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PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, BARONET, L. L. D.

*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 12th day of May next :

I have therefore thought fit further to prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY to
Wednesday the 1st day of June next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business ; of
which all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves
accordingly.

*GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 12th day of April, 1803, in
the 43d year of His Majesty's Reign.*

J. WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command,

B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 1st June, 1803.

A MESSAGE from his Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary
Wentworth.
Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council, and

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

THE general prosperity that prevails throughout the Province, the improvements which are, in every district, progressing, and the peaceable, industrious, prudent habits of the people, added to a state of general health, naturally call forth my congratulations, to the Legislature at this time ; when assembled to consider of measures that may be proper to continue those blessings.

Our devout thankfulness ought to be most seriously devoted to the Supreme Being, as the true source of every good, through whatever means derived to us ; and herein we should, on this occasion, in an especial manner, earnestly adore the Divine Mercy in protecting the sacred, precious, life of our Most Gracious Sovereign from the unprovoked machinations of foul conspirators, who have been confounded in their dark mischiefs, and have perished under the just, though awful vengeance of those wise and equitable laws, which they were wickedly attempting to subvert.

I rejoice, in feeling as I do, that not only every one here present, but also every person in this Province, will gladly unite with me, in the most earnest wishes of our hearts, that all such wicked and detestable endeavors may meet with a similar termination ; and that, should it ever be necessary, we shall be found ready and willing to devote our lives and fortunes to secure and enforce it.

GENTLEMEN,

As experience is a safe guide in public, as well as in private conduct, whenever it can be resorted to, I have unfeigned satisfaction in recommending a continuance of those Laws and Regulations which have been found beneficial, easy and productive ; should any amendments appear necessary, I shall readily concur therein. I

I have directed the Public Accounts shall be prepared for your inspection; and, from the care, diligence and ability which has been faithfully employed in them, I am persuaded they will prove correct, and be approved.

In your various situations you must have observed, and found great convenience from, the improvements made in the Roads and Bridges; which, with the Public Buildings, tending to the comfort and credit of the country, so obviously and with such happy effect, that I rely on your wisdom and liberality to provide means for perfecting these judicious objects of your former application.

The Estimate for the support of His Majesty's Government, shall be presented to you in time to expedite your consultations; wherein, and in whatever may facilitate the dispatch of the business of the Sessions with harmony and happiness, you may be assured of my best exertions and ready concurrence.

J. WENTWORTH.

Council-Chamber, 1st June, 1803,

On motion *ordered*, That Mr. Morris; Mr. Pyke and Mr. M'Monagle, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech.

William Lyon, Esq; returned duly elected as a Representative for the County of Halifax, took the usual oaths and his seat.

Resolved, That no petition of a private nature be received after Monday the 12th instant.

On motion *ordered*, That Mr. Chipman, Mr. Millidge, Mr. Crane, Mr. Wollenhaupt, and Mr. Lyon, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and reporting thereon, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary Wentworth, acquainting the House, that his Excellency grants his permission to this House, to adjourn until Monday next, at Twelve o'Clock, if they shall think fit.

On motion *ordered*, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Lovett, and Mr. Robie, be a Committee, to report what Laws, are near expiring, and for preparing and bringing in a Bill for continuing the same.

Then the House adjourned until Friday at Ten of the Clock.

Friday, 3d June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pyke laid before the House an account of receipts and expenditures from the Commissioners for building a new Market House, &c. in Halifax, amounting to £.486. 18.

Mr. Speaker, laid before the House, a Copy of his Correspondence with the Agent of the Province in England, together with a Copy of several Letters received by Mr. Speaker from the Agent, between the 6th January 1802, and the first Day of June instant.

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

Mr. Morris *reported*, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech, and presented an Address accordingly, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read by the Clerk, and upon the question put thereupon, agreed to and is as follows:

To

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, BARONET, L. L. D.

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

The ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in General Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's faithful Subjects the Commons of Nova-Scotia, with the utmost respect, beg your Excellency will be pleased to accept our warmest thanks for your Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We beg leave to join your Excellency in sincere congratulations on the general and increasing prosperity of this favored Province, and on the concord and good will so happily subsisting, and prudently maintained by all its inhabitants, who, with the enjoyment of health, possess every comfort and encouragement resulting from your Excellency's administration.

With hearts penetrated with the deepest sense of thankfulness and gratitude to the Supreme Being, for the peculiar blessings we are permitted to enjoy under the fostering care of our most dear and gracious Sovereign, and our happy Constitution! We most sincerely unite with your Excellency, in humble and fervent adoration of the divine interposition in preserving his Majesty's invaluable life, from the atrocious designs of a nefarious and detestable combination, the promoters of which have so deservedly suffered an ignominious fate from the just vengeance of those wise and inestimable Laws they so daringly attempted to overturn.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency in behalf of ourselves and our constituents, that it is the united and most earnest wish of our hearts, that all such foul and unprovoked machinations may terminate in a shameful and ignominious end. And we shall at all times consider it a sacred and most important duty to be prepared and willing to devote our lives and fortunes in the support of those wise and salutary laws, by which it is our highest pride and happiness to be governed.

We shall be happy in continuing those laws and regulations, which experience has taught to be easy and beneficial to the Country, in full confidence of your Excellency's ready concurrence in any amendments, that may appear necessary.

We are grateful for your Excellency's attention in directing the Public Accounts to be prepared for our inspection, and are confident they will justify your Excellency's favorable opinion of their correctness.

We are truly sensible of the great and solid advantages derived to the Country from the opening and improvement of the Public Roads and Bridges, and we shall take into our immediate consideration their present state, and also that of the Public Buildings.

The estimate for the support of His Majesty's Government, when laid before us, will meet with the fullest consideration.

The favorable disposition your Excellency has at all times manifested to encourage harmony and dispatch in the business of the Session, demands our grateful acknowledgments, in return, we intreat your Excellency to be assured of our sincere disposition to meet your most ardent wishes as well in the important objects recommended to our attention, as in every measure conducive to the prosperity of the Country, or the ease and comfort of your Excellency's administration.

Resolved, that the said Address be presented to his Excellency by the whole House.

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

A Petition of Reuben Hankinson, was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read, setting forth: That the petitioner has expended the sum of 300l. as Commissioner in

building a bridge over Sciffabou river, and praying compensation for his services, as also the re-payment of 3l. 4s. 8d. disbursed by him for conveying the sum of 109l. 6s. 8d. in cash, from the Treasury to Digby.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Then the House adjourned 'till Monday at Ten of the Clock.

Monday, 6th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pyke presented to the House an account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all monies received by him into, and payments by him made from, the Provincial Treasury, commencing the 1st January, and ending the 31st December, 1802.

Ordered, That the said account do lie on the table, to be perused by the members of the House.

On motion, the Correspondence between Mr. Speaker and the Agent of the Province, was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Monk, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report to the House, the measures, in their opinion, necessary to be adopted for encreasing the number of Counties in the Province,

Ordered, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Millidge, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act for the equal distribution of the Estates and Effects of insolvent debtors, to and amongst their creditors, 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.

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

Tuesday, 7th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the equal distribution of the Estates and Effects of Insolvent Debtors to and amongst their Creditors, was read a first time,

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

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will on Saturday next, the 11th instant, resolve itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

A petition of Francis Ryarson was presented by Mr. Rutherford, and read, setting forth: That the petitioner has at the expence of upwards of 600l. lately erected a Mill in the Township of Clements, for the manufacturing of Plaster Paris, and Hemlock, and other Bark, which is the first work of the kind ever erected in the Province, and likely to prove of great public utility, and praying the House will grant him a premium as an encouragement for the same.

A petition of William Winaiett was presented by Mr. Rutherford, and read, setting forth : That the petitioner was appointed Inspector and Searcher for the County of Annapolis, by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in the year 1801 ; from which period he has strictly executed the duties of his office, and made several seizures of contraband articles, without receiving a compensation for his services, and praying the House will take his case into consideration, and grant him such allowance as to them may seem fit.

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

Mr. Rutherford delivered to the House an account of expenditures by the Commissioners appointed for building a Light House at the entrance of the Gut of Annapolis, accompanied by vouchers for the same, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said papers be referred to Mr. Tonge, Mr. M'Monagle, and Mr. Cochran, who are to take the same into consideration, and report thereon to the House, as also what measures are in their opinion necessary to be adopted for the regulating and lighting the said Light House.

A petition of William Burke, was presented by Mr. Barfs, and read, setting forth : That the petitioner is now resident, and was one of the first settlers on the road leading from Liverpool to Nictaur, that he, together with the other settlers suffer great inconvenience for want of a Grist Mill in the settlement, and praying the sum of 150l. may be granted for that purpose.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

A Message from the Council informing the House that they had appointed a Committee for examining the Public Accounts, and that the said Committee were ready to meet the Committee of this House, in the Committee room of the Council, this day at twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Committee do attend accordingly.

The Clerk reported that he had, pursuant to order, waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the address of this House, and that his Excellency had appointed this day at one o'clock, at the Government-House.

Then the House adjourned till half past twelve of the clock P. M.

The House met agreeably to adjournment.

Mr. Millidge acquainted the House that his ill state of health will not permit his attendance as one of the Committee of Public Accounts, and praying the House would excuse him from that duty, and thereupon

Ordered, That Mr. Roach be one of the Committee of Public Accounts in the place of Mr. Millidge.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with their Address, pursuant to the resolution of Friday last.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency was pleased to give this Answer,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I RETURN you many and very sincere thanks for your kind Address. The sentiments of zealous loyalty, wisdom, and liberality which you are pleased to express, cannot fail to affect my mind, with the most grateful consideration, and are rendered still more interesting by the obliging manner in which they are conveyed, affording me the best grounded confidence in your assistance to promote the public good in the progress of the Session.

A petition of John Dickson, and others, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, setting forth : That the County Road leading from Truro, to the river Shubenacadie, is at some seasons of the year, almost impassable from the deepness and wetness of the soil,

fail; that the stature labour of the inhabitants is inadequate to repair the same, and praying the aid of the House.

A Petition of Seth Coffin, of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Moody, and read, setting forth: That the petitioner has at a heavy expence and to his great inconvenience supported and maintained one Peter Reiley, a transient pauper, who was in January last left on shore in the harbour of Barrington, by a vessel bound from Halifax to Boston, in which he had taken passage, and so severely frost bitten as to require the utmost care and attention, to preserve his life, and praying the the House will take the case into consideration and grant him relief therein.

A Petition of Thomas Williams and others, the Magistrates and Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read, setting forth: That the Bridge over Allan's river, in the township of Annapolis on the Post-Road from Halifax to Digby, is in so ruinous a state as to endanger the lives of persons passing over, and requires for the preservation of the communication by land, to be replaced with a new one; the expence of which by computation will cost about 800l. and exceeds the ability of the County to provide for upwards of 540l. and praying an adequate aid from the House to carry the building of the proposed Bridge into effect.

A petition of William Sabatier, chairman, and the other Commissioners of the Poor, for the town and peninsula Halifax, was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, setting forth: That the petitioners find the increasing burthen of the poor who apply to them for the public support within this town and peninsula so great and disproportioned, as to induce the Petitioners to submit their case to this honourable House. That the petitioners beg leave to state that the numbers who have received support from them, not belonging to the township, since the last meeting of the Assembly, have been one hundred and four, and the cost of their support, five hundred and fifty eight pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence, independent of the repairs of buildings, &c. That the petitioners are of opinion that this excess is occasioned by the following causes: First, By the want of a Bridewell, where laborious employment, punishment, and coarse diet may be furnished, which would tend to make the profligate and idle turn their minds to honest exertion, and thereby avoid the consequences of debauchery and intemperance. Second, The habit which some of the other townships are in, by sending paupers to Halifax, in order to relieve themselves from their support. Third, The practice of masters of vessels bringing persons as sailors or passengers to this town, who were, when shipped, evidently poor, infirm or diseased. Fourth, The inability of the commissioners to refuse admittance to applicants, or to claim from those, who have some property, a return of their expenses. Fifthly, The yearly deficiency of the poor rates occasioned by the inability in the Sessions to allot, as is the case in the county rates, a fair proportion to those districts which are not within the Town and Peninsula, whereby the latter have the whole rate to support, as the annual deficiency is added to the ensuing rate. That the petitioners received with thankfulness from this honorable House, in their last Sessions, their vote of five hundred pounds, towards erecting an hospital, but on procuring estimates for such a building as would answer the purpose, the petitioners found it totally insufficient and the amount of the expences for the maintenance of strangers were so great, that the community of Halifax could not support any addition. That the petitioners submit to this honorable Assembly that if they were relieved from the burthen of those who do not belong to them, they would maintain their own poor, without the necessity of laying their annual complaints before the Legislature, which they protest to be amongst the most irksome duties attached to their office, and praying that relief from the House which the petitioners are convinced their wisdom and justice will afford them.

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. M'Monagle, Mr. Allison, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Pyke and Mr. Roach, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Rutherford, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to render more beneficial the Common of the Town of Digby, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Wednesday, 8th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to render more beneficial the Common of the Town of Digby, was read a second time.

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

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the chair;

Mr. Pyke took the chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and prayed leave to sit again on the consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know from his Excellency whether he has had any, and what communication with the Government of New-Brunswick, relative to the establishing of a Light House, upon Briar Island, in the Bay of Fundy.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. M'Monagle, and Mr. Cochran, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act for preventing Nuisances in the Rivers in this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Moody, and Mr. Pyke be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Rutherford, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, 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 Ten of the Clock.

Thursday, 9th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A sufficient number of Members not attending to make a quorum of the House,
C Mr.

Mr. Speaker thereupon adjourned the House 'till to-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

Friday, 10th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of the Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Chipman 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 have been received to 31st December, 1802, properly stated, and all charges regularly vouched for; there appears a balance in the Treasury, at that period, amounting to

4,102 4

Collectors of Impost and Excise, Halifax District.

Their Accounts to 31st December, 1802, have been received, properly stated and correct; they have charged for the pay of extra Waiters, between 1st January, and 31st December, 1802, 315l. 4s. which exceeds the sum provided by Law 65l. 4s. there remained in their hands for collection, as stated by them, subject to the usual drawback on articles exported, bonds to the amount of £7,361 19 10 It also appears by their Accounts, that during the foregoing period bonds have been delivered to the Attorney General, and which are to be accounted for amounting to

Making together 3,245 2 7 10,607 2 5

Lunenburg District.

No Returns.

Liverpool District.

The Collector's Accounts to 31st December, 1801, have been received, which are very inaccurate: his quarterly returns to 31st December last, have also been received, there appears to have been a balance in his hands at that period of

2,691 8 10½

Annapolis District.

The Collector's Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are very incorrect; it appears that the balance in cash and bonds, remaining in his hands, at that period, including three charges for drawback of Duties, and a Sheriff's Account, (and for which there is no voucher,) amounts to
The late Collector still owes, as reported last year

903 9 0
301 5 8

Shelburne District.

The late Collector's Accounts to the 30th September last, have been received, and are perfectly correct: the bonds in hand were delivered over to his Successor, amounting to

164 18 9
He

He had remitted the balance of his account current to the Treasurer, but which he did not receive till after closing his accounts, amounting to	175	15	5½
The present Collector has transmitted a return of Duties secured to 31st December, amounting to	217	9	4

Yarmouth District.

No returns have been received; the Collector has remitted the Treasurer	94	10	0
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Cumberland District.

No return nor remittances since 1797.

Colchester District.

No returns

Sydney District.

No returns.

King's County District.

No returns have been received; by the Treasurer's accounts it appears that the late Collector has remitted his balance.

Hants District.

The Collector has transmitted his Accounts to 31st March last, which are very correct; the balance of 100l. 2s. 3d. the Treasurer acknowledges to have received since closing his Accounts.

LIGHT-HOUSES.

Halifax.

The Collector's Accounts to 31st December, 1802, have been received, and are correct; it appears that the balance due by him last year, as well as all monies collected at the date of his Accounts have been paid into the Treasury.

Shelburne.

The late Collector's Accounts have been received to 30th September, 1802, which are correct; a balance appears due by him, but which the Treasurer reports he has received since closing his Accounts, amounting to	10	13	7½
The present Collector has made a return of Duties collected to 31st December, 1802, amounting to	13	0	0½

ANDREW BELCHER,	}	Committee of Council.	Wm. ALLEN CHIPMAN,	}	Committee of the House of Assembly.
LAW. HARTSHORNE.			JONATHAN CRANE,		
			CASPER WOLLENHAUPT		
			WILLIAM LYON.		

Dr.

Dr. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA,

Contra

Cr.

1802.

December 31. To the following Sums appropriated

but not yet drawn from the Treasury.

For Roads and Bridges, 1800 £66 15 0
 Ditto 1801 1,057 7 0
 Ditto 1802 1,551 5 0

To John Howe, on account of printing the Laws of the Province £2,675 7 0

To Commissioners for Paving the Streets of Halifax 50 0 0

For the purchase of Hemp Seed 250 0 0

For repairs, &c. to the Poor-house at Halifax 180 0 0

For the purchase of a piece of Ground convenient to make a communication between the new Government-House and the South Farm 500 0 0

Bounty on Fish 1,500 0 0

To Balance 5,655 7 0
 10,577 10 8

£16,232 17 8

ANDREW BELCHER, }
 LAW. HARTSHORNE, } Committee of Council.

1802.

December 31. By Balance in the hands of the Treasurer £4,102 4 0

By Securities in the hands of Collectors of Impoft and Excise at Halifax, and the Attorney-General £10,607, 2 5

Deduct for probable Draw-backs 1,500 2 5

By Balances unremitted and Securities in the hands of the Out-Port Collectors 4,554, 9 4

Deduct for probable Draw-backs 1,554 9 4

By Balance due by Collectors of Shelburne Light-House 3000 0 0

23 13 8

£16,232 17 8

W. ALLEN CHIPMAN, }
 JONATHAN CRANE, } Committee of the
 CASPER WOLLENHAUPT, } House of Assembly.
 WILLIAM LIXON, }

A petition of Robert Fitz Randolph, and others, was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read, setting forth : That the erecting of a Bridge over the Annapolis river, near Hicks's Ferry, would be of great public utility, and praying the aid of the House for that purpose.

A petition of Phebe Moody was presented by Mr. Moody, and read, setting forth : That she has had the contract for lighting the Light-house, on Sambro Island, since the year 1796, and been put to the expence of 23l. 3s. 4d. for sundry articles for the use of said Light-house, which she conceives she is not bound by her contract to supply, and praying the House will grant her re-payment for the same.

A petition of William Bent and others, was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read, setting forth : That the petitioners have made considerable improvements on the new land lying at the foot of the north mountain in Wilmor, but that from their indigent circumstances they are unable to make a road of communication from thence to the Post Road leading from Halifax to Annapolis, and praying the aid of the House.

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

Mr. Millidge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the payment of a Law Officer to prosecute Pleas of the Crown for the Sessions, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A petition of G. F. Gschwind, as Health-Officer for the Port of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Chipman, *resolved*, that the said petition be dismissed, the subject matter thereof having been considered and decided on by the House in the last Session.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee, appointed on the subject of the Light House, erected on Briar Island, and accordingly presented to the the House, a Bill for extending the several Laws relating to Light-Houses, to the Basen of Annapolis, and the same was read a first time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, the 14th instant, take into consideration the several private petitions before the House.

A petition of Margaret Scott, widow of Joseph Scott, late of Sackville, in the County of Halifax, Esq; deceased, and a Devisee under the last Will of the said Joseph Scott, Michael Scott only son and heir at law of the said Joseph Scott, and also a devisee under the said Will : John Conolly, of Baliboy, in that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland, clerk ; only child and heir at law of Mary Conolly, named in the said Will, and Samuel Mercer, of Sackville aforesaid, Gentleman, a devisee under the said Will, was read : Praying leave to bring in a Bill for assuring to Foster Hutchinson, and William Sabatier, their heirs and assigns, an Estate called Sackville, comprised in the Will of the said Joseph Scott, deceased, and for barring the remote and latent claims of such persons as might hereafter derive a title thereto, either under the contingent interest devised to some of the petitioners as under the executory devise to the heirs of the said Mary Conolly ; And thereupon

On motion, *resolved*, That Mr. Lyon have leave to bring in a Bill, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

On motion, *resolved*. That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration and report to the House what monies they may think necessary to be appropriated for the service of the present year, and also to consider and report whether it is expedient to make any, and what alterations, in the present system of Revenue.

