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AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The House of Assembly,

1820.



PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

The Right Honorable

GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE,

BARON DALHOUSIE, of Dalhousie Castle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Provinces of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, and the Islands of Prince Edward and Cape-Breton, and their several Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

(L. S.)
DALHOUSIE.

WHEREAS I have thought fit to Dissolve the General Assembly of this Province, which now stands prorogued to Thursday, the 8th day of June next: I do for that purpose, publish this Proclamation, and accordingly, by these Presents, do Dissolve the said General Assembly.

And I do hereby notify the Members of the Legislative Council, as well as the Representatives of this His Majesty's Province, severally, as they are returned from the Counties and Townships, that they are discharged from further attendance in the said General Assembly.

And by these Presents, I further declare, that I have this day given Orders to Issue Writs, in due form, for calling a new General Assembly; which Writs will bear test on Friday, the 28th inst. and be returnable on Monday, the tenth day of July next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 20th day of April, 1820, in the First Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

Knight Grand-Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

(L. S.)
JAMES KEMPT.

WHEREAS the Writs issued for calling the General Assembly, and which bear test 28th day of April last, are made returnable at Halifax on Monday the 10th day of July next.

And whereas, the attendance of the Members chosen, or to be chosen, for the respective Counties and Towns within the Province, is not required on the said 10th day of July:

I have thought fit to prorogue the meeting of the General Assembly, until the ninth day of October next; and all Sheriffs, and others whom it may concern, are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 15th day of June, 1820, in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE KING.



PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

(L. S.)
JAMES KEMPT.

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Monday, the ninth day of October next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Thursday, the 7th day of December next ; of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 7th day of September, 1820, in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

(L. S.)
JAMES KEMPT.

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the Seventh day of December :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Tuesday, the 12th day of December next ; *then to meet for the Dispatch of Business* ; of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 9th day of October, in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1820.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

The House of Assembly,

OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA,

Begun and Holden at Halifax, on Tuesday, the Twelfth Day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty, in the First Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Fourth, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, King. Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on Earth the Supreme Head.

HIS Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of DALHOUSIE, Governor in Chief, having, by his Proclamation, (hereunto annexed) dated the 20th day of April, 1820, dissolved the last General Assembly, and called a new Assembly; and the said Assembly, by virtue of three subsequent Proclamations by His Excellency Sir JAMES KEMPT, Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the 15th day of June, 7th day of September, and 9th day of October, 1820, (which Proclamations are also hereunto annexed) having been prorogued, and afterwards appointed to meet and sit at Halifax this day, being the Twelfth day of December, in the year 1820, the following are the Names of the Members returned by the several Sheriffs of the several Counties, and also by the Provost-Marshal for the County of Cape-Breton, within this Province, to represent the same in the said General Assembly, summoned to meet as beforementioned, viz.

County of *Halifax*—WILLIAM LAWSON, GEORGE SMITH,
SAMUEL GEORGE WILLIAM ARCHIBALD, SIMON BRAD-
STREET ROBE.

County of *Annapolis*—THOMAS RITCHIE, SAMUEL CAMPBELL.

County of *Lunenburg*—JOHN HECKMAN, LOT CHURCH.

County of *Cumberland*—THOMAS ROACH, GEORGE ORLEY.

County of *King's*—WM. ALLAN CHIPMAN, SAMUEL BISHOP.

County of *Queen's*—SNOW PARKER, JOSEPH FREEMAN.

County of *Hants*—WILLIAM HERSEY OTIS HALIBURTON,
WILLIAM O'BRIEN.

County of *Shelburne*—JOHN BINGAY, JOHN MCKINNON.

County of *Sydney*—JOHN GEORGE MARSHALL, THOMAS
DICKSON.

County of *Cape-Breton*—RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE, JUN.
LAWRENCE KAVANAGH.

Town of *Halifax*—JOHN ALBRO.

Town of *Truro*—WILLIAM DICKSON.

Town of *Onslow*—ROBERT DICKSON.

Town of *Londonderry*—JAMES FLEMING.

Town of *Annapolis*—JOHN ROBERTSON.

Town of *Granville*—TIMOTHY RUGGLES.

Town of *Digby*—WILLIAM HENRY ROACH.

Town of *Lunenburg*—EDWARD JAMES.

Town of *Amherst*—JAMES SHANNON MORSE.

Town of *Horton*—JONATHAN CRANE.

Town of *Cornwallis*—JOHN WELLS.

Town of *Liverpool*—JAMES R. DEWOLF.

Town of *Windsor*—WILLIAM FRASER.

Town of *Falmouth*—WILLIAM YOUNG.

Town of *Newport*—DANIEL WIER.

Town of *Shelburne*—JARED INGERSOL CHIPMAN.

Town of *Barrington*—WILLIAM BROWN SARGENT.

Town of *Yarmouth*—SAMUEL SHELDON POOLE.

In virtue of a Commission from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to the Honorable RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE, His Majesty's Attorney-General, and the Honorable JAMES STEWART and BRENTON HALLIBURTON, a Copy of which is as follows :

By

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,(L. S.)
JAMES KEMPT.*Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,

GREETING

K NOW ye, that I, the said Lieutenant-Governor, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, have constituted and appointed, and do by these Presents constitute and appoint, the Honorable RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE, His Majesty's Attorney-General, and the Honorable JAMES STEWART and BRENTON HALLIBURTON, to be a Commissioner or Commissioners, or either of them, to tender and administer the usual State Oaths, according to Law, to all and every Person and Persons who is, are, or shall be elected, a Member of the House of Assembly in this Province; giving them, or either of them, full power and authority to perform the matters herein before mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever the said Commissioners, or either of them, shall do and perform in this behalf.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused my Seal at Arms to be hereto affixed, at Halifax, this Eleventh Day of December, 1820, in the First Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

The said Commissioners came, between one and two o'clock, into the House where the Members of the House of Assembly usually sit; and the following Members, who appeared, took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, in their presence, viz.

County of <i>Halifax</i> —WILLIAM LAWSON, GEORGE SMITH, SAMUEL GEORGE WILLIAM ARCHIBALD, SIMON BRAD- STREET ROBIE.	Town of <i>Onslow</i> —ROBERT DICKSON.
County of <i>Annapolis</i> —THOMAS RITCHIE, SAMUEL CAMPBELL.	Town of <i>Londonderry</i> —JAMES FLEMING.
County of <i>Lunenburg</i> —LOT CHURCH.	Town of <i>Annapolis</i> —JOHN ROBERTSON.
County of <i>Cumberland</i> —THOMAS ROACH.	Town of <i>Granville</i> —TIMOTHY RUGGLES.
King's County—WM. ALLAN CHIPMAN, SAMUEL BISHOP.	Town of <i>Digby</i> —WILLIAM HENRY ROACH.
Queen's County—JOSEPH FREEMAN.	Town of <i>Cornwallis</i> —JOHN WELLS.
County of <i>Hants</i> —WILLIAM HERSEY OTIS HALIBURTON, WILLIAM O'BRIEN.	Town of <i>Liverpool</i> —JAMES R. DEWOLF.
County of <i>Sydney</i> —THOMAS DICKSON.	Town of <i>Windsor</i> —WILLIAM FRASER.
County of <i>Cape Breton</i> —RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE, JUN.	Town of <i>Falmouth</i> —WILLIAM YOUNG.
Town of <i>Halifax</i> —JOHN ALBRO.	Town of <i>Newport</i> —DANIEL WIER.
Town of <i>Truro</i> —WILLIAM DICKSON.	Town of <i>Shelburne</i> —JARED INGERSOL CHIPMAN.
	Town of <i>Barrington</i> —WILLIAM BROWN SARGENT.
	Town of <i>Yarmouth</i> —SAMUEL SHELDON POOLE.

After which a Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George, as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands your attendance immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Members went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber; when the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's Command, said,

GENTLEMEN,

IT is His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper Person as your Speaker, and that you present such Person whom you may so choose, here immediately for His Excellency's approbation.

And the House being returned,

Mr. LAWSON proposed to the House, SIMON BRADSTREET ROBIE, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor-General, and Member for the County of Halifax, to be their Speaker: and the choice of the House having unanimously fallen upon the said SIMON BRADSTREET ROBIE, he stood up in his place, and, expressing the honor proposed to be conferred on him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Mr. Poole and conducted, to and placed in, the Chair accordingly; and, thereupon, Mr. Speaker Elect addressed the Members as follows:

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GENTLEMEN,

GENTLEMEN,

In offering you my Thanks for the Confidence you have this day reposed in me, it is not easy for me to find words adequate to the expression of the sentiments I cannot but feel on the occasion; to obtain the highest Elective Office in the Country must, at all times, be gratifying to its Possessor; to have obtained it by your unanimous choice, affords me a gratification more easily understood than described: It shall be my unceasing endeavour to deserve the confidence so liberally bestowed, by honestly, and to the best of my abilities, performing the duties that belong to the important office in which you have placed me. I will only add, that I will, upon all occasions, use my utmost exertions to preserve the Privileges of the House, by guarding the Rights that exclusively belong to it: holding it to be equally my duty, at all times, to guard the House against any act that may encroach upon the Prerogatives of the Crown, or interfere with the Rights of the other Branches of the Legislature.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George, commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker-Elect, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker-Elect was presented to His Excellency, by Mr. Poole, Member for the Town of Yarmouth, who addressed His Excellency, as follows:

May it please Your Excellency,

The House of Assembly, agreeably to your Excellency's Commands, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have unanimously elected SIMON B. ROBIE, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor-General, to that Office, and, by their direction, I beg leave to present him for your Excellency's approbation.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to say:—

I approve of the Speaker, which the House of Assembly have chosen.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had been in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he had spoken to the following effect:—

May it please your Excellency,

Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice of a Speaker, made by the House of Assembly, I may hope, with confidence, that the same favorable construction will be extended by your Excellency to their future proceedings: knowing, from the experience of the past, how much it is the wish of the Assembly that the result of their deliberations for the public good should obtain the approbation of the Representative of their Sovereign.

It is my duty, on the part of the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal Subjects in Nova-Scotia, and in their Name, humbly to demand the enjoyment of all their accustomed Rights and Privileges: that they may have freedom of speech in their debates; that they, and their Servants, may be free from arrests; and that, whenever His Majesty's Service and the Interests of the Province require it, I may have free access to your Excellency's Person.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that His Excellency, in reply, said:

MR. SPEAKER,

I most cheerfully grant your request, conformably to Ancient Usage, the Law of the Land, and the Royal Instructions.

After which, Mr. Speaker said, 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:

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

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

HIS Majesty having been most graciously pleased to confide to me the Civil Government of this Province, I have great satisfaction in meeting you in General Assembly.

In my Administration of the Government, I shall humbly endeavour to follow the wise and impartial course pursued by my noble and distinguished Predecessor: exercising the powers vested in me in a constitutional manner, and promoting, to the best of my ability, every measure conducive to the general prosperity of the Province, and to the comfort and happiness of all classes of its People.

I have been induced to call you together at this early period of the season, to inform you, that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to re-annex the Island of Cape-Breton to the Province of Nova-Scotia, and I feel persuaded, that you will view this measure as a fresh proof of His Majesty's paternal solicitude to augment the internal strength and resources of this portion of His Majesty's North-American Dominions, and to promote the mutual interests and welfare of his loyal and affectionate subjects.

In conformity to His Majesty's Instructions, I issued a Proclamation upon this occasion, a copy of which will be laid before you, for your information; and I also caused a Writ to be issued for the election of two Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province as the Representatives of Cape-Breton, in the same manner as before the separation of that Island from the Province of Nova-Scotia. It becomes my duty therefore, to recommend to your immediate consideration, the adoption of such Legislative measures as will extend to Cape-Breton, with as little delay as possible, the Laws and Institutions of Nova-Scotia; thereby securing to the Inhabitants of that Island a full participation in the blessings and advantages enjoyed by the People of this Province, and carrying fully into effect His Majesty's most gracious intentions.

The Commercial distress which has prevailed throughout the world for some years past, having been more or less felt in every quarter, we could not expect to be altogether exempted from feeling its effects.—But our Commerce, though diminished, has not suffered in any very material degree; and the Agriculture of the Province never was in so flourishing a state as it now is.—It has pleased the ALMIGHTY to give us an abundant harvest, and there happily prevails, in almost every District of the Country, a spirit for improvements in Husbandry, and every branch of Farming Industry, that cannot fail, under the Blessing of Providence, to secure to the Inhabitants Plenty and Independence.

The Provincial Agricultural Institution, formed under the administration of the Earl of DALHOUSIE, has chiefly contributed to create this spirit, and I strongly recommend it to your continued support and protection.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

The Public Accounts have been made up to the end of the last month, but as I conceive it will be more satisfactory to have before you the general statement for the whole year, I have ordered them to be continued to the 31st of December, when they will be immediately laid before you: and I trust you will find, that the Supplies granted to His Majesty in the last Session of the General Assembly have been faithfully applied. The Estimates of the Civil Establishment for the next year will be submitted to you, and I have no doubt of your providing for the same, as also for such other services as may be indispensably necessary for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

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

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

I am grieved to inform you, that, in the month of September last, a most destructive fire broke out in the Woods in the Western part of the Province, and spread desolation over a considerable extent of country, reducing nearly sixty Families, in the Townships of Yarmouth and Clare, to a state of the greatest distress. This calamity was immediately made known to me by the Magistrates of the County of Shelburne, and, as a temporary relief to the unfortunate sufferers, I instantly dispatched the Government Vessel with Provisions and some necessary Articles, to supply their immediate and pressing wants, not doubting of your sanctioning, and providing for, the expence thus incurred on this melancholy occasion.

Having an ardent desire to be useful to the Province—to dispense justice with the strictest impartiality—and to co-operate with you most cordially in every measure tending to promote the public good, I shall hope to be assisted by your able advice and experience, and to possess your entire confidence and support in my administration of the Government. It will be one of the first objects of my ambition to merit your good opinion; and I trust, that the Legislature of Nova-Scotia will continue to be distinguished for unanimity in its Councils, for liberality in its proceedings, and for loyalty and attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

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The House then proceeded to the choice of Officers, when
 James Boutineau Francklin, Esq. was chosen Clerk.
 The Reverend John Inglis, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Chaplain.
 Mr. John Boyd, Sergeant at Arms.
 Mr. Matthew Forrester, Assistant-Sergeant at Arms.
 Mr. John Gibbs, Messenger.
 The Clerk took the usual Oaths.

Ordered, That Mr. Poole, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Church, Mr. Roach, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thomas Dickson and Mr. Flemming, be a Grand Committee of Justice.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. J. I. Chipman and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee of Privileges.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Albro, Mr. Roach, Mr. Dewolf and Mr. William Dickson, 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.

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

Wednesday, 13th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Roach, Mr. J. I. Chipman and Mr. Wier, be a Committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws.

Resolved, That no Petition, of a private nature, be received after Wednesday, the Tenth Day of January next.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read: and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

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

Thursday, 14th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

The Address, in answer to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, being engrossed, pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

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

May it please your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of His loyal People of Nova-Scotia beg leave to thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of General Assembly.

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Your Excellency's character had preceded your arrival amongst us, and in your appointment to the Chief Command in the Province, we feel, and with gratitude acknowledge, His Majesty's paternal regard and watchfulness over our interests. The qualities that Fame assigns to your Excellency, assure us that we may expect, under your Excellency's Government, an Administration distinguished by impartiality and talent.

We concur with your Excellency in the expediency of the present early call of the Legislature, and we sincerely hope that the gracious and benevolent designs of His Majesty, in the re-annexation of the Island of Cape-Breton to this Government, will be realized in the mutual welfare and prosperity, as well as augmented resources, of both these portions of His Majesty's North-American Dominions.

We thank your Excellency for the information you have afforded us, of having caused Writs to be issued for the Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, as Representatives for the Island of Cape-Breton, and beg leave to assure you that we will give our immediate consideration to the adoption of such measures, as may best suit the local polity of that Island, and secure to its Inhabitants a participation in the blessings and advantages enjoyed by the People of this Province.

We regret the commercial depression experienced throughout the world, and the declining state of our Colonial Trade; but we have great reason to acknowledge the goodness of the ALMIGHTY, in the abundant harvest of the present year, and the plenty which every where prevails.

It is with infinite satisfaction we witness the increasing spirit for improvement in Agriculture, manifested by the Inhabitants of the Country, which, under the blessing of Heaven, cannot fail to afford us comfort and independence. We sincerely hope, that the Provincial Agricultural Institution, formed under the Administration of your Noble Predecessor, will, by the wise direction and fostering care of your Excellency, continue to promote and extend a zeal for agricultural pursuits; and it will afford us satisfaction to make such provision for its support, as may be consistent with the means and situation of the Colony.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be made up at the end of the year, and to be laid before us with the Estimates of the Civil Establishment for the ensuing year, and we shall carefully apply the resources of the Country for the support of His Majesty's Government, and such other purposes as may appear most conducive to the best interests of the Province.

We lament the distress occasioned by the destructive Fire in the Western part of this Province, and while we convey to your Excellency our warmest gratitude and thanks for the speedy and benevolent relief afforded by your Excellency to the unfortunate sufferers, we beg leave to assure you, that we will most cheerfully provide for the expenses incidental to so extensive a calamity.

We are fully sensible of the earnest desire of your Excellency to promote the best interests of the Province, and strictly and impartially to administer the Government; and we rely, with perfect confidence, on your Excellency's assistance and co-operation in every measure tending to the public welfare.

While we assure your Excellency that we will readily assist your endeavour, with such information as our knowledge of the Country may enable us to afford, it will be our earnest desire to promote and establish a mutual confidence between your Excellency and this Branch of the Legislature, and to continue that unanimity and harmony which so happily prevail in the General Assembly of this Province: the Inhabitants of which have ever been conspicuous for their affectionate attachment, and steady loyalty, to His Majesty's Person and Government.

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

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this 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 this Day.

And being returned,

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Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to give this Answer:

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Accept my best Thanks for this Address, and for the very flattering manner in which you are pleased to express yourselves towards myself.

With the able assistance, and zealous co-operation, of the House of Assembly, I do not doubt of being useful to the Province: for I never can have any personal or selfish object to gratify in my Administration of the Government, and my whole time and attention will be devoted to promoting the general welfare and happiness of the Country.

JAMES KEMPT.

A Petition of George Grassie, Esq. was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, setting forth: That the Petitioner, who is a Freeholder in the Township of Halifax, in this Province, was proposed, and did offer himself, a Candidate to represent the said Township, at the last General Election, begun and held on the Eighteenth day of May last, and, by adjournments, continued until the Evening of the Twenty-fourth of the same Month, when Thomas Maynard, Esquire, High Sheriff of the said County, who conducted, and superintended, the said Election, directed the Poll to be closed at the firing of the Gun for Sunset; and, on casting up the Votes, declared John Albro, Esquire, one of the Candidates, duly elected; and then notified to the Electors present, that an equal number of Votes appeared for John Pryor, Esquire, another of the Candidates, and the Petitioner.

That, at the time the Sheriff directed the Poll to be closed, Doctor Keegan, a Freeholder of the said Township, was on the Hustings, his name called by the Assistant of the Sheriff, and he in the act of giving his Vote, which he declared to be for the Petitioner, and which, agreeably to the Sheriff's Books, would have given the Petitioner a Majority; several other Freeholders were close to the Hustings ready and anxious to come forward, and only prevented from Voting by the Poll being thus prematurely closed.

Finally, the Petitioner begs leave to state, that a Scrutiny having been demanded at the close of the Poll, and afterwards abandoned, the Petitioner, as he humbly conceives, was thereby prevented from bringing forward Evidence as to the legality of many of the Votes objected to by him, and praying that this Honourable House may, on taking the premises into consideration, be pleased to direct the Sheriff to amend his return, by inserting the Petitioner's name, as duly Elected a Representative to the General Assembly for the Township of Halifax, or otherwise, upon investigation, to give such directions as in their wisdom may seem meet and proper.

A Petition of John Morton was presented by Mr. W. A. Chipman, and read, setting forth: That, at the late Election at Cornwallis, the Petitioner was a Candidate for a seat in this Honourable House; that the Petitioner was proposed and supported by the principal Magistrates and most respectable Freeholders, but that, by an undue and unwarrantable influence, a majority was obtained in favor of John Wells, Esq. that, at the opening of the Poll, Protest was made against the said Wells's right to offer, in consequence of his not being qualified agreeably to Law; and that, at the close of the Poll, Mr. Wells was notified, that his right to a Seat in this Honourable House should be contended: and praying that the qualification of Mr. Wells may be examined, and decision made whether, upon the title Mr. Wells has, or can shew, to, or of, a Freehold Estate, is such as to entitle him to a Seat in this House as a Representative for the Township of Cornwallis.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

Friday, 15th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the present Session.

A Petition of James Bain and others, Freeholders of the Township of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, setting forth: That the Petitioners attended at the General Election of Representatives for the said Township on the Eighteenth Day of May last, when John Pryor and George Grassie,

Grassie, Esquires, were proposed, and did offer themselves Candidates for that important Office. That at the firing of the Gun for Sunset on the Evening of the Twenty-fourth Day of the said Month, being the last day the Election could, by Law, be continued, the Sheriff closed the Poll by the previous consent of all the Candidates, and declared John Albro, Esquire, one of the Candidates, duly elected a Member to represent the said Township; and, at the same time, notified that an equal number of Votes appeared on the Poll-Book for the said John Pryor and George Grassie, from which circumstance he did not then declare in favour of either of those Gentlemen. That a Scrutiny was then demanded which was not proceeded in, and the death of the said John Pryor has lately, and since the said Election, taken place. That, from the long residence of Mr. Grassie in this Country, as a Merchant, and his thorough knowledge of this District, the Petitioners conceive him to be a most fit and proper person to take the charge of, and, in conjunction with this Honorable House, to guard the interests of this District, and the Province in general. That the Petitioners are extremely anxious that the said Township should be, without delay, fully represented, and praying that the House may be pleased to give such direction as that the said George Grassie may be summoned to take his seat in this Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

It appearing to the House by the Return made by the Sheriff of the County of King's County, that Jonathan Crane, Esq. was duly elected to represent the Town of Horton in this General Assembly; and it also appearing to the House by the Return of the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland, that George Oxley, Esq. was duly elected one of the Representatives of that County, and Mr. Wells, and Mr. Chipman and Mr. Roach, having informed the House that the said Jonathan Crane, and George Oxley, have both died since the said Elections and Returns.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do make application to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and request that he will be pleased to direct Writs to be issued for the Election of a Member to represent the Town of Horton, in the room of the said Jonathan Crane, deceased, and one Member to represent the County of Cumberland, in the room of the said George Oxley, deceased.

Edward James, Esq. returned duly Elected as a Representative for the Township of Lunenburg, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual declaration at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the Petition of George Grassie, Esq. complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Halifax.

A Petition of George Grassie, and others, Commissioners appointed for the Building the Province House, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying payment of a balance due to them, of £491 5 9¹; and also, of the further sum of £350 19, due to sundry individuals, on account of erecting the said House.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the several Papers following, viz.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, the Agent of the Province, to Mr. Speaker, dated London, 6th Jan. 1820, on the subject of the Instance Court of Vice-Admiralty.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to Mr. Speaker, dated London, 8th April, 1820, on the same subject.

A Copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker, to Mr. Atcheson, dated Halifax, 20th April, 1820, enclosing Copies of the Report of the House of Assembly, in their last Session, relative to the Custom-House.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson to Mr. Speaker, dated London, 31st May, 1820, acknowledging the receipt of the above.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, to Mr. Speaker, dated, London, 7th July, on the subject of the Custom-House.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, to the President of His Majesty's Council, and Mr. Speaker, on the subject of Timber Duties.

An Order from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, Earl of Dalhousie, to the Attorney-General

General, dated, 20th April, 1820, for the discharge of Thomas Moody and Thomas Dobson, two Insolvent Provincial Debtors.

A Letter from Mr. Atcheson, to the President of His Majesty's Council and Mr. Speaker, dated London, 5th June, 1820, relative to Timber Duties, and enclosing Copies of sundry Petitions, &c. respecting the same.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the 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.

Saturday, 16th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia to the Island of Cape-Breton—to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and the House having proceeded to the consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, on Wednesday next, proceed to the further consideration thereof.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference with this House, by Committee, on the present state of the Currency of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Smith, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Roach, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Petition of John Morton, complaining of undue influence exercised at the late Election for the Township of Cornwallis, be dismissed, as containing in itself no specific Charges which the Sitting Member ought to be called upon to answer.

A Petition of the Trustees of the National School at Halifax was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for the aid of the House, to enable them to meet the unavoidable Expenses of that Institution.

A Petition of Edward Ducket and others, Freeholders of the Township of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, setting forth : that the Petitioners, pursuant to notice, attended in the County Court-House at Halifax, at the Election of two Members to represent the said Township in the General Assembly of this Province, which commenced on the Eighteenth Day of May last, and continued by adjournment until the Twenty-fourth Day of the said Month. That

That on the last day of the said Election, the competition was chiefly between two of the Candidates, George Grassie and John Pryor, Esqrs. and towards the Evening became very active, when the approach of the Petitioners and other Electors to the Hustings became very difficult, on account of the crowd and other obstructions. That the Petitioners, who considered Mr. Grassie, from his long residence in the Country as a Merchant, and his intimate knowledge of the Interests of the District, to be a very fit and proper person to fill that important Office, after surmounting several difficulties and obstructions, got at last to the Hustings, and were ready and anxious to Vote for him, when the Sheriff declared the Poll to be closed, and refused to receive the Votes of the Petitioners, although tendered, notifying, at the same time, that an equal number of Votes appeared on the Poll Book for Mr. Pryor and Mr. Grassie.

That the Petitioners understand an agreement was entered into by the Sheriff and Candidates that the Poll should be closed at Sunset: and although one of the Petitioners was on the Hustings when the gun fired, his name was called by the Assistant to the Sheriff, and he in the act of tendering his Vote, which he declared was for Mr. Grassie, that Vote, which would have given a Majority in favor of Mr. Grassie, was also refused. That by such an agreement, and such unnecessary and vexatious obstructions, the rights of Freeholders, as the Petitioners humbly conceive, are infringed, they being thereby deprived of the privilege of Voting at any period within the time limited by law, and, upon this occasion, Mr. Grassie was thereby prevented from having a decided majority in the Poll Book: and praying that the House would take the circumstances into consideration, and cause the Votes of the Petitioners to be placed on the Poll, in favor of Mr. Grassie, and order and direct the Sheriff to amend his return and summon the said George Grassie, as duly Elected a Representative for the Township aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, 18th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled; An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia, to the Island of Cape Breton, was read a second time.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, the Petition of George Grassie, Esq., the Petition of James Bain, and others; the Petition of Edward Duckett and others, on the subject of the late Election for the Township of Halifax, and also the Return of the Sheriff on the Writ for the Election of two Members to serve for the said Township, were severally read by the Clerk; and the House having taken the same into consideration, thereupon,

Mr. Dewolf moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the Declaration of the Sheriff, at the close of the Poll for the Town of Halifax, be taken as conclusive by this House, as to the numbers on the Poll Book at that time, for each Candidate, no proceedings upon any Scrutiny having been returned to the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nineteen; against it, ten:

For the Motion,

Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Church
Mr. Smith
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Wier
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. Archibald
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Campbell

Mr. Freeman
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Poole
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Albro
Mr. Wells

Against the Motion,

Mr. James
Mr. Roach
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Sargent
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Fraser
Mr. Young
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bishop

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that the Petition of George Grassie, Esq. and also the Petition of Edward Duckett and others, Freeholders of the Town of Halifax, to this House, be referred to a Committee, and that the Committee be directed to report fully to this House, the particulars relative to the tender of the Vote of Thomas G. Keegan, one of the Petitioners, at the close of the Poll for the Town of Halifax.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Dewoif, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Smith and Mr. Roach, be a Committee accordingly.

Mr. J. I. Chipman reported from the Committee appointed, on Saturday last, to hold a conference with a Committee of the Council, on the subject of the Paper Currency of the Province, that they had held a Conference accordingly: and he stated the substance of the said Conference to the House.

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

Tuesday, 19th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of Edmund Murray Dodd, of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton, Gentleman, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, complaining of an undue Election for the County of Cape-Breton, for the representation of which the Petitioner was one of the Candidates, and praying for the Judgment of the House upon the facts set forth in the Petition.

A Petition of Edmund Murray Dodd, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying that the Warrant of the House may be issued, commanding the attendance of Charles R. Ward, of Sydney, as a Witness in support of his Petition relative to the Election for the County of Cape-Breton; and also, that the Petitioner may be permitted to support his case at the Bar of the House.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to Charles R. Ward, of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton, commanding his attendance at the Bar of this House, with the least possible delay, to give evidence to this House touching the late Election for the County of Cape-Breton.

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

Wednesday, 20th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and the House having proceeded on the further consideration of His Excellency's Speech, thereupon,

Resolved, That, that part of His Excellency's Speech, which relates to the Sufferers by fire, in the Western part of the Province, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, on Saturday next, proceed to the further consideration of His Excellency's Speech.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and thereupon, On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds should be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the relief of the Persons who have suffered by the late fires in the Western parts of the 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 Report 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 Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. J. I. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding £20,000, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of Edmund Murray Dodd was presented by Mr. Frazer, and read, stating that the Petitioner was informed that a Bill is now before the House, having retrospective operation upon Elections, and the Qualifications of Persons voting at Elections, in the Island of Cape-Breton, and praying the House may determine against passing that part of the said Bill into a Law.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the engrossed Bill, from the Council, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia to the Island of Cape-Breton.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

John Heckman, Esq. returned duly elected a Member for the County of Lunenburg, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual declaration at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of George Grassie, Esq. and also the Petition of Edward Ducket and others, were severally referred ; and delivered to the House the several papers relative to the tender of the vote of Thomas G. Keegan, at the close of the Poll for the Town of Halifax, as follow, viz. —

No. 1. Examination of John Liddell, Esq.

2. Do. of Mr. William Kidston, jun.

3. Do. of Mr. William Foster.

4. Do. of Thomas Boggs, Esq.

5. Do. of Mr. James Scott.

6. Statement of Thomas Maynard, Esq. High Sheriff of the County of Halifax.

7. Do. of William Lawson, Esq. Member for the County of Halifax.

8. Do. of John Albro, Esq. Member for the Town of Halifax.

The said papers were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

It appearing to the House that the Sheriff of the County had, through mistake, attached the Return to the Writ for the County of Shelburne, to the Writ for the Town of Yarmouth, and the Return to the Writ for the Town of Yarmouth, to the Writ for the said County, thereupon,

Resolved, That the Writ for the County of Shelburne, and also the Writ for the Town of Yarmouth, together with the Sheriff's Return to each of the said Writs, be referred to the Committee of Privileges, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

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

Thursday, 21st December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding 20,000l. was read a second time.

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom the Writs of the County of Shelburne, and the Township of Yarmouth, and the Returns made by the Sheriff, were referred; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have heard evidence, and considered the subject to them referred, and it appears to the Committee, that John Bingay and John M. Kinnon, Esqrs. were duly Elected Representatives for the County of Shelburne, and Samuel Sheldon Poole, Esq, was duly Elected the Representative for the Township of Yarmouth. That by the Writs it appears, that the Secretary of the Province endorsed, "County of Shelburne" upon both Writs, which the Committee think caused the mistake made by the Sheriff, in attaching the Return intended for the Writ for the County, to the Writ for the Township, and in attaching the Return intended for the Writ for the Township, to that for that County. That the Committee are of opinion, that the House may direct the Clerk to disconnect the Return made by the Sheriff from the Writ for the County, and annex it to the Writ for the Township, and disconnect the Return made by the Sheriff from the Writ for the Township, and annex it to the Writ for the County, it appearing to the Committee to be a palpable mistake.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Report be received by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do correct the said mistake of the Sheriff of the County of Shelburne, agreeably to the foregoing Report of the Committee of Privileges.

