising a Revenue in this Province,” being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose—was read the first and second time—

And ordered to be committed.

A bill “for laying an Impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale, and Playing Cards,” was brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose—

And read the first time.

House in Committee—

Mr. Robert Pagan in the Chair—

Took into consideration a bill “for raising a Revenue in this Province.”

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

And requested leave for the Committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

Major Murray, by leave, brought in a bill "to authorize the Justices of the Sessions in several Counties of this Province to make regulations for the weighing of Hay within such Counties where it may be found necessary to erect machines for that purpose."

Which bill was read the first time.

On motion—*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the bill "for raising a Revenue in this Province."

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

WEDNESDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1799.

A bill "to authorize the Justices of the Sessions in several Counties of this Province, to make regulations for the weighing of Hay within such Counties where it may be found necessary to erect machines for that purpose"—and a bill "for laying an Impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale and Playing Cards"—were read the second time.

Ordered, That the said bills be committed.

The order of the day being read—

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the bill "for raising a Revenue in this Province"—

Mr. Robert Pagan in the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

And requested leave for the Committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

A Message from the Council informing the House that the Council has concurred in passing the bill "to provide for payment of the services therein mentioned"—also the bill "to provide for payment of sundry debts of the Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five"—and the bill "for defraying the Ordinary Services of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five."

On motion of Mr. Robert Pagan—*Resolved* that, by the bills for paying off the debts of the Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five having passed the Council, there thereby now remains no misunderstanding between the two branches of the Legislature as to the appropriation of Public Monies.

Resolved that, to prevent in future any misunderstanding, this House will propose a conference with the Council for the purpose of agreeing on a general plan for expediting Revenue and Appropriation bills.

House in Committee—

Mr. Street in the Chair—

Took into consideration a bill "for laying an Impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale, and Playing Cards."

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

And requested leave for the Committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted, and that the Committee do sit again to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the bill "for raising a Revenue in this Province."

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

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1799.

Mr. *Robert Pagan* from the Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions on the subject of the Fisheries in the Bay and River Miramichi—reported, that the Committee had agreed to the draught of a bill “for regulating the Fisheries in the County of Northumberland.”

Which bill was read the first time.

According to the order of the day—

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the bill “for raising a Revenue in this Province”—

Mr. *Robert Pagan* in the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

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

Read the second time, a bill “for regulating the Fisheries in the County of Northumberland.”

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

A Petition from sundry Freeholders of the County of Charlotte—was presented to the House and read—setting forth; that *David Owen*, Esq. who was returned one of the Members to represent the said County at the last General Election, has never taken his seat; and praying that this House will order a Writ for the election of another person in his stead.

Ordered, That the said Petition lie on the table.

On motion—Ordered, That Mr. *Robert Pagan*, Captain *Agnew*, and Captain *M^cLean*, be a Committee to bring in a bill “for raising a Revenue and for appropriating the same towards re-imbursing the Members attending in General Assembly”—

And that Mr. *Frazer*, Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Mowatt*, be a Committee to bring in a bill “for defraying the Ordinary Services of the Province for the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.”

House in Committee—

Mr. *Robert Pagan* in the Chair—

Took into consideration a bill “for regulating the Fisheries in the County of Northumberland.”

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

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

Read the first time, a bill “in addition to an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled ‘an Act to regulate the terms of the sittings of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in this Province and to enlarge the jurisdiction of the same—and for the summary trials of certain actions.’”

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

FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1799.

A bill “for raising a Revenue and for appropriating the same towards re-imbursing the Members attending in General Assembly,” being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose—

Was read the first and second time—and ordered to be committed.

Major *Murray*, by leave, brought in a bill “in amendment of an Act made and passed in the thirty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled ‘an Act for the support and relief of confined Debtors.’”

Which

Which bill was read the first time.

Read the second time, a bill "*in addition to an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'an Act to regulate the terms of the sittings of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in this Province and to enlarge the jurisdiction of the same—and for the summary trials of certain actions.'*"

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

A bill "*for raising a Revenue in this Province,*" was read the third time as engrossed.

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

A bill "*for defraying the Ordinary Services of the Province for the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine,*" was brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose, and read the first time.