Ordered, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Moody and Mr. Robie, be a Committee for that purpose.

A petition of William Robertson and others, proprietors of lands on the road between the falls of the River Nictaur and Birch Cove, was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read; praying the aid of the House, for the service of the said road; and also that an Act may be passed for compelling absent proprietors to pay for, or perform their proportion of labour thereon,

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Saturday 11th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the payment of a Law Officer to prosecute Pleas of the Crown, for the Sessions; also

A Bill for extending the several Laws relating to Light-houses, to the Bason of Annapolis, were severally read a second time.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the equal distribution of the Estates and Effects of Insolvent Debtors to and amongst their creditors.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had deferred to the next Session the consideration of the said Bill, which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Secretary Wentworth 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, the Members being uncovered, and is as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly:

Herewith is communicated a copy of my correspondence with his Excellency Lieutenant-Governor Carleton, relative to the establishing of a Light-house upon Briar Island, in the Bay of Fundy, conformable to your Address to me upon that subject, the last Session of the Legislature.

J. WENTWORTH.

The said Message and the Correspondence therein referred to, were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

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

Mr. Lyon, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for confirming and establishing an agreement for the sale of the lands and hereditaments called Sackville, lying in the County of Halifax, and the same was read a first time, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Resolved, That the persons interested in the said Bill, do appear by their Counsel at the Bar of this House, on the second reading of the same, in support of the allegations set forth in the said Bill.

A petition of Phineas Millidge, Nathaniel Parker, Joseph Morton, John M'Cor-mick, George Harvey, and George Burcham, was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read, setting forth: That the petitioners, when employed in the laying out lots, on the Road from Nictaur to Liverpool, by the Commissioners appointed to superintend the same, suffered a loss, by an accidental fire, which consumed their camp, in cloaths and other necessary articles, to the amount of £36 16 0; and praying the House will take their case into consideration, and grant them such relief as they shall think fit.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received a letter from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Sable Island to be communicated to the House; and the said letter was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly:

I have very great pleasure in communicating the letters received yesterday from Mr. Morris, superintendant of the Establishment upon Sable Island, and most sincerely congratulate you on the preservation of many lives and considerable property, through the exertions of our people and the means of relief, and I trust I may say, blessed liberality and wisdom of the Legislature. The happiness derived from reflecting on having stretched forth our hands, and under favor of Divine Providence, to the preservation of so many of our fellow-creatures from perishing, renders additional reasons unnecessary to support my recommendations for your providing means to enable me to continue the Establishment.

I have directed the Commissioners, under whose care this business has been conducted, to lay before the Legislature, an account of the expences disbursed, and they will also afford any other information in their power that may be desired.

J. WENTWORTH.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House, the letters from the Superintendant, upon Sable Island, which accompanied the foregoing one from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the same were read by the Clerk, and thereupon

On motion of Mr. Morris, *resolved*, That this House will on Monday next take into consideration his Excellency's letter, and the Establishment on the Island of Sable.

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

Monday, 13th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Joseph Fennell was presented by Mr. Cochran, and read, praying for a return of Impost Duties, on sundry articles imported from the West-Indies, the 20th May, 1802, purchased with the produce of the Province, amounting to £ 47 14 6.

A petition of James and William Cochran, was presented by Mr. M'Monagle, and read, praying for a return of Duties, on Rum and Sugar, exported to England the 3d June, 1801, amounting to £20 17 4.

A petition of Simon Fitch and others, inhabitants of Horton, was presented by Mr. Allison, and read, praying for aid to enable them to rebuild the lower bridge, so called, over Gaspereau River in said township.

A petition of Thomas Thomson and others, inhabitants of Chester, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying that the Interior Court and General Sessions of the Peace for the county of Lunenburg, may be held once a year in said town, and also that a Public Marke: be established within the same,

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

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On motion of Mr. Wilkins, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Justices in Session, to establish a public Market, in such townships and districts throughout the province, as may require it.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. M'Monagle, and Mr. Marshall, be a Committee for that purpose.

A petition of Charles Hill and Co. was presented by Mr. Morris, and read, praying for a return of sunk Duties on Rum, Sugar and Coffee, exported to Quebec, the 20th May, 1802, amounting to £34 2 1.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

On motion, *ordered*, That the said petition, together with such other petitions now before the House, as relate to a claim for a return of Duties, be severally referred to the Collectors of Impost and Excise, and the Inspector and Searcher for the district of Halifax, and that they do report specially thereon to the House, touching the facts set forth in the petitions.

A petition of Josiah Dodge and others, inhabitants of Granville, was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read, praying the interference of the Legislature, to remove certain difficulties at present subsisting, respecting the boundary lines in said township.

A petition of Ephraim Howard, David Dickey, and William Dickey, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying for further compensation for building a bridge over the River Sewack.

A petition of Patrick Fitzmaurice was presented by Mr. Tonge, and read, praying payment for work done by him on the Windsor road, not included in his contract with the Commissioners.

A petition of Alexander Sutherland and others, inhabitants of Sheet Harbour, Beaver Harbour, and Pope's Harbour, was presented by Mr. Lyon, and read, praying for a sum of money to complete a Road from those settlements to the main road leading to Halifax.

Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table.

The orders of the day being read,

On motion, the Bill for confirming and establishing an agreement for the sale of the lands and hereditaments called Sackville, lying in the county of Halifax, as also, the petition of Margaret Scott, Michael Scott, and John Connolly, were read a second time; And the House having heard the petitioners by their Counsel at the Bar of the House, and likewise examined and considered the evidence produced in support of the several allegations set forth in the said Bill, thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. Pyke took the chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Morris delivered to the House the undermentioned papers, from the commissioners appointed to superintend the establishment on the Island of Sable, viz.

A copy of a Note from Rear-Admiral Knight, to Lord Glenberrie.

A copy of a letter from B. Lincoln, Esq., to James M'Donough, Esq.

A Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners to James Morris, the Superintendent on the Island, and also

An account of Expenditures for the service of said Island, by the Commissioners from October, 1801, to 13th June, 1803, amounting to £1271 8 3.

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

On motion, the House proceeded to take the same into consideration, together with the letter from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeably to the order of the day, and after the said papers were again read by the Clerk.

On motion, *resolved*, That the account of Expenditures for the Island of Sable, be referred to Mr. Lyon, Mr. Wollenhaupt and Mr. Marshall, who are to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee appointed to consider what monies are necessary for the service of the present year, and also whether any and what alterations are necessary to be made in the present system of Revenue, 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.

A Bill for confirming and establishing an agreement for the sale of the lands and hereditaments called Sackville, in the County of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be an Act, for confirming and establishing an agreement for the sale of the Lands and Hereditaments, called Sackville, lying in the County of Halifax, and comprised in the last Will of Joseph Scott, Esq. discharged of certain contingent interests; which may arise from the said Will.

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

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that the House will, on Wednesday next, the 16th instant, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of a supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved* that in future the substance of Petitions presented to the House, be not entered on the Journal by the Clerk, unless the Member presenting a Petition desires the same.

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

Tuesday, 14th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Lyon, delivered to the House, an account of Monies received and disbursed by the Commissioners appointed under the Law for repairing the Streets, &c. within the town and Peninsula of Halifax, between the 8th January, 1802, and 6th April, 1803, amounting to £930 1 3.

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

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *ordered*, that an account of the receipt and expenditure of the Monies received for the duty on Licensed Houses within the District of Halifax, for the two past years be laid before the House, and that the Clerk do desire Mr. Treasurer Wallace, to furnish the same to the House.

The Order of the day being read,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Petitions now before the House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge 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 several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

The Petition of Reuben Hankinson was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the consideration of the said petition should be referred to a Committee to be appointed by the House to take into consideration the claims of the commissioners of roads and bridges, and report what allowance each of them are, in their opinion, entitled to receive for their services.

The petition of Francis Ryarson was read, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the consideration of the said petition should be deferred to a future day.

The petition of William Burk was read and considered; and thereupon

Resolved, It is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 100*l.* should be granted and paid to the petitioner for the purpose of erecting a Grist-Mill, within the settlement called Nelson, lying on the Road leading from Liverpool to the river Nictaur, for the encouragement of said settlement, on the petitioner giving sufficient security that the Mill shall be so erected.

The petition of John Dickson and others; the petition of Thomas Williams, and others; the petition of Robert Fitz Randolph, and others; the petition of William Bent, and others; the petition of Simon Fitch, and others; and also the petition of Alexander Sutherland and others, were severally read, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the said petitions should be referred to the Committee who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

The petition of Seth Coffin, was read and considered, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of 13*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* should be granted and paid to the petitioner in full for the maintenance and support afforded by him to Peter Reiley, a transient pauper, as stated in his petition.

The petition of William Sabatier, and others, the Commissioners of the Poor of Halifax, was read, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the said Petition should be referred to a Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Patrick Fitz Maurice, and the Petition of Ephraim Howard and others, were severally read, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be referred to the Committee appointed to examine into, and report on the expenditure of Monies granted for Roads and Bridges.

The Petition of Phineas Millidge and others, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved;

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that there should be granted and paid to Phineas Millidge, the sum of £9 1 8. To John M'Cormick, the sum of £8 11 8. To Nathaniel Parker, the sum of £6 10 8. To Joseph Morton, the sum of £3 16 8. To James Bircham, the sum of £4 16 8. and to George Harvey, the sum of £3 18 8. agreeably to the prayer of the Petition.

The Petition of James and William Cochran, was read and considered, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £20 17 4 should be granted and paid, to the petitioners, in full for a return of duties on Rum and Sugar, by them exported to England the 3d June, 1801, agreeable to the prayer of their petition.

The petition of Charles Hill and Co. was read and considered, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the petition should be dismissed.

The petition of Josiah Dodge, and others, was read, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the consideration of the said petition should be deferred to the next Session.

The petition of Thomas Thomson and others, was read, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the consideration of the said petition should be deferred to a future day.

The petition of Joseph Fennell was read, and thereupon

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the said petition should be referred to a Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

The said Report and Resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and hereupon

Mr. Chipman moved that the report be not agreed to by the House, so far as relates to granting 13l 2s. 6d. to Seth Coffin, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion nine, against the motion sixteen, so it passed in the negative.

The Report was then put to the House, and agreed to; and thereupon

Ordered, That Mr. Roach, Mr. Moody and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee agreeable to the first resolution in the foregoing report.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Commissioners for the Poor be referred to Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Robie, agreeably to the foregoing report.

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Fennell, be referred to Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Wollenhaupt and Mr. Lovett, agreeably to the foregoing report.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of the petition of Thomas Thomson and others, which relates to the holding once in each year the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace for the county of Lunenburg, within the town of Chester, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Wollenhaupt, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

Wednesday, 15th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

The proceedings of yesterday were read by the Clerk, and thereupon, Mr. Chipman moved, that the resolution for granting the sum of £13 2 6. to Seth Coffin, be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Nine, against the motion, Seventeen.

For the Motion,

Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. MORTON,
Mr. NORTHUP,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. MARSHALL,
Mr. OXLEY,

Against the Motion,

Mr. COCHRAN,	Mr. CAMPBELL,
Mr. LOVETT,	Mr. LYON,
Mr. BARSS,	M. WOLLENHAUPT,
Mr. CHANDLER,	Mr. M'MONAGLE,
Mr. MONK,	Mr. FULTON,
Mr. TONGE,	Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. M'CURDY,	Mr. THORNE,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. MILLIDGE.
Mr. WILKINS,	

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the several Resolutions of this House, for granting Money, to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, *ordered*, that the report of the Committee, appointed to consider what Monies are necessary for the service of the present Year, &c. be referred to the Committee of the whole House, who are to consider of a supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

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. Millidge 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 £6000. should be granted and appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province, for the present year.

The Chairman, also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again, on the further consideration of a supply for the support of His Majesty's Government.

The foregoing 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 To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, 16th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. Pyke took the chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for rendering more beneficial the Common of the Town of Digby, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House. And he afterwards delivered in the said Bill, together with the amendments, at the Clerk's table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that the Committee had made further progress in the Bill to provide for a Law Officer to prosecute Pleas of the Crown, for the Sessions, and that it was the opinion of the Committee that the said Bill should be referred to a Committee to be appointed by the House for the purpose of filling up certain blanks therein contained; the chairman further acquainted the House that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred, which Report the House agreed to.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill to provide for a Law Officer to prosecute Pleas of the Crown for the Sessions, be referred to Mr. Campbell, Mr. Monk, and Mr. Millidge, agreeable to the resolution of the Committee.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Foreman, Grassie and Co. and others, merchants, residing in Halifax, and the same was read, setting forth: That the Law of this Province which obliges all vessels arriving in its ports, with cargoes composed in part of Rum, and other dutiable articles, whereof any portion is intended for the consumption of this Province, to land and store the whole of said cargoes, although the principal part thereof may be destined for another of His Majesty's colonies; has occasioned great expense to the petitioners, and thrown obstacles in the way of their trade, not only by subjecting them to the charges of unloading and loading their vessels, and to a duty of one penny per gallon here, on all such Rum, but also by rendering the articles liable to an additional duty in another colony; for not having been imported thither directly from the West-Indies; That the Duties on Brown Sugar and Molasses, add but little to the Revenues of the Province, and by experience are found inconvenient to the public, causing great trouble in obtaining permits, and increasing the price of two very necessary articles, particularly Molasses, which is much used in the fisheries. That it would be a great convenience to the petitioners and others, to enlarge the time of attendance at the Excise-Office; that the petitioners submit to the consideration of the House, the following as reasonable office hours, viz. from the 1st April, to the 1st November, from ten o'Clock in the morning, to two o'Clock in the afternoon, and in the evening, from four to six o'Clock; and from the 1st November to the 1st of April, from nine o'clock in the morning to three o'Clock in the afternoon. That some of the petitioners, and many others in the different ports of this Province, have, at a great expence, purchased or chartered, and fitted out, many vessels to be employed this season in the fisheries on this coast, and on the Newfoundland and other banks; in which trade, so highly beneficial to the Province, they will be encouraged to persevere, if a Bounty be granted on all Vessels from fifteen tons, and upwards, so employed, and praying that the House will take the premises into consideration; and grant such relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Committee appointed to consider and report what monies are necessary for the service of the present year, &c. do re-consider the Report

made by them to the House, and that the said Report be re-committed to them accordingly.

On motion, *ordered*, That the part of the petition of Foreman and Grassie, and others, which relates to an alteration in the present system of securing and collecting of the Duties on West-India Produce; and also the hours of daily attendance at the Impost and Excise Office, be referred to the foregoing Committee, who are to examine into the same, and report their opinion thereon to the House. Also,

Ordered, That the remaining part of said Petition, respecting a Bounty to be allowed on Fishing Vessels, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition from the Foreman and Grand Jury, for the County of Halifax, and the same was read, setting forth: That the practice of forestalling and regrating is carried on in the Town of Halifax, to an alarming extent, to the great detriment of the Inhabitants, particularly those of the poorer class; that the petitioners find the existing Laws are totally inadequate to remedy the grievance, and praying the aid of the House to adopt such measures as may effectually put a stop to a practice pregnant with evils, and which the petitioners are convinced has been a principal means of raising many of the necessaries of life to their present exorbitant prices: and thereupon

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for extending Public Markets throughout the Province.

Mr. Pyke delivered to the House an account of John F. Gschwind, health-officer for the port of Halifax, for his services and expences between the 28th August, and 30th October, 1802, amounting to 51l. 5s. 9½d.

Ordered, That the account do lie on the Table.

Mr. Cochran delivered to the House an account of expenditure for the new Government House by the Commissioners, between the 6th March 1802, and 4th June 1803, amounting to £3158 2 2½.

Ordered, That the said account be referred to be Mr. Wollenhaupt, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Lovett, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon, as also what further sum it will require in their opinion, to complete the said Building, as likewise to enquire into, and inform the House of the quantity and value of the materials now on hand for the service of the Building.

Mr. Lyon reported from the Committee to whom the accounts respecting the Island of Sable was referred; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined the said accounts, and find them perfectly correct and properly vouched, except No. 57, 58, 61, 63, 82 and 83, making in all, £86 1 10½ having no receipts, and two small sums having no voucher; one for £2 5 0. paid for one week's board for three sailors, and another for £1 5 0. paid for 5 cwt. hay for the stock, &c. The Committee also find, that by the first day of next month the establishment will be in debt 336l. 13s. 3d.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the situation of the several Counties and Districts throughout the Province, with respect to Roads and Bridges, and that they do make a distribution of the Sum of £6000. granted for the said Service for the present Year, amongst the said Counties and Districts.

Ordered, That Mr. Fulton, Mr. Wollenhaupt, Mr. Parker, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Moody, Mr. C. Campbell, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Monk, Mr. Robie, Mr. Morris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Rutherford, be a Committee, for the above purpose.

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On Motion of Mr. Tonge, *ordered*, That the Committee appointed to examine into
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and report on compensation to be allowed to the Commissioners of Roads for their Services, be joined to the Committee appointed to examine and report on the expenditure of monies granted for Roads and Bridges; and that the said Committees, so joined, do report on those subjects to the House accordingly.

Mr. Rutherford, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in amendment of the Act for the better regulating the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis; 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.

Friday, 17th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

There being no business before the House, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until To-morrow at Twelve of the Clock.

Saturday, 18th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of the Act for the better regulating the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Annapolis, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill, to render more easy and effectual the raising Money in the Districts of Colchester and Pictou, for the support of the Ministers of the several Churches there; and also,

A Bill in Amendment of the Act to regulate the Affize of Bread, and the said Bills, were read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Oxley, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Jonathan Palmer, and the same was read: praying for a compensation for a loss he sustained, by a robbery and fire when at work on the road leading to Cumberland, amounting to £7 10.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Monk reported from the select Committee on the subject of Roads and Bridges, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and thereupon

On motion, *ordered*, That the report be re-committed to the said Committee, for their further consideration and report.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Joseph Fennell was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and thereupon

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

Mr. Campbell reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to provide for the payment of a Law Officer, to prosecute Pleas of the Crown, for the Sessions was referred, and afterwards delivered the said Bill, in at the Clerk's Table, and thereupon

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On motion, *ordered*, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

An engrossed Bill, to render more beneficial the Common of the Town of Digby, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be an Act, to render more beneficial the Common of the Town of Digby.

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

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

Monday, 20th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of the Act, to regulate the Assize of Bread, was read a second time.

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

A Bill, to render more easy and effectual, the raising money in the districts of Colchester and Picou, for the support of the Ministers of the several Churches there; was read a second time, and thereupon

On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill, be deferred to the next Session.

Mr. Monk, reported further from the select Committee, on the subject of Roads and Bridges, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and thereupon

Resolved, That the said report be referred to the Committee of the whole House, who are to consider of a supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

On motion, *resolved*, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly, and thereupon

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge 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 prayed leave to sit again on the consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Millidge, the petition of William Robertson and others, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon

Mr. Millidge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to authorize the exploring and cutting of a public Road, from the Eastern Boundary of the Township of Annapolis, to the Hamond Plain Road, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M'Monagle 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 payment of a Law Officer to prosecute Pleas of the Crown for the Sessions, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table. The
Chairman

Chairman, also reported that the Committee had deferred to the next Session, the consideration of the Bill in amendment of the Act, to regulate the Assize of Bread, and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, for the better regulating the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Annapolis, and made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and thereupon

Mr. Chipman moved, that the report of the Committee so far as it relates to the Bill last mentioned, be not agreed to by the House, and that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to the next Session, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative; and thereupon, the House agreed to the remaining part of the report.

Ordered, That the Bill for payment of a Law Officer, &c. be engrossed.

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

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House, will, on Sunday next, attend Divine Service at St. Paul's Church.