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, viz.

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

I HAVE to communicate to you a Dispatch, which I lately received from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to a Letter from the Earl of Dalhousie, recommending, in compliance with the request expressed in the joint Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, which was presented to his Lordship in the last Session of the General Assembly, that the Privileges granted to the Island of Newfoundland, by an Act of Parliament, passed in the year 1819, may be extended to His Majesty's subjects in this Province, and I beg leave to express my regret that His Majesty's Government have not thought it advisable to accede to that request.

JAMES KEMPT.

Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House a Copy of a Letter from Earl Bathurst, to His Excellency Sir James Kempt, referred to in His Excellency's Message, which was read by the Clerk and is as follows:

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Downing-Street, 10th July, 1820.

SIR,

HAVING referred to the consideration of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, a Letter from the Earl of DALHOUSIE, dated the 20th April last, inclosing an Address from His Majesty's Council of Nova-Scotia, requesting that the Privileges granted to the Island of Newfoundland, by the Act of 59 Geo. III. Cap. 52, might be extended to the Inhabitants of that Province: I have now the honor to transmit to you the copy of a Letter in reply, stating that the indulgencies granted to the Trade with Newfoundland arose out of the peculiar circumstances, in which that Settlement was represented to be placed by the Convention with the United States, but that the Lords of the Committee do not consider that that arrangement can be supposed to have the same effect upon the Trade of Nova-Scotia, as it was alleged to be likely to produce upon that of Newfoundland.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble Servant,
BATHURST.

To

Lieutenant-General Sir JAMES KEMPT, G. C. B. &c. &c. &c.

Ordered, That His Excellency's Message, and the foregoing Letter, do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill to restrain the negotiation within this Province of Promissory Notes, or Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited sum, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time; and it appearing to the House that one of the Clauses of the said Bill from His Majesty's Council, proposes to levy Penalties on His Majesty's Subjects, which is contrary to the Privileges of this House, and as the said Bill would be insufficient without that or a similar clause, thereupon,

Resolved, That the House will not consider the said Bill.

John Bingay and John M'Kinnon, Esquires, returned duly elected Members for the County of Shelburne, severally took their Seats, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia to the Island of Cape-Breton.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells 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.

Resolved, That the Bill with the amendments be read a third time.

A Petition of John Steel was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, complaining of an undue Election for the County of Sydney, and praying that he may be permitted to adduce proof at the Bar of the House in support of the allegations in the Petition.

A Petition of Thomas Glencroft, and others, Freeholders of the County of Sydney, was presented

ed by Mr. Roach, and read, complaining of an undue Election for the said County, and praying that the House will take the Premises into consideration, and grant them relief therein, by declaring the said Election to be null and void.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia to the Island of Cape-Breton, and also the engrossed amendments, were read a third time, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee, on the subject matter of the said Bill, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Poole, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of His Majesty's Council.

A Petition of John Steele was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying that the Warrant of the House may be issued, commanding the attendance of certain Witnesses, named in a Schedule annexed, to give evidence to the House in support of the Petitions presented to the House on the subject of the late Election for the County of Sydney.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Friday, 22d December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the amendments, made by this House, to the Bill to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia to the Island of Cape-Breton.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House attended 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 Bill following, viz.:

An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia to the Island of Cape-Breton.

John George Marshall, Esq. returned duly elected as a Member for the County of Sydney, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable Brenton Haliburton, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same, was read a second time.

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

Mr.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to restrain and prohibit the negociation within this Province, of Promissory Notes, or Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited sum; and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second time, and thereupon the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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; and also, the Bill to alter and amend the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding £20,000.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bills to them referred, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, 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 Bills, with their respective amendments, be engrossed.

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

Saturday, 23d December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform His Excellency, that it is the wish of the House to adjourn over until Thursday next, (Monday next being Christmas Day) if it should meet His Excellency's approbation.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. McKinnon, and Mr. R. Dickson, be a Committee accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Albro, the House proceeded to the consideration of the several Petitions of George Grassie and others: the Return of the Sheriff to the Writ; and also of the several Examinations and Statements now before the House, relating to the Election for the Town of Halifax, and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz.

Resolved, That it appears to this House that the Sheriff of the County of Halifax ought to have received the Vote of Thomas G. Keegan, one of the Freeholders for the Town of Halifax, who appeared, before the close of the Poll, at the late Election for Halifax, and tendered his Vote for George Grassie, Esq; it appearing to the House, that the said Thomas G. Keegan had demanded to have his Vote taken before the Poll closed; and that the Sheriff be directed to attend at the Bar of this House, and add the name of Thomas G. Keegan to the Poll Book, in favor of George Grassie, for whom it was tendered; and that the Sheriff of Halifax do amend his Return, by returning the said George Grassie duly elected to represent the Town of Halifax; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one; against the motion, eleven:

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Heckman
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Wells
Mr. Campbell
Mr. McKinnon
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Freeman

Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Church
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Wier
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Smith
Mr. Poole
Mr. Albro

Mr. Sargent
Mr. Flemming
Mr. James
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bingay
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Roach
Mr. Young
Mr. Marshall

So it passed in the affirmative.

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The Sheriff of the County of Halifax, pursuant to Order, attended at the Bar of the House, and there inserted the name of Thomas G. Keegan, in his Poll Book, in favor of George Grassie, Esq.; and also, amended his Return to the Writ for the Town of Halifax, by returning the said George Grassie duly elected to represent the Town of Halifax in the present General Assembly.

A Petition of Anthony H. Holland, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for the aid of the House to assist him in carrying on the Manufactory of Paper, in the Mills lately erected by him in the vicinity of Halifax.

A Petition of James Tobin, Acting Assignee of the Estate and Effects of the late firm of Tobin and Boyle, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Duties on two certain quantities of Wine, shipped to Moose Island and Quebec, in the year 1816, by the said Firm, amounting to £41 11.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

An engrossed Bill to restrain and prohibit the negotiation within the Province, of Promissory Notes, or Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited Sum, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to restrain and prohibit the negotiation within the Province of Promissory Notes, or Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited Sum.

An engrossed Bill to alter and amend the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding £20,000, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and amend the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding £20,000.

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

Mr. Campbell reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that the Committee had, pursuant to Order, waited on His Excellency, and that His Excellency was pleased to signify his approbation of the House adjourning until Thursday next.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, on Saturday next, consider further of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Then the House adjourned until Thursday next, at eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, 28th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

James Shannon Morse, Esq. returned duly elected Member for the Town of Amherst, and George Grassie, Esq. returned duly elected a Member for the Town of Halifax; severally took their Seats, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Hon. James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Secretary George acquainted the House, that he had two Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the said Messages to the House; and the said Messages were severally read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follow, viz.

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

IN perusing the Proceedings of the two last Sessions of the General Assembly, I observe a wish, on the part of the Legislature, to make some reductions in the Fees in the Court of Chancery, and

and having taken into consideration the practice of that Court, with an earnest desire to render the same as little burthenfome as possible, to all persons who may have occasion to apply to it for relief, particularly to poor Suitors. I recommend the subject to your consideration, and will very readily concur with the other branches of the Legislature, in making such alterations in them as may be thought expedient.

JAMES KEMPT.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor in Chief, having submitted to His Majesty's Government, a proposal to sub-divide the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, the former into three, and the latter into two, separate Counties, in compliance with the Petitions of the resident Inhabitants thereof, I have received a Letter from Earl Bathurst, conveying His Majesty's gracious approbation of this measure, and also sanctioning an increase being made in the Provincial Representation, to a certain extent.

In making this communication, and recommending the proposed measure to the consideration of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, I would also suggest the propriety of making, at the same time, one general and final arrangement for the Division of the Province, into Townships and Counties, it appearing to be necessary to establish a more equal and permanent division of the same than at present exists.

But as any plan or arrangement upon paper, without fixing the limits of Townships and Counties by actual survey, would only tend to continue the present very erroneous descriptions of Land, which are found to be productive of much mischief, and serious inconvenience, as well to the Proprietors and Purchasers of Land, as to recent Grantees, there appears to be an urgent necessity for making, if possible, an accurate Survey of the Province. It may be accomplished, I think, in the course of three or four years, and the expense will be inconsiderable, if prudently and judiciously undertaken, when compared to the great and permanent advantages which must result from its accomplishment.

Considering the great extent of Wilderness Lands in the Country, and the means we possess, it will be found impossible, I fear, to make a trigonometrical Survey of the Province. A more prudent and more practicable plan will probably be to name, in the first instance, so many Townships to each County, to fix the limits of each Township, by actual survey, and the limits of the Townships in each County, when so fixed, will form together the boundary of the County.

These are my own ideas on the subject; the measure is a very important one, and I recommend it to your serious consideration, not doubting, but that you will make such provision as may be consistent with the means of the Colony, for its being carried into gradual execution.

On my own part, I shall be most happy to afford every assistance and facility, in my power, in promoting an object of so much real importance to the welfare of the Province.

JAMES KEMPT.

Ordered, That the said Messages of His Excellency 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 to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Poole took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Friday, 29th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, take into consideration the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of sub-dividing the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, and the Survey of the Province.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal part of an Act, passed in the 29th year of His late Majesty's Reign, in amendment of several Acts relative to the repair of Highways, Roads and Bridges, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Allison was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Duties on certain quantities of Sugar and Molasses, exported to Newfoundland; and a quantity of Wine, exported to Jamaica, in the year 1818.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole 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.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding £20,000, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of £300, for the relief of the Sufferers by Fire in the Western part of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Petition of John Steele was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying that several Persons, now in Halifax, may be examined at the Bar of the House, as Witnesses in support of his Petition now before the House, relative to the late Election for the County of Sydney.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Saturday, 30th December, 1820.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend and continue an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to amend, revive and continue, the several

veral Acts imposing a Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

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

A Bill to repeal part of an Act, passed in the 29th year of His late Majesty's Reign, in amendment of several Acts, relative to the repair of Highways, Roads and Bridges, was read a second time.

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

A Petition of Benjamin Potter and others, Freeholders of the Township of Clements, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying that, on a sub-division of the present County of Annapolis, that the said Township may remain entire as established in the year 1785, and as part of the original County, for reasons stated in the Petition.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Smith moved for leave to bring in a Bill to encourage the Agriculture and Commerce of the Province, by raising a duty on Flour and Grain, of the growth of the United States of America, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, nineteen. So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the better registering of Deeds, Conveyances, Wills and Devises, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Saturday the 6th day of January next, consider further the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of sub-dividing the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, and the Survey of the Province; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That so much of His Excellency's said Message, as respects the division of the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, be referred to a Committee, and that they be directed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to carry that part of the Message into effect, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Roach, Mr. W. H. Roach, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. James, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, That this House will, on Saturday the 6th January next, consider further the said Message of His Excellency.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee, on the subject of the Bill to restrain the Negotiation of Promissory Notes, or Inland Bills of Exchange.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. James, and Mr. Freeman, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Fees in the Court of Chancery, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Fees in the Court of Chancery.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. J. I. Chipman, and Mr. Dewolf, be a Committee accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to restrain and prohibit the negotiation, within the Province, of Promissory Notes, or Inland Bills of Exchange, without any amendment. And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at one of the Clock.

Monday, 1st January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Edmund Murray Dodd, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying that several persons, now in Halifax, may be examined at the Bar of the House, to-morrow, as witnesses in support of his Petition, relative to the late Election for the County of Cape Breton, and thereupon, On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *ordered*, that the Petitioner have permission to examine the witnesses at the Bar of the House, to-morrow, as requested in his Petition.

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

Tuesday, 2d January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to provide for the better registering of Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, and Devises, was read a second time.

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

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, the House examined William Booth, and Thomas Chandler, at the Bar of the House, on the part of Edmund Murray Dodd, a Petitioner to this House, on the subject of the late Election for Cape Breton. And also at the request of Richard J. Uniacke, Jun. Esq. examined Theophilus Greenwood, at the Bar of the House, on the part of the sitting Members for the said County.

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

Wednesday, 3d January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of George Rivell, of Amherst, was presented by Mr. Morse, and read, setting forth, that, in the expectation of receiving a Bounty of £20, from the Provincial Agricultural Society, the Petitioner was induced to erect a Mill for the manufacturing of Oats; that he has, since the erection of the Mill, been informed the funds of the Society will not admit of his receiving a greater Bounty than £7, and praying relief.

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

Thursday, 4th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate

late Fees in the Court of Chancery, and accordingly presented a Bill to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Governors of the Dalhousie College at Halifax, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Fraser, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating the Trial of controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and to express to His Excellency the thanks of this House for His Message on the subject of the reduction of the Fees in the Court of Chancery; and also, to inform His Excellency that the House have directed a Bill to be brought in for the purpose of regulating the Fees in that Court, which Bill is now before the House, for its consideration, and by which it is hoped that the Fees in that Court will be rendered less burthensome to His Majesty's Subjects.

Resolved, That the Committee do also inform His Excellency, that the House, at an early period, took into consideration that part of His Excellency's Message which relates to the Division of the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, and appointed a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to carry into effect the measures recommended. And that the Committee also state to his Excellency that the House will give to that part of His Excellency's Message relating to the Survey of the several Townships and Counties the serious consideration its great importance merits.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Freeman, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Young and Mr. Robertson, be a Committee accordingly.

A Petition of John Warwick and others, of Digby, was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, and read, praying that a Duty may be imposed upon Hops imported, or a Bounty granted upon all Hops raised within the Province, for the encouragement of the growth of that article.

A Petition of D. McFarlane and others, Merchants, Traders and Inhabitants, of the Shipping Ports of Remsheg, Pugwash and Tatamagushe, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying that a yearly sum of £35 may be granted to defray the expense of a Weekly Bye-Post from the main Post-Road to each of the places above named.

A Petition of Jacob Shaffroth was presented by Mr. J. I. Chipman, and read, praying the interference of the House in his behalf, relative to a Road running through the Lands of the Petitioner, situate on the Peninsula of Halifax.

A Petition of John Patterfon and others, of Pictou, interested in the Timber Trade of Nova-Scotia, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, stating certain embarrassments and disadvantages, under which they are apprehensive the said Trade will shortly be placed, and praying that the House will take the subject matter of the Petition under their serious consideration.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

Friday, 5th January, 1821.

PRAYERS:

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Governors of the Dalhousie College at Halifax, was read a second time.

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Resolved

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

A Petition of Reynolds & Co. was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a Drawback of Duties on certain quantities of Rum and Molasses exported to the United States of America, in the years 1819 and 1820.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying for a pecuniary aid towards the support of that Establishment.

A Petition of John Atkinson was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying to be relieved from the payment of a certain sum for a Duty on Plaster of Paris, for which a Judgment has been obtained against the Petitioner, in the Inferior Court at Cumberland, as surety for one John McLellan who is insolvent.

A Petition of Edward Ducket, Collector of the Light-Duty for the Port of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for an increased allowance for his services in the collection of the said Duty.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

Saturday, 6th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to regulate the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province; and also,

A Bill to regulate and establishing Fees in the Court of Chancery, were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of Temple and Lewis Piers, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Duties on a quantity of Rum exported to the United States of America, in the last year.

A Petition of George P. Lawson, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Duties on a quantity of Rum, exported to the United States in September last.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Governors of the Dalhousie College at Halifax; 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, where the said amendment was read throughout a first and second time, and is as follows, viz.

In the preamble, page one, line 18, leave out the words, "And Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, part thereof, together with the sum of Two Thousand Pounds of like Money in aid thereof, granted by the General Assembly of Nova-Scotia," and insert, in the place thereof, the following words, viz. "And whereas the sum of Two Thousand Pounds of like money has been granted by the General Assembly of Nova-Scotia, for the purpose of finishing and completing a Building, to be erected; and whereas the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds has been expended."

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, and thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie moved, That the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the amendment, to the Bill, be not received by the House, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seventeen; against it, seventeen: For

For the motion,

Mr. Ruggles
 Mr. Wells
 Mr. James
 Mr. M'Kinnon
 Mr. Heckman
 Mr. Robertson
 Mr. Campbell
 Mr. Flemming
 Mr. W. H. Roach

Mr. Church
 Mr. Devolf
 Mr. Marshall
 Mr. Ritchie
 Mr. Bingay
 Mr. Young
 Mr. Freeman
 Mr. W. A. Chipman

Against the motion,

Mr. Sargent
 Mr. R. Dickson
 Mr. Smith
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. Uniacke
 Mr. Grassie
 Mr. Archibald
 Mr. Haliburton
 Mr. Fraser

Mr. J. I. Chipman
 Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Morse
 Mr. Lawson
 Mr. T. Dickson
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Poole
 Mr. Albro

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the motion, and the said Report was then put, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed.

Resolved, That the Bill with the amendment be read a third time.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the division of the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis; and accordingly presented a Bill to divide the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, and to increase the Representation of the Province; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, consider further His Excellency's Speech; and also consider that part of His Excellency's Message respecting the Survey of the Province.

Then the House adjourned until Monday at twelve of the Clock.

Monday, 8th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to divide the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, and to increase the Representation of the Province, 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 several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Bills to them referred: and had deferred the consideration of the Bill to provide for the better Registering of Deeds, Conveyances, Wills and Devises, to this day three months. 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 Report the House agreed to.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Governors of the Dalhousie College at Halifax, and also the engrossed amendment, were read a third time.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of His Majesty's Council.

A Petition of William B. Higgins and Thomas Brown, was presented by Mr. Grassie, and read, praying for a Drawback of Duties on 575 gallons of Rum, exported to New-York, in the last year.

A Petition of Alexander M'Nab and others, interested in the Timber Trade of Nova-Scotia, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, stating certain embarrassments and disadvantages under which the Petitioners are apprehensive the said Trade will shortly be placed, and praying that the House will take the subject matter of the Petition under their serious consideration.

A Petition of Daniel McFarlane, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying payment of the sum of £33, being the balance of a Grant of £90 expended by the Petitioner as a Commissioner of Roads in the Settlement of Remfreg, in the year 1818.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 9th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

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 regulate the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province; and also, the Bill to repeal part of an Act, passed in the 29th year of His late Majesty's Reign, in amendment of the several Acts relative to the repair of Highways, Roads and Bridges, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, 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 several Bills to them referred, which report the House agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bills, with their respective amendments, be engrossed.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Tuesday next, the 16th inst. take into consideration the Bill to divide the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, and to increase the Representation of the Province.

On motion, of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the Council by Committee on the subject of the general state of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Secretary George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference on the subject of the general state of the Province, as desired by this House, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Smith, Mr. Grassie and Mr. Roach, do manage the conference, and that they do particularly confer on the subject of the Timber Trade of the Province.

And they went to the Conference.

A Petition of Abraham Gisner, and others, of Granville, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, setting forth the embarrassed state of the Agricultural Interests of the Country, which the Petitioners think in a great degree arises from the importation of American Produce, and praying that measures may be adopted by the Legislature for the relief and protection of the Farming Interests of the Country.

A Petition of the Halifax Steam-Boat Company, was presented by Mr. Grassie, and read, stating that the Establishment has not proved beneficial to the Petitioners, although of great public convenience; that another Boat is necessary, but, from the Petitioners being obliged to redeem their Notes, heretofore issued, they are unable with their present means to procure such Boat, and praying the aid of the House.

A Petition of John F. J. Gschwind was presented by Mr. Grassie, and read, setting forth that the Petitioner, under the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, has performed the duty of Health-Officer for the Port of Halifax, and visited fifty-five Vessels during the last year, and praying a compensation for his services.

A Petition of John Stewart and others, of the District of Colchester, engaged in the Plaster of Paris Trade, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth that the late Law passed in the Province of New-Brunswick, imposing a Duty on Plaster of Paris, tends to the ruin of the Persons concerned in that Trade within this Province, and praying that a remedy may be provided against the evils experienced under that Act.

A Petition of William Jones and others, of Clements, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, stating that the Herring Fishery, within the Basin of Annapolis, has, for several years past, been, and continues to be, injured by the Indians shooting of Porpoises at the Gut of Annapolis, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent the destruction of that Fishery.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Roach presented to the House an account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all Monies received by him into, and payments by him made from, the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January, and 31st December 1820.

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

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, consider further His Excellency's Speech; and also, consider that part of His Excellency's Message which relates to the Survey of the Province.

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

Wednesday, 10th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to repeal part of an Act, passed in the 29th year of His late Majesty's Reign, in amendment of the several Acts relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal part of an Act, passed in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, An Act in amendment of the several Acts, passed in the first, and twenty-eighth years of His Majesty's reign, relative to the repair of Highways, Roads and Bridges.

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

A Petition of John Chute, of Clements, was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, praying for the Bounty on a quantity of Cod and Scale Fish caught and cured by him in the year 1819.

A Petition of James Titus, of Digby, was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, praying for the Bounty on a quantity of Cod and Scale Fish caught and cured by him in the year 1819.

A Petition of Lewis Titus and others, of Digby, was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, praying that they may be allowed the Bounty on a quantity of Cod and Scale Fish caught and cured by them respectively, in the year 1819.

A Petition of George Mitchell, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Duties on 545 gallons of Rum, exported to Richebucto, in New-Brunswick, in November 1818.

A Petition of Nathaniel Jenkins and others, of the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Halliburton, and read, setting forth, that the late Law, passed in the Province of New-Brunswick, imposing a Duty on Plaster of Paris, tends to the ruin of the Persons concerned in that Trade within this Province, and praying that a representation to His Majesty may be made on the subject.

A Petition of the Rev. B. G. Gray and others, in behalf of the Provincial Agricultural Society, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a grant of Money to the said Society, to be applied in the encouragement of the Agriculture of the Province.

A Petition of John Skerry was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, setting forth that the Petitioner has kept a Public Ferry between Halifax and Dartmouth twenty-three years. That he understands there is a Petition now before the House, from the Steam Boat Company, for the suppressing of the said Ferry, and praying that the Petitioner may not be disturbed in his right to the aforesaid Ferry.

A Petition of William Bowes was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying some compensation for his Services for the care of Guns and Stores deposited at Fort Edward, Windsor, for the use of the Militia.

A Petition of the Poor Man's Friend Society, in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying for a pecuniary aid to assist in carrying into effect the benevolent intentions of that Society.

A Petition of Peter O'Farrel, was presented by Mr. W. Dickson, and read, praying for the Provincial Allowance as Teacher of a School at Oeconomy in the last year, amounting to £ 7 10.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery.

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.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, consider further His Excellency's Speech; and also, that part of His Excellency's Message which relates to the Survey of the Province.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House, a Letter from the Deputy-Postmaster-General, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by His Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House, stating the insufficiency of the Grant of last year, made by the General Assembly, for defraying the expense of the communication by Post, throughout the Province.

Ordered, That the Letter 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.

Thursday, 11th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to regulate the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the preservation of the Herring Fishery, within the Basin of Annapolis; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. J. I. Chipman, *resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of His Majesty's Council from day to day, for the information of the House. *Ordered,*

Ordered, That Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Wells, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

The House proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That, that part of His Excellency's Speech, which relates to the Provincial Agricultural Society, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, that part of His Excellency's Message, relative to the Survey of the Province, was read, and thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie moved, that the same be referred to the Committee of Supply, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen; against it, fifteen; so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Marshall then moved, that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz.

Resolved, That it is highly expedient to have the lines of the several Counties in this Province, not already run out and ascertained correctly, laid out, and established by actual Survey; and that so much of the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as relates to the Survey of the Province, be referred to the Committee of Supply, for the purpose of granting a sum of Money to be applied towards defraying the expense of running the lines of the said Counties, which, being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty two; against it, eight: So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Saturday next, the 13th instant, take into consideration the several Private Petitions before the House,

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented,

A Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for the encouragement of Schools throughout the Province; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to encourage persons engaged in the Lumber Trade; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the Common-belonging to the Township of Lunenburg; also,

A Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, &c. also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light-Houses, and also,

A Bill to continue an Act to impose a Duty on articles sold at Public Auction, and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary George delivered to the House, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, an Estimate of the charge for defraying the Civil Establishment of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1821.

Ordered, That the Estimate 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.

Friday, 12th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the preservation of the Herring Fishery, within the Basin of Annapolis; also,

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A Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act, for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for the encouragement of Schools throughout the Province ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to encourage persons engaged in the Lumber Trade ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Township of Lunenburg ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, &c. ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light Houses ; and also,

A Bill to continue an Act to impose a Duty on Articles Sold at Public Auction ; were severally read a second time.

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

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

Saturday, 13th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to Incorporate the Governors of the Dalhousie College at Halifax.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Petition of James Fraser & Co. and others, Merchants, and Persons concerned in the Timber Trade of Nova-Scotia, was presented by Mr. Grassie, and read, stating certain embarrassments and disadvantages under which they are apprehensive the said Trade will shortly be placed, and praying the House will take the subject under their serious consideration.

A Petition of William Delancy and others, of the Township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, setting forth the embarrassed state of the Agricultural Interests of the County, which the Petitioners think in a great degree arises from the importation of American Produce, and praying that measures may be adopted by the Legislature, for the relief and protection of the Farming Interest of the County.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday, the 15th inst. take into consideration the several Petitions now before the House.

Mr. Roach reported further from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented,

A Bill to continue the several Acts now in force, for regulating the expenditure of Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the security of Navigation, &c. ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax ; also,

A Bill to revive and continue an Act to raise Money for defraying the expense of running or perambulating the lines and bounds of Townships ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the Rates and Prices of Carriages ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax; and also,

A Bill to continue an Act to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax; and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Sherman Denison, Esq. returned duly elected Member for the Town of Horton, took his Seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Fraser moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

“Whereas the Parliament of Great-Britain, in and by an Act, made and passed in the 18th year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the removing, of all doubts and apprehensions, concerning taxation by the Parliament of Great-Britain, in any of the Colonies, Provinces and Plantations, in North-America, have declared that they will not impose any duty, tax or assessment, whatever, payable in any of His Majesty's Colonies, Provinces or Plantations, in North-America or the West-Indies, except only such Duties as may be expedient to impose for the regulation of Commerce, the net produce of which Duties are to be paid and applied as therein directed. *Resolved*, That no duty, tax or assessment, save and except such duties as are in the above in part recited Act excepted, can, since the passing of the said Statute, be imposed upon the Inhabitants of this Province, other than by the assent of their Representatives in General Assembly,” which, being seconded and put, thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolution, as follows, viz.

Leave out the whole of the words from the word “Resolution,” and insert in the place thereof the words following, viz.

“That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, stating to His Excellency the burthens and hardships the Inhabitants of this Province, engaged in navigation, suffer, in consequence of the fees now paid by them to the Officers of His Majesty's Customs in this Province, particularly upon the Coasting Trade; and to request the aid of His Excellency in procuring for them relief from the operation of the Laws, under which those Fees are claimed and paid,” which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, 13; against it, 24.

For the amendment,

Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Roach
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. Albro
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Freeman
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Grassie

Against the amendment.

Mr. Robertson
Mr. Smith
Mr. James
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Wells
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Fraser
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Young
Mr. Heckman
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Wier
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Denison
Mr. Morse
Mr. M'Kinnon
Mr. Church
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Flemming
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Poole

So it passed in the negative.

The original Resolution was then put to the House, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Resolution, 23; against it, 14.

For the Resolution,

Mr. Robertson
Mr. James
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Wells
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Fraser
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Young
Mr. Heckman
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Wier
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Denison
Mr. Morse
Mr. M'Kinnon
Mr. Church
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Smith
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Flemming
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Poole

Against the Resolution,

Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Roach
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. Albro
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Dickson
Mr. Grassie

So it passed in the affirmative.

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Mr. Frazer then moved, that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill, declaratory of the Fees to be paid by the Vessels engaged in the Coasting Trade of the Province: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Resolution 30; against it, 7.

For the Resolution,

Mr. Robertson
Mr. Grassie
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. James
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Wells
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Fraser
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Young

Mr. Heckman
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Wier
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Denison
Mr. Morse
Mr. M'Kinnon
Mr. Church
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Albro
Mr. Smith
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Flemming
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Poole

Against the Resolution,

Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Roach

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Frazer, *resolved*, unanimously, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, stating to him the evils attending, as well as grievous and oppressive Fees exacted from, the Coasting Trade of the Province; the reasons which have thus induced the House of Assembly to come to the foregoing Resolutions; and praying that His Excellency will give every facility in affording relief to the Coasting Trade of the Province; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Frazer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Young and Mr. Heckman, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Frazer, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Young, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at twelve of the Clock.

Monday, 15th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue the several Acts now in force, for regulating the expenditure of Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for the security of Navigation, &c.; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; also,

A Bill to revive and continue an Act to raise Money for defraying the expense of running or perambulating the lines and bounds of Townships; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the Rates and Prices of Carriages; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax; and also,

A Bill to continue an Act to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax, were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of Abraham Patterson and others, of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying for an alteration in the collecting of the Light Duties for the Light at Cranberry Island, for the reasons set forth in the Petition; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. Marshall, Mr. James, Mr. Bingay, and Mr. Poole, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Inhabitants of the Welch Settlement, in the County

County of Shelburne, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by His Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House, praying for the aid of the Legislature for the making and improving Roads in that Settlement.

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

A Petition of Wentworth Taylor, and others, Freeholders of Antigonishe and St. Mary's, was presented by Mr. T. Dickson, and read, praying that an alteration may be made in the Election Law, whereby the Poll for the election of Members for the County of Sydney, may in future be held at Sherbrooke Village, or some convenient situation at St. Mary's River, in place of Country Harbour.

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

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,
The House proceeded to the consideration of the several Private Petitions before the House.

The Petition of George Grassie, and others, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Flemming, and Mr. James, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of James Tobin was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Morse and Mr. O'Brien, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Allison, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Smith and Mr. Grassie, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Jacob Shaffroth was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Albro and Mr. Bishop, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Reynolds & Co. was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Grassie, Mr. Wells and Mr. Young, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Edward Ducket was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Heckman, Mr. M'Kinnon, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Poole, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Temple and Lewis Piers was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Albro, Mr. W. A. Chipman and Mr. Denison, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of George P. Lawson was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Ruggles, Mr. W. H. Roach and Mr. Church, who are to examine into the merits of the same and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Higgins & Brown was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Freeman, Mr. James and Mr. Sargent, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of G. F. J. Gschwind was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Morse and Mr. M'Kinnon, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of John Chute, the Petition of James Titus, and the Petition of Lewis Titus and others, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petitions be referred to Mr. Bingay, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wier, Mr. W. H. Roach, and Mr. Church, who are to examine into the merits of the same respectively, and report thereon to the House.

A Petition of George Mitchell was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be referred to Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Wells, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Peter O'Farrel, was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. W. Dickson.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 16th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House several Papers, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by His Excellency referred to the consideration of the House, and the same were read by the Clerk, and are as follow, viz.

A Petition of David Archibald, the 3d, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of St. Mary, praying that that part of the said Township as is at present within the County of Halifax, may be annexed to the County of Sydney.

A Petition of Samuel Campbell, in behalf of three hundred Families, resident in the Townships of Clare and Digby, on the subject of the division of the County of Annapolis.

A Letter of Andrew Snodgrafs, and others, Magistrates, resident in the Township of Digby, on the subject of the division of the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House, a Petition of George Ross, and others, Inhabitants of Earl Town in the District of Colchester, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by His Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House, praying for an aid for the making of Roads of Communication to that Settlement.