House in Committee—

Mr. Glenie in the Chair—

Went again into the consideration of a bill "*for laying an Impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale, and Playing Cards.*"

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

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

House in Committee—

Mr. Fraser in the Chair—

Took into consideration a bill "*for raising a Revenue and for appropriating the same towards re-imbursing the Members attending in General Assembly.*"

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

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

House in Committee—

Mr. Campbell in the Chair—

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

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

On motion—The House went into the consideration of the Petition of sundry Freeholders of the County of Charlotte—

And, after some debate thereon, Resolved, that the seat of David Owen, Esq. returned one of the Members for the County of Charlotte in General Assembly at the last General Election, be vacated—and the same is hereby declared to be vacant.

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

SATURDAY, 2d FEBRUARY, 1799.

A bill "*in addition to an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'an Act to prevent bringing Infectious Disorders into the City of Saint John'*"—was read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed.

On motion of Mr. Mowatt—Ordered, That the Speaker direct his Warrant

to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to issue a Writ for the election of a Member to represent the County of Charlotte in General Assembly, in the room of *David Owen, Esq.*

Read the third time as engrossed, a bill “*for regulating the Fisheries in the County of Northumberland.*”

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

Mr. *Street*, by leave, brought in a bill “to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled ‘*an Act for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns or Parishes in this Province, and for suspending for a limited time all the Laws now in force relating to the same.*’—

Which bill was read the first time.

Read the second time a bill “in amendment of an Act made and passed in the thirty-first year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled ‘*an Act for the support and relief of confined Debtors.*’

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of a bill “*for defraying the Ordinary Services of the Province for the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.*”—

Mr. *Street* in the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

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

Read the second time a bill “to alter and amend an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled ‘*an Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns or Parishes in this Province, and for suspending for a limited time all the Laws now in force relating to the same.*’

Ordered, That the said bill be committed.

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

MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1799.

Read the third time as engrossed, a bill “*for laying an Impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale, and Playing Cards.*”—a bill “*for raising a Revenue and for appropriating the same towards re-imbursing the Members attending in General Assembly.*”—and a bill “*for defraying the Ordinary Services of the Province for the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.*”

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

House in Committee—

The *Attorney General* in the Chair—

Took into consideration a bill “in addition to an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled ‘*an Act to prevent bringing Infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John.*’

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had directed him to report it as their opinion that the said bill be referred to a select Committee.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

A Message from the Council informing this House that the Council has concurred in passing the bill "for raising a Revenue in this Province."

Ordered, That the bill "in addition to an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'an Act to prevent bringing Infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John,' be referred to the Attorney General, Mr. Robert Pagan, Mr. Frazer, Major Dixson, and Mr. Younghusband.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor requiring the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber.

The House attended accordingly—and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in the Council Chamber, where he had delivered to His Excellency a bill for raising a Revenue, and sundry bills to provide for the payment of the Debts of the Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and had spoken as follows, viz.

May it please Your Excellency!

"I AM directed by the House of Assembly to present to Your Excellency a bill for raising a Revenue, and bills providing for the payment of the Debts of the Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and to request Your Excellency will be pleased to give your assent thereto: The House of Assembly trust, that by the bills now passed, the most important objects are effected, to which their attention was required by Your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, the Debts of the Province in a great measure provided for, and the public credit of the Province established."

And that His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the said bills following, to-wit:—

An Act for raising a Revenue in this Province.

An Act for defraying the Ordinary Services of the Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

An Act to provide for payment of sundry Debts of the Province for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

And an Act to provide for payment of the services therein mentioned.

House in Committee—

Captain *M'Lean* in the Chair—

Took into consideration a bill "in amendment of an Act made and passed in the thirty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'an Act for the support and relief of confined Debtors.'"

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

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

A motion was made and seconded—

That the Resolution of Friday the first instant, declaring the seat of *David Owen*, Esq. to be vacant, be re-considered—

Upon which the House divided—

YEAS.

Colonel *Coffin*,

Captain *M'Lean*,

Captain *Agnew*,

Mr. *Peters*,

Colonel *Ellegood*,

Mr. *Frazer*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Simonds*,

Mr. *Younghusband*,

Mr. *Smith*,

Mr. *Mowatt*,

Mr. *W. Pagan*,

Mr. *Glenie*,

Mr.