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

Tuesday, 21st June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Bill, to continue in force the several Acts, therein mentioned, also

A Bill, to regulate the Seal Fishery, on the several Islands, within this Province, and also

A Bill, to authorize the exploring and cutting out of a public road, from the eastern boundary of the township of Annapolis, to the Hamond Plain road, were severally read a second time.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Committee, appointed to consider whether any, and what alteration is necessary to be made in the present system of Revenue, &c. do prepare and bring in Bills for continuing the several Revenue Laws.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M^oMonagle took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had deferred to the next Session the consideration of the Bill to authorize the exploring and cutting out of a public road from the eastern boundary of Annapolis to the Hamond Plain Road. That the Committee had gone through the Bill to regulate the Seal Fishery, on the several Islands within this Province. The Bill in amendment of the Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings; and also the Bill for extending to the Districts of Digby and Annapolis, the provisions of the several Laws relating to Light-houses, and had agreed to the said Bills severally, with amendments, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills which stood committed. The report of the Committee, and the amendments to the Bills, were read throughout a

first and second time, and upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Parker, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the present state of the Fisheries of the Province, and report to the House, whether any and what encouragement can be given to the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Barfs, Mr. Parker, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Marshall, be a Committee accordingly.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to report to the House, the specific sums that will be required for the support of his Majesty's Government, for the present year.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. Colin Campbell and Mr. Pyke, be a Committee accordingly.

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

Wednesday, 22d June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for extending to the districts of Digby and Annapolis the provisions of the several Laws, relating to Light-houses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be an Act, for extending to the districts of Digby and Annapolis, the provisions of the several Laws, relating to Light Houses.

An engrossed Bill, to regulate the Seal Fishery, on the several Islands within this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to regulate the Seal Fishery, on the several Islands, within this Province.

An engrossed Bill, to enable the Justices in their Sessions, to provide for the payment of such Law Officer, as may from time to time be appointed to prosecute Pleas of the Crown, before the Sessions, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to provide for the payment of such Law Officer, as may from time, be appointed to prosecute Pleas of the Crown before the Sessions.

An engrossed Bill, in amendment of the Act, for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act in amendment of an Act, made and passed in the 28th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings.

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

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Foreman, 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 thereupon

On motion, *ordered*, That the said report be re-committed to the said Committee and that they do prepare and bring in a Bill, in amendment of the Revenue Act, to grant the relief prayed for by the petitioners so far as it relates to the collecting of the Duties on Rum, &c.

Mr.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee, to whom the petition of William Sabatier, and others, commissioners of the poor at Halifax 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 having fully considered the petition to them referred, and several documents laid before them by W. Sabatier, Esq. chairman to the board of commissioners, they are fully persuaded of the necessity of the establishment of a Bridewell, whereby much of that vice and profligacy, which is the predominating cause of the distress which calls for public relief, might be repressed, and salutary effects produced, in the reformation of many of those individuals, who are thus burthenome to the public ; and as a means of carrying this into effect, recommend the passing an Act to enable the Grand Juries and Justices in Session, to assess the counties in the sums necessary for such establishment, vesting the Supreme Court with the power of amercing such counties as (having occasion for such establishment) shall neglect to provide for the same.

On the second head of the petition, that of other Townships sending their poor to Halifax, to relieve themselves from the burthen of their support; the Committee observe, that the Law, as it stands, affords a remedy for this evil, as such poor might be returned, with heavy costs, to the Township in which they were legally settled ; but as the removal of the pauper would always be troublesome to the Township in which he claims relief, and in many cases impracticable, the Committee recommend an amendment to the Settlement Law, by which a pauper shall be maintained in the Township in which he may require relief, at the expence of the Township in which he may have gained a legal Settlement, until such latter Township upon notice of the circumstances shall remove such pauper.

It being notorious that many poor are brought into the Country by Sea, who when taken on board the Vessels which convey them, are incapable of getting their livelihood, the Committee, (though fully sensible, that any restraints on the introduction of Settlers into a Country wanting Inhabitants, so much as this Province, should be adopted with great caution) are respectfully of opinion, that all masters of vessels might be compelled by Law, under a penalty to lodge with the Naval Officer of the port, where they enter, lists of their crew and passengers, for the inspection of the Commissioners of the overseers of the poor, and in case it should appear that such persons on examination before Justices of the Peace, were either paupers or likely to become such at the time of their embarkation on board such vessel, the master to be compelled to give security either to take such person out of the province again, or that he shall not become chargeable to any Township therein.

On the fourth ground set forth by the petitioners, viz. the inability of the Commissioners to refuse admittance to applicants, or to claim from those who have some property a return of these expences, the Committee are of opinion, that the measures suggested in the second article of this report, afford a remedy for the first part of the evil complained of, and that to provide for the second, it is only necessary to make by a clause in the Law, the Overseers or Commissioners of the poor, creditors to the pauper, and as such entitled to sue for any property, real or personal, which may be discovered to belong to such pauper.

The petitioners in the fifth place, set forth, a yearly deficiency in the poor rates, occasioned by the inability in the Sessions, to aliot as is the case in the County rates a fair proportion to these districts, which are not within the Township or Peninsula, whereby the latter have the whole rate to support, as the annual deficiency is added to the ensuing rate. The difficulty on this head, arises in the opinion of the Committee, from three causes : 1st, a misconstruction of the Law, and consequent irregular practice of assessing as a part of the Township of Halifax, the Township of Dartmouth and Preston, which as a separate Township should have their own assessments and support their own poor : Secondly, the want of division of Townships of
many

many Settlements, within this Country, and without the bounds of its present Townships—and Thirdly, the too great extent of the Township of Halifax, which renders it difficult to collect the assessments which are made.

The remedy for the first inconvenience lies with the petitioners themselves, and a proper application to the Governor and Council, would doubtless produce relief in the other two instances.

On the subject of the vote of £500 granted in the last Session, to assist in the erection of an Hospital, on a particular plan, the Committee find that this sum was not laid out on account of said plan being found far to exceed the means for its execution, the Committee recommend that the said sum of £500. be granted without any other condition than that the Town of Halifax raise £1000. to be applied to the same effect.

Lastly, the Committee with great deference recommend the placing of the poor who have not legal places of Settlement within the Province, under the direction of Provincial Commissioners, who shall have the general direction and superintendancy of all such paupers, as are usually called Transient Poor, with power to place them in the Poor House of Halifax, or in any Township in the Province, where they can be maintained with greatest advantage to the public.

On motion *resolved*, that the said report be now committed to a Committee of the whole House,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly,
Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Millidge took the Chair,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Report to them referred, and had come a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the resolution 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 Committee should be appointed by the House to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills for carrying into effect the several objects contained in the said report.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Robie, be a Committee conformable to the foregoing Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of £20 17 4 to James and William Cochran; and also the Resolution for granting the sum of £13 2 6. to Seth Coffin.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution in favor of William Burke, and also the Resolution in favor of Phineas Millidge, and others.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *ordered*, That an account of Expenditure of the sum of £1000. granted in the year 1801, for the service of distressed settlers and others, be laid before the House.

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

Thursday, 23d June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Campbell reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the present state 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 it appears to the Committee the bounty of one shilling per quintal, on Cod Fish, granted last Session of Assembly, has not (from various causes) answered the beneficial purposes contemplated by the Legislature. Secondly, That it is the opinion of the Committee it would greatly promote and encourage the Fishery, as well as tend to encrease the number of shipping and seamen in this Province, if a bounty of seven shillings and six pence per ton, was given on all Vessels of fifteen tons and upwards, duly registered and owned in this Province and wholly employed in the Cod, Salmon, Herring, Gaspereau and Oil Fisheries, for any term during the present season not less than three months. Thirdly, The Committee are of opinion that all the Vessels of the above description employed in the Fisheries do not exceed 3660 tons, they therefore recommend that the sum of £1372 15. be granted and appropriated for the above purpose. The Committee, with great deference, beg leave to submit to the consideration of the House, the wisdom and justice of passing a Resolve which might enable the Treasurer of the Province to pay to William Nixon, Esq. the sum of £20 14. being the bounty of one shilling per quintal on 414 quintals of Cod Fish, *bona fide* caught and cured last summer by inhabitants of this Province, as per certificates which bounty (although they were justly entitled to the same) it was impossible for them to apply for, exactly conformable to the directions of the Law, from circumstances originating on the part of Government, and consequently out of their power to prevent.

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

Mr. Morris, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of the Church-Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Paul, in Halifax, and the same was read, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to sell the Old Parsonage House and to erect a suitable building for the accommodation of the Rector; and thereupon

Mr. Morris, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to authorize the Church-Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Paul, in Halifax, to dispose of the present Parsonage House of the Parish, 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 Ten of the Clock.

Friday, 24th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorize the Church-Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Paul, in Halifax, to dispose of the present Parsonage House, 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. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act, in amendment of an Act made and passed in the 23th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act to render more beneficial the Common of the Town of Digby ; and also

The Bill, entitled, an Act for extending to the Districts of Digby and Annapolis the Provisions of the several Laws relating to Light-houses, severally, with amendments ; to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the Bill, entitled, an Act to render more beneficial the Common of the Town of Digby, and also the Bill, entitled, an Act for extending to the Districts of Digby and Annapolis the Provisions of the several Laws relating to Light-houses, be deferred to the next Session.

Mr. Secretary Wentworth acquainted the House that he had received his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's commands to lay before this House, a copy of a letter from the Right Honorable Lord Hobart, one of his Majesty's Secretaries of State, to his Excellency ; and he presented the said Letter to the House.

The said Letter to his Excellency was read and is as follows :

(CIRCULAR.)

Downing-Street, 16th May, 1803.

SIR,

I HAVE received the King's Commands to acquaint you, that in consequence of the unfavorable termination of the discussions lately depending between His Majesty and the French Government (of the probability of which result I gave you notice in my secret letter, of the 7th instant) His Majesty's Ambassador left Paris on the 13th.

In consequence of this event His Majesty has been pleased to order that Letters of Marque, or Commissions of Privateers should be issued with all dispatch in the usual manner.

I am now to signify to you the King's Commands that you do immediately cause the above intelligence to be made as public as possible in all places within your Government, in order that His Majesty's subjects may both be enabled, by this early notice to prevent any injury which they might otherwise receive from the French, and that they may likewise be prepared to do their utmost within their several stations to distress and annoy them, by making Captures of their Ships and destroying their Commerce ; in the mean time you may give assurances to the owners of all armed ships and vessels that His Majesty will consider them as having a just claim to the King's share of all French ships and property which they may make prize of.

Under these circumstances it will be adviseable that homeward merchant ships should wait until such time as they may have an opportunity of being convoyed home.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obedient humble servant,

HOBART.

And thereupon,

Mr. Tonge moved that a Committee be appointed to prepare an humble Address to his Majesty, congratulating his Majesty on his recent preservation from a traitorous conspiracy, and assuring his Majesty of the loyalty and fidelity of his faithful subjects in this Province to pledge the best exertion of their resources in the present War in the support of the dignity of his Majesty's Crown, and the rights of his People ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Robie, and Mr. Wilkins be a Committee accordingly.

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.

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

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereupon, which they directed him to report to the House, and he read the resolution 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 Committee should be appointed by the House to take into consideration the situation of the settlers on the shore from Ship harbour to the narrows at Porter's Lake, and also the situation of the settlers at the middle settlement on the River Musquodoboit, and to report to the House how they can be best accommodated with a Road or Roads to the capital, and what the probable expence will be.

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 to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

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

Ordered, That Mr Tonge, Mr. Morris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee agreeable to the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Wollenhaupt, reported from the Committee to whom the accounts of the new 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 the accounts, and find them correct and properly vouched, they have however to remark that there appears to be £69 12 4. of the sum expended, to have been for labourers in preparing a part of the South Farm, for a garden. That by the account current made up to the 4th instant, there appears a balance in the hands of the Commissioners of £122 0 2. but by a memorandum annexed, there also appears, debts incurred and unpaid to the amount of £1149 0 2. which leaves the building in Debt £1027. part of which sum is for glass, and other articles imported from England this Spring, amounting to £465. That by the best information the Committee could obtain, it will take at least £4216. exclusive of the materials on hand to complete the building.

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

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

Saturday, 25th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Wentworth, by order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered to the House an estimate of the expence for the support of his Majesty's Government, from 1st July, 1803, to 31st December, 1804.

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

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee on the subject of Revenue, and accordingly presented a Bill for continuing the Act, for laying an Impost Duty on articles imported from the United States of America, also

A Bill for continuing the Grammar School Act, also

A Bill for continuing the several Revenue Laws, for the support of his Majesty's Government, also

A Bill, for continuing the several Acts, respecting the Licence Duties, also.

A Bill, to continue an Act, passed in the 32d year of his present Majesty, for the further increase of the Revenue, &c. and also

A Bill, in further amendment of the Act, of the 33d year of his present Majesty's reign, for granting to his Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, &c.

And the said Bills, were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Justices in their Session, to provide for the payment of such Law Officer, as may, from time to time, be appointed to prosecute Pleas of the Crown before the Sessions.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge 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 him directed to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply ; which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Lyon, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of George Grant, Agent to James Brymer, of London, Merchant; Contractor for victualling his Majesty's ships of War, in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the same was read, praying that all Bread imported into Halifax, from the United States of America, for the use of his Majesty's Navy, may be exempted from the duty of ten per cent. now payable thereon.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, 27th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Treasurer Wallace, delivered to the House, Accounts for sundry repairs to the Light-House at Shelburne; amounting to £19 4 10¹/₂. also

Accounts for sundry repairs to the Old Government House, amounting to £146 18 5. Also

An account of the expenditure of £1000. granted in the year 1801, for the service of distressed settlers &c. And also

An account of Expenditures for the service of Indians, between the 10th December, 1800, and 12th June, 1803, amounting to £530 2 8. and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said accounts be referred to Mr. Lyon, Mr. Colin Campbell, and Mr. Chipman, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That the thanks of this House be given to the Reverend John Inglis, for the Sermon by him preached before this House yesterday, and that Mr. Speaker, do acquaint him therewith, and also request that he will furnish this House, with a copy of the Sermon, for the purpose of printing the same.

Mr.

Mr. Rutnerford, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to enable the Inhabitants of Digby to improve the Common, belonging to the said Town.

And also a Bill to provide for the future support of a Light House, at the entrance of the Harbour of Annapolis, and the same were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the said Bills be now read a second time, and they were read accordingly.

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

A Bill for continuing the Act, for laying an Impost Duty on articles imported from the United States of America, also

A Bill for continuing the Grammar School Act, also

A Bill for continuing the several Revenue Laws, for the support of his Majesty's Government, also

A Bill, for continuing the Act of the 32d year of his present Majesty's reign for the further increase of the Revenue, &c. and also

A Bill, in amendment of the Act, of the 33d year of his present Majesty's reign, for granting to his Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, &c. were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Lyon, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of James and William Cochran, and the same was read, praying for an indulgence of time, for the payment of a Debt due from the Petitioners, to the Government, for duties, and for which judgment and execution have been obtained against the Petitioners, and thereupon,

On motion *resolved*, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said petition, as also on the petition of George Grant.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had taken into consideration the business to them referred, and had come to two 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 follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that his Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, should be requested to order the Attorney General, to direct the Sheriff of the County of Halifax, to return the Executions in his hands against James and William Cochran, unsatisfied ; upon condition that the said James and William Cochran, do deliver to the Treasurer of the Province, such good and sufficient securities, as in the judgment of the Commissioners of the Revenue, will be considered amply sufficient, to secure the payment into the Treasury, of the sums now due on such executions on or before the Thirty first day of December next ; and upon the said James and William Cochran, paying to the Sheriff, all Fees and Poundage, due to him on such Executions ; the Judgments, against said James and William Cochran, to remain still as a further security for said Debt.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the consideration of the petition of George Grant, should be deferred until Wednesday next.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the foregoing Resolution respecting Messrs. Cochrans.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an humble Address

Address to His Majesty, agreeable to the resolution of Friday last, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly; 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:

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

The humble Address of the House of Representatives, of the Province of Nova-Scotia, in General Assembly, convened:

BE graciously pleased most beloved and respected Sovereign to permit us, your faithful and dutiful Subjects (in behalf of ourselves and the loyal people we represent) to approach your Royal Throne, with our sincere and cordial congratulations on your Majesty's recent preservation from the traitorous designs of abandoned conspirators, who would have sacrificed the valuable life of your Majesty, and the glorious Constitution of our Country, to their wicked views; but who have suffered the ignominious punishment so justly due to their nefarious machinations.

Entirely convinced of the rectitude of your Majesty's conduct, and your sincere desire of maintaining the Peace so lately concluded, we see, with equal regret and indignation, the baneful effects of the unbounded ambition of a restless and implacable Foe, by which your Majesty is again compelled to have recourse to arms, to defend the dignity of your Crown, and the just rights of your insulted People.

Sensible of the insufficiency of our means, we know that we have but little aid to offer in the present momentous contest, but that little we tender heartily and freely, and for ourselves, and our constituents, solemnly pledge to your Majesty the utmost exertion of our resources, and should the Enemy make hostile attempts on this part of your Majesty's Dominions, we trust we shall evince that we are neither degenerated from the Stock, from which we sprang, nor insensible, nor unworthy, of the blessings of good government, rational liberty, and the powerful protection of our parent country.

Grateful for the enjoyment of these inestimable privileges and loyalty, and affectionately attached to your Majesty's person and family, we offer our most fervent prayers to Heaven, for the preservation and prosperity of both, and humbly implore the Great Giver of all good, that he may long continue your Majesty his chosen instrument for dispensing the blessings of protection, order and justice, to a free, a happy, and respectable People, and as a pillar of security for the independence of surrounding Nations.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that his Excellency will be pleased to take the earliest opportunity of transmitting, through the proper channels, the humble Address of this House to his Majesty.

Ordered, That Mr. Touge, Mr. Robie, and Mr. Wilkins be a Committee accordingly.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M'Monagle took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to enable the inhabitants of Digby to improve the Common belonging to said Town, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the said Bill 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,

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the situation of the settlers from Ship harbour to the narrows at Porter's Lake, &c. with respect to Roads, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

The Committee recommend that the sum of £125. be applied, to improve the Road between the narrows of Porter's Lake, and the falls of Musquodoboit river ; and a further sum of £125. to open a communication between the upper part of Mahar's Grant, on the middle settlement of Musquodoboit river, and the capital ; in such direction as after inspection shall be judged best by Charles Morris, Lewis M. Wilkins, and William C. Tonge, Esquires.

On motion, *ordered*, That the report be referred to the Committee who are to consider further of a supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply, accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge 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, and framed an estimate thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows :

Resolved, That the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten Pounds, shall be the only sum to be appropriated the present Session, for the service of Roads and Bridges to be made and repaired the ensuing year, and that such sum shall be distributed amongst the several Counties and Districts, in the Province, pursuant to the Estimate hereunto annexed, as followeth, viz.

For the County of Shelburne.

- 100l. for erecting a bridge over the river Jordan, on the main road from Shelburne to Liverpool, (for which the Inhabitants have subscribed 50l.) the money not to be drawn from the Treasury until the Bridge shall be completed, and so certified to the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Justices in General Sessions at Shelburne.
- 125l. for repairing the road from Shelburne to the bounds of Queen's County.
- 125l. for repairing the road from Shelburne to Barrington.
- 20l. for a road on M^cNutt's Island, from the landing to the Light-house.

For Queen's County.

- 125l. for repairing the road and rebuilding the bridges and causeways destroyed by fire, from the bounds of Shelburne County to Liverpool.
- 150l. for improving the road from Liverpool to Nictaur.
- 75l. for enabling the inhabitants to rebuild Herring Cove Bridge, and to repair the road to the bounds of Lunenburg County.

For Lunenburg County.

- 30l. for the road from Petite river to Mr. Pernette's mill.
- 30l. for the road from the east side of Lahave river, to Acher's mill.
- 100l. for the road from Lunenburg to the Nictaur road.
- 50l. for the road from Gold River Bridge towards Lunenburg.
- 20l. for the road from Chester to Windsor.
- 60l. for the road and Bridges from George Frail's, in the eastern part of Chester, to the head of St. Margaret's bay.

For the County of Halifax.

- 50l. for the road from Sheet Harbor, to Geddes's in Musquodoboit.
- 25l. for the road from the lower settlements of Musquodoboit, to the harbour, and clearing the wind-falls.