Ordered, That the aforesaid Papers and Petitions 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 the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House attended 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, viz. :

An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds.

An Act to restrain and prohibit the negotiation within this Province of Promissory Notes, or Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited sum.

An Act to incorporate the Governors of the Dalhousie College at Halifax.

An Act to regulate and establish Fees in the Court of Chancery.

A Petition of Andrew Mews, an Indian, in behalf of himself and part of the Mickmac Tribe was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that a Bill now before the House, for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within the County of Annapolis, may not pass into a Law.

A Petition of Hugh Denoon, and upwards of two thousand others, Freeholders of the District of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying that they may be represented in the General Assembly, in proportion to the extent and population of the District, whenever the said District shall be erected into a separate County.

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

Mr. Albro reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Temple and Lewis Piers 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 carefully examined the Documents and other Evidence, and find the facts stated in the Petition to be true, and are of opinion that the Petitioners are entitled to receive a Drawback on 1422 gallons of Rum, exported by them, to the United States, amounting to the sum of £.71 2.

Mr. Bingay reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of John Chute, the Petition of James

James Titus, and the Petition of Lewis Titus and others, 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 :

That the Committee have examined into the subject matter of the said Petitions, and find that the facts, stated in the Petitions respectively, are true, and are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitions severally should be granted.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Edward Ducket 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, from the evidence adduced by the Petitioner, it appears to the Committee, that the Commission of Six per cent. which he receives on the collection of Light Duty, is not a sufficient compensation for his Services ; that the Duties secured during the last year, amounted to £518 9 6, less his Commissions, out of which sum £3 12, was paid for printing. That the Committee are of opinion, the Petitioner is a diligent, meritorious Officer, and therefore recommend to the House to grant an additional commission of one and a half per cent. on the collection of those Duties.

Mr. Ruggles reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of George P. Lawson 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 Petitioner laid before the Committee the Certificate of the Collector of Impost and Excise, that seven puncheons of Rum were exported to the United States, but the Petitioner has not yet been able to obtain the necessary Documents to entitle him to the Drawback of the Duties thereon. The Committee do not feel themselves authorized to recommend the Drawback to be paid, lest it might act as a precedent for such claim in future, without the aid of proper Documents.

Mr. W. A. Chipman reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of George Mitchell 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 carefully examined into the Documents accompanying the Petition, and find the facts stated in the Petition to be true, and the Committee are therefore of opinion, that the Petitioner is entitled to receive a Drawback of the Duties on 545 gallons of Rum, as stated in his Petition, amounting to £23 6 11.

Mr. Freeman reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of W. B. Higgins and T. Brown 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 carefully enquired into the facts stated in the Petition, which they find, by Documents thereunto annexed, and other evidence examined by them, fully substantiated. The Committee therefore recommend, that the Petitioners be allowed a Drawback on 575 gallons of Rum, exported to the United States, amounting to £28 15 0.

Ordered, That the foregoing Reports do lie on the Table.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to divide the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House several Petitions addressed to His Excellency the Right Honorable Earl of Dalhousie, received by the Clerk from Mr. Secretary George, this day, and communicated to the House by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the same were read, and are as follow, viz.

A Petition of Wentworth Taylor, and others, of the Township of St. Mary's, in the County of Sydney, for altering the County and District Lines, and for establishing a Commission Court.

A Petition of John Crane, and others, Inhabitants of Parrsborough, against the being annexed to the County of Cumberland,

A Petition of John Kerr, and others, Inhabitants of Parrsborough, against the being annexed to the County of Cumberland.

A Petition of John Smith, and others, Inhabitants of Parrsborough, for the being annexed to the County of Cumberland.

A Petition of Isaac Glennie, and others, Inhabitants of the Settlement of Minudee, praying that the Settlements of Minudee and the River Hebert, may be annexed to the Township of Parrsborough.

A Petition of Benjamin Potter, and others, Freeholders of the Township of Clements, praying that, if the County of Annapolis is divided, the division may be made at Hollingshead's Creek, and not at Bear River.

Ordered, That the Petitions 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.

Wednesday, 17th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Josiah Jones, and others, the Magistrates and Inhabitants resident in the Township of Clare, was presented by Mr. Campbell, and read, praying that the Town Plot of New Edinburgh may be the situation for the County Town of the new County, about to be erected on the division of the present County of Annapolis.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Chipman, *resolved,* that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and to state, for the information of His Excellency, that the late arrangement as to forming the Militia into Regiments, by Counties, is found to be inconvenient, and not suitable to the local situations of the Counties and Districts within the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Smith, Mr. W. Dickson, Mr. Lawton, Mr. James, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Poole, Mr. Roach, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Uniacke, be a Committee accordingly.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act for preventing Trespasses; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of G. F. J. Gschwind 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, on the investigation of the Petitioner's claim, the Committee find that the Petitioner has, between the 25th day of last August, and the 15th October following, visited 55 Vessels which arrived in the Port of Halifax, seven of which appear to have had persons on board in a sickly state, and the remainder to have had their respective Crews all well. That the Petitioner has faithfully performed the respective duties connected with his office, in support of which they beg leave to refer to the annexed Affidavit and Certificate.

Mr. Marshall reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Jacob Shaffroth 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 enquired into the circumstances relative to the subject matter of the said Petition, and find that the facts therein stated are correct, and the Committee recommend to the House that a Bill be brought in, and passed, to confirm the said Petitioner in the title and possession of the Land, many years ago laid off as a Road between the Blocks or Squares letter E. and D, in the North Division of Five Acre Lots, on the Peninsula of Halifax, and which has been granted in lieu of the road now used, and which runs through the said Block letter D, belonging to the Petitioner; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall have leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the foregoing Report.

Mr.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Allison 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 on enquiry the Committee find the facts stated in the Petition are correct and true, and have had produced before them the Certificate of the landing of the Articles mentioned by the Officers of the Customs, at the Ports of Jamaica and St. John's, Newfoundland ; and the Committee are therefore of opinion, that the Petitioners should be allowed the Drawback agreeably to the prayer of the Petition, amounting to £99 13 11.

Mr. Grassie reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Reynolds & Co. 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 particularly enquired into such circumstances as appeared to them applicable to the said Petition, and find that 2102 gallons of Rum, and 1052 gallons of Molasses, exported by the said Petitioners to Belfast, Bangor, Cahine and Frankfort, in the United States, had previously been legally imported from the West-Indies, and the duties thereon paid or secured at the Impost and Excise Office in Halifax. That 221 gallons of Rum had been received from Liverpool, and also exported by the said Petitioners as Agents of Messrs. Belfast and March, the duties of which had previously been secured or paid at Liverpool, as appeared to the Committee by the Certificates of Mr. Binney, the Collector of this Port, and which are annexed, and marked No. 3 and 4. That the quantities of 2102, and 221, making 2323 gallons of Rum, and 1052 gallons of Molasses, as above stated, appear to have been regularly exported to the places in America above stated.

The Committee having seen and compared the Shipping Officer's Return, and the Exporter's and Ship-Master's Affidavits, together with the annexed Permits, from the Collector of Impost and Excise, for each exportation made by the Petitioners. The Committee find that the proofs produced of the landing of these several Shipments, in America, are not conformable to the Statute, but, under existing circumstances, sufficient to satisfy the Committee, that the spirit of the Law has, in every instance, been complied with, and that the Drawback claimed by the Petitioners, amounts to £120 10 8.

Ordered, That the foregoing Reports do lie on the Table.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax. The Bill to continue an Act for the security of Navigation, &c. The Bill to continue the several Acts for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax. The Bill to revive and continue an Act to raise money for defraying the expense of running or perambulating the lines and bounds of Townships. The Bill to continue an Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages. The Bill to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax. The Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax. The Bill to continue the several Acts for the establishment of Schools throughout the Province. The Bill to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, &c. The Bill to continue an Act to impose a Duty on articles sold at Public Auction. The Bill to continue the several Acts to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade. The Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions. And also the Bill to continue an Act for regulating the Common of Lunenburg. And that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House, without any amendment ; and he afterwards delivered them 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.

A Petition of John Steele was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, setting forth, that he understands

lands the Sheriff of the County of Sydney has arrived in Halifax, and, as several Witnesses are also in Halifax whom the Petitioner is anxious to have examined in support of his Petition relative to the late Election for the said County, he therefore prays the House will examine the said Witnesses as soon as the convenience of the House may permit.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on Table.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed by the House on the 9th instant to confer with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province, that the Committee had held a conference accordingly, and he stated the substance of the said conference to the House.

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

Thursday, 18th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to extend the provisions of an Act for preventing Trespasses, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee appointed yesterday to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Militia, that the Committee had accordingly waited upon, and communicated to, His Excellency, the Resolution of this House, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would have a further communication with the Committee on the said subject in the course of a few days.

A Petition of David M'Queen, High-Sheriff of the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that he had been arrested under Process sued out at the suit of Robert Logan, while on his way to Halifax, to answer, at the Bar of the House, the Petition of John Steele against him; and also that Peter Frost, one of his Assistants, who accompanied him for the purpose of giving evidence in answer to the said Petition, had been also arrested at the suit of one Stephen Mc Guire, and stating his belief that those oppressive measures arose from the said John Steele, and that the several Writs had been issued for the purpose of preventing the Petitioner and his Assistant appearing before the House, and praying for relief: and thereupon, on motion,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Wells, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Morse and Mr. O'Brien, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report the facts to the House forthwith.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference by Committee, on the subject of the General State of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do 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.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference with this House, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Wells, and Mr. W. A. Chipman, do manage the said Conference.

And

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported that the Managers had been at the Conference; and he stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Mr. Lawton 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 December last, have been received and are correct; balance in his hands

L.5497 5 3

Collectors of Impost and Excise.

Halifax:

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands L.26,924 19 6
Ditto in the hands of the Attorney-General 4478 8 11

L.31,403 8 5

The following Persons indebted for Balances due on Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General, have become Insolvent and unable to pay.

1816. JOHN OWEN	L.231	14	1		
THOMAS MASON	20	5	3		
1817. OWEN & DOBSON	36	18	4		
ISAIAH SHAW	6	2	0		
1818, DAVID DUNDAS & Co.	8	9	11		
JOHN GOSBEE	51	8	0	354	17 7

31,048 10 10

Liverpool.

The Collector's Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are incorrect, he states a balance of Bonds in his hands of L.4294 15 1
He has omitted giving Credit for Error last year 11 0 0

L.4305 15 1

The Treasurer has Credited for this Sum more than charged in his Account

163 2 4

L.4142 12 9

Balance of Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General, remain as reported last year 384 10 2½
The Property of the late Collector has been sold, nett proceeds not remitted 108 12 0

4,625 14 11½

Lunenburg.

No Account Current; balance as reported last year L.2650 10 3
Quarterly Returns to the 30th September, have been received, by which there appears to have been secured 1091 2 6½

L.3741 12 9½

It appears by the Treasurer's Accounts, he has remitted

519 4 0

The Administrators of the late Robert Bethel, still remain accountable for
Ditto Ditto Robert Bolman 137 19 8
143 1 9½

3,503 10 3

Shelburne.

No Account Current; balance as reported last year L.370 9 4½
Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General, Do. 309 1 3½
Quarterly Returns to the 30th September, have been received, there appears to have been secured 486 13 8

L.1166 4 4

It appears by the Treasurer's Account, he has remitted

189 0 0

977 4 4

Yarmouth.

His Account Current to the 25th November, has been received, and is correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

1265 19 3½

Annapolis.

His Account Current to the 30th September, has been received, and is correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

1706 9 7½

Pictou.

His Account Current to the 31st December, has been received, and is correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands 506 6 10½
The Balance due by the late Collector remains as reported for several years past L.184 0 11½

King's

King's County.

His Account Current to the 30th September, has been received, and is correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

L.464 4 6½

Colchester.

No Accounts or Returns from the present Collector

The former Collector remains accountable for the balance reported for several years past

L.337 10 0

Windsor.

His Account Current has been received to the 30th September, and is correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

94 13 7½

The amount due on Plaster of Paris Bonds, remains as reported for several years past

L.44 77 12 6

Cumberland.

No Account or Returns for the last year.

An Account has been received for the year 1819, amount of Duties collected and paid the Treasurer

L 9 19 0

Thomas Roach, Esq. has paid the Treasurer for the same year

28 2 0

The Balance reported to be due for several years remains unpaid

274 10 0

L.49,609 19 7*Isle of Sable.*

The Commissioner's Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct, balance due him

L 48 11 7½

He reports that there is now due to the Superintendent and Servants, their wages to the above date

120 0 0

168 11 7½

Province Notes.

Balance in circulation the 31st December, 1819.

L.49,577 10 0

Delivered by the Commissioners to the Treasurer

12,000 0 0

61,577 10 0

Amount of Notes cancelled and funded, bearing interest from the 3d March last, and destroyed by the Committee.

3,350 0 0

L.58,227 10 0

Leaving in circulation the 31st December last

LIGHT HOUSES.*Halifax.*

HALIFAX.—The Collector's Account to the 31st December last, has been received, he has collected and paid

1423 15 6

LIVERPOOL.—His Account to the 31st March has been received, he has paid the amount to the Treasurer

14 19 7½

Accounts to the 31st December have been received; he has collected but not remitted, the sum of

L.66 19 2

81 18 9½

SHELburne.—His Accounts to the 30th September have been received, he has collected, but not remitted

20 9 11½

YARMOUTH.—No Accounts.

PICTOU.—His Accounts to the 31st December have been received, the Treasurer reports that since closing his Accounts, he has received the Balance.

206 0 6

COLCHESTER.—His Accounts to the 10th October last, have been received, he has paid the Treasurer,

L.27 12 6

The Treasurer reports; that since closing his Accounts he has received the balance of

25 5 8

52 18 2

1785 2 11

The Commissioner's Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, for repairs and supplies of Light Houses, amounting to L.2,183 3 3, they have received from the Treasury L1,185 12 4, leaving a balance due them of

997 10 11

They report, that there is due to sundry persons, included in the above Balance, and not paid,

L.944 13 7

LOAN OFFICES.*King's County.*

No Accounts have been received: they have Securities for so much loaned Interest due, to the 31st December inst.

L.5900,

300

5300 0 0*Annapolis.*

No Accounts have been received, they have Securities for so much loaned Interest due to the 31st December last

L.4948 15 0

296 18 6

5245 13 6*Provincial House.*

By the Report last year, there was due the Commissioners and sundry other persons, the sum of L.4,255 7 8, there has since been paid to the Commissioners L.4,000, leaving a balance of

L.255 7 8

It

It also appears that there was due to the Commissioners for their Commissions
L.1495 18-4, they have since received L.1,000 leaving a balance of

495 18 4

L.751 6 0

Auction Duty.

The Treasurer reports that he has received Returns from the following Auctioneers, viz.

S. W. Deblois & Co. to the 30th September, 1820.	L.274 6 6
W. K. Reynolds & Co. to the 4th October,	57 6 7
Joseph Hamilton to the 31st December,	82 17 7½
Berton & Bulger, from 21st October, 1819, to the 22d January, 1820.	73 11 6
Joseph Boud, Yarmouth,	2 10 0

L.490 12 2½

The Treasurer also reports that a small part of the amount remains unpaid.

Committee Room, Halifax, 18th January, 1821.

JOHN BLACK, } Committee of
JAMES FRASER, } Council.

WILLIAM LAWSON, }
JOHN ALBRO, } Committee of
THOS. ROACH, } the House of
JAMES R. DEWOLF, } Assembly.
WM. DICKSON, }

1820.

Dec. 31. The following Sums appropriated, and not drawn from the Treasury, Viz: —

For Roads and Bridges per abstract	£ 2,018 14 8
For securing Ammunition	663 19 6
Browning Militia Arms	449 12 6
Expences of Council Chamber	60 0 0
Shubenacadie Ferry	25 0 0
Balance of Bounty on Fish	46 9 9
Isle of Sable Establishment	163 11 7½
Agricultural Vote	683 10 0
Post Communication	6 6 0
Commissioners of Light-Houses	944 13 7
Provincial House	751 6 0
Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq.	116 13 4
Law Library	10 0 0
Keeper of Gun Powder	20 0 0
Building a House of Correction at Annapolis	400 0 0
Loan Certificates, due sundry persons	16,300 0 0
Notes in Circulation the 31st December last	63,227 10 0

1820.

Dec. 31. By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer

Securities for so much loaned in the County of Annapolis	£ 4,948 15 0	£ 5,497 5 3
Interest to the 31st December	296 18 6	
Securities for so much loaned in King's County	5000 0 0	6245 13 6
Interest to the 31st December	300 0 0	
Cash received on Account of Light-Houses	206 0 6	6300 0 0
So much remitted by some of the Collectors	87 9 1½	
Amount of Auction Duty	31,403 8 5	293 9 7½
By securities in the hands of the Collector of Import and Excise, Halifax	6,403 8 5	490 12 2½
Deduct probable Drawbacks		25,000 0 0
By Ditto Out-Port Collectors, Viz: —		
Liverpool	4635 14 11½	
Lunenburg	3503 10 3	
Shelburne	977 4 4	
Yarmouth	1265 19 3½	
Annapolis	1706 9 7½	
Pictou	606 6 10½	
King's County	464 4 6½	
Windsor	94 13 7½	
Deduct probable Drawbacks	£ 113,154 3 6	7,000 0 0
By Balance	6,154 3 6	31,065 5 4½
	£ 79,892 5 11½	£ 79,892 5 11½

JOHN BLACK, }
 JAMES FRASER, } Committee of
 } Council,

WILLIAM LAWSON,
 JOHN ALBRO,
 THOMAS ROACH,
 JAMES R. DEWOLF,
 WILLIAM DICKSON, } Committee of the
 } House of Assembly.

Committee Room, Halifax, 18th January, 1821.

Abstract of Dutiable Goods, imported into the Province of Nova-Scotia, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1820.

	BRANDY AND GIN. Gallons	SPIRITS Gallons	WINE Gallons	MOLASSES Gallons	SUGAR Cwt. qr. lb.	COFFEE lbs.	2½ and 5 per Cent	AMOUNT.
HALIFAX	13,298	422,279	45,473	183,007	16 694	48,669	173,086 19 0	1,860 02 10 11
BUNENBURG	200	14,584	279	23,901	957 1 0	2,977	139 2 1½	1,091 1 9
SHELBURNE		7,156	587	2,028	188 0 17			486 13 8
LIVERPOOL		58,668		40,630	2,291 1 8	1,050	157 19 2	3,723 5 7½
YARMOUTH		10 039		17,990	427 2 0		31 9 10½	781 1 1
ANNAPOLIS	14	2,855		3,986	248 3 18			309 2 10½
WINDSOR	26	1,654		1,286	33 2	146		133 14 2½
KING'S COUNTY		5,033		3,220	496 0 21			438 18 9½
PICCO	899						5,110 3 1½	262 8 1½
TOTAL...	14,431	522,266	46,833	276,048	21,335 3 8	52,836	179,096 4 3½	43,223 17 0

Abstract of Monies undrawn on account of Roads and Bridges, the 31st December, 1820, viz.

VOYE,		
1816	— Balance of Cornwallis Bridge	£800 0 0
1817	— From Johnson's to Economy	19 0 0
	Balance to rebuild a Bridge over Allan's Creek	12 16 8
1818	— Beaver Dam towards Rawdon	15 0 0
1819	— Balance of Ditto	10 0 0
	Dartmouth Ferry to Horne's	25 0 0
	Horne's to Cole Harbour	25 0 0
	From Woodberry's Mills in Wilmot	20 0 0
	Chute's Cove in Granville	20 0 0
	Road through St. Mary's Bay Marsh	30 0 0
	Balance Maçan to Fraucklin Manor	42 6 8
	Barronsfield to Partridge Island } two Votes	
	Remsheg to Amherst	28 5 0
	Fox Harbour to Ditto, } three Votes	
	Scotch Settlement to Do. }	
	From Shubenacadie to Green River } two Votes	45 13 4
	and for a Bridge over Ditto, }	
	New Canaan to Nictaur	23 6 8
	For Roads in the Eastern and Western parts of the Province	150 0 0
	Balance of Casualty Vote	236 16 4
	From Black Rock to Shubenacadie	10 0 0
	Horne's to Cumming's	20 0 0
	Old Dartmouth Ferry House to Horne's	20 0 0
	Cumming's to George Bissit's	20 0 0
	From Economy to River Philip	10 0 0
	French River to Dower's Bridge	10 0 0
	Hauglin's toward the River John	10 0 0
	To complete the Bridge over Green River	10 0 0
	From the Old Meeting House on the East River to James Cameron's	30 0 0
	From Maçan to the River Hebert	20 0 0
	Barronsfield to Partridge Island	25 0 0
	From the Town Plot of Remsheg	10 0 0
	Fox Harbour to Remsheg	10 0 0
	Aiding the Inhabitants to Build a Bridge over River Philip	50 0 0
	Bridge over Remsheg River	25 0 0
	Near William Allen's towards Fuller's Mill	10 0 0
	By Phinney's Farm in Granville to the Cross Road by Charles Weeks's	10 0 0
	By Bridge at Five Mile River to Barwick's brook	25 0 0
	To rebuild the Bridge over the East Branch of St. Mary's River	25 0 0
	Balance Windsor Road towards Rawdon	10 0 0
	From Economy to the Boat Landing	6 0 0
	Bass River to the bounds of King's County	20 0 0
	William Grant's to Salmon River Lake	15 10 0
	From Peter Wyuns's to Down Bridge	15 0 0
	From Babie's to Tatamagushe	10 0 0
	Nehemiah Churchhill's to the North line of Yarmouth	16 0 0
	John Corning's to new Sissiboo Bridge	10 0 0
	From West Branch of the River John to John Mattheson's	20 0 0
	New Canaan Road through Aylesford near Joseph Orpiu's	10 0 0
	From Cyrus Peck's to Annapolis County	30 0 0
		£2,018 14 8

JOHN BLACK, }
 JAMES FRASER, } Committee of Council.

Committee Room, Halifax, 18th January, 1821.

WILLIAM LAWSON,
 JOHN ALBRO,
 THOS. ROACH,
 JAMES R. DEWOLF, }
 WM. DICKSON, } Committee of the House of Assembly.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Petition of George Chipman, Esq. High-Sheriff of King's County, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the said County, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by His Excellency recommended to the consideration of the House; and the same was read by the Clerk, praying for a grant of money towards completing the New Road from Horton to Sherbrooke Settlement.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on 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. Roach took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Bills to them referred; and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same: which report the House agreed to.

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

Friday, 19th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Abraham Patterson, 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 the facts stated in the Petition are true, in so far as the greater part of the Duty for the Light on Cranberry Island, is received by the Collector at Pictou, and almost wholly borne by Vessels employed in the Lumber Trade between Great-Britain and that Port; and that Vessels employed in this trade being mostly of a large size and tonnage, have paid last year, for one voyage, as much as nine pounds, which, in the opinion of the Committee, is oppressive on the Trade of Pictou, and a serious injury to the Petitioners, unless all vessels passing through the Gut of Canso pay at the same rate. The Committee beg leave further to report, that if a Collector of Light Duty was stationed at some proper place in the Gut of Canso, and likewise at Little Canso, to collect the rates as established by Law for the aforesaid Light, the evil complained of would be remedied, and the Petitioners put on an equal footing with the other Inhabitants of the Province, and the Provincial Revenue very much benefited; and the Committee beg leave further to report, that the Collection of the Light Duties cannot be effected in the Gut of Canso, unless proper persons are stationed, with a gun, &c. to cause Vessels to come too in passing.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of David M'Queen, High-Sheriff of the County of Sydney, 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

That the Committee have examined Witnesses, and find that David M'Queen, Esq. is now in the Custody of the Sheriff of the County of Halifax, under a Writ of Capias, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed ; they also find that Peter Frost, one of the Assistants of the said Sheriff, in the late Election for the County of Sydney, was also arrested by a Capias from the Commissioners Court at Halifax, at the Suit of one Stephen M'Guire, to which he has given Bail. The Committee also report that at the time of the arrest of the said Sheriff, and his Assistant, they were on their way to Halifax, the said David M'Queen to answer at the Bar of this Honourable House to the Petition of John Steele against him, a copy of which, certified by the Clerk of this House, had been served upon him, and the said Peter Frost, as a Witness for the said Sheriff, but it does not appear to the Committee, that either of the said Writs were sued out with a view to prevent the attendance of the said Parties upon this House, nor that the Petitioner, John Steele, took any part in the procuring the said Writs to be sued out ; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *Ordered*, that the Sheriff of the County of Halifax do attend at the Bar of this House, to-morrow at 12 o'clock, with David M'Queen, Esq. the Sheriff of the County of Sydney, now in his custody, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Sheriff of Halifax with this Order.

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

Saturday, 20th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

The Sheriff of the County of Halifax, pursuant to the order of yesterday, attended with David M'Queen, the Sheriff of the County of Sydney, at the Bar of the House, and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the said David M'Queen, Sheriff of the County of Sydney, having been arrested while on his way to answer before this House charges made against him for misconduct, in holding the Election for the County of Sydney, was, and is, under the protection of the House, and ought to be discharged from such arrest : and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the County of Halifax do discharge him accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to amend, revive and continue, the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Bills to them referred ; and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same : which report the House agreed to.

On motion, of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, take into consideration the Petition of John Steele, relative to the late Election for the County of Sydney.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at twelve of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, 23d January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the Security of Navigation, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to make perpetual an Act for the Security of Navigation, and for preserving all Ships, Vessels and Goods, which may be found on shore, wrecked or stranded, upon the Coasts of this Province; and for punishing all Persons who shall steal Shipwrecked Goods, and for the relief of Persons suffering loss thereby.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Township of Lunenburg, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to make perpetual an Act in addition to an Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Township of Lunenburg.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act 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 to continue an Act, 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.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts for the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue the several Acts now in force for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to impose a Duty on Articles sold at Public Auction, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act to impose a Duty on Articles sold at Public Auction.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-eighth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the eighteenth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax; and also, the Act now in force, in addition thereto.

An engrossed Bill to revive and continue an Act to raise money for defraying the expense of running or perambulating the lines and bounds of Townships, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to revive and make perpetual, an Act to enable the Inhabitants of each Township to raise money for defraying the expenses attending the running or perambulating the lines and bounds of the respective Townships in this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or smoked Herrings; and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same; and also the several Acts in amendment thereof. An

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to make perpetual an Act to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade, and authorising Courts of Sessions to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other Articles, down the several Rivers of the Province; and also the Act in addition to and amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions; and also the Act in addition to and amendment thereof.

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

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Petition of John Steele, and also the Petition of the Freeholders of the County of Sydney, relative to the late Election for the said County; and the said Petitions having been severally read by the Clerk, thereupon,

The House heard Counsel on behalf of the Petitioner, and also examined one Richard Bue, and one Stephen McGuire, on the part of the said Petitioner, at the Bar of the House.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that this House will, on Wednesday next, the 24th instant, consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

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

Tuesday, 23d January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Charles Jones and Edward A. Jones, resident at Briar Island, in the County of Annapolis and the same was read, praying for a return of the Duty of three pence per gallon, paid by them on a certain quantity of Rum, imported from the West Indies in May last, and purchased with the proceeds of a Cargo exported by them from the said Island.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable Creditors to recover their just Debts out of the Effects of their absent or absconding Debtors, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill to impose a Duty on Articles Sold at Public Auction.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Lawson, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to ascertain the number of additional Representatives, to serve in General Assembly, for the Places herein after mentioned; to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual an Act for the Security of Navigation, and for preserving all Ships, Vessels and Goods, which may be found on shore, wrecked or stranded, upon the Coasts of this Province; and for punishing all Persons who shall steal Shipwrecked Goods, and for the relief of Persons suffering loss thereby; also,

A Bill entitled, An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act to enable the Inhabitants of each Township to raise money for defraying the expenses attending the running or perambulating the lines and bounds of the respective Townships in this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, 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; also,

A Bill, entitled An Act to continue an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings; and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the Measure of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same; and also the several Acts in amendment thereof; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act entitled An Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing a sufficient Watch at Night; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual an Act to encourage Persons engaged in the Lumber Trade, and authorising Courts of Sessions to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other articles, down the several Rivers of the Province; and also the Act in addition to and amendment thereof; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions; and also the Act in addition to and amendment thereof.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in further amendment of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Distempers; 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 hold a further Conference with a Committee of the Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province, that they held the said conference, and that the joint Committee of the Council and this House had drawn up an humble Petition to His Majesty, on the subject of the Timber Trade of the Province, and he read the Petition in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and thereupon,

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Petition.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Petition, and that the Committee had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Petition as amended, in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Petition be engrossed.

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 24th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Bill in further amendment of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Distempers; and also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable Creditors to recover their just Debts, out of the Effects of their absent or absconding Debtors, were severally read a second time.

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

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:

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

I HEREWITH lay before You, a copy of a Representation lately made to me by the Commissioners for Issuing Treasury Notes, and I strongly recommend it to your favorable consideration.

These Gentlemen were appointed to that Office in the year 1812, and it will appear, by a reference to His Excellency Sir John Sherbrooke's Message to you of the 23d February, 1816, that they performed the Duties of it, from 1812 to 1815, gratuitously, declining to receive any remuneration for Services which they considered themselves merely called upon to perform in consequence of the War; when Peace, however, took place, their labours did not terminate, the necessity still existed of Issuing Treasury Notes, Acts similar to that under which they were originally appointed have been since annually passed, and these Gentlemen have been uniformly named to carry them into execution.

It is for their services since 1816, they now request a compensation: and I trust that the House of Assembly will, when they consider the extent and importance of those services, think the Commissioners justly entitled to some remuneration, and will provide it accordingly.

JAMES KEMPT.

The copy of the Representation referred to in the foregoing Message was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Ordered, That His Excellency's Message, and the said Paper, do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

The humble Petition to His Majesty, on the subject of the Timber Trade, being engrossed, pursuant to the Order of yesterday, was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

TO OUR SOVEREIGN LORD

GEORGE THE FOURTH,

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, KING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT-BRITAIN, AND IRELAND,

&c. &c. &c.

May it Please Your MAJESTY,

WE, Your Majesty's Council, and House of Assembly, now convened in the General Assembly of your Loyal and Faithful Province of Nova-Scotia, humbly approach the Throne, and entreat Your Majesty to give that gracious attention to the interests of this Province, which the dutiful and loyal attachment of its People to Your Majesty, and their affectionate regard for the Mother Country, induce them to expect.

The Papers remaining in the departments of our respective Houses, shew how long and how anxiously we sought from the Mother Country, the encouragement of our Timber Trade, and, after thirty years unsuccessful solicitation, measures were at length resorted to, by the Imperial Parliament, which called forth the resources of the North-American Colonies, and enabled them to supply Timber in sufficient quantities for the consumption of the Mother Country, at a time when the War had excluded her from any intercourse with those Countries which heretofore furnished her with an article of so much importance to the Nation.

We will not trouble Your Majesty in recapitulating the astonishing advantages British Navigation has suddenly derived from this new branch of trade, nor will we enter into any statement respecting the vast field it has afforded for the consumption of British Manufactures: these advantages have been manifested to the Nation upon so extensive a scale that they are universally known, and it will be sufficient for us only to state, that Your Majesty's North-American Colonies, now employ as many Tons of British Shipping, and consume British Manufactures to as large an amount, as in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four were employed and consumed in the British Colonies, which have since become the United States.