Mr. R. Pagan, *The Attorney General,* Major Dixson.
Major Murray, Mr. Campbell,

A motion was then made and seconded—That it be resolved, that when the resolution and order, for vacating the seat of *David Owen*, Esq. passed this House, there was a greater number of Members present than when the question for re-considering the same was moved and put—

Upon which the House also divided.

YEAS.

Mr. Simonds,	Mr. W. Pagan,	<i>The Attorney General,</i>
Mr. Youngusband,	Mr. Glenie,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. R. Pagan,	Major Dixson.
Mr. Mowatt,	Major Murray,	

NAYS.

Colonel Coffin,	Captain Agnew,	Colonel Ellegood,
Captain M'Lean,	Mr. Peters,	Mr. Frazer.

Ordered, That a Warrant issue for a new Writ for electing a Member for the County of Charlotte in the place of *David Owen*, Esq. in this form, viz.

“ Whereas *David Owen*, Esq. was at the first Session of this General Assembly elected and returned into this House one of the Representatives for the County of Charlotte, but has never attended his duty in the same or assigned any reason to this House for not attending, it was last Friday moved, that his seat be declared vacated, which motion, upon the question, passed in the affirmative. It was therefore ordered, that a new Writ shall issue for the choice of another Representative in the room and place of the said *David Owen*, for which this shall be your Warrant.”

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

TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1799.

Read the third time as engrossed, a bill “ for altering the times and place of holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Westmorland”—and a bill “ in amendment of an Act made and passed in the thirty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled ‘ an Act for the support and relief of confined Debtors.’

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

House in Committee—

Colonel *Ellegood* in the Chair—

Took into consideration a bill “ to authorize the Justices of the Sessions in several Counties of this Province to make regulations for the weighing of Hay within such Counties where it may be found necessary to erect Machines for that purpose.”

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

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

The *Attorney General* from the Committee to whom was referred the bill “ in addition to an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled ‘ an Act to prevent bringing Infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John’—reported that the Committee had agreed to a draught of the said bill.

And on motion—The House resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the same—

Major *Murray* in the Chair—

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

And requested leave for the Committee to sit again.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

House in Committee—

Mr. *Campbell* in the Chair—

Took into consideration a bill to “alter and amend an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled “an Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns or Parishes in this Province, and for suspending for a limited time all the Laws now in force relating to the same.”

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had directed him to report it as their opinion that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

House in Committee—

Mr. *Peters* in the Chair—

Took into consideration a bill “in addition to an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled “an Act to regulate the Terms of the sittings of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in this Province and to enlarge the jurisdiction of the same, and for the summary trials of certain actions.”

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had directed him to report it as their opinion that the further consideration of the same be postponed for three months.

Ordered, That the said report be accepted.

A bill “to prevent the importation or spreading of Infectious Distempers within this Province”—being brought in by leave, was read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed.

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

Captain *Agnew* in the Chair.

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

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

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

House in Committee—

Captain *Agnew* in the Chair—

Went again into the consideration of the bill “in addition to an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled “an Act to prevent bringing Infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John.”

The Speaker resumed the Chair—

The Chairman reported—that the Committee had again taken the said bill into consideration, and had agreed to the same under the title of a bill “to repeal an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled ‘an Act to prevent bringing Infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John,’ and to make more effectual provision for preventing the importation and spreading of such contagious Distempers.”

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1799.

A bill "to repeal an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "an Act to prevent bringing Infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John," and to make more effectual provision for preventing the importation and spreading of such contagious distempers"—a bill "to prevent the importation or spreading of Infectious Distempers within this Province"—and a bill "to authorize the Justices of the Sessions in several Counties of this Province to make regulations for the weighing of Hay within such Counties where it may be found necessary to erect machines for that purpose"—were read the third time as enrolled.

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

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Speaker do acquaint such Members who have absented themselves during the last and present Session, that they attend in their places in this House in the course of the next Session, otherwise their seats will be declared vacant; unless sufficient cause be shewn to the satisfaction of the House why they should not.