- 50l. for the road from the mouth of Musquodoboit river, by the way of Chezencook; to the narrows at Porter's Lake.
- 50l. for the road from Dartmouth to Fort Sackville.
- 50l. for the road from the head of St. Margarets's Bay, to Mr. Marshall's Farm; on the Hamond Plain road.
- 25l. for the middle road from Halifax to St. Margaret's Bay, passing by Good Wood.
- 25l. for the road from the Windsor road to Fletcher's bridge, being on the main road from Halifax to Colchester and Cumberland.
- 220l. for the road from Fletcher's bridge to Gay's river, and for a bridge over Gay's river.
- 50l. for the road from Gay's river to Sewack river.
- 100l. for the road from Sewack to Truro.
- 50l. for a road from middle Sewack to Dickey's.
- 30l. for the road from the west bounds of Londonderry to Economy settlement.
- 75l. for rebuilding a bridge over Salmon River, in Truro.
- 100l. for repairing the road from Truro to Pictou.
- 30l. towards rebuilding a bridge over middle river in Pictou.
- 70l. for the road from Margomishe to Cape George.
- 30l. for a road from the Settlements on the River John, to the road leading from Tatamagouche to Onflow.

For the County of Cumberland.

- 50l. for repairing the road from the north bounds of Londonderry to Amherst.
- 30l. for improving the road from Remsheg harbour to the River Philip.
- 20l. for improving the road from Wind's at Remsheg, through Wentworth Settlement, to Gabriel Purdy's, on the Cumberland road.
- 15l. for the road and bridges from Remsheg to Tatamagouche.
- 75l. for improving the road from Partridge Island to Amherst, beginning at the bounds of King's County.
- 100l. to aid the inhabitants of Cumberland to make an Aboiteau across the river Messeguiche, at or below Thomas Atkinson's, for a public bridge, the money not to be drawn from the Treasury until the Aboiteau shall be completed, and so certified to the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Justices in General Quarter Sessions at Cumberland.

For King's County.

- 100l. for repairing the road from Avon bridge to Bishop's bridge.
- 50l. for altering the main road over the hill at Uniacke's farm, on the Annapolis road, and repairing the road and bridges between Jonathan Parker's, and the east bounds of Aylesford township.
- 25l. for repairing the main road through Aylesford.
- 65l. for repairing and continuing the new road leading from Silas Rand's, in the upper part of Cornwallis, to Aylesford church,
- 30l. For completing the road from Black Rock on the Bay of Fundy, to the main road in Cornwallis.
- 55l. to assist and enable the inhabitants to erect and complete a new bridge over the river Gasperau, near to Simon Fitches, being on the middle road from Horton towards Halifax, the money not to be drawn from the Treasury, until the bridge shall be completed, and so certified to the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Justices in General Quarter Sessions at Horton
- 30l. towards completing the lower bridge and road from Horton towards Halifax, by Mount Denfon.
- 25l. For repairing the road from Partridge Island to the south bounds of Cumberland.
- 25l. For repairing the road from Partridge Island to Advocate Harbour.
- 25l. towards completing the road from Swan Creek in Parrisborough, to Harrington's mill.
- 50l. to repair the road from Scotch Bay to the main road in Cornwallis.

For the County of Hants.

- 100l. to complete the road from Douglas church, to the ferry at Shubenaccadie.
- 50l. for the Douglas road leading from Newport to the Nine Mile River road.
- 50l. to complete the road from the upper bounds of Rawdon to Beaver Bank.
- 100l. towards rebuilding Kenetcook bridge.
- 75l. for making a road from Kenetcook bridge to Lawrence's, on the Halifax road.
- 50l. for the road and bridges from Rawdon mill to the Widow Weir's house, near to the east bounds of Newport.
- 75l. to repair the Halifax road from the west end of the new Ardoise road, to the road leading from the Windsor road, near the three mile plain, to Avon bridge.
- 50l. towards reducing the hill, called Tanner's hill, in Windsor.
- 60l. to raise the causeway from Avon bridge to Palmer's island; and to repair the causeway in Jenkins's marsh.
- 100l. for the new Ardoise hill road, to commence at the eastern end of what has been done on that road under the late commissioners, and from thence to continue to the Halifax road, towards Small's tavern.
- 100l. for repairing the Halifax road in the middle stage, from Small's to Mitchell's, part of which is in the County of Halifax.

For the County of Annapolis.

- 240l. to aid the inhabitants to build a bridge over Allen's Creek (in addition to the sum of 200l. granted the last Session for an aboiteau,) the money not to be drawn from the Treasury until the bridge shall be completed; and so certified to the Lieutenant-Governor by the Justices in General Quarter Sessions at Annapolis.
- 120l. to aid the inhabitants to build a bridge over the Annapolis river, at Hicks's ferry, the abutments of which to be made with substantial timber and filled in solid with stone, (in addition to to the sum of 200l. granted last Session to build a bridge over the said river at Leonard's, which sum is now to be applied to the new bridge at Hicks's ferry;) the money not to be drawn from the Treasury until the bridge shall be completed, and so certified to the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Justices in General Quarter Sessions at Annapolis.
- 40l. for repairing the road, near Leonard's tavern, to the North Mountain.
- 25l. to alter the post-road near round-hill.
- 50l. to repair the road from Moose river to Bear river.
- 50l. for repairing and making a road from Digby to Rogers's point.
- 75l. for the road from Digby to Petite Passage.
- 50l. for the road continuing from Petite Passage to Grande Passage.

For Yarmouth and Argyle.

- 150l. for the road from Pubnico to the new bridge at Tusket river.
- 100l. for the road from Yarmouth to Montagan.

For the County of Sydney.

- 200l. for improving the road from Guysborough to the east branch of St. Mary's river; and making bridges over Salmon River and Country Harbour River.
- 300l. for improving the road from the east branch of St. Mary's river, to Musquodoboit, near Henry's, and building bridges over the east and west branches of St. Mary's river.
- 50l. for a road from Stormont to the upper settlements of Country Harbour, and to open a road of about five miles from thence to join the Musquodoboit road, leading from Guysborough to Halifax.
- 50l. for a road from Salmon River to Crow Harbour.
- 60l. for clearing the falls of St. Mary's River.
- 100l. for repairing the road from the head of Milford Haven to the Indian Gardens on the west branch of Antigonish River, and building a bridge over the west branch of said river.
- 70l. for opening a road from Indian Gardens at Antigonish to Malignant Cove.
- 75l. to improve the road from Milford Haven to the Gut of Canso.
- 50l. for a road from Henry's, in Musquodoboit, to the main road leading from Truro to Halifax.

For the County of Halifax.

- 50l. (in addition to the sum of 50l. already voted this Session) to open and improve the road from the Falls of Musquodoboit river to the narrows of Porter's Lake.
- 25l. to improve the road from the narrows at Porter's Lake, towards Dartmouth.
- 125l. to open a communication between the upper part of Mahar's Grant, on the middle settlement of Musquodoboit river and the capital; in such direction, as, after inspection, shall be judged best by Charles Morris, Lewis M. Wilkins, and William Cotnam Tonge, Esquires.

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

The said Report, Resolution and Estimate, 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 Resolution and Estimate to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

On motion, *ordered*, That the report of the Committee on the account of expediture for the new Government House be now referred to the Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply, accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made further progress in the consideration of a Supply, and had come to a resolution thereon, 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 £3000. should be granted and paid for the purpose of carrying on the building of the new Government House.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of a Supply.

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

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

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

Tuesday, 28th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Digby to improve the Common belonging to said Town, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to enable the inhabitants of Digby, to improve the Common belonging to said Town.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M^r Monagle took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred to the next Session the consideration of the Bill in amendment of the Act, of the 33d year of his Majesty's

Majesty's reign, for granting to his Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, &c. That the Committee had gone through the Bill for continuing the several Revenue Laws, for the support of his Majesty's Government. The Bill for continuing the Grammar School Act. The Bill for continuing the Act respecting Licence Duties. The Bill for continuing the Act of the 32d year of his present Majesty's reign for the further increase of the Revenue, &c. and also the Bill to authorize the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Paul, in Halifax, to dispose of the present Parsonage House of the Parish, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's table. The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred; which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of James Ratchford; and James Noble Shannon, and the same was read: praying the aid of the House to enable them to continue the establishment of a Packet to run between Windsor and Parrsborough.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

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

Wednesday, 29th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Paul, in Halifax, to dispose of the present Parsonage House of the Parish, was read a third time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to authorize the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Paul, in Halifax, to dispose of the present Parsonage House of the Parish, and to purchase Ground for a new House, and to authorize the Parishioners to assess themselves for the building of it.

An engrossed Bill for continuing the several Revenue Laws, for the support of his Majesty's Government, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be an Act to continue the several Revenue Laws, for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province.

An engrossed Bill for continuing the Grammar School Act, 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 34th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the support of the Grammar School, in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act respecting the Licence Duties, 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 39th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses or shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors and for regulating such public houses and shops. Also the Act passed in the 40th year of His Majesty's Reign, in amendment of the above recited Act, and also an Act passed in the 41st year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of the said above recited Act.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act of the 32d year of His present Majesty's Reign, for the increase of the Revenue, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to continue an Act passed in the 32d year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Province, and also the Act in amendment thereof, passed in the 41st year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act to alter, amend and continue, an Act made and passed in the 32d year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act 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 to the same.

Mr. Lyon reported from the Committee to whom the accounts for the repair of Shelburne Light-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:

Shelburne Light-house.—That the accounts are properly stated and vouched amounting to £19 4 10¹.

Expenditure for Distressed Settlers.—That the Committee have examined the several accounts and find them properly vouched, amounting to £994 12 0, excepting Phineas Millidge's demand, and for which there appears no account; amount £164. That the sum of £583 16 0, has been expended in making surveys of lands, and paying chain men, and the sum of 25l. in assisting two settlers on the Cumberland road. That the sum of £365 16. has been applied towards purchasing provisions for Emigrants, in the eastern district of this province, and that a balance now remains in the hands of the commissioners of 5l. 8s. That it appears to the Committee, by a paper found amongst the accounts, that a Mr. Nathaniel Parker, and others, have made proposals to the commissioners to settle on the Nictaur Road, to which the Commissioners have agreed on conditions, particularly on their paying the half of the expences of surveying the lands.

Old Government House.—That the accounts are properly vouched, amounting to £146 18 5, but that the Committee have to remark that the account No. 1, amounting to £34 2 3, is for sundry charges from January, 1797, to January, 1801, and that the account No. 6, for putting up Sir Thomas A. Strange's Picture, in the Court House, ought not to be charged against the Government House.

Expenditure for Indians.—That the accounts appear to be properly vouched amounting to £530 2 8, which exceeds the sum voted for the relief of Indians £30 2 8. That it appears to the Committee that the distribution of this money has been very partial, many parts of the Country which has been much burthened with Indians having received little or no assistance from that fund.

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table to be perused by the Members.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the petition of George Grant. And also of the several Bills, which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M'Monagle, took the Chair;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the petition of George Grant, and were of opinion that the said petition should be dismissed; that the Committee had gone through the Bill, for continuing the Act for laying an Impost Duty on articles imported from the United States of America, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table. The chairman also acquainted the House, that he

was directed 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 Bill be engrossed.

Mr. M^cMonagle reported from the Committee appointed to enquire into the expenditures for roads and bridges, and also the compensation to be allowed the Commissioners for their services, respecting the same, 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 :

County of Halifax, 1799.

Vote of 1799.—400l. Road from Sackville Bridge to Pence's Farm.

John Geo. Pyke—Daniel Wood, Commissioners.

Balance as reported in 1802, since expended.

Commissioners to receive 12l. compensation.

Vote of 1800.—50l. Vote of 1801.—50l. Road from Cole-Harbour to Lawrence Town.

Tobias Miller, Commissioner.

Account of expenditure 92l. 10s. by day Labour, with the approbation of Charles Morris and Michael Wallace, Esqrs. as reported by the Commissioners.

Vote of 1800.—300l. Road from the Windsor Road to Shubenaccadie Bridge.

Thomas Wallace—Samuel Mercer, Commissioners.

Certified to have been faithfully expended.

Commissioners to receive 9l. Compensation.

Vote of 1800.—200l. Road from Shubenaccadie Bridge to Hall's (Cobequid Road).

Josiah Blanchard, Commissioner.

Remains in the same state as reported in 1802.

Vote of 1801.—250l. Road from Windsor Road to Fletcher's Bridge.

Thomas Wallace, Commissioner.

Certified to have been faithfully expended.

Commissioner to receive 7l. 10s. compensation.

Vote of 1800.—400l. Road from Mitchel's Tavern, to Pence's Farm, on the Windsor Road.

Thomas Boggs—Garret Miller, Commissioners.

Certified to have been faithfully expended.

Commissioners to receive 10l. compensation.

Road from Fletcher's to Truro.

Vote of 1801.—600l. *John Archibald, Commissioner.*

Certified to have been faithfully expended.

Commissioner to receive 18l. compensation.

Vote of 1801.—500l. Road from Finnarty's Farm, to the Ardoise new Road.

Richard John Uniacke, Commissioner.

Contracts have been entered into for 237l. 10s. which appears to have been expended as per receipts.

Vote of 1801.—200l. For clearing the Falls in the River Shubenaccadie.

No Contract.

Vote of 1801.—300l. Road from Musquodoboit River to Salmon River Preston.

Theophilus Chamberlain, Commissioner.

Contracts appear to have been entered into for 274l. 16s.

Vote of 1801.—50l. Road from Nine Mile River to St. Margaret's Bay.

Duncan Clarke, Commissioner.

Expended and Certified complete.

Commissioner to receive 2l. 10s. compensation.

Vote of 1802.—50l. Road from Cole Harbour to Lawrence Town.

No Contract.

- Vote of 1802.—100l. Road from Nine Mile River to St. Margaret's Bay, through Hamond Plain.
Duncan Clarke, Commissioner.
 No Contract.
- Vote of 1802.—25l. Road from Halifax to Prospect.
John Drysdale, Commissioner.
 Contracts, and account of expenditure for the amount.
- Vote of 1802.—10l. Dutch Village Road.
Adam Diel, Commissioner.
 Account of Expenditure by day's labour.
- Vote of 1801.—150l. Road from Sackville Bridge to the Thirteen Mile Post.
John Lawlor, Commissioner.
 Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 7l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1802.—150l. Road from Springfield to Ardoise hill.
John M^cMonagle, Commissioner.
 Contract for part. Money not yet drawn.
Colchester District.
- Vote of 1799.—400l. Road from Gay's River to Truro.
Thomas Pierfon, *John Archibald*, and *John Dickson*, Commissioners.
 Remains as reported in 1800, unaccounted for.
- Vote of 1801.—30l. Road from Londonderry to Vance's.
James Fulton, Commissioner.
 Certified to be completed, and 9l. 7s. 6d. still in the hands of the commissioner unexpended.
 The commissioner to receive 1l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Economy to Portepeck Bridge,
James Fulton, Commissioner.
 Contracts and accounts of expenditure for the sum.
- Vote of 1802.—100l. Road from Onslow to Tatamagushe.
 No contract or account of expenditure.
- Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Onslow to Tatamagushe.
Alexander Waugh, Commissioner.
 Expended and certified according to Law. Commissioner to receive 5l. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—50l. Road from Cornfields to Waugh's at Tatamagushe.
 No contracts or accounts.
- Vote of 1802.—100l. Road from George's Campbell's to Musquodoboit.
David Archibald, Commissioner.
 Contracts for 98l. 12s.
- Vote of 1802.—90l. Road from Londonderry to Cumberland.
 No Commissioner.
- Vote of 1802.—100l. For building a Bridge over Salmon River, Truro.
Matthew Archibald, Commissioner.
 Contracts entered into for the whole sum.
- Vote of 1802.—20l. Road from Economy to Portepeck.
James Fulton, Commissioner.
Pictou District.
- Vote of 1801.—50l. Road from middle river to east river, Pictou.
William M^cKay, Commissioner.
 The money expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 2l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from east river at Pictou, to the west river at Margomishe.
George Roy, Commissioner.
 Contracts entered into for the whole sum, and expenditure certified according to Law.
 Commissioner to receive 5l. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Margomishe to Malignant Cove.
John Gault, Commissioner.
 Contracts for the amount, and expenditure certified.
 Commissioner to receive 5l. compensation.

- Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from West River to the East River of Margomishe.
No contracts appear.
- Vote of 1802.—100l. Road from the West River, to the Harbour of Pictou.
Thomas Harris, Commissioner.
Contracts for the whole sum.
- Vote of 1802.—150l. Road from Pictou to Truro.
James Archibald, Commissioner.
Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 5l. compensation.
- Vote of 1802.—49l. Road from the West River to the Middle River of Pictou.
John Dawson, Commissioner.
Contracts for the whole. Expended and certified.
Commissioner to receive 2l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1801 and 1802.—111l. Bridge over French River Margomishe.
Thomas Copland, Commissioner.
Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 5l. compensation.
- Vote of 1802.—100l. Bridge over the east river of Pictou.
No contracts appear.
- Vote of 1802.—38l. Road from the east river of Pictou to Malignant Cove.
Thomas Copland, Commissioner. Contracts for the whole.
County of Sydney.
- Vote of 1802.—500l. Road from Guysborough to Musquodoboit.
Alexander Henry, Commissioner,
Contracts and report for 460l. 1s.
- Vote of 1801.—300l. Road from Milford Haven to Indian Gardens.
Timothy Hierliby, Commissioner.
Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 12l. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—125l. Road from Guysborough to Country Harbour.
John Leggett, Commissioner.
Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 6l. compensation.
- Vote of 1802.—135l. Building a Bridge over Clam Harbour, Goose Harbour
and Salmon River.
Contracts made for 134l. *William Nixon*, Commissioner.
County of Cumberland.
- Vote of 1800.—100l. Road from Remsheg, to the Cumberland Road.
Daton and Angevine, Commissioners.
Contracts have been entered into for the whole sum.
- Vote of 1800.—100l. For building a Bridge over the River Macan.
Eleazer Taylor and Matthew Fenwick, Commissioners. Expended and certified.
Commissioners to receive 5l. compensation.
- Vote of 1800.—400l. Road from the River Philip to Napan Bridge.
George Oxley and John Black, Commissioners.
Expended and certified. Commissioners to receive 12l. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—250l. Vote of 1802.—100l. Road from the north bounds of Londonderry to the river Philip.
Gabriel Purdy, Commissioner.
Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 10l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—500l. Road from the river Philip to Napan Bridge.
George Oxley, Commissioner.
- Contracts for 416l. 7s. 6d. Account of work done by day's labour 31l. 9s.
- Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Remsheg to the Cumberland road.
John Rhindrefs, Commissioner.
Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 5l. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Patridge Island to Napan Bridge.
Luke Harrison, Commissioner.
Contracts for the whole.

Vote of 1802.—50l. Road from Napan Bridge to Alpheus Morfe's house.
Alpheus Morfe, Commissioner. Contracts for 51l. 17s.

Vote of 1802.—100l. Road from Parrsborough to Napan Bridge.
Robert Reed, Commissioner.

Contracts made for the whole sum, but not completed.

Vote of 1802.—50l. For repairing Napan Bridge.
Edward Baker, Commissioner.

The whole Vote drawn from the Treasury. A Contract entered into, which specifies no sum, but which, from the penalty, seems intended to have been 32l. 10s. The Expenditure certified; it, however, appears by good information of one of the Members of the Committee, that the work was not performed at the time the certificate was given, and the money drawn.

King's County.

Vote of 1799.—600l. Vote of 1800.—400l. Road from Avon Bridge to Bishop's Bridge, Horton.

Benjamin Belcher, *William Campbell*, and *Jeremiah Northrup*, Commissioners.
Remains as reported last Sessions.

Vote of 1801.—50l. Road from Aylesford to Cornwallis boundary and from thence to Currie's.

Elijah Crane, Commissioner.

Contracts and Accounts of Expenditure.

Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Bishop's bridge to Falmouth.

Elisha Dewolf, Commissioner. Contracts for 73l. 17s. 6d.

Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Avon Bridge to Bishop's Bridge.
No Commissioner or Contracts appear.

Vote of 1801.—50l. Road from Patridge Island to Cape Dore.

John Smith, Commissioner.

Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 2l. 10s. compensation.

Vote of 1801.—25l. Road from Patridge Island to Swan Creek.

Charles Fraser, Commissioner.

Contracts for the whole sum.

Vote of 1802.—30l. Road from Fox River to Advocate Harbour:

John Smith, Commissioner. Contracts for 27l. 6s. 6d.

Vote of 1802.—50l. Road from Cornwallis to Aylesford church.