The capacity which the British Territory in North-America affords for increase, is unbounded, and it wants only reasonable encouragement to enable it soon to rank with the most important parts of Your Majesty's Foreign Dominions; Nature has done its part upon a great and magnificent scale. The difficulties of settling these new Countries are now in a great measure overcome, and the advantages we possess are developing themselves daily.

Whilst the system of Colonial Restrictions that has so long prevailed continues to exist, we most humbly submit to Your Majesty, whether it is not reasonable that we should enjoy, in all the markets of Your Majesty's European Dominions, a preference for our productions over those which are brought from Foreign Countries; this advantage we hope for, as a compensation from the Mother Country while she possesses nearly the exclusive monopoly of the whole fruits of our industry; and while we purchase from her alone almost every article we require to supply our wants.

The preference we now enjoy for our Timber Trade in the British Market was of late years granted by the wisdom of Your Majesty's Parliament: we received it with gratitude, but we have lately heard with serious concern, that Your Majesty's Government have it in contemplation to lower the Duties that are at present payable upon European and Foreign Timber, imported into Great-Britain and Ireland; or to impose additional Duties on Timber imported from your Majesty's North-American Colonies, the immediate effect of which would be the destruction of our Trade in that article, the ruin of those now concerned in that Trade, and the entire loss of one of our main sources of payment for the manufactures we import from Great-Britain; we therefore, as the Representatives of your loyal Subjects in Nova-Scotia, humbly intreat Your Majesty to take our case into Your gracious consideration, for if we are deprived of this remaining branch of our Commerce we see no other left for the encouragement of our Merchants; with such gloomy prospects, we feel it our duty most humbly to move Your Majesty to the consideration of the case to which we have ventured to call Your attention; in the humble hope, that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to remove from us the cause of our present serious apprehensions, by continuing to us our Timber Trade under the present regulations, which is almost the only Commerce we at present enjoy; and by further enabling us to avail ourselves of the other great natural advantages we possess, that content and happiness may be continued to your faithful People in this Province, which it shall be the constant care of Your Majesty's dutiful Servants, the Representatives of Your People in this Country, to promote and maintain. For whom, and in whose behalf, with humble and most respectful sentiments of loyalty and attachment, we subscribe this Address to Your Majesty, and as in duty bound we will ever pray.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said Petition, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to confer on the subject of the General State of the Province, do join with the Committee of the Council in delivering the said Petition to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to England, for the favorable consideration of His Majesty's Government.

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the Petition of John Steele, and also of the Petition of the Freeholders of the County of Sydney; and heard Counsel, and further examined Stephen M'Guire, and also examined John Chisholm, Murdock M'Grath, John M'Donald, of Antigonish, John M'Donald, of the Gulf Shore, Charles Archibald, Robert Logan, James Cleary and Alexander Frazer, Sen, on the part of the Petitioner John Steele, at the Bar of the House.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House several Papers, received by him from the Treasurer of the Province, recommended to the consideration of the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows. *viz.*

An Abstract of Demands against the Province, for repairs to the Government-House, Stables, &c. in the year 1820, amounting to £377 16 10, together with the Vouchers in support thereof; also,

An Abstract of Demands against the Province, for completing the Council Chamber, dated 24th November, 1820, amounting to £299 19 2, together with the Vouchers in support thereof; and also,

The Order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, the Right Honorable the Earl of Dalhousie, for completing the Council Chamber, dated 20th May, 1820.

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

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

Thursday, 25th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to ascertain the number of additional Representatives,

Representatives to serve in General Assembly, for the places hereafter mentioned, was read a second time.

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

Mr. James, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and amend an Act, relating to the Office of Sheriff, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of John Steele was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying that the House will not close the examination of witnesses on behalf of the Petitioner, until the arrival of certain other witnesses daily expected by him.

Pursuant to leave given, a Petition of Samuel Cunard and others, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Grassie, and read, praying for the pecuniary aid of the House to assist the private donations of sundry charitable persons, to establish a Soup-House in the said Town, for the relief of the numerous suffering Poor.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the Petition of John Steele, and also the Petition of the Freeholders of Sydney, and heard Counsel, and examined Simon Fraser, Esq. on the part of the Petitioner, John Steele, at the Bar of the House. Also heard the Sheriff of the County of Sydney, and examined one Peter Frost, and J. G. Bradshaw, his two assistants at the late Election for the said County, and likewise examined James M'Nab and Wentworth Taylor, Esq. on the part of the said Sheriff, touching his conduct, at the afore said Election, at the Bar of the House.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed yesterday to join a Committee of the Council to wait upon, and deliver to, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the humble Petition to His Majesty on the subject of the Timber Trade, that the joint Committee had accordingly waited upon, and delivered to, His Excellency the said Petition to His Majesty; and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would transmit the Petition for the favorable consideration of His Majesty's Government, and gladly aid His Majesty's Council and this House, by every means in his power, to procure a favorable result to the prayer of their Petition.

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

Friday, 26th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to alter and amend an Act, relating to the Office of Sheriff, was read a second time.
Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of John Steele was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying that the Petitioner may have an opportunity of disproving the testimony of two certain witnesses, examined at the Bar of the House; yesterday, in behalf of the Sheriff of the County of Sydney.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Bills to them

them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the Petition of John Steele, and also the Petition of the Freeholders of the County of Sydney, relative to the late Election for the said County, and heard Counsel, and also examined Isaac Wild and Henry Buskirk, on the part of the Petitioner, John Steele, at the Bar of the House, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, hear Counsel on the part of the Petitioner, John Steele, at the Bar of the House.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

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

Saturday, 27th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, the House heard Counsel further on the part of the Petitioner John Steele, relative to the late Election for the County of Sydney, and the Counsel having withdrawn from the House,

Mr. Archibald moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the Petition of John Steele to this House, complaining of an undue Election for the County of Sydney, and also the Petition of sundry Freeholders of the said County, against the said Election, be dismissed, which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Marshall then moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the conduct of David M'Queen, Esq. High Sheriff of the County of Sydney, in the late Election for that County, appears to this House to have been correct and impartial, and that the allegations of the said Petitions against him have not been proved, which being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolution, as follows, viz.

Leave out the whole of the words from the word "Resolution," and insert in the place thereof, the words following, viz.

That it does not appear to this House, that the Sheriff of the County of Sydney, in conducting the late Election, acted either corruptly or wickedly; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment twenty, against it sixteen:

For the Amendment,

Mr. Albro	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Morse	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. M'Kinnon	Mr. James
Mr. Uniacke	Mr. Smith
Mr. J. I. Chipman	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Denison
Mr. W. Dickson	Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Bingoy
Mr. Marshall	Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Roach	Mr. Grasie

Against the Amendment,

Mr. Robertson	Mr. Poole
Mr. Fraser	Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Wier	Mr. Heckman
Mr. Church	Mr. Wells
Mr. Rygges	Mr. Bishop
Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Young
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Campbell	
Mr. Flemming	
Mr. Sargent	

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

On motion, ordered, That the Estimate of the Expence for the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government, for the year 1821, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Monday, 29th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Roach have leave to return to his home, on his private affairs, for a few days.

Mr. Frazer reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Custom-House, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Address.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Address, and that the Committee had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Address as amended in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it Please Your Excellency,

THE House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, from the deliberate investigation they have made into certain grievances experienced by its Inhabitants in the Custom-House Department; feel it a duty incumbent upon them to bring to your Excellency's knowledge the heavy and oppressive exactions endured by an extensive class of its Subjects, engaged in the Coasting Trade of the Province.

THAT the Custom-House Establishments have widely departed from the construction of the Fee Table, by which they were originally regulated in the receipt of Fees, and have, for many years past, levied upon the Subject to an extent that the House conceive to be not only inconsistent with a fair and legal claim to remuneration, but wholly incompatible with the just rights of the Subject.

THAT, as early as the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Nine, a certain Fee Table was established by the Commissioners of the Customs, and transmitted to the then Collector of the Customs for the Port of Halifax, specifying the rate of Fees payable by Vessels engaged in the Foreign as well as Coasting Trade of the Province, which Fee Table, so established, is declared by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs to be the guide by which he is at this day governed in the receipt of Fees.

THAT from the first appointment of a Custom-House in this Province, until the dismemberment of the same by the separation of that portion of it now called New-Brunswick, which took place in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four, all Vessels trading or passing from the Port of Halifax, or other Ports in this Province, to the Port of St. John, or any other Port in the Province of New-Brunswick, were considered as Coasters merely, and paid no other or greater Fees than five shillings and eleven pence for their Entry and Clearance, as prescribed in the Fee Table for such description of Vessels.

THAT up to, and until such dismemberment of the Province, a Deputy from the Port of Halifax, was stationed at the Port of St. John, which was considered as a Member Port. That since the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four, the Port of St. John, and other Ports in that Province, are termed in Custom-House regulation, Ports of a distinct and separate Colony, and Fees taken in the Custom-House at Halifax, and the Member Ports thereto belonging, to the amount of two pounds two shillings for such Entry and Clearance only.

THAT in and by an Act, made and passed in the Eighteenth year of His late Majesty's Reign, it is enacted, that, after the passing of the same, the Parliament of Great-Britain will not impose any Duty, Tax, or Assessment whatever, payable in any of His Majesty's Colonies in America, excepting certain Duties therein particularly expressed, and which are to be applied as therein directed.

THAT since the passing of this Statute, the House of Assembly conceive that no new Fee can be given to any old Office, or any new Office or Department in the Customs be erected in this Province, whereby greater Fees can be imposed on the Subject than were payable previous to the passing of the said Act.

THAT the House, satisfied of the right thus secured to the Inhabitants of this Province, by the Eighteenth of George the

Third, and of the repeated infringement and violation of that Act by the Officers in the Service of the Customs, have deemed it expedient to place upon their Journals a Resolution confirmatory, and in vindication, of such their right.

THAT the House of Assembly, though sensible of the inutility of the number of Officers employed in the Department of the Customs, and the heavy and unnecessary burthen these Fees occasion to the Subject, even as established previous to the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Eight, yet do not pretend to any power or authority to alter or lessen the Fees specified in that Table, such Fees are regulated and confirmed by Act of Parliament, of the Tenth of George the Third; and any alleviation to the Subject from the grievances such Fees occasion, can only flow from the known justice and bounty of the Mother Country.

THE House of Assembly beg to assure Your Excellency, that in passing an Act, declaratory of the Fees to be received and taken upon Vessels using the Coasting Trade, their sole object and intention is to place that Trade in the same situation as it existed previous to the separation of the Province. That the House have no disposition or desire to do any thing which can, in the most remote manner, be considered repugnant to an English Statute, or the Constitutional right of the Mother Country, but, on the contrary, the sole wish of the House is to protect and guard a poor but industrious and deserving class of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, in the enjoyment of rights expressly guaranteed to them by an Act of the Parliament of Great-Britain, and to enforce an observance of that Statute in a manner more easy and accessible to such a description of His Majesty's Subjects than that now in force.

THE House of Assembly therefore humbly pray that Your Excellency, taking into consideration the burthensome increase of Fees, levied upon the Vessels using the Coasting Trade of the Province, and that such are not sanctioned or authorised by any Act of Parliament, or of the Legislature of this Province, will afford every assistance to the endeavours of this House, in the adoption of such measures as they may constitutionally exercise, towards the correction of an evil so injurious to the Interests of the Province; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the said Report of the Committee be not agreed to, and that the following Address be substituted in the place of the one reported, viz.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

§c. §c. §c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please Your Excellency,

THE House of Assembly beg leave to bring to the notice of Your Excellency the heavy sums of Money paid by an extensive class of His Majesty's Subjects within this Province, engaged in the Coasting Trade, in consequence of the construction lately given by the Honorable the Commissioners of the Customs, to the Acts of Parliament, by which the Fees paid by the Coasters are regulated; and also by an increase of Officers of the Customs in Nova-Scotia.

THAT in and by an Act of Parliament, passed in the 10th year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, to regulate the Fees to be thereafter taken by Custom-House Officers in the Colonies, it was, among other matters, enacted, that the Officers of the Customs should be entitled to take such Fees as they or their Predecessors had been accustomed to take on or before the 29th September, 1764.

YOUR Petitioners further state unto Your Excellency, that from the time of the passing of the said Statute until the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Four, all Ships or Vessels, trading or passing from the Port of Halifax to any of the Ports in the now Province of New-Brunswick, were considered Coasters merely, and paid no other or greater Fee than was prescribed in the Fee Table, and taken by Officers of the Customs before the 29th of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Four, upon Coasting Vessels.

YOUR Petitioners humbly submit, that it could never have been the intention of His Majesty's Government to erect the Province of New Brunswick into a separate Colony, as respected the Custom-House, and to have changed those Ports which were Member Ports of Halifax at the time of passing the said Statute, into Foreign Ports, as belonging to a distinct and separate Colony, and thereby to increase the Fees to be paid upon the Coasting Trade from Halifax to any of these Ports.

THAT the regulation and establishment of Fees now complained of, appear to have been made by the Order of the Honorable the Commissioners of the Customs, to the several Collectors in this and the adjoining Province of New-Brunswick, but the House humbly hope, that, upon a review of the case by His Majesty's Government, the Inhabitants of this Province will be relieved from the unnecessary augmentation of Fees and Expenses imposed by the course now pursued, upon the Coasting Trade of this and the Province of New-Brunswick, exceeding, in a great degree, the Fees taken before the passing of the said Statute, and which governed the Custom House here for many years after the period of passing the said Act.

YOUR Petitioners further state that few, if any, of the Articles, which are liable to pay a Duty to His Majesty, are carried in Coasters between the Ports of Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, but that the principal Trade consists in the carrying of Plaster of Paris, or Fish, Lumber, or Articles to be consumed in the Fisheries, which Trade is confined to small Vessels, upon which the payment of these fees is very injurious and oppressive.

YOUR Petitioners do not consider that any Legislation is necessary to relieve the Coasting Trade from the burthens of which those engaged in it now complain, as they humbly conceive that no subdivision of the Colony, since the Statute of 10th George Third, nor any appointment of new Officers of the Customs in Nova-Scotia, can legally augment the Fees authorised to be taken by the said Act, but as recourse to the determination of Courts of Law against so general a grievance would be attended with much litigation and expense to the poorer classes of the Community, they are induced to make this remonstrance, in the hope that a general Order from the Board of Customs may relieve the Colony from the extensive evil now intended to be brought to the notice of His Majesty's Government.

MAY it therefore please Your Excellency to submit this our humble Address, for the favorable consideration of His Majesty's Government, upon whose justice and ready disposition to grant relief we most confidently rely, and to request that such General Order may be given by the Honorable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, as may relieve the Coasting Trade of this Province from the evils which it now suffers, and to secure the persons concerned in it against the heavy burthens which have been imposed upon it both by the division of the Province, and the establishment of new Officers of the Customs within it: which being seconded and put, and the same dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion nine, against it twenty-six:

For

For the Motion,

Mr. T. Dickson
 Mr. Grassie
 Mr. J. I. Chipman.
 Mr. Uniacke
 Mr. R. Dickson
 Mr. W. Dickson
 Mr. Archibald
 Mr. Freeman
 Mr. Dewolf

Against the Motion,

Mr. James	Mr. Fraser
Mr. Denison	Mr. O'Brien
Mr. W. H. Roach	Mr. Church
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Albro	Mr. Young
Mr. Sargent	Mr. Marshall
Mr. Heckman	Mr. Wells
Mr. Haliburton	Mr. Morse
Mr. Wier	Mr. Bishop
Mr. McKinnon	Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Bingay	Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Campbell	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Smith	Mr. Poole

So it passed in the negative.

The Address, as reported by the Committee, was then put to the House, and there appeared, on a division of the House, for receiving it, twenty-six; against it, nine.

For receiving the Address,

Mr. James	Mr. Fraser
Mr. Denison	Mr. O'Brien
Mr. W. H. Roach	Mr. Church
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Albro	Mr. Young
Mr. Sargent	Mr. Marshall
Mr. Heckman	Mr. Wells
Mr. Haliburton	Mr. Morse
Mr. Wier	Mr. Bishop
Mr. McKinnon	Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Bingay	Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Campbell	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Smith	Mr. Poole

Against receiving the Address,

Mr. T. Dickson
 Mr. Grassie
 Mr. J. I. Chipman
 Mr. Uniacke
 Mr. R. Dickson
 Mr. W. Dickson
 Mr. Archibald
 Mr. Freeman
 Mr. Dewolf

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Young, Mr. Heckman, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Smith, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to quiet and confirm Jacob Shaffroth in the title and possession of a Piece of Ground, laid off as a Road on the Peninsula of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the 10th day of February next; and that the said Bill, or an Abstract thereof, be immediately printed in the Royal Gazette, and one other Newspaper, at the expense of the Petitioner, in order that all Persons interested in the said Road, may have notice of the said Bill, and appear in opposition thereto if they think proper.

Mr. W. Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act for repairing and mending Highways, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of James Tobin 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 Documents and Vouchers in support of the claim of the Petitioner, and it appears that the Duties were paid by George Grassie, Esq. on a large quantity of Port Wine, imported in the Ship Barossa, of which Tobin and Boyle purchased a part. That it appears to the Committee, the Wine was landed and disposed of, as set forth in the Petition. That the Committee have annexed all the Documents in support of the claim, as also a copy of an

Account of the Assignees of Messrs. Tobin & Boyle, against George Grassie & Co. by which it appears that they have been charged by Tobin & Boyle with a Drawback on a quantity of Port Wine, shipped to Moose Island, and Mr. John Tobin's Receipt for £33 13 8, being the amount of the Account dated 8th July, 1818. That the Committee have not any satisfactory evidence as to the claim of the Petitioner.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 30th January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in addition to an Act for repairing and mending Highways, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways, was read a second time.

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

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. 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 a Supply, which Report the House agreed to.

On motion, of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that this House will, on Thursday next, the 1st of February, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Bills to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same: which report the House agreed to.

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

Wednesday, 31st January, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Frazer reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he would receive the Address of this House on the subject of the Custom-House: that the Committee had, pursuant to order, waited upon His Excellency accordingly, and that His Excellency was pleased to appoint To-morrow, at twelve of the Clock, at the Government-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. Wells 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, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds should be granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, for the present year, to be appropriated, and applied, in such manner as shall hereafter be agreed upon by the Legislature.

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 report 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 Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. W. A. Chipman reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of George Grassie 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 the Committee have examined the Accounts, and find them correct, and that the balance of £842 4 9½ as stated by the Petitioners is justly due; provided the sum of £40, by them charged for fitting up the Grand Jury Room is allowed them, but if that sum is deducted then the balance due will be £802 4 9½.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Thursday, 1st Febuary, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with their Address, pursuant to the Order 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 House of Assembly,

I HAVE read your Address with great attention, and have every desire to promote a fair and candid enquiry into the grievance complained of, that such redress may be afforded as is compatible with Law and Justice.

As the injury to the Coasting Trade is distinctly and fully stated in the Address, you may, I think, rely on its obtaining from His Majesty's Government in England, a full and favorable consideration.

I will transmit it without delay to His Majesty's Minister, and will earnestly recommend an early and deliberate attention to it; and this, I hope, will supercede the necessity of a Declaratory Law here, which, besides the delay and uncertainty of its progress, may probably rather obstruct than facilitate the relief sought for.

JAMES KEMPT.

The Order of the Day was read,

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

Mr.

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 the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Duties payable on Wine, Rum, Brandy, Gin, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, imported into this Province, should remain the same as imposed the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Duty on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, imported into this Province, should remain as imposed the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to impose the undermentioned Duties on Live Stock, and other Articles, imported from the United States of America, viz. Upon every Horse, three pounds ten shillings.

Ox, two pounds ten shillings.

Cow and Head of Young Cattle, twenty shillings.

Sheep, two shillings and six pence.

Hog, one pound five shillings.

Barrel of Apples or Pears, ten shillings,

Hundred weight of Onions, ten shillings.

Hundred weight of Hops, two pounds five shillings:

Thousand of Shingles, five shillings.

Resolved. That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Duty of Excise should be imposed on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province, from the United States of America, and sold by the owners thereof, or their Agents, being Foreigners.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that an additional Light-Duty should be imposed of one shilling per ton, registered tonnage, on all Vessels belonging to Foreigners, coming into any of the Harbours of this Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient and proper to impose a Tax upon all Tracts of Land, in this Province, held by absent Proprietors, and others, where a certain portion of such Tracts of Land is not cleared, and under cultivation and improvement, and that it be recommended to the House to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to carry this Resolution into effect.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Ways and Means, 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 Mr. Marshall, Mr. J. I. Chipman and Mr. Church, do prepare and bring in a Bill for carrying into effect the last Resolution passed in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritche, Mr. Smith and Mr. Dewolf, be a Committee to prepare and bring in Bills for carrying into effect the several other Resolutions, passed in the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

Friday, 2d February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Militia, that His Excellency had been pleased to communicate further with the Committee, on the subject of the Militia, and he stated the substance of the said communication to the House.

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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. 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 the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Five-Hundred Pounds should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of paying two Inspecting Field-Officers of Militia.

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.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Militia, do prepare and bring in a Bill for the better regulating of the Militia.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that the Counsel of the petitioning Candidate, Edmund Dodd, against the Election for the County of Cape-Breton, be informed that if it is their intention to support the said Petition, before the House, that they do the same on or before the tenth day of this present Month, otherwise that the said Petition will be dismissed by the House.

Mr. Grassie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to impose a Duty on Goods 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.

Saturday, 3d February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to impose a Duty on Goods imported from the United States of America, was read a second time,

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House ; and thereupon, On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to impose a Duty on Goods imported from the United States of America ; also, the Bill in further amendment of an Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Distempers ; also, the Bill to extend the provisions

visions of an Act for preventing Trespasses; and also, the Bill in addition to an Act for repairing and mending Highways, &c. and for appointing Surveyors of Highways; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House, without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, relative to absent or absconding Debtors; also, the Bill to divide the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis; and also, the Bill to amend and alter an Act relating to the Office of Sheriff, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, 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 several Bills to them referred, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the several Bills reported without amendment, be engrossed.

The amendments to the Bill from the Council relative to absent or absconding Debtors, 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.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the amendments, be read a third time.

The amendments to the Bill relating to the Office of Sheriff were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, not agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed, without amendment.

The amendments to the Bill to divide the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon, Mr. Archibald moved that the amendment marked No. 3, in the words following, viz.

“ And whereas by the division of the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, in manner aforesaid, it is expedient to regulate and determine the number of Representatives for each County, so that the Counties in the Province shall and may have an equal number of Representatives.”

“ Be it therefore enacted, that the Freeholders of the Counties of Colchester and Pictou shall have the privilege, and be entitled, to elect and send each one additional Representative, to represent them in the General Assembly, during the continuance of the present Assembly, and until a General Election shall take place, and from thence, two persons for each of the said Counties, to represent them as other Counties are represented,” be not agreed to by the House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen; against the motion, twenty-three:

For the Motion,

Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Binyan
Mr. Smith
Mr. McKinnon
Mr. Archibald
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Albro
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Fleming
Mr. Marshall

Against the Motion,

Mr. Bishop	Mr. Denison
Mr. Fraser	Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Church	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Sargent	Mr. Ruggles
Mr. James	Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Wells	Mr. Heckman
Mr. Robertson	Mr. Wier
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Morse
Mr. Young	Mr. Grassie
Mr. W. H. Roach	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Haliburton	Mr. Peole
Mr. Freeman	

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Archibald then moved that the amendment marked No. 4, in the words following, viz.

“ And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as a General Election shall take place, the County of Halifax shall be entitled to elect, and have returned in the usual manner, two persons, and no more, to represent the said County in General Assembly, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding,” be not agreed to by the House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fourteen; against it, twenty-two. So it passed in the negative.

The said amendments, as reported by the Committee, were then severally put, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered. That the said Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *ordered*, that Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Grassie, be a Committee to take into consideration the Revenue Laws, now in force, and report to the House if any, and what, alterations are, in their opinion, necessary to be made therein, for the more effectually carrying the same into execution.

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. 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 a Supply, which Report the House agreed to.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Archibald, Mr. Albro and Mr. W. Dickson, be a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what sums may be necessary to keep up the Communication by Post throughout the Province for the present year.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Wells 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 same 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 it is expedient to impose a duty of Six Pence per Gallon on all Wine imported into, and consumed within, the Province; to be applied to the payment of the Principal and Interest of the Funded Debt of the 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 Ways and Means, 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.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at twelve of the Clock.

Monday, 5th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to impose a Duty on Goods imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to impose a Duty on Goods imported from the United States of America.

An engrossed Bill in further amendment of an Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Distempers, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in further amendment of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Distempers.

An engrossed Bill to extend the provisions of an Act for preventing Trespasses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act for preventing Trespasses.

Ordered, That the Clerks do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.]

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An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, to enable Creditors to recover their just Debts out of the Effects of their absent or absconding Debtors, and also the engrossed amendments to the said Bill, were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of His Majesty's Council.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had deferred the consideration of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to ascertain the number of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, for the Places hereinafter mentioned, to this day three months. 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.

An engrossed Bill to divide the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis, and to increase the Representation of the Province, was read a third time: and thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie moved, that the following Enacting Clause be added to the said Bill, as a Rider, viz.

“And be it further enacted, That the Township of Wilmot, in the County of Annapolis; and the Townships of Chester, and New Dublin, in the County of Lanenburg, shall be entitled to elect, in the usual manner, each one person to represent the said Townships, in General Assembly”—which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Archibald moved, that the said 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. Albro
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Archibald
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Smith
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Grassie
Mr. Poole
Mr. Bmgay

Against the Motion,

Mr. Church
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. James
Mr. Young
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Morse
Mr. Denison
Mr. Heckman
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Wells
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Fraser
Mr. Freeman

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Archibald then moved, that the Title to the Bill be, An Act for dividing the Counties of Halifax and Annapolis; and for reducing the Representation of the County of Halifax; and increasing the Representation in other parts of the Province—which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eleven; against it, twenty:

For the Motion,

Mr. Albro
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Archibald
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Smith
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Grassie
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Mr. Church
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Mr. Morse
Mr. Denison
Mr. Heckman
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Wells
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Poole
Mr. Fraser

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act, made and passed in the 38th year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to amend, and render more effectual, an Act, passed in the 18th year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent forefalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax ; and also the Act, now in force, in addition thereto ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual an Act in addition to an Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Town of Lunenburg.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution of this House for granting £10,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Archibald; and Mr. W. A. Chipman, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Uniacke reported that the Managers had been at the Conference ; and he stated the substance of the Conference to the House : and thereupon,

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

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a further Conference, as desired by this House.

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

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned.

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

On motion, the Petition of John Atkinson was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petition be dismissed.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition of George Grassie and others ; the Petition of Collins and Allison ; the Petition of Temple and Lewis Piers ; the Petition of John F. G. Gschwind ; the Petition of George Mitchel, the Petition of Higgins and Brown ; the Petition of John Chute ; the Petition of James Titus, and the Petition of Lewis Titus and others, together with the several Reports respecting the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George.

Mr. Speaker,

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 do 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 this Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Tuesday, 6th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act for repairing and mending Highways and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways, 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 first year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Third, entitled, An Act for repairing and mending Highways, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways, within the several Townships of this Province.

An engrossed Bill to amend and alter an Act relating to the Office of Sheriff, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the thirty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, relating to the Office of Sheriff.

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

Mr. T. Dickson, pursuant to leave to give, presented a Bill in addition to an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the Conference held with the Council yesterday; and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference, And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, for granting the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the Service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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, viz.

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

HIS Excellency the Governor in Chief, in his last communication to the Assembly, having earnestly recommended to your protection the College now erecting in Halifax, I am anxious to bring the subject under your consideration, in the hope that you may be disposed to grant further aid to an Institution calculated to afford to all Christian People the benefits of Instruction in the higher Classes of Science and Arts.

The Monies allotted for the Building, including the two thousand pounds granted the last year, by the Assembly, have been all expended, and considerable sums are yet wanting to complete it.

It is not my wish or expectation, that the expense of the Building should be borne by the Legislature only; a large sum has been already granted by His Majesty, and expended, and hopes are entertained that additional aid will be afforded by His Majesty, but the present state of the Building is such, as to require an immediate Supply, to save it from the injuries of the weather, and to render it fit for the reception of Students.

Every attention has hitherto been paid, and will continue to be paid, to oeconomy, in the expenditure of all sums allotted for it; and, under all the circumstances of the case, I recommend to the Assembly, such additional Grants in the present Session, as the means of the Province will admit.

JAMES KEMPT.

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Mr. Secretary George also delivered to the House, by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, sundry Papers relative to a claim of His Majesty's Government for the Drawback on a quantity of Rum, purchased by Deputy-Commissary-General Damerum, from Moody & Boyle, for the use of the Troops in the year 1817, recommended by His Excellency to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That His Excellency's Message, and the said Papers, do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion, the Report of the Committee, on the Petition of Abraham Patterfon and others, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and to state to him, that it appears to the House, that if a Collector of Light Duty was appointed in the Gut of Canso, near little Canso, to collect from Vessels passing through the same, the duty for the Light at Cranberry Island, a great increase would be made to the Revenue derived from that Light; and to request that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint such Collector, or adopt such other measures as he may think proper, to secure the collection of the Duty from all Vessels passing the said Light which are liable to pay for the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Smith, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Uniacke, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the general division of the sum of £10,000 to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province, for the present year; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved that the distribution be as follows, viz.

For the County of Cape-Breton, to be expended under the direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor	}	£1000
For the Main Windsor Road	- - -	400
For the Main Truro Road	- - -	400
For the District of Halifax	- - -	750
Colchester	- - -	700
Pictou	- - -	750
For the County of Sydney	- - -	800
Shelburne	- - -	800
Hants	- - -	750
King's County	- - -	700
Annapolis	- - -	750
Queen's County	- - -	750
Cumberland	- - -	700
Lunenburg	- - -	750
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		£10,000

which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, sixteen. So it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said distribution be referred to the Members of the several Counties, and Districts, and that the said Members for each County, or District, do prepare and bring into the House, by Saturday morning next, a Scale of sub-division of the sum appropriated for their respective County or District, for the Service of Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in Bills agreeably to several Resolutions, passed in the Committee of Ways and Means, and accordingly presented

A Bill in addition to an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambro Island; also,

A Bill imposing a Duty on Live Stock, and other Articles, imported from the United States of America; also,

A Bill to continue 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 Merchandize, imported into this Province; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise, on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province; and also,

A Bill to amend and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the Support of His Majesty's Government, &c. ; and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue an Act, for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of refined Sugar within the Province ; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue, to repair the Roads throughout the Province, &c. ; and the same were read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee on the subject of the Post Communication throughout the Province, 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.

On motion, the Petition of Reynolds & Co. and the Report thereon, were severally read ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petition and Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, the Petition of Edward Ducket, and the Report thereon, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Commission of Seven and a half per cent. instead of Six per cent. be allowed on the collection of the Light Duties for the Port of Halifax, for the present year, and that a clause be added to the Bill, regulating the collection of the Light Duties, or to the appropriation Bill, for that purpose.

The Clerk communicated to the House, a Letter received by him this morning, from Charles R. Ward, Esq. the Deputy-Provost Marshal, for the Island of Cape Breton, dated Sydney, 16th January last, stating that he had received the Warrant of the Speaker requiring his attendance on this House, granted at the request of Edmund M. Dodd, and that he should obey the same as soon as possible, and annexing to his Letter, a statement, under oath, of the Votes given at the late Election, for the County of Cape-Breton, for the information of the House.

Ordered, That the Letter do lie on the Table.