Ordered, That no Member of this House do depart from Fredericton without leave.

A Message from the Council informing this House that the Council has concurred in passing the following bills, namely—the bill "for regulating the Fisheries in the County of Northumberland"—the bill "for laying an Impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale, and Playing Cards"—and the bill "for defraying the Ordinary Services of the Province for the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine."

On motion, *Resolved*, That Mr. *Bliss* and Mr. *Simonds*, with such person or persons as the Council shall appoint, be a Committee for revising and re-printing the Laws of the Province; and that provision be made at the next Session of the General Assembly for defraying the expences attending the same.

Resolved, That a conference be requested with the Council to communicate this resolution.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the Journals of the Votes and Proceedings of this House, in the last and present Session, be printed; and that the *Attorney General*, Mr. *Youngbusband*, and Mr. *Gilbert*, be a Committee to contract for, and superintend the printing of the same.

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

THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1799.

A Message from the Council informing this House that the Council has concurred in passing the bill "in amendment of an Act made and passed in the thirty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'an Act for the support and relief of confined Debtors'—and the bill 'for raising a Revenue and for appropriating the same towards reimbursing the Members attending in General Assembly.'

A Message from the Council informing this House that the Council agrees to the conference proposed on the subject of re-printing the Laws of the Province, and has appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Frazer* and Mr. *Campbell* do attend and manage the said conference.

Mr. *Frazer* from the Committee appointed to confer with the Council on the subject of re-printing the Laws of the Province, reported, that they had been

been at the said conference, which was managed on the part of the Council by the Honorable Judge *Allen*, and stated the substance of the same to the House.

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

FRIDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1799.

A Message from the Council informing this House that the Council has concurred in passing the bill “to authorize the Justices of the Sessions in several Counties of this Province to make regulations for the weighing of Hay within such Counties where it may be found necessary to erect Machines for that purpose”—also the bill “to repeal an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled ‘an Act to prevent bringing Infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John’—and to make more effectual provision for preventing the importation and spreading of such contagious Distempers”—and the bill “to prevent the importation or spreading of Infectious Distempers within this Province.”

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requiring the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber.

The House having attended accordingly—Mr. *Speaker* presented to His Excellency a bill for defraying the Ordinary Services of the Province for the several years therein mentioned; and spoke as follows, viz.

“*May it please Your Excellency!*

“**I**N conformity to the recommendation in Your Excellency’s Speech at the opening of the Session, the House of Assembly, by the bill for defraying the Ordinary Services of the Province for the several years therein mentioned, have principally completed the business unfinished at former Sessions and effected the important objects before them. I am directed by the House of Assembly to present this bill, and humbly to request Your Excellency will be pleased to assent to the same.”

And His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several bills following, to-wit:—

An Act for regulating the Fisheries in the County of Northumberland.

An Act in amendment of an Act made and passed in the thirty-first year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled “an Act for the support and relief of confined Debtors.”

An Act to authorize the Justices of the Sessions in several Counties of this Province to make regulations for the weighing of Hay within such Counties where it may be found necessary to erect machines for that purpose.

An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled “an Act to prevent bringing Infectious Distempers into the City of Saint John,” and to make more effectual provision for preventing the importation and spreading of such contagious Distempers.

An Act to prevent the importation or spreading of Infectious Distempers within this Province.

An Act for defraying the Ordinary Services of the Province for the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

An Act for raising a Revenue and for appropriating the same towards reimbursing the Members attending in General Assembly.

And an Act for laying an Impost on Loaf Sugar, Porter, Beer, Ale and Playing Cards.

After

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses, viz.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

“ *And Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ THE requisite provisions, for the several objects which have been recommended to your consideration, being now in part completed, I shall at present detain you no longer from your private affairs.

“ THE Harmony, which has prevailed in the proceedings of this Session, will be considered as a pledge, and I hope a sure one, of that public prosperity which we are ambitious to promote, and which must always greatly depend on the mutual and sincere co-operation of the several Branches of the Legislature.”

And then the Clerk of the Crown, by His Excellency's command, declared the General Assembly to be prorogued to the SECOND Tuesday in MAY next.