Jonathan Newcomb, Commissioner.

Contracts for the whole sum.

Vote of 1802.—70l. Road from Scotch bay to Cornwallis, and from Black Rock to ditto.
David Whidden, Commissioner. Contracts for the whole and the money drawn.

Vote of 1802.—50l. Road from Falmouth to Gasperau river.

William Shey, Commissioner.

Contracts and accounts of expenditure for 52l. 4s. 5d.

Vote of 1802.—30l. For the Causeway at Gasperau Bridge.

John Bishop, Commissioner.

Contracts for the amount.

Vote of 1801.—25l. For the Causeway south of Gasperau Bridge.

John Bishop, Commissioner. Contracts for the amount.

Vote of 1802.—150l. For the Bridge over river Gasperau; and road to Mount Denison.

Shermon Dennison, Commissioner. Contracts for 144l.

Hants County.

Vote of 1799.—800l. Road from Pence's Farm to the Three Mile Plain.

John Emerson, *Richard Cunningham*, and *Rufus Fairbanks*, Commissioners.

The Committee refer to the report and resolution of the 4th of April, 1800, and the report of 24th June, 1801. Since which there appears the annexed report of commissioners to view the Road; and Accounts of Expenditure of the money by days labour, as follows :

We, the Subscribers, being appointed Commissioners by his Excellency Sir John Wentworth, to inspect and examine the Road and Bridges laying between the Three Mile Plain, and Pence's farm, on Halifax road, agreeable to a resolve of the House of Assembly, last Sessions, to see if the Contract entered into between the Commissioners for said road, and Daniel Hammill, for altering and repairing said road and bridges, was actually and faithfully performed, according to the true spirit thereof; having carefully and minutely examined every part thereof, do report as follows, viz. That from the Three Mile Plain to Thomas Stone's waste house, the road and bridges appear all well done, according to the letter and spirit of the contract, except three or four small spouts for carrying the water across the road in low places, which the commissioners engage to have immediately done, and from Stone's house to where the road is intended to be altered at Mr. Uniacke's farm (although there appears considerable work done,) yet there are many spots or parts of it that the ditches are not sufficiently cleared to carry off the water, nor the road sufficiently rounded in the middle to answer the contract; and from thence to Pence's farm the road appears to be well done, and fully up to the contract, except the piece of new road mentioned in said contract, to be made at Mr. Uniacke's farm, to avoid the hill, which appears only to be cut out, and nothing more done to it: notwithstanding there appears to be some deficiency in the contract as before mentioned, yet there are several alterations and improvements which appear to us very judiciously done, and at a much greater labour and expence than the said contract required, and which the said Commissioners inform us were not in contemplation when said contract was made.

EISHA DEWOLF,
JOHN ALLISON,
SAMUEL MERCER.

Pence's farm, Halifax road, July 9, 1800.

3 Commissioners two days each, with horses attending to }
examine said road, including their expences, forty }
shillings each - - - - - £6 0 0 }

Approved for payment,
J. WENTWORTH.

No compensation to the Commissioners.

Vote of 1800.—100l. Vote of 1801.—75l. Avon Bridge.
No account of expenditure of these sums; the money appears to be drawn from the Treasury, except 32l. 10s.

Vote of 1801.—300l. For the Road round Ardoise Hill.

Richard John Uniacke, Commissioner.

Contract made, and money drawn from the Treasury, but it appears by the report of three inspectors, chosen by the commissioner and contractors, that the work is not performed agreeable to contract the 22d June, 1802.

Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Rawdon Church, to the Newport road.

Richard Atwood, Commissioner.

Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 5l. compensation.

Vote of 1801.—300l. Road from the Newport line to Douglas church, and from Douglas church to Shubenacadie.

William Smith, Commissioner.

Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 12l. compensation.

Vote of 1801.—200l. Road from Beaver Brook in Newport to Halifax road.

Barzilla Mosher—Thomas Smith, Commissioners.

Expended and certified. Commissioners to receive 7l. compensation.

Vote of 1800.—60l. Road from Kenetcook to Petit river.

William Parker—William Slater, Commissioners.

Remains as reported in 1801.

- Vote of 1801.—40l. Same Road.
William Parker, Commissioner.
 No contract appears.
- Vote of 1801.—50l. Road from Cockmagun to Man of War Land.
Michael B. Grant, Commissioner.
 Contracts only.
- Vote of 1802.—150l. Road from Douglas church to Shubenaccadie, and from the
 Newport line to Nine Mile River.
William Smith, Commissioner.
 Contracts for 141l.
- Vote of 1802.—100l. Road from the Windsor Road to upper bounds of Rawdon.
John Bond, Commissioner.
 Contracts for 93l. 10s.
- Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Windsor Road to Rawdon church.
Jonathan Snelling, Commissioner.
 Contracts and accounts of expenditure for 99l. 5s.
- Vote of 1802.—35l. Road round Salt Hill.
Alexander Scott, Commissioner.
 No Contract appears.
- Vote of 1802.—100l. For building a Bridge over the River Shubenaccadie, near the
 Black Rock.
 No Contract.
- Vote of 1802.—50l. For building a bridge over the half way river, near Mount Denison.
William Shey, Commissioner.
 Included in a Contract for 120l. the additional sum being raised by subscription.
 The Contract performed and certified.
 Commissioner to receive 2l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—50l. Road from Noel to Kenetcook.
Francis Denfmore, Commissioner.
 Contracts for the amount and money drawn.
Annapolis County.
- Vote of 1799.—50l. Road from western boundary of Aylesford to Hicks's ferry.
Jeshua De St. Croix, and *John Ruggles*, Commissioners.
 Amount expended, and certified by Grand Jury.
 Commissioners to receive 2l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1800.—50l. Road from the western bounds of Wilmot to Hicks's ferry.
Foster Woodbury and *John Wiswell*, Commissioners.
 Expended and certified.
 Commissioners to receive 2l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1800.—200l. Road from Dodge's to Isaac Langley's.
Nathan Parker, and *John Ruggles*, Commissioners.
 Expended and certified.
 Commissioners to receive 6l. compensation.
- Vote of 1800.—50l. Road from the Gut of Annapolis to the Ferry.
Jonathan Anderson, and *Richard Thorne*, Commissioners.
 Expended and certified. Commissioners to receive 2l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—150l. Road from Petit Passage to St. Mary's Bay.
 No Contracts appear.
- Vote of 1801.—30l. For reducing Hills in Granville.
Phineas Millidge, Commissioner.
 Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 1l. 10s. compensation.
- Vote of 1801.—40l. Road from Gut of Annapolis to the Ferry.
 No contract appears.
- Vote of 1801.—200l. Road from Dodge's to Langley's.
John Ruggles, Commissioner.
 Expended. No certificate.

Vote of 1801.—300l. Road from Allen's Creek, to Craig's Mill.

William Winniett, Commissioner.

Expended and Certified.

Commissioner to receive 9l. compensation.

Vote of 1801.—150l. Road from Wortman's House to Sciffabou.

James Moody, Commissioner.

No Contracts.

Vote of 1801.—200l. Road from Sciffabou to Montagan River.

John Taylor, Commissioner.

Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 9l. compensation.

Vote of 1802.—200l. For building a Bridge over the Annapolis River, added to a

Vote of the present year.

Vote of 1802.—200l. For building an Aboiteau, over Allen's Creek, added to a Vote of the present year.

Vote of 1802.—300l. For building a bridge over Sciffabou river.

Reuben Hankinjon, Commissioner.

Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 13l. 10s. compensation.

County of Shelburne.

Vote of 1800.—450l. Road from Shelburne to Yarmouth, known by Richards's road.

Edward Brinley and *J. Van Buskirk*, Commissioners.

Expended and certified. Commissioners to receive 13l. 10s. compensation.

Vote of 1801.—100l. Road from Pubnico to Shelburne Road.

Joseph Homer, Commissioner.

Contracts and accounts of expenditure for 89l. 6s.

Vote of 1801.—300l. Road from Tusket River to Jeboug, and from Montagan, to Yarmouth.

Pool, Van Norden, and Marshall, Commissioners.

Contracts made for 288l. 10s. 2d.

Vote of 1802.—100l. Road from Shelburne to the boundary of Queen's County.

Gideon White, Commissioner.

Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 5l. compensation.

Vote of 1802.—250l. For building a Bridge over Tusket River.

Joseph N. Bond, Commissioner.

Contracts for the whole sum.

Vote of 1802.—40l. Road across M'Nutt's Island, to the Light-House.

Alexander Cockane, Commissioner.

Contracts, and Contractors receipt, for the Sum.

Queen's County.

Vote of 1799.—250l. Road from Nictaur to Liverpool.

Simeon Perkins, Joseph Barse, and Hallet Collins, Commissioners.

Faithfully expended. No certificate.

Vote of 1800.—150l. Road from Nictaur to Liverpool.

Joseph Barse—Nathan Tupper, Commissioners.

Expended and certified.

Commissioners to receive 7l. 10s. compensation.

Vote of 1802.—75l. For the remaining part of the road from Liverpool towards Shelburne.

John Thomas, Commissioner.

Expenditure certified. Commissioner to receive 4l. compensation.

Vote of 1802.—80l. Road from Liverpool to Nictaur.

Joshua Newton, Commissioner.

No contract.

Vote of 1802.—70l. For a Bridge over the River Metway, and the Road from the said Bridge, to the Boundary of Lunenburg.

Patrick Doran, Commissioner.

Contracts for the sum.

County of Lunenburg.

Vote of 1801.—150l. Road from Hartling's, to the East side of Gold River.
James Longele, Commissioner.

Expended and certified. Commissioners to receive 7l. 10s. compensation.
2l. 10s. Expence of Survey.

Total £.10.

Vote of 1801.—250l. Road from Chester to the Forks, of the River Avon.
John Stevens, Commissioner.

Expended and certified. Commissioner to receive 10l. ompensation.

Vote of 1801.—230l. Road from Lunenburg to Nictaur.

Peter Zwickler, Commissioner.

No Contracts appear.

Vote of 1801.—75l. Road from Lahave to Lunenburg.

John Pernette, Commissioner.

No Contracts appear.

Vote of 1801.—50l. Road from Mr. Pernette's House, to Petit Rivere.

John Pernette, Commissioner.

Contracts by the Rod.

Vote of 1802.—150l. For building a Bridge over Gold River, on the Road from
Lunenburg to Chester.

Anthony Vagban, Commissioner.

No contract appears.

Vote of 1802.—50l. Road from Chester to the River Avon.

No Commissioner.

Vote of 1802.—40l. Road from bounds of Queen's County to Petit Rivere.

William Parks, Commissioner.

Contracts for the whole.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That such part of the said report as relates to compensation for Commissioners of roads, be now committed to the Committee who is to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government, and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Four Pounds should be granted and paid for compensating the undermentioned Commissioners of Roads, for their services in expending the several sums as specified, and recommended by the Committee of the House in their report, to be paid and distributed to each and every of the said Commissioners, in manner following, viz.

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| <p>12l. to John George Pyke and Daniel Wood
 9l. to Thomas Wallace and Samuel Mercer
 7l. 10s. to Thomas Wallace
 10l. to Thomas Boggs and Garret Miller
 18l. to John Archibald
 2l. 10s. to Duncan Clarke
 7l. 10s. to John Lawlor
 1l. 10s. to James Fulton
 5l. to Alexander Waugh
 2l. 10s. to William M'Kay
 5l. to George Roy
 5l. to John Gault
 5l. to James Archibald
 2l. 10s. to John Dawson
 5l. to Thomas Copland
 12l. to Timothy Hierlihy
 6l. to John Leggett
 5l. to Eleazer Taylor and Matthew Fenwick
 12l. to George Oxley and John Black
 10l. 10s. to Gabriel Purdy
 5l. to John Rhindrefs
 2l. 10s. to John Smith</p> | <p>5l. to Richard Atwood
 12l. to William Smith
 7l. to Barzilla Mosher and Thomas Smith
 2l. 10s. to William Shey
 2l. 10s. to Joshua D' St. Croix, and John Ruggles
 2l. 10s. to Foster Woodbury and John Wiswell
 6l. to Nathaniel Parker and John Ruggles
 2l. 10s. to Jonathan Anderson and Richard Thorne
 1l. 10s. to Phineas Millidge
 9l. to William Winniett
 9l. to John Taylor
 13l. 10s. to Reuben Hankinson
 13l. 10s. to Edward Brinley and J. Van Buskirk
 5l. to Gideon White
 7l. 10s. to Joseph Barse and Nathan Tupper
 4l. to John Thomas
 10l. to James Longele
 10l. to John Stevens</p> |
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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 report and resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved,* that a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council to request they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of the House to examine into and report on the expenditure of the several sums of money granted for roads and bridges, by the several commissioners appointed to expend the the same, for the purpose of passing the respective accounts for such service agreeably to a Law in such case provided.

Ordered, That the Clerk do deliver the foregoing Message to the Council.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills, on the subject of the Poor, and accordingly presented a Bill in amendment of the Act of the 10th and 4th year of His present Majesty's reign, for the settlement, better management and relief, of the Poor, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M'Monagle took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Thursday, 30th June, 1803.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, for continuing the Act for laying an Impost Duty on 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 to continue an Act made and passed in the 29th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties in this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America.

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

Mr. Pyke delivered to the House an account of John M'Monagle, for services as Health-Officer, at Windsor, in the last year, amounting to 12l. An account of John Skinner, Health-Officer at Shelburne, amounting to 11l. An account of Nathan Tupper, Health-Officer at Liverpool, amounting to 8l. And, also, an account of the Sheriff of Queen's County, for Bread, &c. supplied to Gad Saunders, a criminal, amounting to 5l. 6s. 10½d. and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said accounts and also the account of the Health Officer of Halifax, be referred to Mr. Millidge, Mr. Lyon and Mr. Allison, who are to examine into the same and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of James Ratchford, and James Noble Shannon, be referred to Mr. Monk, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Roach, Mr. M'Monagle, and Mr. Fulton, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon.

A Bill, in amendment of the Act of the 10th and 41st year of his present Majesty's reign, for the settlement, better management and relief, of the Poor, was read a second time.

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

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

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, BARONET, L. L. D.

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

The ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES in General Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

PENETRATED with gratitude for the late preservation of our beloved Sovereign from traitorous conspiracies, we His Majesty's faithful Subjects, are humbly desirous of offering at the foot of His Throne, our congratulations on the defeat of their designs, which contemplated the destruction of His Life, and subversion of our happy Constitution.—And on the renewal of War, into which the insatiable ambition of a rancorous Enemy has impelled our Sovereign and Parent Country; we desire respectfully to press forward with renewed assurances of our fidelity to our most gracious King, and attachment to His Government, and to pledge the exertion of our limited resources, for the support of the dignity of His Crown and defence of the rights of ourselves, and our fellow Subjects.

We request your Excellency will be pleased to transmit through the proper channels, our humble Address, and to add to it your own sentiments on our loyalty, duty and affection to our King, and our cordial interest in the prosperity of the
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British Empire ; and that your Excellency will accept our best wishes, for the continuance of your Excellency's health, and your enjoyment of every blessing.

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

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

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to establish Public Markets throughout the Province, and presented a Bill accordingly, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the resolution of this House for granting the sum of £5,710. for Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, *resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, proceed to take into consideration, the present state of the Province, with respect to Roads and Bridges.

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. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

Friday, 1st July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to establish public Markets throughout the Province was read a second time.

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

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee, to whom the petition of James Rarchford and James Noble Shannon was referred, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That it is the opinion of this Committee, the sum of 75l. should be granted to the petitioners, on condition that the Parrsborough packet, properly prepared for the accommodation of passengers, and the reception of cattle (as may be regulated by the Justices in their Sessions at Windsor) shall sail from Parrsborough, wind and weather permitting, the first high water after eight o'Clock in the forenoon every Tuesday, from the 1st April, to the 25th December, and from Windsor, the first high water after eight o'Clock in the morning, every Wednesday, during the same period.

That the rates of ferriage be as follows :

For each person, five shillings,

For each horse seven shillings,

For neat cattle, each head five shillings,

Other stock, at the same rate as last year.

The Committee are further of opinion, that the appointing the Captain of the Packet an Inspector and Searcher will be of benefit to the public.

Ordered,

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

Mr. Lyon, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Benjamin Kerby, and James Gray, and the same was read; praying payment of the bounty on a quantity of Cod Fish, caught and cured by them under the Act passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the Table.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill; entitled, an Act to continue the several Revenue Laws for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the 29th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties in this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on articles imported from the United States of America; also,

A Bill, entitled, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the 39th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses or shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such public houses and shops; also, the Act passed in the 40th year of His Majesty's reign, in amendment of the before recited Act, and also an Act passed in the 41st year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act in addition to and amendment of the said above recited Act; also,

A Bill, entitled, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the 32d year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise imported into this Province, also the Act in amendment thereof, passed in the last Session of General Assembly, entitled, an Act, to alter, amend and continue, an Act, made and passed in the 32d year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act, for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the 34th year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to provide for the support of the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained; also, a Bill, entitled, an Act to enable the inhabitants of Digby, to improve the Common belonging to said town; and also,

The Resolution of this House for granting £3000. for carrying on the building of the new Government-House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that Mr. Speaker do not sign the Bill, entitled, an Act to continue the several Revenue Laws for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Province; and also the Bill, entitled, an Act to continue the Act, of the 32d year of His present Majesty, for the further increase of the Revenue, by laying a Duty of Excise, &c. sent down by the Council agreed to, until he shall be specially authorized so to do by the House.

The order of the day being read.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the present state of the Province, with respect to Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business

ness 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 follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that by continuing the Revenue Laws, in addition to the sum now in the Treasury, and the Duties already secured, the House has made ample provision for all appropriations of Money of this present Session, to answer in course the several demands as they become due, and should by any possibility a deficiency arise, the resources of the country stand pledged on the faith of the House to make such deficiency good.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the improvement of roads of communication, is of the first and most important consequence to the welfare and prosperity of this Province, and that the sum appropriated to this service, is as small, as (having regard to the wants and resources of the country,) could be applied to so beneficial a purpose.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the House should not make any abatement of the sum voted this Session, for the service of roads and bridges, nor alteration in the mode of appropriating that sum.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the House should include the sum voted for the improvement of roads and bridges, in one general Bill, with all other appropriations of money this Session, not relating to the support of the Civil Establishment, or debts due by the Province for services performed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the House cannot, upon constitutional principles, continue restraints on Commerce and Imposts, for the mere purpose of accumulating money, for which there are not specific appropriations.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of this House on the examination of expenditures for Roads and Bridges, agreeable to the resolution of the House on the 29th inst. and that the Committee of the Council are ready to meet immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Roach and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee of this House, on the foregoing subject, and that they do attend accordingly.

Mr. Secretary Wentworth acquainted the House, that he had a message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, 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 followeth:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

IT having been represented to the Lieutenant-Governor, that the President, Professors and Students of King's College, Windsor, must be much inconvenienced for the want of Seats in the Church there, and that the inhabitants and others who have contributed to the building of the said Church, are unable to afford the expense of finishing the inside thereof, without the aid of Government; his Excellency therefore is induced to recommend to the House of Assembly, to grant such pecuniary aid for the finishing the said Church, as in the opinion of the House may be requisite and proper.

J. WENTWORTH.

Ordered, That the said Message do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to examine the

Journal of His Majesty's Council, to ascertain their proceedings relating to the resolution of this House, for granting the sum of 5,710*l.* for roads and bridges.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Robie, be a Committee for the above purpose, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that the account of the expenditure of 1000*l.* granted, in the year 1801, for the service of distressed settlers, be re-committed to the Committee to which the same was referred, and that the said Committee do call before them the Commissioners appointed to expend the said grant.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the resolution of this House on Monday last, respecting Messrs. Cochran's; that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and that he was pleased to say to the Committee, that he did not think it expedient to comply with the request of the House in that respect.