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

Wednesday, 7th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in addition to an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly ; also,

A Bill in addition to an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambro Island ; also,

A Bill imposing a Duty on Live Stock and other Articles imported from the United States of America ; also,

A Bill to continue 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 raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province ; also,

A Bill to amend and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, &c. ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province ; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, &c. 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. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act for preventing Trespasses.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the thirty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act relating to the Office of Sheriff; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Disorders.

The Council have agreed to all the amendments made by this House to the Absent or Absconding Debtor's Bill, except the last amendments.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill to continue the several Acts for the establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Denison and Mr. James, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion, *resolved,* that this House do not adhere to the last amendment made by them to the Bill from the Council relative to Absent or Absconding Debtors, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee, appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Resolution of this House, on the subject of the Light at Cranberry Island; that the Committee had accordingly waited upon, and delivered to, His Excellency the said Resolution; and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would attend to the request of the House.

Mr. W. H. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend part of an Act in amendment of an Act relating to the repairing and paving the Streets in the Town of Halifax, to the Towns of Annapolis and Digby, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to the Halifax Steam Boat Company, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Lawton delivered to the House a Report from the Auditor of Public Accounts, of the expenditure of the several Sums of Money, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, in the year 1820; also,

A Return from the Commissioners of the Poor, of the number of transient, and other poor persons, in the Poor-House in Halifax, on the first day of February, 1821.

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

On motion, *ordered,* that the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of a compensation to the Commissioners for Issuing Treasury Notes, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, *ordered,* That the claim of His Majesty's Government, for a Drawback of Duties on a quantity of Rum, purchased in the year 1817, for the use of His Majesty's Troops, be referred

red to Mr. Haliburton, Mr. W. A. Chipman, Mr. Wells, Mr. James, Mr. Sargent, and Mr. Grassie, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the House proceeded to the further consideration of Private Petitions; and thereupon, The Petitions of Nathaniel Jenkins, and others; and the Petition of John Stewart, and others, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, that the said Petitions be referred to Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Fraser, who are to examine into the subject-matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council on the General State of the Province.

Mr. Grassie moved, that the Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, be referred to the Committee of Supply, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen; against it, thirteen:

For the motion,		Against the Motion,	
Mr. Lawson	Mr. W. Dickson	Mr. Sargent	Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. J. I. Chipman	Mr. Haliburton	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Flemming
Mr. Morse	Mr. Uniacke	Mr. Campbell	Mr. Poole
Mr. T. Dickson	Mr. Robertson	Mr. McKinnon	Mr. Ritchie
Mr. James	Mr. Wells	Mr. Marshall	
Mr. Grassie	Mr. W. A. Chipman	Mr. Church	
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Albro	Mr. Young	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Heckman	Mr. Ruggles	
Mr. Smith	Mr. Winter	Mr. Bishop	

So it passed in the affirmative.

The Petition of the Rev. B. G. Gray, and others; the Petition of the Poor Man's Friend Society; the Petition of Samuel Cunard, and others; and the Petition of Anthony H. Holland, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of George Rivell, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of William Bowes was, by leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Haliburton.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to the Halifax Steam Boat Company, 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 twelve of the Clock.

Thursday, 8th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of John Merkle, and others, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying that a Bill, now before the House, to quiet and confirm Jacob Shaffroth in the title and possession of a piece of Land, laid off as a Road on the Peninsula of Halifax, may not pass this House.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. James moved that the Bill relating to the Halifax Steam Boat Company, be read a second time this day three months, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative, and the said Bill was read a second time.

A Bill to extend part of an Act in amendment of an Act relating to the repairing and paving the Streets in the Town of Halifax, to the Towns of Annapolis and Digby, was read a second time.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition of George Ross, and others; the Petition of George Chipman,

man, Esq. Sheriff of King's County; and also, the Letter of the Inhabitants of the Welsh Settlement, in the County of Shelburne, recommended to the consideration of the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, 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.

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 the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply: which Report the House agreed to.

Mr. Haliburton, presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Alexander M'Phee, and others, Inhabitants of Douglas.

A Petition of John M'Phee, and others, do.

A Petition of James M'Phee, and others, do.

A Petition of Archibald M'Phee, and others, do.

A Petition of Duncan M'Kenzie, and others, do.

A Petition of James Grant, and others, do.

A Petition of James Woodworth, and others, do.

A Petition of John Grant, and others, do. for a Bridge.

A Petition of Samuel Meek, and others, of Rawdon.

A Petition of James Dewell, and others, of do.

A Petition of George Gauld, and others, of do.

A Petition of William Scott, and others, of Noel, Douglas and Rawdon.

A Petition of Archibald Cox, and others, of do. do.

A Petition of Thomas S. Crow, and others, of the River Shubenaccadie.

Mr. O'Brien presented to the House, a Petition of James M'Donald and others of Douglas, praying an aid for Roads.

Mr. Wier presented to the House, a Petition of Job Card, and others, of Newport, praying an aid for the repair of Cogmagun Bridge.

Mr. Roach presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Andrew N. Stevens, and others, of Pugwash and the River Philip.

A Petition of Stephen Cranfield, and others, of Remsheg.

A Petition of James Worden, and others, of West Chester and Remsheg.

A Petition of Samuel D. Ellers, and others, of the River Macan.

Mr. Albro presented to the House, several Petitions praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of George Philip Brehm, of the Peninsula of Halifax.

A Petition of Josiah Richardson, and others, of the New Musquodoboit Road.

A Petition of Thomas Trueman, and others, of Margaret's Bay, for aid for a Bridge over Hibbert's River.

A Petition of John Drysdale, and others, of the Prospect Road.

Mr. Archibald presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of James Fulton, and others, of Upper Sewack.

A Petition of Samuel Tupper, and others, do.

A Petition of James Wardrope, and others, of Shubenaccadie.

A Petition of William Logan, and Robert Logan, of Musquodoboit.

A Petition of M. H. Beckwith, and others, of Preston.

A Petition of Robert Logan, and others, of Shubenaccadie.

A Petition of Walwood Waugh, and others, of Tatamagushe.

Mr. Smith presented to the House, several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Edward Bryden, of Pictou.

A Petition of Alexander M'Kay, and others, of do.

A Petition of Robert M'Kay, and others, of do.

Mr. Lawson presented to the House, several Petitions praying aids for Roads, &c.

A Petition of James Money, and others, of Preston.

- A Petition of John H. Fleigher, and others, at the Great Shubenacadie Lake.
- A Petition of Alexander Mitchell, and others, of Sheet Harbour.
- A Petition of John Chamberlain, and others, of Preston.
- Mr. W. H. Roach, presented to the House, a Petition of John Baxter, and others, of Digby, praying an aid for a Road.
- Mr. Morse presented to the House, a Petition of David Blair, and others, of Cumberland, praying an aid for building a Bridge over the River Macan.
- Mr. Wells presented to the House, a Petition of Joseph Sanford, and others, of the River Pero in Cornwallis, praying an aid for a Road.
- Mr. William Dickson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :
 - A Petition of Alexander Millar, and others, of Salmon River, Truro.
 - A Petition of Robert Archibald, and others, of Truro.
 - A Petition of James Green, of do.
 - A Petition of Jonathan Archibald, and others, of do.
- Mr. Church presented to the House, a Petition of Joseph Gates, and others, of the Sherbrooke Settlement, praying an aid for a Road.
- Mr. Thomas Dickson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.
 - A Petition of Adam Archibald, and others, of Musquodoboit.
 - A Petition of Thomas Trotter, and others, of Antigonish and St. Mary's.
 - A Petition of Robert Campbell, and others, for a Bridge at Antigonish.
- Mr. Bishop presented a Petition of John Neily, and others, of Aylesford, praying an aid for a Road.
- Mr. W. A. Chipman presented a Petition of Henry V. Bufkirk, and others, of Aylesford, Cornwallis, and Annapolis, praying an aid for a Road.

Ordered, That the said several Petitions, praying for aids for the Service of Roads and Bridges, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts, who are to prepare and bring in a Scale of subdivisions of the Sums to be appropriated for that service.

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

Friday, 9th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Frazer moved that the consideration of the Petition of Edmund M. Dodd be postponed until Saturday, the seventeenth day of the present month ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen ; against it, twenty : So it passed in the negative ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will hear the Counsel of Edmund M. Dodd, on the subject of his Petition, at the Bar of the House, to-morrow.

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

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act for the improvement of the Glebe and School Lands in this Province, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Whereas the time of the House is frequently unnecessarily taken up in the discussion of private applications for money :

It is *ordered*, unanimously, that in future no petition or application for a Drawback, or remission of Duties, shall be received unless such Petition shall be accompanied by a recommendation of the Commissioners of the Revenue, stating the reasons why they did not allow the same, and the reasons which induced them to recommend the same to the consideration of the Assembly.

And it is also *ordered*, unanimously, that no Petition, nor any other Petition or application, whate-

ver for money, shall hereafter be received; unless the Petitioner or Applicant annex thereto all the written evidence and documents he has in support thereof, and shall make and annex thereto an affidavit of the Truth of the Facts stated therein, and that he hath never before received the sum claimed, nor any part thereof, and that the same Petition, nor the subject matter thereof, hath never before been considered and determined upon by the House, nor any other House of Assembly.

And it is hereby further *ordered*, unanimously, that no such Petition or Application shall be received, unless the same be made at the first Session of the Assembly, after the material facts stated in the Petition shall be known to the Petitioner or Applicant.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in addition to an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambro Island. The Bill to continue 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. The Bill to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province. The Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province. And also the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, &c. and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill imposing a Duty on Live Stock and other Articles imported from the United States of America; and also, the Bill in addition to an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly; and had made several amendments to the Bills respectively, 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 several Bills to them referred, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the several Bills, reported without amendments, be engrossed.

The amendments to the Bill imposing a Duty on Live Stock, and other articles imported from the United States of America, 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.

The amendments to the Bill in addition to an Act for regulating the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen; against it, nine. So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Committee appointed to report to the House, if any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the Revenue Laws, for their more effectual execution, have power to send for persons, papers, books and records.

Ordered, That Mr. Sargent have leave to return to his home, on his private affairs.

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

Saturday, 10th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, which, being

being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen ; against it, thirteen. So it passed in the affirmative ; and thereupon,

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

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 the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, in addition to the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, heretofore applied to the service of Roads and Bridges, be applied for the opening and improving Roads, to, from, and through, the new Settlements ; the said sum of Five Hundred Pounds to be expended under the direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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 Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambro Island, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in addition to an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambro Island.

An engrossed Bill imposing a Duty on Live Stock, and other Articles, imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act imposing a Duty on Live Stock, and other Articles, imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, &c. was read a third time.

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 licenced to keep Public Houses and Shops for the Retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An engrossed Bill for raising an additional Duty of Excise, on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue 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 Merchandize, imported into this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue 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 Merchandize, imported into this Province.

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

The Orders of the Day were read.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Monday next, hear the Counsel of Edmund M. Dodd, on the subject of his Petition, at the Bar of the House.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill to quiet and confirm Jacob Shaffroth in the title and possession of a Piece of Ground, formerly laid off and used as a Road on the Peninsula of Halifax, be read a second time on Wednesday next, the 14th inst.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at twelve of the Clock.

Monday, 12th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Letter he had received this morning from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, addressed to him, and accompanied by several Papers, on the subject of the Address of the House to His Excellency relative to the Custom-House.

The said Letter was read by the Clerk, and the Papers are as follow, viz.

- No. 1. A Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary George, to the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs at Halifax, dated 3th February, 1821.
2. A Copy of the Address of the House, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Custom-House together with the Answers of the Collector and Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs annexed thereto.
3. A Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners of the Customs in London, dated January, 1818, to the Principal Officers of the Customs at Halifax, on the subject of the Coasting Trade.
4. A Copy of the Table of Fees taken by the Officers of the Customs at the Port of Halifax, in Nova-Scotia.
5. A Memorandum of Fees, to which the Officers of the Customs were by Law entitled to receive, on Vessels entering or clearing to or from any Port in the Bay of Fundy, Louisburg or Capso, previous to the dismemberment of the Province, in the year 1784.
6. A Memorandum of Fees, to which the Officers of the Customs are by Law entitled to receive on Vessels entering from, or clearing to, the Ports of New-Brunswick.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie on the Table.

Richard Blair, Esq. returned duly elected a Member for the County of Cumberland, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting an additional Sum of £500, for the Service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion, the House heard Counsel in support of the Petition of Edmund Murray Dodd, relative to the late Election for the County of Cape-Breton, at the Bar of the House, and the Counsel having withdrawn from the House :

On motion, the following Papers were read by the Clerk, viz.

The Writ for the Electing of Two Members for the County of Cape-Breton, and the Return made by the Deputy Provost Marshal thereon.

A Copy of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Proclamation, dated 9th October, 1820; for re-annexing the Island of Cape-Breton to the Province of Nova-Scotia ; and also,

The Statement of Charles R. Ward, the Deputy-Provost-Marshal of the Island of Cape-Breton, of the Votes given at the late Election for the County of Cap-Breton, and the House having heard Richard J. Uniacke, Esq. the sitting Member for the said County, touching the said Election, thereupon,

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, proceed further on the consideration of the Petition of Edmund Murray Dodd, relative to the Election for the County of Cape-Breton.

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

Tuesday, 13th February, 1821.

PRAYERS

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the Improvement of Glebe and School Lands in this Province, was read a second time,

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the Letter from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to Mr. Speaker, and the Papers accompanying the same, relative to the Custom-House, be referred to the Committee who prepared the Address of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Custom-House, and that the said Committee do examine into the said Papers and report thereon to the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province; also,

A 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 and Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors; and also,

A Bill to continue 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 Merchandize, imported into this Province.

The Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill, entitled, An Act passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to enable Creditors to receive their just Debts out of the Effects of their Absent or Absconding Debtors.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act imposing a Duty on Live Stock, and other Articles, imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act, in addition to, and alteration of, an Act, made and passed in the present Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia, to the Island of Cape-Breton, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie offered to the House a Petition which he stated to be from a number of the Freeholders of the County of Cape-Breton, complaining of an undue Election for that County; and moved that the same be received, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to the further consideration of the Petition of Edmund M. Dodd, on the subject of the late Election for the County of Cape-Breton: and thereupon,

Mr. Marshall moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House, that no Persons but Freeholders were entitled to vote at the late Election for the County of Cape-Breton, which being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolution, as follows, viz.

Leave out the whole of the words from the word "Resolution," and insert in place thereof the words following, viz.

That

That the Petition of Edmund Murray Dodd to this House, complaining of an undue Election for the County of Cape-Breton, be dismissed; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, twenty-two; against it, ten:

For the Amendment,

Mr. Albro
Mr. Grassie
Mr. Blair
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Fier
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. McKinnon
Mr. Archibald
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Binyuy
Mr. Morse

Mr. Haliburton
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Heckman
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Smith
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Roach

Against the Amendment,

Mr. Church
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Fraser
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Young
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Bishop
Mr. James

So it passed in the affirmative, and the said Petition was accordingly dismissed.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to authorise the cancelling Treasury Notes, heretofore issued, and to issue others in lieu thereof; 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, 14th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorise the cancelling of Treasury Notes heretofore issued, and to issue others in lieu thereof; and also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in alteration of, an Act, made and passed in the present Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia, to the Island of Cape-Breton, were severally read a second time.

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

The Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

On motion the Petition of John Merkle and others, was read; and the Bill to quiet and confirm Jacob Shaffroth in the title and possession of a Piece of Ground, formerly laid off and used as a Road on the Peninsula of Halifax, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie moved that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House; which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

On motion, *resolved*, that the consideration of the said Bill be deferred to the next Session.

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to extend part of an Act, in amendment of an Act relating to the repairing and paving the Streets in the Town of Halifax; and also the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act, in addition to, and in alteration of an Act, made and passed in the present Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia to the Island of Cape-Breton, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to authorise the cancelling of Treasury Notes, heretofore issued, and to issue others in lieu thereof, and had agreed to the said Bill, except the last clause of the same; and that the Committee have deferred the consideration of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the improvement of the Grange and School Lands in this Province, to the next Session; and had also deferred the consideration of the Bill relative to the Halifax Steam-Boat Company; and also, the Bill for the preservation of the Herring Fishery within

within the Bacon of Annapolis, severally, to this day three months; 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 several Bills to them referred, which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Council, reported without amendment, be read a third time.

Ordered, That the Bill in amendment of an Act relating to the repairing and paving the Streets, in the Town of Halifax; and also, the Bill to authorise the cancelling of Treasury Notes, and to issue others in lieu thereof, as reported by the Committee, be engrossed.

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

Thursday, 15th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on Sambro Island.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Church moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That a sum of £500, to be deducted from the sum of £10,000, heretofore granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, in the present year, be applied for the opening and improving Roads, to, from and through, the New Settlements, to be expended under the direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eight; against it, twenty-five: So it passed in the negative.

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

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 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.

Friday, 16th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Marshall moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

The House having re-considered the Resolution passed on the fifth of this month, for the general division of the sum of £10,000, set apart for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, and finding it requisite to make some alterations in the same, *resolved*, that the following division of the said sum be substituted in the stead of the one agreed upon by the former Resolution, viz.

For making and repairing Roads, to and through the New Settlements in the Province, to be expended under the direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.	}	£500
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For

For the Main Windsor Road	-	-	£350
For the Main Truro Road	-	-	350
For the County of Cape Breton	-	-	1000
For the District of Halifax	-	-	730
Colchester	-	-	670
Pictou	-	-	720
For the County of Sydney	-	-	770
Shelburne	-	-	765
Hants	-	-	720
King's County	-	-	655
Annapolis	-	-	730
Queen's County	-	-	680
Cumberland	-	-	670
Lunenburg	-	-	680
			————— £10,000

which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Archibald moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds be taken from the division heretofore made, for the several Counties following: that is to say,

For the County of Annapolis	-	£.125
Lunenburg	-	140
Halifax	-	49
Hants	-	25
King's County	-	20
		————— £350.

To be applied under the directions of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, upon the Roads through the new Settlements in the Western Parts of the Province, which being seconded, thereupon, Mr. Marshall moved, an amendment to the foregoing Resolution, in the words following, viz. Leave out the whole of the words from the word "Resolution," and insert in the place thereof, viz.

That the sum of £600, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of making or repairing Roads to and through new Settlements in the Province, and for repairing the Road leading from Halifax to Sackville, including the repairs of Sackville Bridge, the same to be deducted from the sums set apart for the several Counties and Districts, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, eleven; against it twenty:

For the Amendment.

Mr. James
Mr. Heckman
Mr. Grassie
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Church
Mr. Poole
Mr. Ruggles

Against the Amendment,

Mr. Smith
Mr. Young
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Albro
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Wells
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Blair
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Wier
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Morse
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Denison
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Bishop

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then put to the House, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution, Nineteen; against it Thirteen:

For the Resolution,

Mr. Smith
Mr. Young
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Albro
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Wells
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Wier
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Morse
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Denison
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Bishop

Against the Resolution.

Mr. James
Mr. Heckman
Mr. Grassie
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Church
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Poole
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Blair

So it passed in the affirmative.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in addition to and in alteration of an Act, made and passed in the present session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia to the Island of Cape-Breton, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without any amendment.

An engrossed Bill to authorise the Cancelling of Treasury Notes, and to issue others in lieu thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to authorise the Cancelling of Treasury Notes, and to issue others in lieu thereof.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act, relating to the repairing and paving the Streets in Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend part of an Act passed in the fiftieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, in amendment of an Act relating to the repairing and paving the Streets in the Town of Halifax, to the Towns of Annapolis and Digby.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts, for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleansing 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 late Majesty's reign.

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

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. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens; also, a Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light Houses; and also, the Bill to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House 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 several Bills to them referred, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors and other Officers of Impost and Excise, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Impose a Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do 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 on the General State of the Province do manage this Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a Conference as desired by this House.

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

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the support of Light-Houses, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee, on the subject of the Militia, and presented a Bill 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, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time, and the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Poole took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Saturday, 17th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the support of Light-Houses, and also,

A Bill in amendment of the Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors and other Officers of Impost and Excise, were severally read a second time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the Auction Duty Bill, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported, that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House.

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

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion of Mr. Grassie, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the present state of the Fisheries, and to report to this House if any, and what, encouragements are wanting to promote and increase that valuable branch of Trade to the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Grassie, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. J. I. Chipman, Mr. W. H. Roach and Mr. Poole, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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. Poole 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 greater Security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia; The Bill for the better support of Light-Houses; and also, the Bill to continue the several Acts, now in force, for regulating the expenditure of Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges; and that he was directed by the Committee to report the said Bills to the House 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 several Bills to them referred, which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue an Act to provide for the Accommodation and Billetting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia: and the same was read a first time.

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

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

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions, before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light-Houses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light-Houses.

An engrossed Bill for the better support of Light-Houses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the better support of Light-Houses.

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

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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein; also

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions, before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light Houses; also,

A Bill, entitled, an Act to extend part of an Act, passed in the fiftieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, in amendment of an Act, relating to the repairing and paying the Streets in the Town of Halifax, to the Towns of Annapolis and Digby; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue 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 late Majesty's reign.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to impose a Duty on Articles sold at Public Auction.

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the better support of Light-Houses, and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the first year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Third, entitled, An Act for the repairing and mending Highways, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships in this Province, severally with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, with this House, on the subject of the Treasury Note Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. W. A. Chipman and Mr. Uniacke, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion of Mr. J. I. Chipman, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare, and bring in, a Bill to impose a Duty on the Sales of Goods at Public Auction.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. J. I. Chipman and Mr. Craffie, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

Monday, 19th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts, now in force, for regulating the expenditure of Monies 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 the several Acts now in force, regulating the expenditure of Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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

On motion, the amendments made by the Council to the Bill, in addition to an Act for the repairing and mending Highways, Bridges and Streets, &c. were read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the consideration of the said amendments be deferred to this day three months, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House attended 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, viz.

An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act for preventing Trespasses.

An Act to make perpetual an Act in addition to an Act for regulating the Common belonging to the Township of Lunenburg.

An Act to continue the several Acts for regulating the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax.

An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act to enable the Inhabitants of each Township to raise money for defraying the expense attending the running or perambulating the lines and bounds of the respective Townships in this Province.

An Act to make perpetual an Act to encourage persons engaged in the Lumber Trade, and authorising Courts of Sessions to make regulations for preventing obstructions in bringing the same, with other Articles, down the several rivers of the Province, and also, the Act in addition to, and amendment thereof.

An Act to continue an Act for raising an additional duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

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 and Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An Act to continue 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 for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An Act to make perpetual an Act for the Security of Navigation and for preserving all Ships, Vessels and Goods, which may be found on Shore, Wrecked or Stranded, upon the Coasts of this Province, and for punishing Persons who shall steal Shipwrecked Goods, and for the relief of Persons suffering loss thereby.

An Act to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and also the Act in addition to and in amendment thereof.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night.

An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly.

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to enable Creditors to receive their just debts out of the effects of their absent or absconding Debtors.

An Act to continue an Act, 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.

An Act to extend part of an Act, passed in the fiftieth year of His late Majesty's reign, in amendment of an Act relating to the repairing and paving the Streets in the Town of Halifax, to the Towns of Annapolis and Digby.

An Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the eighteenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax, and also the Act now in force in addition thereto.

An Act to continue the Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, and in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Exportation of Fish and the Assize of Barrels, Hoops, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same, and also the several Acts in amendment thereof.

An Act to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

An Act to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool and Cranberry Island Light-Houses.

An Act to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction for the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Officers to attend the same.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the

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 late Majesty's Reign.

An Act in addition to, and alteration of, an Act, made and passed in the present Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova-Scotia to the Island of Cape-Breton.

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. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

An engrossed Bill for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the better security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia; and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force.

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

On motion, *ordered*, that the Answers of the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs, to the Address of this House, dated 29th January last, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Custom-House, be entered upon the Journals at length, and the same are as follow, viz.

First Section.—The Principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs at Halifax, are at a loss to discover upon what evidence the general assertion, contained in this Section of the Address, is founded: they can only assure Your Excellency, that if the Coasting Trade of the Province suffers under any oppressive exactions, it is unknown to them, no Fees, to their knowledge, are received from that class of His Majesty's Subjects, but such as the Officers have a lawful right to take. The Fee Table, by which they are regulated, has lately undergone a minute investigation by the Honorable Commissioners, and the only irregularity they pointed out, was a trifling Fee, which the Table allows to a Principal Waiter; this Fee was received for upwards of forty years, and applied to the payment of a Clerk; but the Commissioners have lately ordered such appropriation to be discontinued, and this Fee to be dropped, which has been done; if there has been any irregularity, on the part of the Preventive Officers in the Out-Bays, it is unknown to us; no complaint has been made to us,—if there had, it is our special duty to attend to it. From statements made by the House of Assembly, we feel apprehensive that the House has been led into error, by the information received from a man of the name of Rumrell, who was a Clerk in the Custom-House, and had been dismissed for dishonesty, having been detected in altering a Fee Ticket, made out by the Comptroller: by which he exacted, from the Master of a Vessel, under colour of Fees, twenty shillings, which he took to his own use, more than the correct Ticket charged; besides which, he was detected in embezzling large sums of Money trusted to his care, in the Custom-House: and is now a fugitive, having made his escape from the County Jail.

Second Section.—As no particular instance is pointed out, in this Section of the Address, to shew where the Officers of the Customs have departed from the Fee Table, we can only reply by denying it: we are not conscious of any departure from that Table, either by us or our Predecessors; and, if Your Excellency requires it, we are ready to prove, that, so far from exacting the Fees we are entitled to, we are in the practice of receiving far under the amount, from a very extensive Class of His Majesty's Subjects engaged in a Coasting Trade which is not found lucrative.

Third Section.—The Fee Table we have the honour to submit to Your Excellency, is one, which, from Entries we find in the old Custom-House Books, we believe has been in use from the first Settlement of the Province, in the year 1769; it was examined and confirmed by the Board of Commissioners at Boston; it was again examined and certified in 1791, as the lawful Table, by Mr. Ainslie, Acting Surveyor-General of the Customs; and it is the Table by which we have always been governed, and the Fees specified therein we have a lawful right to receive, and we know of no alteration, except the discontinuance of the Principal Waiter's Fee, as before mentioned.

Fourth Section.—We cannot discover what foundation there is for the assertion in this Section, that Vessels, coasting from Halifax to any part of the Bay of Fundy, previous to the separation of the Province, paid only a Fee of five shillings and eleven pence: We can, if Your Excellency requires it, afford satisfactory proof that, so far back as the year 1778, Vessels going coastwise from Halifax to the Bay of Fundy, Canzo and Louisburg, paid thirteen shillings and three pence for each Entry, and thirteen shillings and three pence for each Clearance, making, in the whole, one pound six shillings and six pence, besides paying four shillings and six pence for a Coasting Cocket, when such paper was necessary.

Fifth Section.—We beg to refer Your Excellency to Entries in the Journals of the House of Assembly: the one, the 12th day of November, 1765; and the other, the 10th day of November, and the 7th and 12th December, 1787; these Entries will shew Your Excellency that the appointment of Deputies, and Preventive Officers, in the Out-Bays, did not originate either with the Commissioners of the Customs, or the Officers here, but took place at the request of the House of Assembly. When the Province of New-Brunswick became a separate Colony, the Rule which regulated the Fees as stated in our Reply to the fourth Section, ceased to apply; and Vessels trading between Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick became subject to all the Laws, Regulations and Fees; which Vessels trading from one British Colony to another are liable to, although we had a right to such Fees, we can prove to Your Excellency's satisfaction, that we have neither demanded or received, with a few exceptions, one half of the Fees, we have a right to take from Vessels trading between this Province, New-Brunswick, and the Islands of Cape-Breton and Prince Edward, since they were created separate Colonies. It is not for us to form any opinion as to what shall be denominated a Coasting Trade, the Acts of the 4th Geo. III. C. 15, Sec. 29, and

and the 5th Geo. III, Sec. 23, put this subject out of doubt; and Your Excellency will observe that the Copy of the Letter from the Hon. the Commissioners, which we have the honor to transmit herewith, shews that such is the opinion of His Majesty's Government, and we can prove, most satisfactorily to Your Excellency, that, so far from our distressing the Vessels trading to, and from, these neighbouring Colonies, that, to the injury of our own interest, it has been our constant study to relieve them, whenever we could consistent with our duty.

Sixth Section.—Brings to Your Excellency's notice, a subject on which it would be presumption on our part to make any observation.

Seventh Section.—This being a question of Law, we reply, that we are governed by Acts of Parliament, which we are sworn to execute, and must obey.

Eighth Section.—We are strangers to the rights which the Inhabitants of this Province conceive they derive under any Acts of Parliament: all we can say is, that no legal right belonging to them has been infringed or violated by any Officers of the Customs, to our knowledge.

Ninth Section.—By the 7th and 8th Wm. III. Cap. 22, Officers of the Customs, in America, are given the same powers which the same Officers have in England; and Vessels coming in, or going out of, the Plantations, are made subject to the same rules and regulations which Vessels coming into, or going out of, the Ports of England, are liable to; and so far from the present number of Officers in this Port being useless, they are not, in our opinion, sufficient to do the duty required. The Collector of the Customs for the Port of Halifax, is obliged to pay, out of his own Fees, for the hire of extra persons to do the duty, and for other extra expences, upwards of £800 a year, upon an average, for several years past; besides which, every Officer is obliged to give a daily attendance, and depend wholly on Fees for their remuneration, which is an income that fluctuates every year, and rests altogether on the uncertainty of Commercial Speculation; the present right of the Officers of the Customs to Fees originated from the 27th Section of the 5th Geo. III, Cap. 45, by which, with the Act of the 10th Geo. III, made perpetual by the 45th of His late Majesty's reign, a right is expressly given to the Officers to receive their Fees, independent of any Law or Act of Assembly made in the Plantations.

Tenth Section.—What may be the motives which influence the House of Assembly in their intentions to pass an Act, declaratory of the Fees to be received from Vessels engaged in the Coasting Trade, it is not for us to say, the only observations we can make on this subject, are, that such an Act would be directly repugnant to the British Statutes of the 7th and 8th Wm. and Mary, Cap. 22, Sec. 9, and to the 19th Geo. III, Cap. 37, Sec. 2, as well as to several of the other Laws of Trade and Navigation; and we expressly declare that we know of no just complaint which any of His Majesty's Subjects, using the Coasting Trade of this Province, have made, or can make, against the Officers of the Customs for disturbing them in the enjoyment of any legal right they possess.

Eleventh Section.—We positively deny that we have taken or demanded any Fee from Vessels using the Coasting Trade, which is not sanctioned by Act of Parliament, but on the contrary we receive much less, and this we are ready to prove, and we refer Your Excellency to the Journals of the House of Assembly, on the 9th, 12th, 14th, 15th and 17th of April, 1790, when the subject of the Fees taken by the Custom-House was fully considered in the House of Assembly; from which time, until the Session of last year, we have never heard of any complaint on that subject. The then Collector delivered a list of the Fees which the Officers of the Customs then received, which list is entered on the Journals: we have compared it with the established Table of Fees by which we are governed, and find but little difference. That on the Journals exceeds, in a few trifling instances, the one under which we act: we charge nothing for open Boats bringing the produce of the Province. And we assure Your Excellency, that we do not receive from the Coasting Trade, within one half the amount of the Fees we are entitled to, under the established Table. And although we do not consider ourselves bound by the compact which our Predecessor made with the House of Assembly, yet we have never refused the benefit of it to any of the Coasting Vessels which desired it, but they generally prefer paying the usual Fees upon each trip, instead of taking the quarterly Sufferance, mentioned in such stipulation; and we can appeal to all those now living, who served in the Custom-House at Halifax, prior to our appointment, and call on them to declare on oath, whether we have in any, and what, respect deviated from the practice of our Predecessors, or demand or receive any Fee which we have not a legal right to, and we have never heard of any complaint since the explanation which took place in the year 1790, until the last Session of General Assembly.