Ordered, That the reports of the respective Committees on the petition of Joseph Fennell, the accounts of the Island of Sable, the accounts of expenditures for Indians, and on the subject of Fisheries, likewise the petition of Ephraim Howard and others, the petition of Jonathan Palmer, and the petition of Patrick Fitzmorris, be severally referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 3*l.* be granted and paid to James Archibald, Esq. for so much he is in advance for cutting and clearing windfalls out of the road from Fletcher's to Truro.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 51*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* should be granted and paid to James Hamilton and William Graham, to reimburse them for their labour on the road from Shelburne to Yarmouth, in the years 1800, and 1801, pursuant to their petition presented to the House, in the last Session, they having been unable to perform their contract on said road, by reason of a fire, which burnt up the materials provided for making the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 175*l.* should be granted and paid to Terence Cochran, in full compensation, for extra work by him done, on the road leading from the three mile plain in Windsor, to the Avon Bridge.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding 30*l.* should be granted and paid for the purpose of employing Elias Wheelock, Surveyor, in exploring a road to commence from the end of Wheelock's marked road through the lots granted to Robert Dickson, and others in the year 1786, and continue in the best direction to the main road leading to Halifax.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 40*l.* should be granted and paid to Ephraim Howard, David Dickey and William Dickey, in full for rebuilding the Bridge over the River Sewack, at Stephen Gourley's, on the road leading from Halifax to Colchester.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to examine into the claim of Phineas Lovett, for compensation

tion, for a loss sustained by him from sowing Hemp Seed, furnished by Government, which Seed he alleges proved bad, and that the Committee, do lay before the House such proofs, as shall be produced before them, in support of such claim.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 1500l. should be granted and appropriated for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, for the ensuing year, by granting a bounty on the Tonnage of Vessels to be employed in said business, and that a Committee be appointed by the House, to prepare, and bring in a plan for applying such bounty.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 600l. should be granted and paid to discharge the present debt due from the Commissioners, for the establishment on the Island of Sable, and also for the further support of said establishment for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 200l. should be granted and paid for the relief and support of distressed Indians, for the ensuing year, and that a Committee, be appointed by the House, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for applying the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 47l. 4s. 6d. be granted and paid to Joseph Fennell, for a return of Impost Duties, on certain articles, imported by him from the West Indies in May, 1802; agreeably to the prayer of of his petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 15l. 15s. should be granted and paid to Patrick Fitzmorris, in full for 31½ rods of extra work performed by him on the Windsor Road in the year 1801, in addition to his contract with the Commissioners for said road.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 400l. should be granted and paid for the relief and support of transient poor for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 7l. 10s. should be granted and paid to Jonathan Palmer, for a loss sustained by him, when at work on the public road, from Londonderry to Cumberland, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 50l. should be granted and paid to James Ratchford and James Noble Shannon, for the encouragement of a packet to run between Windsor and Patridge Island subject to the regulations and restrictions set forth in the report of the Committee of the House, on the petition. The chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of a Supply.

The said report and resolutions, were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon.

Mr. Wilkins, moved that the House do not agree to the same, so far as relates to the resolution respecting Mr. Lovett's claim, for a loss by Hemp Seed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion eleven, against it fifteen. So it passed in the negative.

The report and resolutions were then put to the House and agreed to, and thereupon.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Moody, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Northup and Mr. Allison, be a Committee, on the subject of Mr. Lovett's claim.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Morris, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Rutherford, be a Committee, on the subject of the bounty to be granted for the Fisheries.

Ordered, That Mr. Chipman, Mr. Millidge, and Mr. Fulton be a Committee on the subject of the grant for distressed Indians.

Mr. Millidge reported from the Committee to whom the accounts of the several health officers, and also the account of the Sheriff of Shelburne 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 it appears to the Committee, that the health-officer of Halifax, has visited 24 vessels, one of which twice, and another six times, which makes in all thirty visits, and which the Committee, are of opinion ought to entitle him to receive 30l. he also charges in his account 12l. 5s. for boat hire, and 6l. 15s. for repairing a boat, as also 2l. 5s. 9½d. for buatin and rope, which charges the Committee are of opinion should not be allowed. The charge of 12l. by the health officer of Windfor, and 11l. by the health officer of Shelburne, the Committee are of opinion ought to be allowed. The health officer of Liverpool charges for visiting 8 vessels, but neither mentions the names of the vessels, or from whence they came, the Committee are therefore of opinion that the account should be returned to that officer to be corrected. The account of the Sheriff of Shelburne, for 5l. 6s. 10½d. appears to be a charge on that county. The Committee beg leave to suggest whether it will not be adviseable, that in future, when any health officer shall visit, any vessel more than twice, that he should for every such visitation, procure a certificate from the master of such vessel, that such visitation was actually performed.

Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

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

Saturday, 2d July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

The proceedings of yesterday being read, Mr. Chipman, thereupon, moved, that the resolution for granting 400l. for the relief of transient poor, be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, six, against it, twenty-three.

For the Motion,

Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. MORTON,
Mr. BARSS,
Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. NORTHUP,

Mr. MOODY,
Mr. BOLMAN,
Mr. PARKER,
Mr. OXLEY,
Mr. MARSHALL
Mr. M'CURDY,
Mr. MONK,
Mr. CAMPBELL,

Against the Motion,

Mr. CHANDLER,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. C. CAMPBELL,
Mr. THORNE,
Mr. COCHRAN,
Mr. FULTON,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. M'MONAGLE,
Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. WOLLENHAUPT,
Mr. MILLIDGE,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. LOVETT,
Mr. TONGE,
Mr. LYON.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M'Monagle took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had deferred to the next Session the consideration of the Bill to establish Public Markets throughout the Province. That the Committee had gone through the Bill, in amendment of the Act of the 10th and 41st year of His present Majesty's reign, for the settlement, better management and relief, of the Poor, and had agreed to the same, with several amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's table. The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred; which report the House agreed to.

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

Ordered,

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

Mr. Tonge reported further from the Committee on the subject of the Poor, and accordingly presented a Bill for making more effectual the Acts of the Province, for regulating and maintaining a House of Correction; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 30*l.* should be granted and paid to John F. Gschwind, in full for his account, and all demands, for his services and expences as health-officer for the port of Halifax, for the year 1802.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of 12*l.* should be granted and paid to John M^cMonagle, in full for his services as health-officer for the port of Windsor, for the year 1802.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of 11*l.* should be granted and paid to John Skinner, for his services as health-officer for the port of Shelburne, for the year 1802.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of 5*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* should be granted and paid to Thomas Crowell, Sheriff of the County of Shelburne, in full of his account for Bread furnished, and expences attending, one Gad Saunders, a criminal.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Campbell, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the claims of persons for a bounty on Fish, under the Act passed in the last Session of General Assembly, entitled, An Act for the encouraging the Fisheries of this Province, &c. and report to the House thereon, as also what steps will, in their opinion, be most expedient to be adopted for facilitating the payment of such claims.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. Colin Campbell and Mr. Lyon, be a Committee accordingly.

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

Monday, 4th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Chipman reported from the Committee on the subject of relief to be afforded to distressed Indians; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table; where it was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be referred to the Committee who are to consider of a Supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a Supply, accordingly ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that there should be granted and paid to William Shey, the sum of three pounds ten shillings ; to Joseph Allison, two pounds ; to William Allen Chipman, one pound ; and to Lemuel Morton, one pound ; for their services in inspecting the road in the years 1800, 1801 and 1802, between Avon bridge and Bishop's bridge, made by Joseph Sibley.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the 200l. granted this Session for the relief of distressed Indians, should be appropriated as follows, viz. That the Treasurer for each county, and also the Treasurer, for the District of Colchester, be authorized to draw by warrant from the Lieutenant Governor, out of the Province Treasury, the sum of 20l. each, to be disposed of by the order and under the directions of the Justices in their Sessions, for the relief of such distressed Indians which now are, or may hereafter come, within the said Counties and District, the account of the expenditure thereof to be laid before the General Assembly at their next Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 100l. should be granted and paid for the purpose of procuring for the Officers and Students of King's College, an assignable and permanent interest in the Church at Windsor, and preparing for them a suitable accommodation therein to the number of fifty persons.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 10l. should be granted and paid to Alexander Henry, for his expences and services in exploring the Road from Musquodoboit to Manchester.

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

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

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

Tuesday, 5th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

The proceedings of yesterday being read, thereupon, Mr. Wilkins moved, that the resolution for granting 100l. for procuring for the Officers and Students of King's College an assignable and permanent interest in the Church at Windsor, be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen, against it, nine.

For the Motion,

Mr. WILKINS,	Mr. FULTON,
Mr. LYON,	Mr. MORTON,
Mr. M'CURDY,	Mr. NORTHUP,
Mr. CHIPMAN,	Mr. LOVETT,
Mr. PARKER,	Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. WOLLENHAUPT,	Mr. OXLEY,
Mr. BARSS, ^s	Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. CHANDLER,	

Against the Motion,

Mr. COCHRAN,
Mr. M'MONAGLE,
Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. CAMPBELL,
Mr. MARSHALL,
Mr. TONGE,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. MONK,
Mr. THORNE,

So it passed in the Affirmative.

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An engrossed Bill, in amendment of the Act of the 10th and 41st year of His present Majesty's reign, for the settlement, better management, and relief of the Poor, was read a third time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in amendment of an Act made and passed in the 10th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled an Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several townships in this Province; and also in amendment of the Act made in the 41st year of His said Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for the better management and relief of the Poor at Halifax.

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

A Bill for making more effectual the Acts of the Province for regulating and maintaining a House of Correction, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Campbell reported from the Committee on the subject of persons claiming a bounty for Fish, under the Act passed in the last Session of Assembly, 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.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee on the subject of a Bounty to be granted for the encouragement of the Fisheries, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said reports be committed to a Committee of the whole House, who are to consider of a Supply.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply, accordingly;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M^cMonagle took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Treasurer of the Province should be authorized to pay to William Nixon, Esq. the sum of 20l. 14s. for the use and benefit of such inhabitants of this Province, as have *bona fide* caught and cured 414 quintals of Cod-fish; mentioned in three several certificates, bearing date the 17th December, 1802, on the oath of Thomas Adams, Culler of Fish, before William Taylor, Esq. Commissioner, being the bounty of one shilling per quintal on Cod-fish, granted and appropriated by an Act passed last Session of General Assembly, upon the said Mr. Nixon producing to the Treasurer, the names of such inhabitants, and affidavits made by them respectively, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, agreeable to the form directed by the said Act, to be taken before Commissioners.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Treasurer should be authorized to pay to Benjamin Kerby and others, (whose names are mentioned in a list subscribed and certified by the said Thomas Adams, the 6th of October, 1802, upon their producing like affidavits to the Treasurer) the sum of 43l. 13s. being the like bounty on 873 quintals of Cod-fish, it appearing to the Committee, that the claimants for the two above-mentioned sums, had it not in their power to conform to the directions of the aforesaid Act, for want of Commissioners being appointed for their respective districts in time.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Treasurer should be authorized to pay out of the money appropriated for that purpose and now in the Treasury, all further claims for a bounty on Cod-fish, caught in 1802, by inhabitants of

of this Province, upon their producing to him like affidavits as aforesaid, and also upon due proof that they were prevented from pursuing their respective claims conformable to the directions of the Act, for want of Commissioners being appointed in due time to certify their claims; provided however, that no such claim shall be admitted, unless the Fish for which the bounty is claimed, has been culled and certified by a sworn Culler of Fish, previous to the 20th June last, and unless such claims, substantiated as aforesaid, shall be exhibited to the Treasurer before the first day of October next.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of 1,500*l.* granted this Session, for the encouragement of the Fisheries in this Province, should be applied in manner following, viz. That a bounty of seven shillings and sixpence per ton, be paid to the owners of all vessels of fifteen tons and upwards, owned and registered in this Province, and which shall be wholly employed in the fisheries, for any term not less than three months, between the first of April, and 30th November, 1804, provided that one half at the least of each respective crew of said vessels, shall be persons employed on shares, and not on wages, and that it be proved by the oath of the master and two of the crew, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, that such vessel was *bona fide* employed in the fisheries during such term of three months or upwards, and also that a certificate be procured from some one of His Majesty's Officers of the Customs in this Province, that the vessel which entitles the owner to the Bounty, was cleared out and had entered for such fishing voyage. The Commissioners of the Revenue to consider all applications for the Bounty, and to certify the same to the Governor.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolutions, and also all other resolutions of this House, for granting Monies, which have passed the House, to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

Mr. Monk reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration and report to the House the necessary measures to be adopted for increasing the number of Counties in 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 said report be committed to a Committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said report, accordingly;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M^cMonagle took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to a resolution upon the report to them referred, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the resolution 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 further consideration of the said report should be deferred to the next Session; and that it is expedient that so much of the report which relates to the boundaries of the several Counties as recommended by the Committee, should be printed for the information of the Members.

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

Mr. Secretary Wentworth acquainted the House, that he had a message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to this House, signed by his Excellency, and he presented the said message to the House.

And

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

Gentlemen,

HAVING received the letter from Lieutenant-General Bowyer, herewith communicated, requesting that the Laws of the Province, enforcing the provisions of the Act of Parliament, called the Mutiny Act, within this Province, should be made conformable to the changes which were introduced into the Mutiny Act, which passed in March last, respecting the penalty for harbouring Deserters—the right of the Military to apprehend Deserters, and to receive the reward therefor, and to oblige Jailors to receive Deserters into their custody.

I take the earliest occasion to recommend that measures may be forthwith adopted to render our Provincial Law in those respects analogous to the Law of England.

J. WENTWORTH.

The said letter from Lieutenant General Bowyer, referred to in the foregoing message from His Excellency was read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, conformable to the foregoing Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Monk, and Mr. Pyke, be a Committee, accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the present state of the Old Market-House, in Halifax; and also of the funds applicable to the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Chipman, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Wollenhaupt, be a Committee accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council, stating, that, on the 1st instant, this House appointed a Committee to examine the Journals of his Majesty's Council, to ascertain their proceedings relating to the resolution of this House for granting the sum of 5,710l. for roads and bridges; which Committee have reported that they cannot get access to the said Journals, and that the House request his Majesty's Council to take order to enable such Committee to fulfil the order of this House in that instance.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M^cMonagle took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for making more effectual the Acts of the Province for regulating and maintaining a House of Correction, and had agreed to the same with several amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills which stood committed, which the House agreed to.

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

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

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

Wednesday, 6th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for making more effectual the Acts of the Province for regulating and maintaining a House of Correction, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for making more effectual and enlarging the powers granted by two Acts of the General Assembly, the one passed in the 33d year of his late Majesty's reign, and the other in the 33d year of his present Majesty's reign, for regulating and maintaining a House of Correction or Work-house within the township of Halifax, and for extending certain Provisions of the first-mentioned Act, to the whole of the Province, and for other public purposes therein mentioned.

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

Mr. Chipman reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the present state of the Old Market House, &c. 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 account relating to the said Market-house and find there was a balance in the hands of the Commissioners of 444l. 15s. 4d. on the 5th of May last. That the Committee have also examined into the state of the building, and find it to be in a very ruinous condition, and recommend to the House that if they shall deem it expedient to build another Market House, that it should be done immediately; or if that measure should not be thought necessary, the Committee recommend that the old building and ground should be sold, and the proceeds applied to such purposes as the House shall think fit; and also that the money now in the hands of the Commissioners be repaid back into the Treasury, to be applied to other uses; thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said report, and the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had considered the report to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereupon, as follows: *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House to bring in a Bill, to authorise the pulling down the Old Market House, and to erect another in its stead, for the use of the Town Butchers. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned. And also the Bill to provide for the future support of a Light House at the entrance of the Bason of Annapolis, and had made several amendments thereunto respectively; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's table.

The report of the Committee, and also the amendments to the Bills before-mentioned, were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Pyke and Mr. M'Monagle, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill respecting the Old Market House, agreeable to the foregoing resolution of the Committee.

Mr. Rutherford, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in amendment of the Act

Act for the better regulating the Inferior Court for the County of Annapolis, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act for confirming and establishing an agreement for the sale of the lands and hereditaments called Sackville, lying in the County of Halifax, and comprised in the last Will of Joseph Scott, Esq; discharged of certain contingent interests, which may arise from said Will.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act in amendment of an Act, made and passed in the 10th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the settlement of the Poor, in the several Townships in this Province, &c. with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Gautier, also read and delivered to the House, a written paper from His Majesty's Council, as follows :

His Majesty's Council have had under consideration the message from the House sent up yesterday, requesting the Council to take order to enable a Committee of the House, to ascertain the proceedings relating to the resolution of the House, for granting the sum of £. 5,7 10. for roads and bridges, and although the Council, do not admit the propriety of such application, or the mode of making of it, to be consonant to Parliamentary usage in such cases, no sufficient cause appearing therefor, yet being desirous to afford to the House every means of information in the power of the Council to give, the Clerk of the Council, is directed to search and extract from the Journals, every thing relating to the said resolution which passed in Council, and to deliver such extract to the Committee of the House, certified under his hand.

And then the messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that a Committee, be appointed to take into consideration the foregoing message from the Council, and to search for precedents relative to the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Colin Campbell, be a Committee accordingly.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wollenhaupt took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of money should be granted and paid for the purpose of aiding and encouraging settlers on the public new roads within the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of five hundred pounds, should be granted and paid for encouraging the settlement of Emigrants in the western parts of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to prepare and report a plan, for applying the foregoing sums in such way as they shall deem most beneficial for the general interest of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £. 30 2 8. should be granted and paid to the Commissioners for Indians, for the like sum they had advanced and expended for the said service per account.

The said resolutions were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question being put, thereupon, Mr. Wilkins moved that the House do not agree to the same, so far as it relates to granting the sum of £.30 2 8. to the Commissioners for Indians, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion thirteen, against the motion fifteen, so it passed in the negative.

The House then agreed to the several resolutions as reported from the Committee, and thereupon.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Moody, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Colin Campbell, and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee, on the subject of encouraging Settlers and Emigrants, agreeable to the resolutions of the Committee of the whole House.

The Clerk reported, that he had, pursuant to order, waited on his Excellency to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint to-morrow, at half past twelve of the Clock, at the Government House.

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

Thursday, 7th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with their Address, pursuant to their resolution of the 30th instant.

And being returned.

Mr. Speaker reported, that his Excellency was pleased to give this answer.

Gentlemen,

I will most readily transmit your Address to be laid before his Majesty in the manner you request, and I pray you to accept my best thanks for your obliging expressions of kindness and affection, which are on my part most perfectly reciprocated.

A Bill in amendment of the Act, for the better regulating the Inferior Court, &c. for the County of Annapolis, 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. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the resolution of this House for granting £.1500. for the Fisheries, and also

The resolution for granting £.200. for the relief of distressed Indians.

The Council desire a present conference by Committee on the resolution relating to persons claiming payment of the bounty on Fish, under the Act of last Session.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House doth agree to a conference as desired by his Majesty's Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshal, Mr. Colin Campbell, and Mr. Lyon, do manage the said conference, and that they do attend at the conference accordingly.

Mr. Lyon, offered a petition to the House, which he stated was signed by a great number of the respectable Inhabitants of the town of Halifax, praying that the Act passed in the 32d year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act, to regulate the summary trial of Actions before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, should be continued in force after the 31st of the present Month, and thereupon moved that the said petition be received by the House, which being

being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion eleven, against it nineteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. LYON,
Mr. WOLLENHAUPT,
Mr. THORNE,
Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. MOODY,
Mr. FULTON,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. PARKER,
Mr. COCHRAN,
Mr. PYKE,

Against the Motion,

Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. MORTON,
Mr. TONGE,	Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. LOVETT,	Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. MONK,	Mr. OXLEY,
Mr. BARSS,	Mr. NORTHUP,
Mr. ROACH,	Mr. M ^c MONAGLE,
Mr. CHANDLER,	Mr. MARSHALL,
Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. BOLMAN,
Mr. M ^c CURDY,	Mr. CAMPBELL,
Mr. WILKINS,	

So it passed in the Negative.

An engrossed Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned was read a third time, and thereupon.

Mr. Lyon, moved that a clause for continuing the Act of the 32d year of his present Majesty's reign, to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions, before his Majesty's Justices, of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, be added to the said Bill, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion fourteen, against it sixteen. So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the future support of a Light House at the entrance of the Bason of Annapolis, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the future support of a Light-house at the entrance of the Gut of Annapolis Bason; and for amending an Act passed in the 28th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-house at the entrance of the harbour of Shelburne, and for making perpetual the several Laws therein mentioned.