(Signed)

THOMAS N. JEFFERY, *Collector*,
JOHN WALLACE, *Comptroller*.

Custom-House, Halifax, 8th February, 1821.

Mr. Frazer reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the Papers and Answers, transmitted by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Custom-House, and to report thereon, 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 deliberately and attentively examined the several Papers to them referred, and now submit to the House their Report thereon, viz. That the general statement of grievances and exactions, made in the first Section of the Address, but more particularly expressed in the subsequent parts of it, are founded on the declarations and documents afforded the House by the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs, in the Session of 1820. That the present Comptroller was not then in Office; but that exactions, not sanctioned by any Law, were perfectly within the knowledge of the Collector of His Majesty's Customs. That the Principal Waiter's Fee, mentioned by the Officers of the Customs, in their Answer to the first Section of the Address, was ordered, by the Commissioners of the Customs, by their Letter of July, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, to be discontinued, as unwarrantable. That such Letter was received by the Collector in the month of August, in that year; but that, in open defiance of such order, he continued to receive and take this Fee, up to the Inquiry instituted by the House of Assembly the last Session.

That it does not appear to the Committee, that the House have been led into any error, in the information afforded by a person of the name of Rumrell, or that he has been guilty of any crime or offence, that would render him an incompetent Witness in a Court of Common Law; that his evidence and examination, as far as it supports the unwarrantable taking of the Principal Waiter's Fee, after the order to discontinue it, the Collector of His Majesty's Customs ought not to doubt or disbelieve, because such evidence is corroborated by the declaration of the Collector himself, and that of his head Clerk, in Office, Mr. Best.

That a Copy of such Letter, from the Commissioners of the Customs, directing the discontinuance of this Fee, together with the examination of Mr. Rumrell and Best, proving the disobedience of this order, is hereunto annexed.

The Committee do further report, upon the Answer to the Second Section of the Address,

That, they do conceive there has been a very wide departure, by the Officers of the Customs, from the Fee Table, as originally established; that this Fee Table has been so altered, and lately so, by giving such an augmentation of Fees to the Officers of the Customs, upon the Coasting Trade, as to render the Table liable to much uncertainty and suspicion. The

The Committee do report, upon the Answer to the third Section of the Address, that the facts, therein stated, are in contradiction to former statements upon the Journals of the House, officially made by the Collector and former Comptroller of the Customs; that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, a Table of Fees, received at the Custom-House in this Province, was transmitted by the then Collector, H. Newton; which he stated was the Table confirmed by the American Board of Commissioners, and the Board at London. That this Fee Table is entered upon the printed Journals of the House of Assembly, for that year; that, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, the attention of the House of Assembly, was again called to an inquiry into the rate of Fees then received in the Custom-House, and the Principal Officers of the Customs (of whom the present Collector was one) were directed by Sir J. Wentworth to transmit the Table of Fees, by which they were then governed. That the present Collector and the former Comptroller, did, by their letter, which is hereunto annexed, declare that they were then guided, in the Fees received at the Custom-House, "by the Table given in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and as appeared by the records of the House of Assembly, for that year."

That, during the last Session, upon an application made to Lord Dalhousie, the Collector of the Customs delivered to the House of Assembly a Table of Fees, by which he stated he was then governed. That this last Table agrees with the one now transmitted to the House by His Excellency Sir James Kempt. But, that there is a great and manifest difference between these last Tables, and the one on the Journals of the House in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and referred to by the present Collector as his guide in one thousand eight hundred and seven. That a difference not only exists in the classification of the Vessels, and in the Rates payable by such Class. That services are not only made in the late Table to attach generally on all Vessels, which, in the Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and governing the Custom-House in one thousand eight hundred and seven, were specified to be payable only by Vessels engaged in Foreign Trade; but that new Services and Fees are expressed in the Table transmitted to His Excellency, which had no existence in the Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and guiding the Custom-House in one thousand eight hundred and seven. That the Committee here deem it expedient, for the satisfaction and better information of the House, to particularize such differences.

In the Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, regulating the Custom-House in one thousand eight hundred and seven,

The first class of Vessels are from Europe, Asia, Africa, West-Indies and Foreign Ports. No such class described in the Table transmitted to His Excellency.

Second Class.—Vessels from Quebec, New-Brunswick, Newfoundland: no such class named in the Table transmitted to His Excellency.

Third Class.—Vessels from Cape-Breton, Island of St. John, and Bay of Fundy.

Fourth Class.—Vessels Coastwise from Cape-Sable, Cape-Canso, or Vessels to fish on the Coast, pay for their Entry or Clearance five shillings and one penny.

By the Table transmitted to His Excellency, the Island of St. John is not mentioned; and Vessels from Canso pay ten shillings and six pence for each Entry or Clearance, double the rate specified for those Vessels in the Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and received by the Collector in one thousand eight hundred and seven.

There is not, in the Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, any specific charge for Foreign top-sails, or a discretionary right given the Custom-House in the application of such charge.

In the Table transmitted to His Excellency, there is the new service created, and a new Fee of ten shillings and six pence affixed to it.

In the Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, regulating the Custom-House in one thousand eight hundred and seven,

Reports inwards and outwards, applied expressly to Foreign Trade:

Sufferances to load, or unload, applied expressly to Foreign Trade.

Bills of Stores, and lists of Men, applied expressly to Foreign Trade.

Anchorage of Vessels applied expressly to Foreign Trade.

In the Table transmitted to His Excellency, the words "Foreign Trade" are omitted after each Service, and those Services and Fees made to attach generally on all Vessels, which, in the former Table, were particularly confined to Foreign Trade.

In the Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, regulating the Custom-House in one thousand eight hundred and seven, the Service or Charge for a Bill of Health is not mentioned.

In the Table transmitted to His Excellency, a new Charge and Service is created, and a Fee of eleven shillings and eight pence affixed to it.

Which of these Fee Tables is the correct one, established in one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, and by which alone the Officers of the Customs can legally enforce a payment from the Subject, the Committee are at a loss to determine.

It appears plain to the Committee that the one on the Journals of the House, of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and referred to by the present Collector, could not, so far as respects New-Brunswick, have been the Table established in one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, because the Entry and Clearance of a Vessel from New-Brunswick is there mentioned in express terms; in one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine it was part of the Province of Nova-Scotia, known by the appellation of the County of Sunbury, and did not assume the name of New-Brunswick till it was erected into a distinct Province; fifteen years after the Fee Table was established.

It appears still more plain to the Committee, that the Table transmitted by the Principal Officers of the Customs to His Excellency Sir James Kempt, cannot be the correct one in use from the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, and by which the Officers have, as they state, always been governed, because the Table entered upon the Journals of the House, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and officially delivered in by the Principal Officer in that Department, must, from that time, be considered as a Record, and as affording the best proof of the usage and rate of Fees as they then existed. That such Table is further confirmed by an official Letter, from the Officers of the Customs, in one thousand eight hundred and seven, to Sir J. Wentworth, wherein the present Collector particularly states, that the Fee Table, by which the Department of the Customs was then regulated, was the same as the one apparent on the Records of the House for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

That the Fee Table, transmitted to His Excellency Sir James Kempt, purports to have been signed and examined by Mr. Ainslie, the Acting Surveyor-General, in one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one: but it does not appear, that Mr. Ainslie had, or could possess, any authority or power to increase and augment the Fees beyond what the subject paid under the Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, nor does it appear when the Officers of the Customs began to act under this Table, as in one thousand eight hundred and seven they expressly declare they were governed by a different one.

The Committee report, upon the answer to the Fourth Section,

That there is sufficient proof for the assertion, that Coasters paid only the rate specified in the Fourth Section of the Address; that under the uncertainty conveyed by the different Fee Tables, respecting the Fees payable by Vessels Coasting between the Ports of this Province and the now Province of New-Brunswick, previous to the separation, it became necessary to obtain information from persons now alive, and in the service of the Customs, at the time New-Brunswick formed part of the Province of Nova-Scotia. That J. Slayter, the former Comptroller of the Customs, whose examination is hereunto annexed,

nexed, declares that he has been in the Service of the Customs for upwards of thirty years; that when he came into Office as Comptroller, all Vessels trading between the Port of Halifax and other Ports in this Province, and the Port of St. John and other Ports of New-Brunswick, were considered as Coasters, and paid Fees as such, conformably to the Table of Fees referred to in his examination, which Table was the one delivered to the House the last Session, and similar to the one transmitted by His Excellency, which fixes the Entry and Clearance together at five shillings and eleven pence, the sum specified in the Address. In corroboration of such Declaration of the Comptroller, the Committee hereunto also annex the Copy of a Letter, delivered by the Collector of the Customs to this House, the last Session, from Messrs. Dean, Thompson and Wyke, Commissioners appointed by the Customs in England, in one thousand eight hundred and eleven, to enquire into abuses in the Custom-House Departments in the Colonies: the letter is dated from Halifax, where these persons then were, investigating the abuses and regulating the concerns of the Custom-House, and must be supposed well acquainted with the Trade and Commerce of the neighbouring Provinces, and fully competent to understand the Orders they issued. In this Letter they particularly state to the present Collector, that the Coasting Trade is not to be restricted to the Ports of this Province, but to be extended to Vessels trading and passing to the neighbouring Provinces, and direct the Collector to receive and take the Fees upon Coasters only, as specified in the Table. The Committee further state, that, although this appears to have been the direction conveyed to the present Collector in one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and not countermanded, except by Letter from the Commissioners, in one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, a copy of which has been transmitted by His Excellency; yet, during the period of one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, Fees were still received by the Collector from Vessels trading and passing to and from the neighbouring Provinces, as for Vessels trading and passing from distinct and separate Colonies.

The Committee further state, that, by the Fee Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, which regulated the Custom-House Department in one thousand eight hundred and seven, Vessels from Canso paid only five shillings and one penny for each Entry or Clearance, and not thirteen shillings and three pence, as stated by the Officers of the Customs, in answer to the fourth Section.

The Committee report, upon the answer to the fifth Section.

That no complaint was made by the House in their Address, to the appointment of Officers in the Out-Ports, but only of the excess of Fees exacted upon Vessels trading to the Ports of New-Brunswick since the dismemberment, which excess the Committee do state to be unauthorised by any Act of Parliament, to be contrary to the Table of Fees of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and to every principle of justice. That if the Fees, as now exacted, amount only, as the Officers of the Customs state, to one half of what they would be legally entitled to, the Committee conceive it to be an additional reason for bringing the grievance immediately to the knowledge of His Majesty's Government; that if the Principal Officers of the Customs had felt any inclination to obey the Orders of the Commissioners, dated at Halifax the 28th October, 1811, and in the foregoing Section alluded to, they would have had no difficulty in ascertaining what was to be deemed a Coasting Trade, or what Fees were to be received from Vessels using such Trade; or had they, as they state, constantly studied to relieve this Trade, their duty, and good wishes for its relief, would have been better exemplified by a ready obedience to that Letter, than mere expressions of desire to do so.

The Committee report, upon the Answer to the sixth and seventh Sections.

That the Principal Officers of the Customs, have deemed those Sections unanswerable.

The Committee report, upon the Answer to the eighth Section.

That the legal rights of the Inhabitants of this Province, using the Coasting Trade, have been both infringed on, and violated, by the recent Table of Fees, acted upon at the Custom-House, as appears by the Documents annexed, in support of the third Section of the Address.

The Committee report, upon the Answer to the ninth Section.

That so far from the number of Officers in the Customs not being sufficient to do the duty required of each: it appears by the Answer of the Collector, at the Bar of the House, that his Deputies in the Out or Member-Ports cannot only do the duty, but receive the Fees of four different Officers, the Deputy-Collector, Deputy-Comptroller, Deputy-Surveyor and Searcher, and Deputy-Tide-Waiter. That no question is raised by the ninth Section of the Address, as to the validity of the Act of Parliament, which gives a right to the Officers of the Customs to receive their Fees, the difficulty only arises upon the rate of such Fees, and how far either of the two Tables, produced by the Officers of the Customs, can by fixed usage and custom be traced back as the Table established in one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, and confirmed by the English Statute of the succeeding year.

In reporting, upon the Answer to the tenth Section of the Address,

The Committee cannot forbear remarking, that the motives which influenced the House of Assembly, in their intention to pass a Declaratory Act, of the Fees receivable from Vessels using the Coasting Trade, were to prevent the arbitrary imposition of Fees upon the Subject, under the two different Tables used in the Custom-House regulation. That the Declaratory Act would only go to render certain the Fees upon Coasters; and had such an Act been passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, the irregularity, alteration and confusion, which has since crept into those Tables to the great increase of Fees to the Department, and consequent exaction and ruin of the Coasters, would have been obviated.

The Committee, upon the answer to the eleventh Section.

Do report, that they cannot find any Act of Parliament which authorises, or sanctions, two several Fee Tables, or Rates of Fees, by which the Officers of the Customs, in the Colonies, are to be governed, in respect to the Coasting Trade; that the Committee view with much surprize, the assertion made by the Principal Officers of the Customs, that, from the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, until the last Session of Assembly, they never heard of any complaint, made by the Subject, of Custom-House Fees, when, in consequence of Petitions from Persons so complaining, the present Collector, under the Order of Sir J. Wentworth, in one thousand eight hundred and seven, to transmit a Table of the Fees by which he was then governed, referred, by his letter before mentioned, to the Table of one thousand seven hundred and ninety, entered upon the Records of the House. That the Officers of the Customs can have no claim to any merit in not charging open Boats, bringing the Produce of the Province, because no Fee has as yet crept into either Fee Table, to sanction or authorise it.

The Committee do lastly report, that it would be quite unnecessary, in the Officers of the Customs, to appeal to the Oath of any person, to show a deviation from the practice of their predecessors, in the taking of Fees, while the Fee Table they have delivered to His Excellency, as their present guide, differs so materially from the one they were governed by in one thousand eight hundred and seven, and referred to on the Journals of one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Mr. Frazer also delivered to the House the undermentioned Documents referred to in the foregoing Report, viz.

A Copy of an Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Board of Customs, dated London, 10th July, 1819, to the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs, relative to the Principal Waiter's Fee.

A Copy of the Examination of Mr. F. C. Rumyell, before a Committee of the House in the last Session.

A Copy of the Examination of Mr. Richard Best, Clerk in the Custom-House, ditto.

A Copy of the Examination of J. Slayter, Esq. late Comptroller of the Customs, ditto.

A Copy of a Letter from R. B. Dean, George Thompson and George Wyke, to the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs, dated Halifax, 28th October, 1811, on the subject of the Coasting Trade of the Province.

A Copy of the Table of Fees taken by the Officers of the Customs at the Port of Halifax, Nova-Scotia, as laid before the House in the last Session.

A Copy of the Table of Fees taken by ditto, ditto, as entered upon the Journals of the House under date 9th April, 1790; and also,

A Copy of a Letter from the Collector and Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs, to the late Sir J. Wentworth, dated Halifax, 3d January, 1807.

Ordered, That the said Report and Documents do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 20th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, that a Copy of the Report made by the Committee upon the Papers submitted to the House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, upon the subject of the Custom-House, be immediately transmitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Documents accompanying the same.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the said Report be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill for regulating the Expenditure of Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the Conference, as desired by the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. W. A. Chipman and Mr. Blair, 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 he stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Laws now in force for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House.

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

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Ritchie reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and he 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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration His Excellency's Message, on the subject of the Dalhousie College.

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

Wednesday, 21st February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee, appointed to report such alterations, if any, as are necessary to be made in the Revenue Laws, 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 on a careful examination of those Laws, and enquiring into the manner of executing the same, and the mode of keeping the Accounts with Stock-Holders, it appears to the Committee, that an additional Clause should be added to the Revenue Laws, by which, in case of seizure of any Ship or Vessel, for a breach of those Laws, the burthen of proof should be cast on the Claimant. It also appears to the Committee, that a Clause should be added, by which it shall be incumbent on all persons, who shall import or bring into this Province any Rum, Wine, Brandy, Gin, or other distilled Spirituous Liquors, which he or they may deem expedient and necessary, in order to save the article to start into other Casks, to have present at such time the Land-Waiter, or Surveyor and Guager, who shall examine, gauge and mark, such other Cask or Casks into which such article shall be started ; and in case of refusal or neglect, to have such person present, as aforesaid, then the article to be liable to Seizure, and be forfeited. The Committee further report, that it appears that the Collector of Impost and Excise of the District of Halifax has not hitherto kept his Books pursuant to the provisions of the Act regulating the appointment of Collectors, and other Officers of Impost and Excise. That he keeps a Cash Account, but no regular Stock Account with Stock-Holders in such manner as clearly to ascertain the different transfers of Stock, and that dutiable articles are frequently removed from the Stock of Individuals without the regular Permits. The Committee are of opinion, that, without a rigid compliance with the Laws in this respect, it will be impossible to secure the Revenue properly, or to prevent an evasion of the payment of the duties.

The Committee therefore recommend, that the Collectors should be required strictly to comply with every part of those enactments, on pain of the forfeiture of his Office, pursuant to the seventh Section of the Statute.

The Committee have observed that the Commission allowed by Law, is three and a half per cent. and limited, by the Revenue Laws, not to exceed seven hundred pounds in one year, and in some of the additional Duty Bills no Commission was allowed. The Committee are of opinion that a Commission of two per cent. on the collection of the whole Revenue, which shall be paid into the Treasury, will be most advantageous to the Public, and will afford an ample compensation to the Collector.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The Orders of the Day were read ; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Copy of the Report made by the Committee upon the subject of the Custom-House, be discharged from the performance of that duty, until the further Order of the House ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine ; against it, twenty-one :

For the Motion,

Mr. Freeman
 Mr. Grassie
 Mr. Archibald
 Mr. Uniacke
 Mr. R. Dickson
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. W. Dickson
 Mr. T. Dickson
 Mr. M. Kinnon

Against the Motion,

Mr. Fraser
 Mr. Haliburton
 Mr. Heckman
 Mr. Wells
 Mr. Marshall
 Mr. Church
 Mr. Campbell
 Mr. Wier
 Mr. Poole
 Mr. Albro

Mr. Flemming
 Mr. Ruggles
 Mr. Bingay
 Mr. Robinson
 Mr. Lawson
 Mr. Young
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. W. A. Chipman
 Mr. Ritchie
 Mr. James
 Mr. Denison

So it passed in the negative.

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

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 the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, as is as follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £.1250 should be granted and applied for the improvement of Agriculture, under the direction of the Provincial Agricultural Society, according to a Scale agreed upon by the Society, of which a sum not exceeding £250 shall be applied to the payment of the Secretary and Treasurer.

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 thereupon,

Mr. W. H. Roach moved that the said Resolution be not agreed to ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen ; against it, twenty.

For the Motion,

Mr. W. H. Roach
 Mr. Robertson
 Mr. M. Kinnon
 Mr. Ruggles
 Mr. Lawson
 Mr. Fraser
 Mr. Heckman
 Mr. Young
 Mr. Campbell
 Mr. Bingay
 Mr. Wells
 Mr. Church
 Mr. Ritchie
 Mr. W. A. Chipman
 Mr. Denison

Against the Motion,

Mr. Grassie
 Mr. Blair
 Mr. J. I. Chipman
 Mr. Morse
 Mr. Haliburton
 Mr. Wier
 Mr. R. Dickson
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Freeman
 Mr. O'Brien

Mr. W. Dickson
 Mr. Dewolf
 Mr. Archibald
 Mr. Smith
 Mr. Uniacke
 Mr. Albro
 Mr. T. Dickson
 Mr. Roach
 Mr. Fleming
 Mr. Poole

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolution was then put, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts now in force, for regulating the expenditure of Monies, for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Dalhousie College, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the said Message.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue and amend the several Acts now in force, for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee, appointed to confer with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, on the General State of the Province; that the Joint Committee of the Council and this House had drawn up an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Plaster Paris Trade of the Province; and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

HIS Majesty's Council and House of Assembly beg leave to represent to Your Excellency the distressed state of a great number of His Majesty's Subjects, who have heretofore followed the occupation and business of quarrying, shipping and carrying, Plaster of Paris, in and from several Ports and Places in the Bay of Fundy, in consequence of an Act, made and passed in the Legislature of New-Brunswick on the twenty-fifth day of March last, entitled, "An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of that Province," and also, of an Act, passed in addition to the said Act, by the same Legislature, on the twenty-ninth day of the said month of March last.

By those Acts a duty of seven shillings and six pence per ton is imposed upon all Plaster of Paris or Gypsum which, after the passing of the same, should be brought or imported into the said Province of New-Brunswick, or landed or re-shipped within the same, which Acts are to continue in force for three years from the passing of the same, and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly of that Province.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly beg leave to state to Your Excellency, that Gypsum abounds chiefly in the neighbourhood of Windsor, and the upper part of the Bay of Fundy, on the Nova-Scotia side, and in the Eastern part of the Province, in the Gut of Canso and in the Bay of Antigonish; that it is only found in New-Brunswick in small quantities, and in situations inconvenient for shipping: that it is not used in that Province as a manure, nor applied there to any purpose as an article of consumption, but an extensive market is open for it in the Southern and middle parts of the United States of America.

Your Excellency will perceive that the Legislature of New-Brunswick, by passing the before-mentioned Acts, have availed themselves of the restrictive measures of the American Government, as it is well known to Your Excellency that their regulations prevent our Vessels from entering their Ports, and have endeavoured to extract an extensive Revenue from the People of Nova-Scotia, by imposing a duty upon that Article, which has nearly destroyed the Trade from which a large portion of the Inhabitants of this Province have, for many years, derived their chief support.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly therefore, most earnestly request that Your Excellency would be pleased to call the attention of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of New-Brunswick to these Laws, so injurious to His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and to request him to take measures to procure their repeal; and also to make such Communication to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the North American Station, as may induce him to withhold his assistance in the execution of these oppressive Laws.

His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, farther respectfully request, that, in case these Laws should not be repealed by the Legislature of New-Brunswick, Your Excellency would be pleased to represent this grievance to His Majesty, and humbly to solicit that His Majesty's assent should not be given to these Acts, and that such instructions may be given to the Executive Government of New-Brunswick, as may not only obtain speedy relief from the evil now complained of, but prevent their recurrence in future.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said Address, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to confer on the General State of the Province, do join with the Committee of the Council in presenting the said Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Thursday, 22d February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue and amend the several Acts now in force, for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Dewolf moved for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the expense of executing Commissions out of the Court of Chancery, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Frazer reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a copy of the Report and Documents upon the subject of the Papers, and answer of the Officers of the Customs, transmitted by His Excellency, relative to the Custom-House, that the Committee

Committee had, pursuant to order, waited upon His Excellency, and delivered to him the same, to which His Excellency was pleased to reply, that he would give such Report and Documents his attentive consideration, and if necessary to communicate further upon the subject would intimate the same to 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. Wells took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia; and also, the Bill in amendment of the Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors, and other Officers of Impost and Excise, and that he was directed by the Committee to report the said Bills to the House without any amendments. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to continue and amend the several Acts, now in force, for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province; and had made several amendments thereunto, 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 several Bills to them referred, which the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bill, as reported by 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 Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. Archibald then moved, that the Bill in amendment of the Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors, and other Officers of Impost and Excise, do not pass to be engrossed; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, twenty-two:

For the Motion,

Mr. M^r. Kinnon
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. J. I. Chipman
Mr. Roach
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. Bingay
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Poole

Against the Motion,

Mr. Marshall	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Smith	Mr. Heckman
Mr. Young	Mr. Robinson
Mr. James	Mr. Freeman
Mr. W. H. Roach	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Church
Mr. Haliburton	Mr. Wier
Mr. Grussie	Mr. Ritchie
Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Flemming
Mr. Wells	Mr. Morse
Mr. Albro	

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Bills reported by the Committee without amendment be engrossed.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to impose a Duty on the Sales of Goods at Public Auction, and accordingly presented a Bill to regulate Sales at Auction, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. J. I. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire, to the Town of Dartmouth; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved; That the Bills be read a second time.

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

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, passed in the first year of His late Majesty George the Third, entitled, An Act for repairing and mending Highways, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships in this Province.

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. 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 the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £20 11, should be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor at Cornwallis, for the like sum expended by them for the Diet, Doctor's Bill and Funeral Expenses, of William Coolster and Benjamin Blifs, two transient poor persons, who arrived and died there in the last year, per account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £250, should be granted and paid to the Halifax Steam-Boat Company, towards enabling them to keep their Boat plying between Halifax and Dartmouth.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House should not in future grant any sum of money to the Health-Officer visiting Vessels in the Harbour of Halifax, from Foreign Ports, having any Contagious Distempers on board, as they consider such Vessel or Vessels, the Master or Owner, ought to pay for such service.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of £239 7 9½, should be granted and paid to John Howe, Junr. Esq. Post-Master, for the purpose of paying off the Couriers employed in the Post-Communication, up to the 31st December, 1820.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of £802 4 9½ should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Province House, in full for their commissions upon the money by them expended for erecting the said Building, and to enable them to discharge the Debts due for building the said House, as per account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £99 13 10, should be granted and paid to Enos Collins and Joseph Allison, for a Drawback of the Duties on 108 Cwt. of Sugar, 1075 Gallons of Molasses, and 1242 Gallons of Brandy, exported by them, in the Months of March and November, 1818, to St. John's, Newfoundland, and the Island of Jamaica.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £71 2, should be granted and paid to Temple Piers and Lewis Piers, for a Drawback of the Duty on 1422 Gallons of Rum, exported to the United States of America, in the Months of May and September, in the year 1820.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding £600 should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended as he shall think proper, towards the obtaining of an actual Survey to be made of the lines and boundaries of the several Counties and Districts of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that there should be granted and paid the sum of £2 10 6; to James Titus. The sum of £5 10 6 to John Chute; and also, the further sum of £16 15 to Lewis Titus and fourteen others, whose names are subscribed to a certain Petition presented to the House of Assembly, in the present Session; being for the Bounty on 496 quintals of Cod Fish, caught and cured in the year 1819, as per Certificates lodged with the Treasurer of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £55, should be granted and paid to John F. J. Gschwind, in full for articles furnished, and services performed, by him, as Health-Officer for the Port of Halifax, in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £120 10 8 should be granted and paid to Reynolds & Co. for a Drawback of the Duties on 2323 gallons of Rum, and 1052 gallons of Molasses, exported to the United States of America, between the 12th August, 1819, and the 11th June, 1820.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £100 should be granted and paid to the Committee of the Poor Man's Friend Society in Halifax, to aid them in carrying into effect the benevolent intentions of that Society—one third part of the said sum to be paid by them to the Committee for managing the affairs of the Soup Establishment, in the said town.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £23 16 11, should be granted and paid to George Mitchell, for a Drawback of the Duty on 545 gallons of Rum, exported to Richebucto, in the Province of New-Brunswick, in the month of November, 1818.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £28 15 should be granted and paid to Wm. B. Higgins and Thomas Brown, in full for a Drawback of the Duty on 575 gallons of Rum, exported to New-York in the month of September, 1820.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of £100 should be granted and paid to Anthony H. Holland, as an encouragement to him for erecting a Mill for the making of Paper at Sackville.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £27 15 6 should be granted and paid to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. to defray the expense of Postage incurred by the correspondence with him as Provincial Agent.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £23 10 should be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province, being the amount of Premium on the several Votes of the Legislature, in the past and present Sessions, to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £125 should be granted and paid to the Adjutant-General of Militia; £50 thereof in full for his services for the last two years, and the remainder for the payment of his Clerk, Stationary and Postage, and in full for his services for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £500 should be granted and paid to the Commissioners for signing Treasury Notes, for their services as Commissioners since the year 1816, and to include the services the said Commissioners may perform during the present year, in issuing small Notes, under the Act which has passed in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £15 should be granted and paid to John Howe & Son, for printing the Acts passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, for transmission to England.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £400 should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, towards the support of that Establishment.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £145 & 8½ should be granted to complete the payment of the Fish Bounty Abstract, for the year 1819.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £40 should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Province House, to defray the expense of fitting up the Room in the said House, heretofore used as a Grand Jury Room, for the accommodation of the Members of Assembly, as a Committee-Room during their Sessions.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it should be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw by Warrant from the Treasury of the Province, the sum of £500, yearly, for the term of three years, for the purpose of paying two Inspecting Field-Officers of Militia.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding £862 10, should be granted and paid for defraying the expense of the Post-Communication in the present year, to include the Communication as heretofore kept up, and to extend the same from Manchester to Sydney, by way of Arichat; also from West-Chester, on the Cumberland Road, to Pugwash and Remsheg.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the relief of the Sufferers by the great Fire in September last, in the Township of Digby, and the Western part of the Township of Clements.

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 thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the Resolution for granting £20 11 for the expenses of transient Poor at Cornwallis, be not received by the House, which, being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, eighteen; against it eighteen; so Mr. Speaker gave his Casting-Vote for the motion.

Mr. O'Brien then moved, that the Resolution for granting £250 to the Steam-Boat Company be not received by the House, which, being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, five; against it, thirty-one.

For

For the Motion,

Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Young
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Church
Mr. Campbell

Against the Motion,

Mr. Morse	Mr. W. A. Chipman	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Marshall	Mr. Grassie	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Blair	Mr. J. I. Chipman	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Flemming	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Fraser
Mr. James	Mr. Bingay	Mr. Smith
Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Uniacke	Mr. Bishop
Mr. McKinnon	Mr. T. Dickson	Mr. Roach
Mr. Heckman	Mr. Freeman	Mr. Wier
Mr. Albro	Mr. Wells	Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. R. Dickson	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Poole
		Mr. Denison

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Haliburton then moved, that the Resolution respecting the payment, in future, of the Health Officer of the Port of Halifax, be not received by the House, which, being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, fourteen; against it, seventeen. So it passed in the Negative.

The said Resolutions, as passed in the Committee, (except the one relating to the transient Poor at Cornwallis,) were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Resolutions be sent to the Council for concurrence.

Pursuant to Order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House, a State of the subdivision of the several sums of Money, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges, in the respective Counties and Districts of the Province, viz.

Mr. Lawson, for the District of Halifax.	
Mr. W. Dickson, for the District of Colchester.	
Mr. Smith, for the District of Fictou.	
Mr. Roach, for the County of Cumberland.	
Mr. T. Dickson, for the County of Sydney.	
Mr. Bingay, for the County of Shelburne.	
Mr. W. A. Chipman, for the County of King's County.	
Mr. Haliburton, for the County of Hants.	
Mr. Dewolf, for the County of Queen's County, and the House taking the same under consideration, and also, the sums appropriated for the Great Roads, &c. thereupon,	
Mr. Haliburton moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.	
Resolved, That the sum of £400 appropriated for the Main Windsor Road, be applied as follows,	
From Fultz's to Pence's,	£175
From Pence's to Barden's,	75
From Barden's to, and including, Avon Bridge,	100
From Avon Bridge to Bishop's Bridge, one half to be applied between the Half } way River and Bishop's Bridge,	50
	————— £400

which being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Wells moved, that the said sum of £400 be applied as follows, viz.