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

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill in amendment of the Act for the better regulating the Inferior Court for the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. M^cMonagle took the Chair;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill, without any amendments, and he afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Robie reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the Message received from his Majesty's Council, on the 6th instant, and also to search for precedents relative to the subject matter thereof; 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 searched the Journals of the House of Lords, and find the precedents hereafter mentioned, from all which, and a variety of others which the Committee did not think it necessary to transcribe, it appears that the appointing a Committee to search the Journals of the Lords, is a thing of a course, and the right of the Committee, to make such search, appears never to have been denied by the Lords or even doubted, And the Committee is of opinion, that the reasons, of the Commons enjoying this right, are much stronger in this Province than in the Mother Country,

Country, because there the Journals of the Lords are printed, and the proceedings of that House open and public; here the proceedings of his Majesty's Council are in private, their doors being shut, and their Journals never being printed; it will be impossible for this House ever to obtain information, with respect to their proceedings, but through the mode now adopted.

On the 16th March, 1697, a Committee of the House of Commons was ordered to inspect the Journals of the House of Lords, and to report what they find therein of the proceedings in relation to Mr. Duncomb. And on the 18th day of the same month the Lord Marquis of Harrington reported, That the Committee appointed to inspect the Journals of the House of Lords, in relation to Mr. Duncomb, had inspected the Journals accordingly; and what he found therein, he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the table.

On the 26th May, 1742, a Committee of the Commons appointed to search the Journals of the Lords, as to what proceedings are therein in relation to a Bill sent by the Commons to them, entitled, An Act, &c.; and, on the 27th of the same month the Lord Hillsborough reported from the Committee, that the said Committee had searched the said Journals accordingly; and then follows a copy of Journals, with the names of the Peers on each side the question.

13th February, 1746, *ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Lords Journals, in relation to their impeachment against Simon Lord Lovet; and on the 17th February, in the same year, the Lord Dupplin reported from the Committee, appointed to inspect the Lords Journals, in relation to their proceedings upon Simon Lord Lovet; that they had inspected the Lords Journals accordingly, and had directed him to report to the House what he found in them, in relation to the Lords proceedings upon the impeachment of the said Lord, which he read in his place, and he afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows: [*Here follows the Lords proceedings.*]

4th March, 1772, *ordered*, that a Committee be appointed to search the Journals of the House of Lords, as to what proceedings are therein, with respect to a Bill sent this day by the Lords to this House, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the future Marriages of the Royal Family; and to make report thereof to the House; and on the 6th day of the same month, Mr. Segmore reported from the Committee appointed to search the Lords' Journals as to what proceedings are therein, with relation to a Bill lately sent by the Lords to this House, entitled, An Act for the better regulating the future Marriages of the Royal Family, and to make report thereof to this House: that the Committee had searched the Journals accordingly; and had taken copies of what proceedings are there with relation to the said Bill, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered the report in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read and is as follows: [*Here follows the report.*]

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

On motion, *resolved*, that the said Committee do prepare an answer to the message received from His Majesty's Council, as before mentioned, and report the same to the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill in amendment of the Acts of the 10th and 41st years of His present Majesty, relative to the Poor, and the same having been read a first and second time, thereupon,

Resolved, That this House agree to the two first amendments, and that a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the last amendment to the said Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire the said Conference.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and report to the House, plans for appropriating the monies granted for the settlement of Emigrants, in

In the western parts of the Province, &c. and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read and is as follows :

The Committee recommend that the sum of 275l. be granted and paid for aiding and encouraging settlers on the new roads, to be distributed as follows :

That the sum of 25l. for each family be allowed for two families to be settled on the road between Chester and Windsor. For two families on the road between Lunenburg and the Nictaur road. For two families between Liverpool and Nictaur. For four families on the great road from Musquodoboit road to Guyborough, and for one family on the road from Onslow to Tatamagushe; the money to be expended under the direction of Commissioners, who shall not draw for it, until the parties are actually settled, and shall have given security to remain in such settlements for five years, and to keep such accommodation for travellers, as their circumstances will admit of.

The Committee further recommend, that the sum appropriated for the encouragement of Emigrants, to the western parts of the Country, be apportioned into four divisions for establishing Locations on the Tusket River, on Scissabou River, on Bear River, or some other vacant Lands in the neighbourhood of Annapolis Basin, and on some vacant Lands in the District of Parrsborough, the money to be expended by Commissioners who will take the necessary previous measures to prepare for the reception of the Emigrants, by obtaining permission for Escheating such forfeitable Lands, as may be necessary for their accommodation and providing such provision as may be requisite to enable them to settle on the lands assigned them.

The Committee further recommend that the House request his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to appoint Commissioners, to perform this service, resident in the western parts of the Province.

The said report was, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the sum of 275l. be granted and paid for encouraging settlers on the new roads, agreeable to the foregoing report.

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

Mr. Tonge reported further from the Committee on the subject of the Poor, and presented a Bill to provide for the support of the transient Poor; and the said Bill 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.

Friday, 8th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robie reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an answer to the Message received from the Council, on the 6th instant, that he had drawn up an answer accordingly; 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 :

The House of Assembly, on the 1st instant, appointed a Committee to search the Journals of his Majesty's Council, relative to their proceedings on a resolution sent from this House to his Majesty's Council, for granting the sum of five thousand seven hundred and ten pounds, for making and repairing roads and bridges; notice of the appointment of this Committee was given by the Clerk, to his Majesty's Council, on the 3d instant. On the sixth day of the same month his Majesty's Council having sent no Message to the House on that subject, nor having taken any notice of it, the Committee appointed by the House went to the Committee room of the Council, and sent a Message by the Clerk of the House, informing the Council of their waiting in
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the Committee room of the Council for the purpose of searching the Journals of the Council agreeably to the order of the House; the Clerk immediately returned to the Committee room, and informed the Committee that his Majesty's Council received no message from Committees: upon the Committee reporting the foregoing facts to the House it was suggested that his Majesty's Council might probably have directed their Clerk to furnish the Committee of the House with their Journals for the purpose of the said search; and the Clerk of the House was sent to know, from the Clerk of the Council, whether he had received any directions to that purport, who informed the Clerk of the House, that he had not received any orders to permit the Journals of the Council to be inspected by a Committee of the House, and that without such order he would not suffer the Journals to be inspected. The House of Assembly having an undoubted right to inspect the Journals of his Majesty's Council, and having, in the attempt to exercise that right, been guilty of no impropriety, could not but be surpris'd at receiving the following paper from his Majesty's Council. (Vide see the Message from the Council, inserted in the Journal of the House of the 6th inst.) The House of Assembly, without making any observation on this paper, explicitly declares that although it does not intend to arrogate to itself a right it does not possess; so it is determin'd not to receive as a favor what it esteems a right.

As to the mode of making the application to his Majesty's Council, if it departs at all from Parliamentary usage, that departure must be attributed to his Majesty's Council, which in the privacy of its procedures, and in keeping its Journals secret, can shew no Parliamentary precedents of modern date. But the House of Assembly is of opinion that in ordering a Committee to search the Journals of the Council, it exercised a right over its own members; that in sending notice to his Majesty's Council of such a Committee being appointed, without directing the mode by which that Committee was to obey the order of the House, it was left to his Majesty's Council to have directed the mode in which the Journals were to be searched; in this the House of Assembly acted with the delicacy it always wishes to manifest in its communications with his Majesty's Council; and it will remain with his Majesty's Council to justify its own conduct in taking no notice of that message; and to point out, not by general assertions, but by particular instances, in what the impropriety of the application made by this House consists. The House of Assembly has only to observe that when such impropriety, if any, exists; shall be pointed out, the House will with pleasure give to his Majesty's Council, all the satisfaction it can require, by a free acknowledgment of being wrong; and the House feels entitl'd to equal candour from the Council, accompanied by a plain avowal or denial of the rights of the House to inspect the Journals of the Council whenever the House shall deem it necessary, without communicating to the Council the reasons which induce the House to order such inspection.

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

Ordered, That a copy of the said Answer be sent to his Majesty's Council by the Clerk, and the same was sent accordingly.

The Bill in amendment of the Act for the better regulating the Inferior Courts, &c. for the County of Annapolis, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act pass'd in the fortieth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitl'd, An Act for the better regulating the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Annapolis.

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

Mr. Marshall reported that the Managers had been at the conference with the Committee of the Council on the subject of the Resolution relating to persons claiming bounty on Fish; under the Act of last year, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to a conference, as desired by this House yesterday, upon the subject of the amendments proposed by them, to the Act relating to the Poor, immediately, in the Committee room of the Council.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Pyke, and Mr. Lyon, do manage that conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to provide for the support of the transient Poor.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge 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 in at the Clerk's table.

The said amendments to the Bill 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. Tonge, pursuant to order, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill conformable to his Excellency's Message of the 5th instant, and accordingly delivered a Bill in amendment of the Act of the 35th year of his Majesty's reign, to prevent the harbouring of Deserters from his Majesty's Army, &c. 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 accordingly.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that they 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, and thereupon, Mr. Robie moved, That the said Bill be re-committed to the Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of making the following addition to the same, viz. " which penalty of Twenty Pounds shall be sued for and recovered in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record where such offence shall be committed; *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the officer to whom such Deserter or Deserters shall belong, from suing for the penalty of Five Pounds before two Justices of the Peace, agreeable to the directions of the before recited Act, in case he shall not think proper to prosecute for the penalty hereby imposed; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the motion nine, against it fourteen :

For the motion,

Mr. CRANE
Mr. MORTON
Mr. FULTON
Mr. ALLISON
Mr. ROBIE
Mr. WILKINS
Mr. CHANDLER
Mr. M'CURDY
Mr. BARSS

Against the motion,

Mr. C. CAMPBELL	Mr. LYON
Mr. OXLEY	Mr. MOODY
Mr. PYKE	Mr. THORNE
Mr. MILLIDGE	Mr. MONK
Mr. WOLLENHAUPT	Mr. DIMOCK
Mr. MARSHALL	Mr. LOVETT
Mr. CHIPMAN	Mr. RUTHERFORD.

So it passed in the Negative.

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The amendments to the Bill 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. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the support of a Light-House at the entrance of Annapolis Basin, and for amending an Act passed in the 28th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House at the entrance of the harbour of Shelburne, and for making perpetual the several Laws therein mentioned ; and also,

The resolution of this House for granting the claims of persons for a bounty on Cod Fish under the Act of last year.

And then the messenger withdrew.

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act for making more effectual and enlarging the powers granted by two Acts of the General Assembly, the one passed in the 33d year of his late Majesty's reign, and the other in the 33d year of his present Majesty's reign, for regulating and maintaining a House of Correction, or Work-house, within the Town of Halifax, &c.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Mr. Colin Campbell, moved that the sum of £.1350, be granted and appropriated for encouraging the Fisheries of the Province, to be applied in manner following viz. That a bounty to be distributed in equal proportions per Ton on each vessel, be paid to the owners of all vessels of twenty tons and upwards, owned and registered in this Province, and which shall be wholly employed in the Fisheries for any term, not less than three months, between the first day of April, and the thirtieth day of November, in the year 1804, provided that one half at least of each respective Crew of said Vessels shall be persons employed on shares and not on wages, and that it be proved by the Oath of the Master, and two of the Crew, before any one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, that such Vessel was, bona fide, employed in the Fisheries during such term of three Months or upwards, and also that a Certificate be procured from some one of his Majesty's Officers of the Customs in this Province, that the Vessel that entitles the owner to the Bounty, was cleared out and had entered from such Fishing Voyage, all persons claiming under this Resolution, to produce their claims to the Treasurer of the Province, on or before the thirty first day of December in the Year one Thousand eight Hundred and four. The Commissioners of the Revenue to consider all applications for the Bounty, and certify the same to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor ; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Eighteen, again it Seven. So it passed in the Affirmative; and thereupon,

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

On motion, *resolved,* that a Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee on the subject matter of the foregoing resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire the said Conference.

Then Mr. Speaker, by the permission of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, adjourned the House till Monday next, at Ten of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, 11th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the support of the transient Poor, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the support of the transient Poor.

An engrossed Bill, in amendment of an Act passed in the thirty-fifth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to prevent the harbouring Deserters from his Majesty's Army, &c. was read a third time, and thereupon

It was moved, that the said Bill do not pass the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion fifteen, against it sixteen :

For the Motion,		Against the Motion,	
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. PARKER,	Mr. CAMPBELL,	Mr. PYKE,
Mr. NORTHUP,	Mr. LOVETT,	Mr. COX,	Mr. MOODY,
Mr. FULTON,	Mr. M'CURDY,	Mr. M'MONAGLE,	Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. BARSS,	Mr. MORTON,	Mr. MILLIDGE,	Mr. C. CAMPBELL,
Mr. WILKINS,	Mr. OXLEY,	Mr. MARSHALL,	Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. BOLMAN,	Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. CHIPMAN,	Mr. MONK,
Mr. ROBIE,	Mr. CHANDLER,	Mr. LYON,	Mr. THORNE,
Mr. ALLISON,		Mr. WOLLENHAUPT,	Mr. TONGE,

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, an Act in amendment of an Act passed in the 35th year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to prevent the harbouring of Deserters from his Majesty's Army, and the sale of Arms, Accoutrements and Clothing, belonging to his Majesty.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council, to inform them that the House has finished all the business of the Session, save a Bill to rebuild the Old Market-House at Halifax; and a Bill to appropriate the monies which are unappropriated in the Treasury, and the proceeds of the Revenue, intended to be granted this present Session; the House cannot proceed with such Appropriation Bill until his Majesty's Council shall have returned the several resolutions of the House for appropriating Monies; which are now pending before his Majesty's Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolution to His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Tonge reported, that the Managers had been at a Conference, with the Council, on the subject of the amendments proposed by them to the Bill relating to the Poor, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, that the balance of the monies unappropriated to defray the expense of passing the College Charter, and which now remains in the hands of the Governors of the College, unexpended, be appropriated by the Governors towards building of a Chapel for the use of the said College.

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

Mr. Robie reported from the Committee on the subject of the Old Market House at Halifax, and accordingly presented a Bill for the building a Market House for the use of the Butchers of the town of Halifax, and the same was read a first time,

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

On motion *resolved*, that the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House

House ; and thereupon, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. M^cMonagle, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act, to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned ; and also

The Bill entitled, an Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the 40th Year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act, for the better regulating the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis, without any amendment.

The Council agree to a conference by Committee as desired by this House yesterday, on the subject matter of the Resolution, for granting £. 1350, for the encouragement of the Fisheries, immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Parker, Mr. Barfs, Mr. Rutherford; and Mr. Lyon, do manage that Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion *resolved*, that a Message be sent to the Council to inform them that the House has no business before them, and are about to adjourn unless his Majesty's Council should have any communication to make to them.

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

Tuesday, 12th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the building a Market House, for the use of the Butchers of the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act, for the building a Market House, for the use of the Butchers of the Town of Halifax.

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

A written Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier, as follows ;

His Majesty's Council in considering the Resolution of the House, sent up yesterday, are at a loss to comprehend the drift and object of it. If it is intended to intimate that the business of the Session, has been unnecessarily protracted by the Council, it may be easily repelled, by observing that the Bills for continuing the Revenue for another year, which had been sent up from the House for the concurrence of the Council were returned to the House agreed to, on the first instant ; but have not yet been sent back with the Speaker's signature, that they might be presented to the Lieutenant Governor for his Excellency's approbation, or otherwise ; and as without the grant of a Revenue, there can be nothing to appropriate, the Council submit to

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the House the propriety of passing the Revenue Acts, as the preparatory step to the application of the Monies to be granted by them, and to the accomplishment of the business of the Session.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act made and passed in the tenth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships of the Province, &c.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act for the support of the Transient Poor, and also,

A Bill, entitled, an Act for building a Market House for the use of the Butchers of the Town of Halifax.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. M^cMonagle moved, that the order of the first instant, directing that the Speaker do not sign the several Revenue Bills, until he shall be specially authorized so to do by the House, be discharged; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen, against it, seventeen.

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. MILLIDGE,	Mr. CHANDLER,	Mr. BOLMAN,	Mr. WOLLENHAUPT,
Mr. M ^c MONAGLE,	Mr. FULTON,	Mr. NORTHUP,	Mr. MORTON,
Mr. LYON,	Mr. COCHRAN,	Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. BARSS,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. LOVETT,	Mr. CAMPBELL,	Mr. MARSHALL,
Mr. RUTHERFORD,	Mr. MONK,	Mr. COX,	Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. THORNE,	Mr. CRANE,	Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. WILKINS,
Mr. MOODY,	Mr. M ^c CURDY,	Mr. TONGE,	Mr. C. CAMPBELL,
Mr. PYKE,		Mr. ROBIE,	Mr. PARKER,
			Mr. OXLEY,

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Tonge moved, that the House do proceed to make up their Appropriation Bills for the present Session, agreeably to the resolutions of the House on the first instant, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Pyke moved, that only one Appropriation Bill be passed this Session, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen, against it nineteen. So it passed in the negative.

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

Wednesday, 13th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the resolution of yesterday, a Bill, entitled; an Act for the support of his Majesty's Government, and for the payment of all legal demands on the Treasury out of such sum or sums of Money as is, or are, now in the Treasury unappropriated; or which may be received into the Treasury, for any duties of Impost or Excise, paid or secured previous to the thirty-first day of this present month of July, was presented, and read a first time, and thereupon

On motion the said Bill was read a second time, and a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

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

Mr. Crane moved, that the House come to the following resolution; viz.

Resolved; That in the resolutions of this House on the 27th June last, declaring that the sum of five thousand seven hundred and ten pounds, should be the only sum

voted in this Session, for the repair of roads and bridges; the intent of the House was to prevent further application for road money during the present Session; and that it is not the sense of this House, by any of the resolutions entered into on the first instant, to depart from the established usage on money votes, sent for the concurrence of His Majesty's Council, or to deny the right of His Majesty's Council to deliberate upon votes of money for repairing or opening of new roads; or for any other service when sent from this House for the concurrence of His Majesty's Council; which being seconded and put, thereupon,

Mr. Robie moved, that the consideration of the foregoing resolution be deferred to this day six months; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for Mr. Robie's motion, Seventeen, against it, Fifteen.

For the motion,

Against the motion,

Mr. OXLEY	Mr. COX	Mr. RUTHERFORD	Mr. MORRIS
Mr. TONGE	Mr. DIMOCK	Mr. MONK	Mr. M'CURDY
Mr. C. CAMPBELL	Mr. CHIPMAN	Mr. LYON	Mr. CHANDLER
Mr. ALLISON	Mr. WILKINS	Mr. THORNE	Mr. McMONAGLE
Mr. CAMPBELL	Mr. BOLMAN	Mr. COCHRAN	Mr. CRANE
Mr. NORTHUP	Mr. PARKER	Mr. MOODY	Mr. MILLIDGE
Mr. MARSHALL	Mr. BARSS	Mr. PYKE	Mr. LOVETT
Mr. WOLLENHAUPT	Mr. ROBIE	Mr. FULTON	
Mr. MORTON			

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Thursday, 14th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to order, a Bill, entitled, an Act to appropriate to such specific uses and purposes, such part of the Revenue granted the present Session from the thirty first day of this present month of July, to the 31st day of July, which will be in the year 1804, as may be necessary to carry the provisions of this Act into effect, was presented, and read a first time.

On motion the said Bill was read a second time, and a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act, in amendment of the Act passed in the 35th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to prevent harbouring of Deserters from his Majesty's Army, &c. with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, an Act to continue and amend an Act, entitled, an Act, to revive, continue and amend, an Act, passed in the 32d year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to regulate the Summary Trial of, Actions, before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill, passed by the Council, was read a first time, and thereupon, Mr. Tonge, moved, that the Bill be read a second time this day three Months; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Twelve, against the motion, Twenty. So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time;

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Secretary Wentworth, as follows :

I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to acquaint this honorable House, that his Excellency will be in the Council Chamber to-morrow, at One of the Clock, for the purpose of giving his assent or dissent to such Bills as have been agreed to, by both Houses.

On Motion, the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, an Act to continue and amend, an Act to revive continue and amend an Act, passed in the 32d year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to regulate the summary trial of Actions before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, was read a second time.

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

Then the House, on a division of sixteen to fifteen, adjourned till To-morrow, at Ten of the Clock.