From Fultz's to Pence's,	£125
Pence's to Barden's,	75
Barden's to the North side of Avon Bridge,	100
Avon Bridge to the Half-way River Bridge, including the said Bridge,	50
The Half-way River Bridge, to the North side of Bishop's Bridge,	50
	————— £400.

which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, seventeen; against it, eighteen:

For the Motion,

Mr. R. Dickson	Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Smith	Mr. Bishop
Mr. Grassie	Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. J. I. Chipman	Mr. Poole
Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Denison
Mr. T. Dickson	Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Wells	Mr. Bingay
Mr. Heckman	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Flemming	

Against the Motion,

Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Campbell
Mr. Young	Mr. Marshall
Mr. Albro	Mr. Blair
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Morse
Mr. McKinnon	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Uniacke	Mr. Freeman
Mr. Haliburton	Mr. Fraser
Mr. Wier	Mr. Archibald
Mr. Church	Mr. Roach

So it passed in the negative, and the foregoing Resolution was then, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the sum of £400 be applied for the Great Road from the Windsor Road to Truro.

Resolved, That the sum of £1,000 be applied for the service of Roads and Bridges within the County of Cape-Breton, and expended under the direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolved, That the sum of £350 be applied for the service of Roads and Bridges through the new Settlements, in the Western parts of the Province, to be taken from the division heretofore made, for the several Counties following, viz. : from the County of Annapolis, £125; of Lunenburg, £140; of Halifax, £40; of Hants, £25, and King's County, £20; and expended under the direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolved, That the sum of £710, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the District of Halifax, be applied as follows :

For the road from Kennedy's to the Cobiquid road, east of Fletcher's Bridge	£40	0	0
For the road from the Bridge near Johnson Colbeck's leading to John Lindsay's, from thence to M'Hal-	}	20	0
sey's Upper Line		0	0
For the road from Windsor Road, towards Rawdon, by Beaver Bank	20	0	0
For the road from John Crookshank's to William Cook's, and to aid in building a Bridge over Little River	20	0	0
For the road from Preston Saw Mills, to Musquodoboit River	100	0	0
For the road from Sheet Harbour, towards Musquodoboit	40	0	0
For the road from Robinson's, to Mrs. Green's, Lawrence Town	20	0	0
For the road from the Bridge at Brown's, to Gilbric's, on the Middle River, Musquodoboit	15	0	0
For the road from M'Dougall's, on the Guysborough Road, to the New Bridge, near Brown's	10	0	0
For repairing Black Brook Bridge, and the road from Moore's, Gay's River, to Johnson Colbeck's	20	0	0
For the road from Dartmouth to Sackville	20	0	0
For the Cross Road, between the Old and New Roads leading from Dartmouth to Preston, near the	}	15	0
Reverend Mr. Inglis's		0	0
For the road from Horn's, to Cumming's, in Cole Harbour	20	0	0
For the road from Cumming's, to George Bissett's	10	0	0
For the road from George Bissett's, to Cole Harbour Road	10	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants to open a road from the head of Lake Porter, to the road leading from Preston	}	25	0
Saw Mills, to Musquodoboit		0	0
For opening a road from the upper part of the Settlement of Lawrence Town, to the west side of Lake Porter	15	0	0
For the road leading from the Main Road, down the west side of Lake Porter	10	0	0
For the road leading from the Main Road, up the west side of Lake Porter	10	0	0
For the road from Fletcher's, on the west side of Shubenacadie Lake	10	0	0
For repairing the Bridges from boundary line of Lunenburg, to Smith's, at Hammond Plains	30	0	0
For the road from the Nine Mile River, towards Hammond Plains	20	0	0
For the road from Smith's, at Hammond Plains, towards Margaret's Bay	20	0	0
For the road from the Dutch Village, to the head of the North-West Arm	20	0	0
For the road from Dutch Village to Keizer's	10	0	0
For the road from the head of the North-West Arm, to Spryfield	20	0	0
For the road from Spryfield to Margaret's Bay	50	0	0
For the road from the forks of Margaret's Bay Road, near Umlah's, to Prospect	20	0	0
For the road from Spryfield to Harristfields	20	0	0
For the road from Spryfield to Herring Cove	10	0	0
For the road from Herring Cove to Catch Harbour	15	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants to rebuild the Bridge over the River at the head of Catch Harbour	15	0	0
For the road from Ferguson's Cove, to Herring Cove Road	10	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £700, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Colchester, be applied as follows :

For the road from Chigonish, to Cumberland County line	£20	0	0
For the road from Robert M'Nitt's, to Ramsheg Road, by Cottam's	10	0	0
For the road from John Graham's, to Ramsheg Road, by Totton's, including a Bridge at Folly-River	30	0	0
For the road from Folly River, to Asa Clark's, on the Cumberland Road	10	0	0
For the road from Asa Clark's, to the road leading from Bass River to River Philip	10	0	0
For the road from Londonderry to Folly Lake, on Ramsheg Road	15	0	0
For the road from Bass River to River Philip	10	0	0
For the road from Portipique Upper Settlement to Gabriel Purdy's, Westchester line	10	0	0
For the road from Great Village, to Economy	20	0	0
For the road from Crow's, to Cumberland Road, by M'Leilan's Farm	10	0	0
For the road from Economy River, to Parraborough line	10	0	0
For the road from Economy Bridge, to the Boat Landing at Minas Bason	10	0	0
For the road from Economy, to River Philip, Upper Settlement	10	0	0
For the road from John Dickson's, in Onslow, to the Pictou Road near Christie's	10	0	0
For the road from Tatmagoushe Road, to Solomon Rude's, by Catten's	10	0	0
For the road from Beard's Lane, to Crow's Mills	10	0	0

For the road from James Wilson's, to the Upper Settlers on Chigonish River	£10 6 0
For the road from Wm. Blair's Mill, to S. Nichol's Mill	10 0 0
For the road from George Crow's, to M'Collam's Bridge	10 0 0
For the road from M'Collam's Bridge, to Upham's	12 10 0
For the road from Upham's, towards River John	12 10 0
For the road from Upham's Mills, to the New Settlement of Kempt Town	30 0 0
For the road from Ouslow, to Tatamagouche	10 0 0
To assist in repairing the bridge by John Barnhill's	10 0 0
To assist in repairing the Bridge by James Curdy's	10 0 0
For the road from Crow's Mills, to Samuel Rude's	10 0 0
For the road from Asa Daniel's, to the Upper Settlement on the East Mountain of Ouslow	10 0 0
For the road from John Higgen's, to Crow's Mills	10 0 0
For the road from Dickey's, to Upper Stewiack	10 0 0
For the road from Upper Stewiack, to Musquodoboit	10 0 0
For the road from Halifax Road, to Stewiack, by Brookfield	10 0 0
For the road from Fort Ellis, to Robert Pollock's	10 0 0
For the road from Gay's River, to Shubenacadie Meeting House	10 0 0
For the road from Halifax Road, to Musquodoboit, by Sibley's	10 0 0
For the road from Creelman's Mills, to Dean's	30 0 0
For the road from H. Miller's, in Truro, to Middle Stewiack	10 0 0
For the road from the South Branch of Upper Stewiack, to the Boer's Bark, on the Halifax Road	10 0 0
For the road from Christie's, to Greenfield	20 0 0
For the road from Johnson Colbeck's, through Musquodoboit	10 0 0
For the road from Wm. Polly's, on the Halifax Road, to Middle Stewiack, by P. Steven's	15 0 0
For the road from Robert Logan's, in Upper Stewiack, to Pictou, through New Larwick	10 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants in re-building a Bridge at Joseph Fulton's, on the Main Road leading to Musquodoboit	10 0 0
For the road from the new Road leading from the Black Rock, in Truro, to open the Road past the late } Messrs. G. F. & Jno. Crow's Farm, on the Shubenacadie	5 15 0
For the road from Henry Hughes's, on the East side of the Shubenacadie River, to Green's River	20 0 0
For the road from Old Barns, to the Shubenacadie River, by Sanderson's	10 0 0
For the road from Henry Murphy's, to Robert Gray's, on the Road from Old Barns to Shubenacadie	15 0 0
For the road from George Young's Farm, to the Halifax Road, between Samuel Clark's and Dualap's Farms	10 0 0
For the road from the New Bridge near Alexander Handley's, to George Wilson's, in Truro	10 0 0
For the road leading from the Halifax Road, to Jonathan Archibald's Mills, at the foot of the Eleven Mile Lake	15 0 0
For the road from the Lower Village of Truro, to the Forks on the Halifax Road	10 0 0
For the road from the Lower Village of Truro, to the Old Barns	40 0 0
For the road from Christie's to the District line between Colchester and Pictou	29 5 0
For completing the Bridge over Green's River	

Resolved, That the sum of £750, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Pictou, be applied as follows :

For the Road and Bridges, from the line dividing Pictou and Colchester, towards Pictou	£75 0 0
For the road from River John, to Tatamagouche	30 0 0
For the road from River John, to Pictou	50 0 0
For the road and Bridges from the east River Bridge, to Blanchard's on the West River	70 0 0
For the road from New Glasgow, to the Pine Tree Gut	15 0 0
For the road from D. McDonald's, Little Harbour, to James Small's	10 0 0
For the roads and Bridges from the Pine Tree Gut, to the line of the County of Sydney	60 0 0
For the road from Charles Brown's, to M'Kay's Gut, joining the Road to Fisher's Grant	30 0 0
For the road and Bridges from Fisher's Grant, towards Alexander Grant's (Peter's son) Upper Settlement } East River	40 0 0
For the road from David M'Lean's, East River, to Grant's Mills	15 0 0
For the road from A. Grant (James's Son) towards St. Mary's	20 0 0
To open the Road on the south side of the West River from Angus M'Kay's upwards, to the New Settlement	20 0 0
For the new road from Green Hill to Stewiack by Fraser's Mill, through the New Settlements of Larig and Garloch	25 0 0
For the road from the New Settlements of New Larig and Garloch on the present line of Road, to the Middle River	10 0 0
For the road from the West Branch of River John, towards Roger's Hill	20 0 0
For the road from John Mattheson's, Roger's Hill, to the Main Road leading to Pictou	10 0 0
For the road leading from Cape John towards Pictou, alongshore by Carriboo	25 0 0
For the road from Denoon's to Carriboo, round the shore by David Lowden's	10 0 0
For the road from the Little Island, to the Middle River Mills	10 0 0
For the road from the Little Island, through Lochbroon, to the West River Bridge	10 0 0
For the road from Alexander Fraser's on the Mountain betwixt the Middle and East River, to Gray's Mills } on the East River, and to assist the Inhabitants to build a Bridge across the River at the Mills	20 0 0
For the road from Abercrombie's Point, towards the West Branch East River	35 0 0
For the road from Fisher's Grant, to Little Harbour	20 0 0
To open a road from Roger's Hill, to Dalhousie Settlement	10 0 0
To open a road from M'Lellan's Mountain, East River, to the Head of the Tide, on such line of Road as } may best suit the convenience of the Inhabitants, to be fixed by a Jury	15 0 0
For the road leading from D. Langil's, River John, up the said River	10 0 0
For the road from Middle River Mills, to the Black Point	10 0 0
To open a road from the New Settlement at Andrew Munro's, by Robert M'Conund's, to the River John Road, } leading towards Pictou	10 0 0
For the road from the East River, to M'Lellan's Brook, by Alexander M'Donald's	20 0 0
For the road from M'Lellan's Mountain, towards St. Mary's	15 0 0

To assist the Inhabitants to open a Road from the East River, Upper Settlement, towards Musquodoboit £20 0 0
 To open and make a Road from Little Harbour by New Blyth, to the East River, by Andrew Anderson's 10 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of £800, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney, be applied, as follows :

For the road from the District Line of Picton, to Malignant Cove	£80 0 0
For the road from Malignant Cove, to Dorchester Village	50 0 0
For the road from Dorchester Village, to Roderick M'Donald's	45 0 0
For the road from John Whidden's Saw Mill, to Malcolm M'Million's, Lockabar	25 0 0
For the road from the Cross Roads at St. Mary's, to the head of the Tide at Sherbrooke	50 0 0
For the road from Sherbrooke, to Indian Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from Malignant Cove, to David Ballentine's, round Cape George	15 0 0
For the road from David Ballentyne's, to Ogden's Ponds	20 0 0
For the road from Ogden's Pond, to Dorchester Village	20 0 0
For the road from the Guysborough Road, on the west side of the south River of Antigonishe, to the Upper Settlement on said River	10 0 0
For the road from the Guysborough Road, on the east side of the south River, to John Cumming's, on said River	10 0 0
For the road from the Upper Settlement of the south River, to the Cross Roads at Country Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from the Cross Roads at Country Harbour, to Morris's Mill	15 0 0
For the road from Morris Town Lakes, to the Gulf Shore	10 0 0
For the road from Peabody's Shop, towards the Salt Springs	10 0 0
To assist in opening a road in a direct line from the east side of the West River of Antigonishe, where the road leading from Peabody's Shop crosses the same, to the head of Lochabar Lake	15 0 0
For the road from Donald M'Neil's, on the east side of the Antigonishe Harbour, to the Guysborough Road	10 0 0
For the road from Robert Campbell's House, at the North Grant, to the County Line	35 0 0
For the road from the Ferry at Antigonishe Harbour, to Little River	20 0 0
For the road from Little River, to Traccadie River Bridge, including the rebuilding of said Bridge	30 0 0
For the road from Traccadie River Bridge, to Pirate Harbour	25 0 0
For the road from Pirate Harbour, along the Gut of Canso, to Red Head, at the southern entrance of the Gut; and in addition to the sum of £60, granted for the service of Roads, &c. for the road leading along the Gut of Canso, in the year 1818, and not yet drawn	20 0 0
For the road from Red Head, along the north side of Chebucto Bay, to John M'Kough's	15 0 0
For the road from Roderick M'Donald's to Brown's Bridge	45 0 0
For the road from Brown's Bridge, including the same, to John Crusher's, Guysborough	20 0 0
For the road from Manchester Intervale, to the Ferry, opposite Windmill Point	10 0 0
For the road from the Ferry, opposite Windmill Point, through Boylston, to the Gut	45 0 0
For the road from Milford Haven, to Traccadie	25 0 0
For the road from the County Line at St. Mary's, to the Cross Roads at Country Harbour, together with the sum of £20 granted in the year 1820, for the road from W. Grant's to Salmon River Lakes, and not drawn from the Treasury or expended	35 0 0
For the road from the Cross Roads at Country Harbour, to the Guysborough Church	50 0 0
For the road from John Hyde's, at Salmon River, to Little Canso	30 0 0
To assist in opening a road from the south side of Chebucto Bay, to Torbay	15 0 0
For the road from Malcolm M'Million's, Lochabar, to the Cross Roads at St. Mary's	25 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of £800, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows :

From Shelburne to Queen's County	£30 0 0
From Cape Negro to Shelburne	15 0 0
From Ragged Island to Little Harbour	20 0 0
From Shelburne to Beaver Dam	125 0 0
Bridge over the Narrow at Argyle	150 0 0
From Beaver Dam to Clyde River	35 0 0
Building a Bridge from Long Island, to the Main Shelburne River	20 0 0
From Clyde River to Barrington	60 0 0
From Barrington to Port Latour	15 0 0
From Barrington to Shag Harbour	12 0 0
From Shag Harbour to Cockawit	8 0 0
From Mill Bridge at Barrington to Mr. Brown's	30 0 0
From Samuel Hilton's to the Thirteen Mile Tree, on the New Road to Sissaboo	43 0 0
From Reynold's Mill to Tusket Bridge	15 0 0
From John Kenny's to Seth Johnston's	20 0 0
From Richard Rose's to Jegogia Pier	15 0 0
From Jacob Tedford's to Salmon River Bridge	30 0 0
From Cyrus Perry's to Annapolis County	20 0 0
From John Corning's, Beaver River, to the New Sissaboo Road	15 0 0
From Jacob Kilham's to John Vickery's	15 0 0
Repairing Tusket Bridge	30 0 0
From Mrs. Brown's to John Nickerson's	20 0 0
From Charles Delrimont's to John Spinney's	7 0 0
From Tusket Bridge to John Kenny's	20 0 0
For the Road to the Welch Settlement	20 0 0
From the west side of Cape Negro Harbour to the Shelburne Road	10 0 0

Resolved,

Resolved, That the sum of £705, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants, be applied as follows :

For the road in Windsor, called Tanner's Hill	£20	0	0
For the road from Windsor Road to Panuke Lake	10	0	0
For the road from David Dill's, to the Ferry	12	0	0
To the Bridge over the west Branch of the River Avon	5	0	0
For the road from Falmouth Church, to the Corner Bridge on the Causway	10	0	0
For the back road near Knowles's	5	0	0
For the road from William Payzants, to the Horton Road, near M'Clain's	10	0	0
For the Mount Denson Hill	13	0	0
For the Old Horton Road	4	0	0
For the Falmouth Bank, at the Ferry over the River Avon	20	0	0
For the Bridge over the Cognacun River, in Newport	20	0	0
For the road from Archibald Wier's to John Dimock's, Esq.	20	0	0
For the road from Archibald Wier's, to Hugh Smith's, Sen.	15	0	0
For the road on the north side of Kenetcook River, from Kenetcook Bridge to the Douglas Line	10	0	0
For the road on the south side of said River, from Hugh Smith's, Junr. to the Douglas Line	10	0	0
For the road from Cognacun Bridge, to Kenetcook Bridge	10	0	0
For the road from Rine's, to the Petit Road	10	0	0
For the road from D. Wier's, to James Constantines's	17	0	0
For the road from the Newport Road to Stevens's	10	0	0
For the road from James Harvie's to the Rawdon Line	5	0	0
For the road from G. M'Coy's to the Newport Road	7	0	0
For the road from George Mosher's, to James Constantine's	10	0	0
For the road from Kenetcook Bridge, to Hugh Smith's, Junr.	7	0	0
For the road from the Halifax road at Lawrence's, to M'Lellan's	32	0	0
For the road from M'Lellan's, to Rawdon Church	30	0	0
For the road from Bond's, to Beaver Bank	10	0	0
For the road from Rawdon, to Taggart's, in Douglas, to commence at Jacob Withrow's	13	0	0
For the road from Higgins's, to the Nine Mile River, to commence at Wallace's	10	0	0
For the road from Wittier's, to Thomson's, on the Beaver Bank Road	15	0	0
For the main road from Fenton's, to Stevens's	10	0	0
For the road from Haley's, to the Town line of Newport, leading to James Harvie's	10	0	0
For the road from Rawdon line, to the Main Road in Douglas	8	0	0
For the road from Mosher's, to the Noel Road	15	0	0
For the road from Kenetcook Bridge, near the Noel Road, to Douglas Church	13	0	0
For the road from Noel, to Salter's Head	15	0	0
For the road from Noel to Tenecape	10	0	0
For opening and improving the road from Petit to Tenecape	10	0	0
For the road from Hall's Bridge, to the Nine Mile River Bridge	25	0	0
For the road from the Nine Mile River Bridge to Mahane's	20	0	0
For the road from Douglas Church to the Nine Mile River Road	23	0	0
For the road from Kenetcook Bridge to the Gore Settlement	20	0	0
For assisting in Building a Bridge over Barwick's Brook	16	0	0
For the road from Five Mile River to Barwick's Brook	11	0	0
For the road from Douglas Church to the Five Mile River	20	0	0
For the road from Wardrobe's to the Five Mile River by Wickwire's	10	0	0
For the Five Mile River Bridge, in addition to the sum undrawn from the Treasury for the said Bridge	15	0	0
For assisting in rebuilding the Bridge over the Shubenacadie River near Wardrobe's, in addition to any Money allowed from District of Halifax	40	0	0
For Tom Cod Bridge near Noah Anthony's	7	0	0
For the road from Taggart's to Ellis's Mill	10	0	0
For the road from Cockburn to Cambridge	15	0	0
For the road from Cambridge to Petit	10	0	0
For the road from Fultou's to the mouth of Petit River	5	0	0
For the road from Petit, to Salter's	12	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants to open a road for the accommodation of the Settlers on the Shore District, to Salter's	5	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of £680, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of King's County, be applied as follows :

For the main Road leading to Annapolis from the west bounds of Horton, to the west bounds of Cornwallis	£17	10	0
For the road from Silas Rand's, by Condon's Mill, to the Annapolis Road	15	0	0
For the road near Condon's Mill, past Abner Woodworth's, and for the road by Benjamin Condon's to Chase's and Skinner's Mill	15	0	0
For the road leading from the main Road by Strong's to the Annapolis road near Sharp's, and for the road past Joel English's to the New Carwan road, and by William Ward's to Horton line	12	10	0
For the main road past J. H. Chipman's and Little Lake, leading to Aylesford Church, to the West bounds of Cornwallis	15	0	0
For the road from Little Lake by Nathan West's and Bear Brook, and Adhera Calkin's, and for the Road by Burges's Farm to Black Rock road, and from James Condon's to the road from Little Lake to Aylesford Church	16	10	0
For the road from Black Rock to the main Road, leading from Little Lake to Aylesford Church	15	0	0

For

For the road from Edy Newcomb's to Fuller's Mill and Hall's Brook, and for the road from Rebel Insley's to the Bay of Fundy, and for the cross road to Hall's Harbour, and for the road from Charles Finche's by William North's	£17 10 0
For the road from Benjamin Foxe's by Wilmot Osborn's, by Luther Porter's to Foote's, and for the road near Stephen Porter's and Abraham Master's, past John Woodworth's and Noah and Samuel Rockwell's Farm, to the main Road leading to Aylesford Church	12 10 0
For the road and bridges near Peter Woodworth's and James Esbridge's on the road leading to Aylesford Church, and for the road past John Pearl's, to the road near A. Bentley's	10 0 0
For the road leading from the road by Little Lake north by the wood farm, to the road by Benjamin Rockwell's, and south from said road by Joel Parrish's farm to the main road by Strong's	12 10 0
For the road from Baxter Harbour by Sheffield's to the foot of the Hill near Harris's, and for the road past the Lyon's farm to D. Sandford's, and for the road up the Mountain to Stephen West's	15 0 0
For the road from Silas Wickwire's by Huntley's to the Basin near White Water	10 0 0
For the road leading over the Dyke by Benjamin Weaver's and the Settlement at Bass Creek, westerly to the road leading to Perc	10 0 0
For the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis	10 0 0
For the new road near Jonathan Loomer's, to the Bay of Fundy; and also, for the road from said Loomer's to the Bay of Fundy near Woodworth's	15 0 0
For the road in Aylesford leading westerly, from the Morden road under the Mountain towards Wilmot, passing near J. Tupper's	37 0 0
For the Morden road and for the road leading to Aylesford Church from the west bounds of Cornwallis	12 10 0
For the Ormsby road northerly in or near the line of William Parker and John West's Land	10 0 0
For the road southerly from the Annapolis road called the Palmer or Nicholas road past Henry Robertson's Mill to the New Canaan road, and to build a Bridge over the Scotch river (so called) near said Robertson's Mill	17 10 0
For the New Canaan road through Aylesford near Joseph Orpin's easterly towards new Canaan	10 0 0
For the road from the Faimouth line, Mount Denson road, to the north side of Gaspereau Bridge, and to aid the inhabitants in making a Pier to the said bridge	75 0 0
For the road from the lower Bridge over Gaspereau River to stone Bridge	10 0 0
For the new road leading from Benjamin's Mill and from thence up to the top of the north Mountain	20 0 0
For the road from the top of the south Mountain near Nathan Davison's to the road leading to Nictaur	15 0 0
For the road from Colwell's towards Jordan's	10 0 0
For the road on Beach Hill from William Crow's running south towards Sherbrooke	13 10 0
For the road from Armstrong's to Fuller's Mill	20 0 0
For the road from the north side Scovill's bridge, southerly towards Nictaur road	20 0 0
For the road from Simon Filche's Esq. to the westward	10 0 0
For the road from the north side of Bishop's bridge, to extend to, and to cut down, the Loveless Hill	25 10 0
For the road from Cape Chignictu to Robert Spicer's	10 0 0
For the road from Robert Spicer's to Lieutenant Fraser's	10 0 0
For the road from Lieutenant Fraser's, to Ram's Head by Ratchford Harbour	20 0 0
For the road from Ram's Head to the Cumberland road	10 0 0
For the road from Partridge Island to the Church	10 0 0
For the road from the Church towards Cumberland	20 0 0
For the road from Eli Wilton's towards Daniel Holmes's	10 0 0
For the road from William Dewolf's farm to Eli Wilton's on the Coal Mine road	20 0 0
For the road from the Church towards Swan's Creek	10 0 0
For the road from Swan's Creek to Economy	25 0 0
For the road from Daniel Dickinson's towards Macan	10 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of £750, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Queen's County, be applied as follows :

For the road from Liverpool to Brookfield	£200 0 0
For the road from Brookfield to the Caledonia Settlement	30 0 0
For the road from the Caledonia Settlement, to Harmony	20 0 0
For the road from the main Road leading to Nictaur, to open a road for the new Settlers near Cameron's	30 0 0
For the road from the bounds of Lunenburg County, to Mills Village, on the main road from Halifax	25 0 0
For the road from Mills Village to Herring Cove	100 0 0
To rebuild the Bridge over Herring Cove	75 0 0
For the road from Port Medway to Herring Cove	30 0 0
For the road from Eagle Head to the Port Medway Road	25 0 0
For the road from Herring Cove Bridge to the Falls	25 0 0
For the road from the Falls to Beech Hill	30 0 0
For the road from Little Beech Hill to Broad River	50 0 0
For the road from Broad River to the bounds of Shelburne County	50 0 0
For the road from Shelburne Road to Alexander M'Donald's, on the western side of Port Jolly	10 0 0
For the road from the Shelburne Road, to Catharine's River, on the eastern side of Port Jolly	25 0 0
For the road from Little Beech Hill, to Hunt's Point Settlement	25 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of £700, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows :

For the road and Bridges from the bounds of Londonderry, to Amherst	£50 0 0
For the road and Bridges from John Stewart's in Amherst, to the bounds of King's County, towards Partridge Island	40 0 0
For an aid in payment of the balance due the Commissioner, Luther Lusby, for rebuilding the Bridge over Napan River, on the aforesaid Road to Partridge Island	50 0 0

For

For the road from Macan, to the River Hebert	L 20	0	0
For aiding the Inhabitants in building a Bridge over the Macan River, near William Ripley's, in addition } to the sum of subscribed by the Inhabitants	70	0	0
For the road from Barronsfield, towards Patridge Island	20	0	0
For the road from the River Macan, to the River Philip	15	0	0
For the New Road from the River Philip, to Bass River in Londonderry	20	0	0
For the road from the head of Amherst, beginning at Freeman's Mill, to Shinimcas River, thence to Goose } River, and thence to the mouth of the River Philip	40	0	0
For the road from the aforesaid road, to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, near Peter M'Elmon's, near Tiduish River	20	0	0
For the road from Gabriel Parly's, to Bebee's, on the Remsheg River	20	0	0
For the road from Bebee's to the Harbour of Remsheg	20	0	0
For the road from the Harbour of Pugwash, to Peter Angivine's, on the Remsheg River	20	0	0
For the said road from Peter Angivine's, to the line of Londonderry, near the Folly Lake	35	0	0
For the road from Peter Winn's, on Remsheg Harbour, towards Tatamazushe	20	0	0
For the road from said Harbour, between Steven Cawfield's and Caleb Horton's, to the aforesaid road, to } Tatamegushe	10	0	0
For the road from the Town Plot of Remsheg, up to John Tuttle's, on the road leading to Amherst	10	0	0
For the road from Fox Harbour, to the said road	10	0	0
For the road from the Scotch Settlement on the Gulf Shore, to the said road	10	0	0
For the road from the Harbour of Pugwash, to the aforesaid Scotch Settlement, commencing near Mark Bigney's	10	0	0
For the road from Pugwash Harbour, towards the River Philip, near John Ripley's, in addition to the sum } of L 80, subscribed by the Inhabitants	25	0	0
For the road from the River Philip, near John Ripley's, to the head of Remsheg Harbour, near A. Fushner's	40	0	0
For completing and finishing the Bridge over the River Philip, at or near John Tail's, in addition to the } Vote of last year, not expended, and upon the like condition	50	0	0
For building and completing the Bridge over the head of Remsheg Harbour, near John Tuttle's, in addition } to the Vote of last year, not expended, and upon the like conditions	25	0	0
For the road from the forks of Macan River, to the main Post Road, near William Chapman's	10	0	0
For the road from Pipes's, on the Napau, to the aforesaid Post Road, near William Black's, in addition to } the sum of L 10, Vote of the year 1819, not expended nor drawn from the Treasury	5	0	0
For the new road from the aforesaid Post Road, towards the mouth of the River Philip, called Leicester Road	20	0	0
For the road from the river Philip towards Economy, in addition to the sum of L 10, vote of 1819, not expend- } ed nor drawn from the Treasury	5	0	0
For improving the road from the forks of Macan River to Peter Neilson's on the road to the River Philip	10	0	0

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Dalhousie College.

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

Friday, 23d February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Petition of George P. Lawson, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. W. Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Proprietors of Wilderneys Lands in the Township of Truro, to open Roads through the same, and the said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill to regulate Sales at Auction; and also,

A Bill to extend an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of fire, to the Town of Dartmouth, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee, to whom the claim for a Drawback of the Duties on Rum, issued to His Majesty's Troops, in the year 1817, 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 considered the subject to them referred, and examined the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, as to this claim for a Drawback of Duties. That it appears to the Committee that a Drawback of Duties on 15341 Gallons of Rum, and amounting to the sum of £767 1 should be allowed. As no satisfactory proof has been obtained respecting the

the payment of the residue of the Duties, other than that furnished by the Committee of the House last Session, and then reported on by them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the table.

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. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Ten Shillings, per day, should be paid to the Members of the House, for their attendance in General Assembly, upon the Certificate of the Speaker.

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 Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the several Acts now in force, for encouraging the establishment of Schools throughout the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force, for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and Billetting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and Billetting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the several Acts in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill, in amendment of an Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors, and other Officers of Impost and Excise, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in amendment of an Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors, and other Officers of Impost and Excise.

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

The Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Dalhousie College.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it should be recommended to the House, that the sum of One Thousand Pounds, heretofore granted to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, for the purpose of procuring a Sword and Star, and which sum His Lordship has declined accepting, be applied and appropriated for the purposes recommended in the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to Dalhousie College.

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

Mr. W. H. Roach moved, that the said Resolution be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, ten; against it, twenty-one.

For the Motion,

Mr. Marshall
 Mr. Ritchie
 Mr. Campbell
 Mr. Robinson
 Mr. W. H. Roach
 Mr. Ruggles
 Mr. Heckman
 Mr. Church
 Mr. Haliburton
 Mr. O'Brien

Against the Motion,

Mr. Grassie	Mr. Morse
Mr. McKinnon	Mr. Freeman
Mr. Albro	Mr. Fraser
Mr. Flemming	Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Blair
Mr. Dewolf	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Young	Mr. Denison
Mr. Uniacke	Mr. Roach
Mr. Poole	Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. J. I. Chipman	Mr. Bishop
Mr. Lawson	

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolution was then, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Young, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Poole, be a Committee to wait upon, and deliver to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor a copy of the foregoing Resolution.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the Petition of the Trustees of the National School, and also the Petition of the Trustees of the Acadian School, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Accounts for the Repairs of the Government House, &c. in the last year, together with the Vouchers accompanying the same, be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Albro and Mr. Church, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. O'Brien, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to impose a Duty on Wine, agreeably to the Resolution passed in the Committee of Ways and Means on the 5th instant.

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. Wells 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £35 should be granted and paid to John Whidden, for his services in drafting and copying Bills for the Members of the House of Assembly in the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £200 should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Acadian School, towards the support of that Institution.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £100 should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the National School, in aid of that Institution.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £39.12 should be granted and paid to George P. Lawson, in full for a Drawback of the Duties on 732 Gallons of Rum, exported to the United States of America in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £250 should be granted for the repair of Bridges, &c. on the Main Roads in the Province, to be applied, and inserted in the Appropriation Act of the present Session, in the usual manner.

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 Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Saturday, 24th February, 1821.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to impose an additional Duty on Wine, and accordingly presented a Bill to impose an additional Duty on Wine, and to appropriate the same for the payment of the Interest of the Funded Debt of the Province, and the said Bill was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second time, and the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

A Bill to enable the Proprietors of Wildernels Lands, in the Township of Truro, to open Roads through the same, 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. George,
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to twenty-two Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums,

£1250 for Agriculture.

500 for Inspecting Field-Officers.

239 7 6 for Post-Couriers.

802 4 9½ for Commissioners of the Province House.

99 13 10 to Collins and Allison.

71 2 to Temple and Lewis Piers.

600 for Survey of Counties.

24 16 to James Titus and others.

55 to John F. J. Gschwind.

120 10 8 to Reynolds & Co.

23 16 11 to George Mitchell.

28 15 to Higgins and Brown.

100 to Poor Man's Friend Society.

100 to Anthony H. Holland.

250 to Steam-Boat Company.

27 15 6 to Nathaniel Atcheson.

23 10 to the Treasurer.

125 to Adjutant-General of Militia.

500 to Commissioners for Treasury Notes.

15 to John Howe and Son.

400 to the Picton Academy.

145 10 8½ for Fish Bounty.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House respecting the Pay of the Members.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution for the Post Communication; the Resolution relative to the Sufferers by Fire at Digby and Clements; and also on the Resolution respecting the Grand Jury Room in the Province House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. W. H. Roach and Mr. Blair, 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 he stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee, to whom the Accounts for the repair of the Government House, &c. 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:

That the Committee have examined all the several Accounts, as stated in the Abstract which had been previously examined by the Auditor of Public Accounts, and appear to the Committee to be correct. The Accounts from No. 9 to 16, appear to have been paid by the Treasurer of the Province, and Receipts for the payment annexed to the same, amounting to £48 2 10½. But as some of the charges for wages and materials appear to the Committee rather extravagant, they beg leave to suggest to the House the propriety of a Commissioner being appointed to direct and superintend any future repairs to that Building that may be necessary.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution for applying £350 for the Roads in the New Settlements.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do 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. Haliburton, 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 he 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 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 extend an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of fire. And also, the Bill to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands in the Township of Truro, to open Roads through the same, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to regulate Sales at Auction, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, and the amendment, 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 the House agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Mr. Grassie reported from the Committee on the subject of the Fisheries of the Province: 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 attentively considered the business to them referred, and are satisfied that this valuable branch of Trade requires some additional encouragement and protection. That, in order to ascertain the best, and most economical, method of accomplishing this end, the Committee have had before them, for examination, several of the Principal Merchants and Inhabitants concerned in the Fisheries; and, after the most diligent enquiries, they are of opinion, that the most effectual way of encouraging and promoting the Fisheries, and securing to the Province the benefit of this Trade, without drawing too largely on the Public Revenue, will be to grant a Bounty on the importation of Salt. That, owing to the extensive Lumber Trade carried on in the neighbouring Province, a great number of Ships annually arrive there, ballasted with Salt, which gives to the Markets of

that Province a cheap and abundant supply of this article. This circumstance induces a large portion of the Fishermen in the Western part of this Province to go to the Port of St. John for their Supplies, and the intercourse thus commenced is followed up by the shipment of their Fish to that Port, in payment of such Supplies, whereby the Trade of Nova-Scotia with the European and West India Markets is greatly diminished. That this evil can only be remedied by holding forth some additional inducement to increase the supply of Salt in our own Market, and this the Committee conceive will be most effectually accomplished by granting a Bounty on the importation of the article similar to that granted in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen. The Committee, from their enquiry, have ascertained in the most satisfactory manner, that when such Bounty existed the average price of Salt in Halifax and other Ports of Importation, was ten shillings a Hogshead, and that since the Bounty was withheld, the general average price has been fifteen shillings per Hogshead; from which it appears that the difference in the price of Salt, to the Fisherman, when a Bounty was given, compared with the prices paid since that period, would have afforded nearly the same encouragement to this class of people, as the Bounty, since given, on the quintal of Fish, and would not require more than half the sum to meet the payment. The Committee also conceive, that if a constant supply of Salt could be obtained in this Market, at the former rate, (which may be reasonably hoped for if a Bounty is offered) it would induce the Fishermen, in the Western part of the Province, to procure their Supplies from hence, and in return bring their Fish to the Port of Halifax, instead of shipping them to New-Brunswick. The Committee therefore recommend this subject to the early and attentive consideration of the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the table.

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

Monday, 26th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands, in the Township of Truro, to open Roads through the same, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands, in the Township of Truro, to open Roads through the same.

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

Mr. Lawson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act to authorise a Drawback of certain Duties, and to regulate the manner of obtaining the same; and the said Bill was read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Roach moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House of Assembly do direct and order such alterations and improvements, as he shall think proper to be made in the Room appropriated for the use of the House of Assembly, provided the expense of such alteration, does not exceed the sum of Six Hundred Pounds. The said alterations to be first approved by a Committee, to be appointed by the House, and that a clause be inserted in the Appropriation Bill for that purpose, which, being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one; against it, twelve.

For the Motion,

Mr. Roach	Mr. Fraser
Mr. Uniacke	Mr. Ruggles
Mr. Wier	Mr. Church
Mr. Dewolf	Mr. Smith
Mr. R. Dickson	Mr. Bishop
Mr. T. Dickson	Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Campbell
Mr. Robertson	Mr. Bingham
Mr. W. Dickson	Mr. Munson
Mr. Wells	Mr. Currier
Mr. Marshall	

Against the Motion

Mr. Albro	Mr. Denison
Mr. Heckman	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. W. H. Roach	Mr. Flemming
Mr. James	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Young	
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Morse	
Mr. Freeman	

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Graftie and Mr. Uniacke, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another ; and also the several Acts in amendment thereof.

The Council have agreed to seven Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz,

£200 for the Acadian School

100 for the National School

862 10 for the Post Communication

1000 for Dalhousie College

39 2 to George P. Lawson

35 to John Whidden

250 for Bridges, &c.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of the Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors and other Officers of Impost and Excise.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Treasury Note Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Wells and Mr. Roach, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Report of the Committee, and the several Papers on the subject of the claim for a Drawback of Duties on Rum, issued to His Majesty's Troops in the year 1817, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed on Wednesday the 22d instant, to wait upon, and present to, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the joint Address of the Council and this House on the subject of the Plaster-Paris Trade ; that the joint Committee had accordingly waited upon, and presented to His Excellency the said Address, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would immediately communicate the substance of the joint Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of New-Brunswick ; and that he would also make a representation to His Majesty's Government on the subject, if it should be necessary.

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 impose an additional Duty on Wine, hereafter to be imported into this Province, for the payment of the Interest of the Funded Debt of the Province, and that they had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had deferred the consideration of the Bill to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act to authorise a Drawback of certain Duties, and to regulate the manner of obtaining the same, to this day three months. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to amend and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendment, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill reported without amendment be engrossed.

Mr. Morse reported further from the Committee to whom the Petition of James Tobin 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,

Mr. Lawson moved, that the Petition of James Tobin, together with the two Reports made by the Committee thereon, be referred to the Committee of Supply, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, sixteen; against it, fifteen. So it passed in the affirmative, and the said Petition and Reports were referred to the Committee of Supply accordingly.

An engrossed Bill to regulate Sales at Auction, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Smith moved, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to regulate Sales at Auction.

An engrossed Bill to extend an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire, to the Town of Dartmouth, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire, and also, the Acts in addition to and amendment thereof, to the Town of Dartmouth.

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

Mr. Grassie moved for leave to bring in a Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province by granting a Bounty on the importation of Salt, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Haliburton moved for leave to bring in a Bill, by which a Bounty shall be applied to encourage the Fisheries, and be paid on the Tonnage of Vessels carrying on the Fishery on the Banks of Newfoundland and the Coast of Labrador; and also, on Vessels concerned in the Whale Fishery, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve; against it, twenty-four:

For the Motion,

Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Archibald
Mr. Smith
Mr. Atbro
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Robertson
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Grassie

Against the Motion,

Mr. Marshall	Mr. Wier
Mr. Ruggles	Mr. Denison
Mr. Wells	Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. McKinnon	Mr. Bingay
Mr. Bishop	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Young	Mr. Uniacke
Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Heckman
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Morse
Mr. James	Mr. Blair
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Church
Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Poole
Mr. Flemming	Mr. J. I. Chipman

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. J. I. Chipman moved for leave to bring in a Bill for granting a Bounty, per Quintal, on the catch of Cod and Scalé Fish within the Province, which being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Marshall moved an amendment to the foregoing motion, in the words following, viz.

Resolved, That this House feels every disposition to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, but do not deem it advisable at the present protracted period of the Session, and low state of the Funds of the Province, to give leave to bring in any Bill for granting Bounties by way of affording such encouragement; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative; and thereupon,

Leave was given to Mr. Chipman to bring in a Bill, agreeably to the motion made by him.

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. 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 the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House: and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the further sum of £150 should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to improve the New Roads in the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £767 15s. should be granted to His Majesty, in full, for Drawbacks of Duties stated to be due upon a quantity of Rum issued to His Majesty's Troops in the year 1817. The said sum to be paid to such Person as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor shall direct; and to be in full of all claims upon the Province, for Drawbacks of Duties upon Rum, made by the late Deputy-Commissary-General Damerum, and the present Deputy-Commissary-General, as stated in the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to the House.

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 thereupon,

Mr. W. A. Chipman moved that the last Resolution, passed in the Committee, be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, fourteen:

For the Motion,

Mr. Rench
Mr. Albro
Mr. Poole
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Church
Mr. Young
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. W. H. Roach

Against the Motion

Mr. Heckman
Mr. Uniacke
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Dewolf
Mr. Wier
Mr. Grassie
Mr. Morse
Mr. Fraser

Mr. Blair
Mr. James
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Archibald
Mr. J. I. Chipman

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the Treasury Note Bill, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

Tuesday, 27th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to amend and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province.

An engrossed Bill to impose an additional Duty on Wine, hereafter to be imported into this Province, and to appropriate the same for the payment of the Interest of the Funded Debt of the Province, was read a third time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, - An Act to impose an additional Duty on Wine, hereafter to be imported into this Province, and to appropriate the same for the payment of the Interest of the Funded Debt of the Province.

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

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a further Conference on the subject of the Treasury Note Bill, agreeably to the Resolution of yesterday, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference on the said Bill, do manage this Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

Mr. Archibald moved for leave to bring in a Bill for imposing a Duty upon Articles to be imported from the United States of America, after a certain period therein limited; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fourteen; against it, eighteen:

For the Motion,

Mr. W. Dickson	Mr. Morse
Mr. Grassie	Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Uniacke	Mr. Smith
Mr. T. Dickson	Mr. Flemming
Mr. M'Kinnon	Mr. Paule
Mr. J. I. Chipman	
Mr. Bingay	
Mr. Archibald	
Mr. Blair	

Against the Motion,

Mr. James	Mr. Marshall
Mr. Roach	Mr. Freeman
Mr. Welis	Mr. Denison
Mr. Bishop	Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Ruggles	Mr. W. H. Kouch
Mr. W. A. Chipman	Mr. Young
Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Church
Mr. Heckman	Mr. Wier
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Robertson

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. J. I. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the Cod and Scale Fisheries, and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now read a second time; and the same was read a second time accordingly.

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

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to impose an additional Duty on Wine hereafter to be imported into this Province, and to appropriate the same for the payment of the Interest of the Funded Debt of the Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands, in the Township of Truro, to open Roads through the same; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province.

The Council have agreed to three Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums:

- £600 for making alterations in the Assembly Room.
- 767 1 for Drawbacks of Duties to His Majesty.
- 40 to the Commissioners of the Province House, for the Grand Jury-Room.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had held a further Conference with the Council on the subject of the Treasury Note Bill and he stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire, and also, the Acts in addition to and in amendment thereof, to the Town of Dartmouth.

The Council request a further Conference, by Committee, on the School Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do 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, on the subject of the said Bill, 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 he stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Accounts for the repairs made to the Government House, in the last year, and the Report thereon, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the further sum of £150 for new Roads.

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. 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 the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £377 16 10³. should be granted and paid to defray the Accounts of Expenditures for Repairs done to the Government-House, and the Out-Houses and Fences of the same, in the last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £200 should be granted and applied to the support of the Catholic School in Halifax, for the benefit of that Institution.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £41 11s. should be granted and paid to James Tobin, Assignee of the Effects of the late firm of Tobin and Boyle, for a Draw-back of Duty on 539 Gallons of Wine, exported from the Stock of George Grassie, and landed at Moose Island and at Quebec, in the year 1817.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding £100, should be granted to defray the expense of Fuel, and for Sundries furnished for the use of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, in the present Session ; the same to be paid on the Certificate of the President of the Council, and the Speaker of the Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £6 47 11, should be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province, to reimburse him the said sum paid by him to James Ives, for repairs made to the Province House.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding £25 should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for defraying the expense of Stationary furnished for the use of the House of Assembly and His Majesty's Council, for the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of £100, should be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Extra Clerks, Servants, and other Incidental Expenses, during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding £100 should be granted to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. to enable him to bring the Cause of John Jennings and William Long, of Halifax, against Arthur Hunt and others, to a final determination before the King and Council : which Cause was lately tried in His Majesty's Supreme Court, for the Island of Newfoundland.

foundland, and has been transmitted to England by appeal, and involves in its decision an important question, as respects the rights of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province to take Fish upon the Coast of Labrador: The said sum of Money, or such part thereof as may be necessary, to be drawn from the Treasury, upon the Certificate of the President of His Majesty's Council and the Speaker of this House.

The said Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the Resolution in favor of James Tobin be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen; against it, sixteen: so it passed in the negative.

The said Resolutions were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the general State of the Province; and that the Committee of this House be instructed to state, that the House have granted the sum of £100, to enable the Agent of the Province to bring the Cause of Jennings and Long to a final determination before the King in Council, and that it is the desire of this House, that the President of His Majesty's Council should join the Speaker, in corresponding with the Agent of the Province on this subject; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Clerk do request a Conference with the Council accordingly.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to encourage the Cod and Scale Fisheries.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells 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 to the House without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, 28th February, 1821.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Roach, the House came to the Resolution following, viz.

Whereas, by an Act, passed in the 59th year of His late Majesty's Reign, for the encouragement of Agriculture, it was enacted, amongst other things, that all sums granted by the Province should be applied agreeably to the votes of the Members of the Board of Agriculture, in their annual meetings, to be held during the sitting of the Legislature; and that the Directors, appointed pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, shall inspect the Treasurer's Accounts, from time to time; and shall account to the Legislature for the expenditure of all such monies as shall be granted by the Province for the purposes of the said Act. And Whereas, much delay and inconvenience has been caused by the Accounts not being laid before the House in the early part of the Session, so as to enable Members to consider, as well of past expenditures, as what sum it may be expedient to grant in future, during the continuance of the said Act, to prevent the recurrence of which,

Resolved, That it be a Standing Order and Instruction to the Committee of Supply, not to consider any application for money for the purposes of the said Act, during any succeeding Session, unless the Accounts of the Expenditure of the past year, inspected, audited, and certified to be correct by the Directors, together with a Scale of appropriation for the following year, shall be laid upon the Clerk's Table within the first fifteen days of such Session. This Order to be in force for the space of five years.

An engrossed Bill to encourage the Cod and Scale Fisheries, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to encourage the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved that the Bill be not at present sent to the Council, which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

Mr. W. H. Roach moved that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House, that the Trade heretofore carried on between the Port of Halifax and the United States of America, under the Act called the Free Port Act, has been injurious to the best interests of the Province, which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to a further Conference on the General State of the Province, agreeably to the Resolution of yesterday.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference on the General State of the Province, do manage this Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that they had communicated to the Committee of the Council the Instructions, given to the Managers by the House, relative to the Cause of Jennings and Long.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate Sales at Auction.

The Council have agreed to nine Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums, viz.

£100 for the Sufferers by Fire at Digby and Clements.

6 17 11 to the Treasurer of the Province.

100 to the Clerk of the Assembly.

25 to do for Stationary.

377 16 10 for repairs made to the Government-House.

100 for Sundries for the Council and Assembly.

200 for the Catholic School.

41 11 to James Tobin.

100 for Jennings and Long.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill entitled, An Act for the further encouragement of the Cod and Scale Fisheries of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Archibald moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seventeen; against it, seventeen: So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the motion.

On motion, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the School Bill, and that the Clerk to request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference, on the subject of the said Bill, 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 he stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

Pursuant to order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House a Scale of the subdivision of the several sums of Money, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the following Counties, viz.

Mr.

Mr. Ritchie for the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Heckman for the County of Lunenburg: and the House having had the same under their consideration,

Mr. Heckman moved that the House do come to the Resolution following, viz.

Resolved, That the sum of £610, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges within the County of Lunenburg be applied as follows:

For the road from Martin's River, to Knas's Mill	£15	0	0
For the road from the School House at the North West Range, to George Zwicker's, Mush-a-Mush	15	0	0
For the road from Jacob Beck's, to Frolick's at Lahave	10	0	0
For the road from Wagner's Ferry, New Dublin, to Petit River Bridge	20	0	0
For the road from Queen's County, where the Commissioners left off last year, towards Petit River	40	0	0
For the road from Leonard Junge's, to Rudolf's at Lahave	20	0	0
For the road from Michael Hurtle's, Jun to George and Peter Hurtle's	15	0	0
For the road from George and Peter Hurtle's, to the German Settlement	25	0	0
For the road from Pleasant River to Lahave	100	0	0
For the road from Thomas Ernst's Block House, to Peter Vinot's 300 Acre Lots	40	0	0
For the road from Mush-a-Mush, to Borgane's Mill	20	0	0
For the road from Esinhauser's Bridge, North West Range, to Blystner's Farm	20	0	0
For the road from Mullock's to Adam Winacht's	20	0	0
For the road from Adam Winacht's to Lahave River	20	0	0
For the road from Garret Whyte's, to Bush and Gims's Farm	25	0	0
For the road from Sarty's at Lahave River to Conquer All Settlement	20	0	0
For the road from Rudolf's Tavern to Bear Hill	10	0	0
For the road from Pernette's at New Dublin to Sarty's	15	0	0
For the road from the 30 Acre Lots, North West Range, numbers 35 and 36, towards the 300 Acre Lots	25	0	0
For the road from Conrad Nass's, North West Range, towards Lunenburg Town	20	0	0
For the road from Petit River Bridge on the sea shore towards Sperry's at New Dublin	10	0	0
For the bridge and to repair the road from Wendle Wolf's to Cherry Point	10	0	0
For the road from Garret Goetzen's at New Dublin towards Sperry's on the sea shore	20	0	0
For the road from Melchor Zwicker's at the North West Range to Mahone Bay	10	0	0
For the road from Meider's Cove to Lunenburg	15	0	0
For the road from Chester to Windsor	50	0	0

which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, seven:

For the Motion,

Mr. Blair
Mr. Fleming
Mr. Heckman
Mr. R. Dickson
Mr. Haliburton
Mr. Roach
Mr. Archibald
Mr. McKinnon
Mr. T. Dickson
Mr. Smith

Mr. Grassie
Mr. James
Mr. Bingay
Mr. Ritchie
Mr. Denison
Mr. Young
Mr. W. H. Roach
Mr. Ruggles
Mr. W. Dickson
Mr. Marshall

Against the Motion,

Mr. Wier
Mr. Albro
Mr. Robertson
Mr. Church
Mr. Lawson
Mr. W. A. Chipman
Mr. Poole

So it passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the sum of £625, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows:

For the road from the Stronock road to the Ruggles road under the Mountain	£15	0	0
For the General Ruggles' road leading to the Bay of Funday	20	0	0
or the road by Leonard's to the road under the Mountain	15	0	0
For the Post road in Wilmot from Barnes's hollow to Elm Tree Brook	27	10	0
For the road towards Lunenburg between the Dalhousie Settlement and Lahave River	35	0	0
For the Liverpool road from the south bounds of Annapolis, to where the Dalhousie road intersects it	20	0	0
For the road by Silas Morse's to the Dalhousie Settlement	20	0	0
For the road from the General's bridge to the Hessian Line	25	0	0
For the road from Moose River to Bear River by the way of the Hessian Line	16	0	0
For the road from the Main road by Ditmar's to the Hessian Line (cross road)	15	0	0
For repairing the Bridges on the Main road to Digby from Allen's Creek, to Moose River	15	0	0
For the road from the Gut of Annapolis on the north side of the Mountain, to Mr. McKenzie's cross road	20	0	0
For the road from McKenzie's cross road on the same side of the Mountain, to Parker's cross road	15	0	0
For the road from Parker's cross road to Young's cross road, the same side of the Mountain	10	0	0
For the road from Young's cross road to Rickerson's cross road, in addition to the sum of £10, granted last year, and not drawn from the Treasury	10	0	0
For the road from Rickerson's cross road, to Phinney's cross road	15	0	0
For the road from Chute's Cove, to the Wilmot cross road	20	0	0
For the road from Scissabou Falls, towards Tuskat	35	0	0
For the road from the New Settlement in the rear of Colonel Taylor's Farm, to the main road in Clare	25	0	0
For the road from French Town to New Edinburgh	10	0	0

For

For the road from the second division of Clare, and the cross roads to the same	£49 0 0
For the road on each side of Salmon River Bridge	10 0 0
For the road to the Bridge over the south creek of St. Mary's Marsh	10 0 0
For repairing the Bridge over Holmshead Creek, on the lower road from Annapolis to Digby	20 0 0
For the road from Bear River Bridge, to Lee's Mills	10 0 0
For the road from the Fishing Beach on the west side of the Gut of Annapolis to Turner's Bridge	10 0 0
For the road from Turner's Bridge to Christopher Stark's through the Scotch Settlement to Galiver's Hole } including the cross road from Gilbert Ford's to the Scotch Settlement	30 0 0
For repairing the Bridge and reducing the Hill at Smeck Creek, on the road from Digby down the neck	10 0 0
For the road from Jacob Cornell's down the neck to Little River	10 0 0
For the road from Little River to Petit Passage	15 0 0
For the road from Petit Passage to Grand Passage on Long Island	15 0 0
For the road from Henry Snyder's, to the North Range No. 25,	17 10 0
For the road from St. Mary's Bay to the North Range, and on westerly on the North Range road	15 0 0
For the road from Christopher Ropes's on to the Shelburne road	10 0 0
For building a Bridge over the brook near McDonnell's Mill on the road from Digby to Scissabon	10 0 0
For the road from James Arnold's over the Mountain to Broad Cove	10 0 0

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at twelve of the o'clock.

Thursday, 1st March, 1821.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the Province House, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Albro, and Mr. Grassie, 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 he stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of presenting to His Excellency Copies of the several Resolutions which have passed this House, on the following subjects, viz. A compensation to the Commissioners for issuing Treasury Notes. The Survey of the several Counties and Districts of the Province. Also, a Drawback of the Duties on a Quantity of Rum, issued to His Majesty's Troops in the year 1817, in answer to the several Communications from His Excellency to this House, on the said subjects.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Blair and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to thirteen Resolutions of this House, for specifically applying the sum of £10,000, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, within the several Counties and Districts in the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare and bring in a Bill 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.

A Message from the Council by Mr. George,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the cancelling of Treasury Notes, and to issue others in lieu thereof.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, of Mr. Archibald, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the following Duties should be imposed on Live Stock, and other Articles, to be imported from the the United States of America, *viz.*

For and upon every Horse, Mare or Gelding, two pounds ten shillings.

For and upon every Ox, over three years old, one pound fifteen shillings.

For and upon every Cow and Head of Young Cattle, three years old and under, fifteen shillings.

For and upon every Sheep, one shilling and three pence.

For and upon every Hog, fifteen shillings.

For and upon every Barrel of Apples or Pears, two shillings and sixpence.

For and upon every hundred weight of Biscuit or Hard Bread, two shillings and six pence.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to Mr. Archibald to bring in a Bill agreeably to the foregoing Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means; and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald presented a Bill for imposing a Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America, and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now read a second time; and the same was read a second time accordingly.

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. Poole 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 to the House without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Surveyor-General having written a Letter to the Speaker, stating, that in an Account rendered by him during the last Sessions, a mistake had been made, which appears upon the Journal under date 25th February, 1820, and requesting that the same may be rectified by inserting a correct Account in the Journal of this Session, which Account is now laid before the House, it is agreed by the House that the same be entered on the Journals: which Account is as follows, *viz.*

Surveys of the Public Roads through Cumberland County by Mr. Roach, as per account	£72 14 10
Ditto Jesse Woodworth's Account, for running part of the County line at Parrsborough, as per Account	22 17 4
Ditto John Harris, for Surveys of of the Main Road from Chester to Avon Bridge, and from Do. to Hammond Plains, and the Basin at Halifax, as per Account	45 2 0
Ditto of Public Road from Chester to Lunenburg	8 0 0
Ditto paid Valentine Gill, for his services, employed on the recommendation of Sir J. C. Sherbrooke, K. B. to make an accurate Survey of the Main Public Road from Halifax to Truro and Windsor, with the Roads and Waters connected therewith	216 15 0
Ditto paid John Harris, Dy. Surveyor, for his time and services, in Surveying the Public Roads in the County of Annapolis, connecting the different Surveys in that County, and making a plan of the same	100 0 0
Paid Captain Scott, Dy. Surveyor, for his time and services, in making Surveys of the Public Roads from Dartmouth to Sackville, and from Dartmouth to the Truro Road near Fletcher's Bridge	13 0 0
Ditto paid John Mac Colla, Esq. Dy. Surveyor, his Bill for Surveying Public Roads in Rawdon	13 15 0
Paid John Smith, Esq. Douglas	10 0 0
Ditto John Harris, for Surveying King's County; fair Plan and Report.	146 0 0

£648 4 2

Amount

Paid Anthony Lockwood & Son, for their time and services, as above stated	Amount brought forward.....	L. 648 4 2
		180 0 0
By Cash received from the Treasury on account of the above		L. 828 4 2
		650 0 0
	Balance due Surveyor-General	L. 178 4 2

(Signed)

CHARLES MORRIS,
Surveyor-General.*Ordered*, That the Account do lie on the Table.

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

Friday, 2d March, 1821.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America.*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, the House came to the following Resolution, viz.

Whereas, from the manner in which the Collector of Impost and Excise, in the District of Halifax, has hitherto kept his Accounts, great difficulties are experienced in determining the claims for Drawbacks of Duties : which difficulties would be obviated if the Accounts were kept pursuant to the direction of the seventh Section of the Statute, entitled, An Act regulating the appointment of Collectors, and other Officers of Impost and Excise.

Resolved, Therefore, that the Commissioners of the Revenue do require the Collector of Impost and Excise strictly to comply with all the provisions of the said Act, and, in case of neglect on his part, to take such steps as they may deem necessary to enforce a strict compliance with the same.*Ordered*, That a copy of the foregoing Resolution, certified by the Clerk, be sent to the Commissioners of the Revenue.

The Clerk, pursuant to order, presented to the House an engrossed Bill 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 ; and the said Bill was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-One ; 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.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. George :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America.

The Council request a further Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the School-Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do 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, on the subject of the said Bill, 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 he stated the substance of the Conference to the House ; and thereupon.

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 had agreed to the Conference as desired by the House.

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 he stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force, for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province, with several amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-one; 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.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform His Excellency that this House will be ready to be prorogued by His Excellency to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed yesterday, to wait upon His Excellency with certain Resolutions which have passed the House, be a Committee for the above purpose.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the School Bill; and the same having been read throughout a first and second time, thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the first amendment; and do disagree to the several other amendments; and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to the orders of the House of yesterday and to day; that the Committee had accordingly waited upon, and delivered to, His Excellency, the several Resolutions referred to therein. That His Excellency had been pleased to say, on the subject of the prorogation, that he would communicate with the President of His Majesty's Council on the same, and inform Mr. Speaker of His Excellency's pleasure thereon.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at twelve of the o'clock.

Saturday, 3d March, 1821.

PRAYERS.

Resolved, That the Speaker do request His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to be pleased to adopt such measures, and make such regulations, for carrying into effect the Order of the House relative to the performance of Statute Labour, as His Excellency shall deem proper during the present year.

A Message from the Council, by the Honorable James Fraser:
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, that it be a Standing Order of the House, that if any Member, in any future Session of the Assembly, leave the House without permission first obtained of the Speaker, or the House, the Speaker shall not sign a Certificate for such Member's Pay for his attendance in such Session of Assembly.

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

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

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

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 an Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also the several Acts in amendment thereof.

An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force for encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

An Act to regulate Sales at Auction.

An Act to extend an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire, and also the Acts in addition to and amendment thereof, to the Town of Dartmouth.

An Act to authorize the cancelling of Treasury Notes, and to issue others in lieu thereof.

An Act to impose an Additional Duty on Wine hereafter to be imported into this Province, and to appropriate the same for the payment of the interest of the Funded Debt of the Province.

An Act to continue the several Acts, now in force, for regulating the expenditure of Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges.

An Act to enable the Proprietors of Wilderness Lands, in the Township of Truro, to open Roads through the same.

An Act to amend and continue the several Acts imposing a Duty on Articles to be imported from the United States of America.

An Act to amend and continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

May it please Your Excellency,

I BEG leave to present to Your Excellency, on the behalf of His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Nova-Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in the present Session, for the support of His Majesty's Government for the present year; and to request Your Excellency's Assent to the same.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies, therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-One; 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,*

THE business of the Session being concluded; I am enabled to relieve you from further attendance in General Assembly.

The harmony which has prevailed in your deliberations, has afforded me particular satisfaction; and I cannot too highly applaud the zeal which you have manifested for the Public Service,

vice, in the discharge of your duties, or thank you for the attention you have paid to all such measures as it became my duty to submit to your consideration, in the course of the Session.

The discipline and efficiency of the Militia, being an object of great importance to the security of the Province, I must express my particular thanks for the attention which you have given to the improvement of that valuable Constitutional Force; and, I trust, that the measures which you have adopted for that purpose, will enable me to put it upon the most efficient footing, without occasioning any additional inconvenience to the Inhabitants.

I thank you, in His Majesty's Name, for the liberal Supplies which you have granted for the services of the present year. You may rely upon their being faithfully applied; for I consider the care of all Public Monies, placed at my disposal, and economy in their expediture, one of my first duties.

For some time past my attention has been particularly directed to the best mode of affording facilities to real Settlers upon the Forest Lands, and of putting an end, if possible, to the evils that have arisen from irregular locations, from imperfect surveys, from the illegal transfer and traffic in Warrants of Survey, and other Land-jobbing practices; and viewing the measure which I have in contemplation to effect these objects, as one of pre-eminent importance to the welfare and prosperity of the Province, I rely, with confidence, upon receiving your cordial support and assistance in carrying it into effectual operation in your respective Counties, and upon your continuing to encourage, by every possible means the spirit of Farming Industry, which now happily prevails, in this improving and happy Colony.

JAMES KEMPT.

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 fourteenth day of June next, to be then here held: and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the fourteenth day of June next.