Friday, 15th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Morris moved, that the Speaker be authorised to sign the two Revenue Bills, the signing of which has been suspended by the order of the House, which being seconded and put, thereupon,

Mr. Robie moved, as a previous question, that the House do come to the following Resolution, *viz.* *Resolved*, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council, to request that they will return the two Appropriation Bills sent up by this House, agreed to, or not agreed to; in order if agreed to, that the Revenue Bills which are to provide for those appropriations, may be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for his assent, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seventeen, against it, fifteen.

For the motion,

Mr. WOLLENHAUPT, Mr. BARSS,
Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. PARKER,
Mr. BOLMAN Mr. WILKINS,
Mr. COX, Mr. C. CAMPBELL,
Mr. NORTHUP, Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. MORTON, Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. CHIPMAN, Mr. TONGE,
Mr. OXLEY,

A gainst the motion,

Mr. MILLIDGE, Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. PYKE, Mr. CHANDLER,
Mr. LYON, Mr. M'CURDY,
Mr. FULTON, Mr. MONK,
Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. CRANE,
Mr. MOODY, Mr. THORNE,
Mr. M'MONAGLE, Mr. LOVETT,
Mr. COCHRAN,

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolution to the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed by his Majesty's Council to acquaint this House, in answer to their message just received, that the Council have not acted on the appropriation Bills, nor can they do so, until the Revenue Bills which have been agreed to by both Houses, shall be passed.

And then the messenger withdrew.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Secretary Wentworth :

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the Bills following :

An Act, in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the better regulating the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis.

An Act, to continue an Act made and passed in the Thirty-ninth year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public Houses or Shops; for the retail of Spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such public Houses and Shops; also the Act passed in the fortieth year of his Majesty's Reign, in amendment of the above recited Act; and also, an Act passed in the forty-first year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of the said above recited Act.

An Act, to continue and amend an Act, entitled, an Act, to revive, continue and amend an Act passed in the thirty-second year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions, before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax.

An Act, to continue an Act made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled; an Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported into this Province from the United States of America.

An Act, to continue an Act made and passed in the thirty-fourth year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act to provide for the support of the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained.

An Act, in amendment of an Act, made and passed in the tenth year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for the Settlement of the Poor in the several Townships in this Province, and also in amendment of an Act made in the forty-first year of his said Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for the better management and relief of the Poor at Halifax.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Digby to improve the Common belonging to said Town.

An Act, to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act, to provide for the support of a Light House at the entrance of Annapolis Basin, and for amending an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light-House at the entrance of the Harbour of Shelburne, and for making perpetual the several Laws herein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that his Excellency had said to the House, that it was his wish that the House would expedite the Revenue Bills, that his Excellency may have it in his power to put an end to the Session, which had already been protracted to so great a length.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the engrossed Bill from the Council, respecting the Summary Trial of Actions, in the town and peninsula of Halifax.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, 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 amendments to the Bill were read throughout the first and second time, and upon the question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Morris moved, that the House do now re-consider the motion made by him this morning, which being seconded, thereupon

Mr. Wilkins moved, that the House adjourn, which being seconded and put passed in the affirmative.

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

Saturday, 16th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Morris moved, that the House do re-consider his motion of yesterday, for the Speaker's signing the Revenue Bills, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen, against it, seventeen. So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Robie moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the present state of the Province, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative, and thereupon, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Monk 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 two resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a conference should be held by a Committee with his Majesty's Council, on the subject matter of the message received from his Majesty's Council yesterday.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to draw up instructions for the above Committee, to be used on the conference with the Council.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee to prepare instructions agreeable to the foregoing resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire a conference with the Council, agreeable to the foregoing resolution of the Committee.

Then the House adjourned till two of the clock, P. M. of this day.

The House met agreeably to the adjournment.

Mr. Tonge, reported from the Committee appointed to draw up instructions to be used on a Conference to be held with his Majesty's Council, agreeably to the resolution of this day; that they had drawn up instructions accordingly, 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 followeth :

The House having requested a conference by Committee, with his Majesty's Council, on the subject of the message received from his Majesty's Council yesterday, have trusted none to give their words on that conference, and have ordered it to be in writing, as follows :

That there being ample provision made by the monies now in the Treasury, and secured by Duties and otherwise by Laws now in force for all the appropriations for the support of his Majesty's Government, and the payment of just debts of the Province, in the Bill, entitled, an Act for the future support of his Majesty's Government, and for the payment of all legal demands on the Treasury, &c. now before his Majesty's Council, there does not appear to the House any reason on the grounds assigned by His Majesty's Council, to wit, that the Revenue Bills agreed to by both Houses are not passed, why his Majesty's Council, cannot take that Act into consideration, and give an assent or dissent thereto.

That generally during a course of years past, the Revenue and Appropriation Bills have been brought up for the Governor's assent at the same time, and that the Revenue Bills would not on the present occasion have been detained in the House, had not his Majesty's Council, by rejecting in toto, the principal appropriations of money for public services proposed by the House, left scarce any object for which it was necessary to provide a revenue.

That the House is ready and willing to raise a revenue, as soon as the purposes to which such revenue is to be applied, are settled and agreed upon, by previous communication between the two branches of the Legislature; which communication the House is, and has ever been ready to hold. But that the House conceiving it unconstitutional and derogatory to the rights of the subject to raise a revenue, until the purposes to which such revenue is to be applied are ascertained, cannot give effect to the Bills before the House, until they have assurance of the assent of his Majesty's Council to such appropriations as were in contemplation of the House, whenever those Acts were passed.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference as desired by the House this day, immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Moody, Mr. Millidge, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Cox, do manage the conference, and also deliver to the Committee of Council, a copy of the instructions above reported.

And the Managers went to the conference, accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. Tonge reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated that they had delivered to the Committee of the Council a copy of the instructions given to them by the House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to regulate the summary trial of Actions before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Monday,

Monday, 18th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill in amendment of the Act to prevent the harbouring of Deserters from his Majesty's Army, &c. and the same were read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendments made by the Council to the said Bill, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference by Committee on the subject matter of the conference held on Saturday last, immediately, in the Committee room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That the the House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council that the House has agreed to the conference, as desired by them.

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

And the Managers went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Tonge reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated to the House that they had received from the Committee of the Council a written paper, which he read, and is as followeth :

His Majesty's Council have to observe, that however ample the House of Assembly suppose the provision made by the Revenue Acts of last year may ultimately prove to be for the purposes for which they were intended; the full produce thereof cannot be expected in the ordinary course of payments into the Treasury, before the middle of the year 1804, possibly never! consequently His Majesty's Council cannot agree to a new disposition of funds already appropriated, the surplus of which, if any, is yet to be ascertained.

The detention by the House of the Revenue Bills, after they have been acted upon in both Houses, and mutually agreed to, is a measure so unparliamentary and destructive of all confidence, that unless those Bills shall be returned with the Speaker's name thereto, all future communication between the two branches of the Legislature will be rendered uncertain and suspicious, if not wholly nugatory.

The Council disclaim all intention of trenching on the privileges of the House, their object is not to invade the rights of others, but to preserve their own. They will readily concur with the House in a reasonable and prudent application of the surplus of revenue, which may remain after the ordinary and indispensable expences of His Majesty's Government shall have been provided for; and if the House will consent to transact the public business as it has been usually done, no well-founded cause of dissatisfaction need be apprehended.

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

Tuesday, 19th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council by Committee, on the subject matter of the last conference. *Ordered*,

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire the said conference with the Council.

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the conference as desired by the House, immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. M^cMonagle, Mr. Morris, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

And the managers went to the conference.

And being returned.

Mr. M^cMonagle reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated to the House that they had, to prevent mistakes, taken down in writing the substance of what had been said to them by the Committee of the Council which he read and is as followeth :

That his Majesty's Council expect the two Revenue Bills detained by the House, be sent up to be signed by the President, when they will be returned to the House to be presented by the Speaker for the assent of the Governor. The Council consider that these Bills must be returned, that a revenue may be provided, before they enter upon the appropriation. That His Majesty's Council will agree to a sum not exceeding 4000l. to be appropriated for roads and bridges, but contend that they have a right to deliberate on the votes separately, and that was the reason for their not considering the schedule sent up with the vote of 5,710l.

On motion, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council by Committee, on the subject matter of the last conference.

Ordered, That the Clerk do request the said conference with the Council.

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

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

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. M^cMonagle reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the said conference to the House.

On motion of Mr. M^cMonagle, *resolved*, That the House do present an humble Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform his Excellency of the measures taken by the House, to provide for the support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, and the appropriations for public purposes for the improvement of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. M^cMonagle, and Mr. Monk, be a Committee to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeably to the foregoing resolution.

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

Wednesday, 20th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Morris moved, that the consideration of the address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, be deferred for the present, and that the resolution moved by him on Friday last, to authorise the Speaker to sign the two Revenue Bills, be now considered which being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Tonge moved, that the consideration of the foregoing motion be deferred, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen, against it, seventeen. So it passed in the Negative. Mr.

Mr. Morris's motion was then put to the House and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen, against it, sixteen.

For the Motion,		Against the Motion,	
Mr. MONK,	Mr. RUTHERFORD,	Mr. ROBIE,	Mr. WILKINS,
Mr. LYON,	Mr. THORNE,	Mr. MORTON,	Mr. BARSS,
Mr. FULTON,	Mr. MILLIDGE,	Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. CHANDLER,	Mr. COCHRAN,	Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. CAMPBELL,
Mr. NORTHUP,	Mr. M'CURDY,	Mr. TONGE,	Mr. C. CAMPBELL,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. MOODY,	Mr. BOLMAN,	Mr. PARKER,
Mr. M'MONAGLE,	Mr. CRANE,	Mr. OXLEY,	Mr. COX,
Mr. PYKE,	Mr. LOVETT,	Mr. WOLLENHAÜPT,	Mr. MARSHALL.

Mr. Speaker gave his calling Vote for the motion.

So it passed in the Affirmative, and thereupon

Mr. Speaker signed the two Bills accordingly.

Mr. Tonge moved, that the House do come to the following resolution; viz.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, shall be paid into the Treasury of Great-Britain, as a free gift to his Majesty from his faithful and loyal Subjects in this Province, who are disposed to give every aid in their power, to assist his Majesty to prosecute the just and necessary War in which his Majesty is now engaged, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirty, against it, two. So it passed in the affirmative.

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

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

Thursday, 21st July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

The proceedings of yesterday being read, thereupon

Mr. Allison moved, that the order for sending to the Council the resolution for granting the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds to his Majesty, be suspended for the present, which being seconded and put, passed in the Affirmative.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a conference by Committee on the subject of compensation allowed to Commissioners of Roads, immediately, in the Committee room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That the House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. M'Monagle, Mr. Moody, and Mr. Tonge, do manage the said conference.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council that the House has agreed to the conference, as desired by them.

And the Managers went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

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

Friday, 22d July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Secretary Wentworth :

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following :

An Act to continue in force the several Revenue Laws for the support of his Majesty's Government in this Province.

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the thirty-fifth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to prevent the harbouring Deserters from his Majesty's Army ; and the Sale of Arms, Accoutremens, and Cloathing, belonging to his Majesty.

An Act, to continue an Act passed in the thirty-second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province ; and also the Act, in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-first year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to alter, amend and continue, an Act made and passed in the thirty-second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province.

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a conference by Committee on the subject matter of the two Appropriation Bills, sent up for concurrence, immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Resolved, that this House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. M'Monagle, Mr. Morris, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said conference.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council that the House has agreed to the conference as desired by them.

And the Managers went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. M'Monagle reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated to the House that they had taken down in writing the substance of what had been said to them, by the Committee of the Council, which he read, and is as followeth :

That the Council see no occasion for more than one Appropriation Bill, which should contain nothing besides a recapitulation of the Money Votes, which have been, or may be, agreed to in both Houses, nor can they by any means consent to the introduction of Votes not agreed to, or to the omission of such as have been agreed to or to any unusual preamble. That if the Bill is framed on these principles, no discussion need ever take place respecting it, or the harmony of the two branches of the Legislature be disturbed in that respect.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee

Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the report of the conference with the Council, and thereupon

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered 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 House should direct the Committee who managed the conference on the Appropriation Bills, to state to the Committee of his Majesty's Council, that the House has taken the subject matter of the conference into consideration, and see no reason to alter the Appropriation Bills as framed by the House.

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

Resolved, That a further conference be desired with his Majesty's Council on the subject matter of the last conference, and agreeably to the foregoing resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire the said conference.

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

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do attend the conference.

And they went to the conference accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. McMonagle stated that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated that they had, agreeably to order, informed the Committee of the Council, that the House see no reason to alter the Appropriation Bills as framed by the House.

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have sent down the Bill, entitled, An Act for the future support of his Majesty's government, and for the payment of all legal demands on the Treasury, out of such sum or sums of money as is, or are now, in the Treasury unappropriated, or which may be received into the Treasury, for any Duties of Impost and Excise, paid or secured previous to the thirty-first day of this present month July, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the messenger be desired to carry the said Bill back to the Council as the House cannot receive any amendments to an Appropriation Bill from His Majesty's Council, and the Messenger withdrew, and took back the Bill accordingly.

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

Saturday, 23d July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Nineten resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz.

- 146l. 18s. 3d. for the repairs of the Old Government House
 19l. 4s. 10½d. for sundry articles supplied for Shelburne Light house
 17l. 4s. 6d. to Joseph Fennel
 3l. to James Archibald
 40l. to Ephraim Howard and others
 30l. to John F. Gschwind
 12l. to John M^cMonagle
 11l. to John Skinner
 400l. for Transient Poor
 30l. for exploring a road by Wheelock
 10l. to Alexander Henry
 11l. 5s. 11½d to John Howe, for Stationary
 175l. to Terence Cochran
 5l. 6s. 10½d to the Sheriff of Queen's County
 30l. 2s. 8d. to Commissioners for Indians
 15l. 15s. to Patrick Fitzmorris
 50l. for Parrsborough Packet
 600l. for the Island of Sable.

The Council have agreed to twenty-eight resolutions of this House, for granting compensation to Commissioners of Roads, viz.

- 9l. to Thomas Wallace and Samuel Mercer
 7l. 10s. to Thomas Wallace
 10l. to Thomas Boggs and Garret Miller
 18l. to John Archibald
 2l. 10s. to Duncan Clarke
 5l. to George Roy
 5l. To John Gault
 5l. to James Archibald
 2l. 10s. to John Dawson
 12l. to Timothy Hierlihy
 6l. to John Legget
 5l. to Eleazer Taylor and Matthew Fenwick
 12l. to George Oxley and John Black
 2l. 10s. to John Smith
 5l. to Richard Atwood
 7l. to Barzilla Mosher and Thomas Smith
 2l. 10s. to William Shey
 2l. 10s. to Joshua D^r St. Croix, and John Ruggles
 2l. 10s. To Foster Woodbury and John Wiswell
 6l. to Nathaniel Parker and John Ruggles
 2l. 10s. to Jonathan Andersen and Richard Thorne
 9l. to William Winniett
 9l. to John Taylor
 13l. 10s. to Reuben Hankinson
 7l. 10s. to Joseph Barfs and Nathan Tupper
 4l. to John Thomas
 10l. to John Longele
 10l. to John Stevens

The Council have not agreed to two resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz.

- 7l. 10s. to Jonathan Palmer
 7l. 10s. to William Shey and others

The Council desire a present conference by Committee, on the subject matter of the

the resolution of this House for granting the sum of 500l. for the settlement of Emigrants.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Moody, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Colin Campbell, and Mr. Chipman, do manage the said conference; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council that the House has agreed to the conference, as desired by them.

And the Managers went to the conference,

And being returned,

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

On motion, *resolved*, that the sum of 500l. granted by this House, for the settlement of Emigrants, shall be generally applied to encourage their settling in the western part of the Province: that is to say, in any part to the westward of the road from Halifax to Cumberland.

Resolved, That a further conference be desired with the Council on the subject matter of the last conference, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference, and that they deliver to the Committee of the Council a copy of the foregoing resolution, respecting the settlement of Emigrants.

The Clerk reported that the Council agree to the conference, as desired by the House.

And the Managers went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Tonge reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated to the House, that they had delivered to the Committee of the Council a copy of the Resolution passed this day respecting Emigrants, agreeably to the order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House for granting 500l. for the settlement of Emigrants; also,

The resolution for appropriating the balance of the money granted for passing the Charter for King's College.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Mr. Tonge moved, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform him that the House has finished the business for the present Session, and to pray that his Excellency will be pleased to grant the House a recess, which being seconded, thereupon

Mr. Moody moved, that the consideration of the foregoing motion be deferred to Monday next, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

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

Monday, 25th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Nine resolutions of this House for granting compensation to Commissioners of Roads; viz.

23l. to J. G. Pyke and Daniel Wood

7l. 10s. to John Lawlor

2l. 10s. to James Fulton

5l. to Alexander Waugh

2l. 10s. to William M'Kay

22l. to William Smith

1l. 10s. to P. Millidge

23l. 10s. to Edward Brinley and J. Van Buskirk

5l. to Gideon White

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Moody moved, that a conference be held with the Council, by Committee, on the subject of the two Appropriation Bills now before the Council; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen, against it, ten.

For the Motion,

Mr. MILLIDGE,
Mr. GOCHRAN,
Mr. MOODY,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. THORNE,
Mr. LYON,
Mr. FULTON,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. LOVETT,

Mr. MORTON,
Mr. C. CAMPBELL,
Mr. M'CURDY,
Mr. CHANDLER,
Mr. NORTHUP,
Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. MONK,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. RUTHERFORD,

Against the Motion,

Mr. COX,
Mr. TONGE
Mr. M'MONAGLE,
Mr. BOLMAN,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. WOLLENHAUPT,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. WILKINS,
Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. OXLEY,

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire a conference with the Council, agreeable to the foregoing resolution.

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Monk, Mr. Morris, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Moody, and Mr. C. Campbell, do manage that conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council, and that the managers do require from the Council that they will inform the House whether the Council have agreed, or disagreed, to the Appropriation Bills sent from the House, that, in case the Council have disagreed to the same, the House may proceed to a further consideration of the appropriation of the Revenue granted this present Session.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire the said conference.

On motion of Mr. Morris, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a scale for appropriating a sum, not exceeding Five Thousand Pounds, for the service of Roads and Bridges, for the present year.

Ordered, That Mr. Morris, Mr. M'Monagle, Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Moody, be a Committee accordingly.

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

Tuesday, 26th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Morris reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a scale for appropriating a sum, not exceeding Five Thousand Pounds, for Roads and Bridges, and presented a scale of appropriation accordingly, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows.

For the County of Shelburne.

75l. for erecting a Bridge over the river Jordan, on the main road from Shelburne to Liverpool (for which the inhabitants have subscribed 50l.) the money not to be drawn from the Treasury until the Bridge shall be completed, and to be certified to the Lieutenant-Governor by the Justices in General Sessions at Shelburne.

80l. for repairing the Road from Shelburne to the bounds of Queen's County.

100l. for repairing the road from Shelburne to Barrington.

10l. for a road on M'Nutt's Island from the landing to the Light-House.

For the County of Queen's County.

80l. for rebuilding the bridges and causeways destroyed by fire from the bounds of Shelburne County to Liverpool.

150l. for improving the road from Liverpool to Nictaur.

50l. for enabling the inhabitants to rebuild Herring Cove Bridge, and to repair the road to the bounds of Lunenburg County.

For the County of Lunenburg.

20l. for the road from Petit Rivere to Mr. Pernette's Mill.

20l. for the road from the east side of Lahave river to Acher's Mill.

50l. for the road from Lunenburg to the Nictaur road.

40l. for the road from Gold River bridge towards Lunenburg.

50l. for the road from Chester to Windsor.

60l. for the road and bridges from George Frail's, in the eastern part of Chester, to the head of St. Margaret's Bay.

For the County of Halifax.

50l. for the road from Sheet Harbour to Geddés's in Musquodoboit.

25l. for the road from the lower settlements of Musquodoboit, to the harbour, and clearing the Windfalls.

50l. for the road from the head of St. Margaret's Bay to Mr. Marshall's farm, on the Hamond Plain road.

25l. for the middle road from Halifax to St. Margaret's Bay, passing by Good Wood.

25l. for the road from the Windsor road to Fletcher's bridge, being on the main road from Halifax to Colchester and Cumberland.

175l. for the road from Fletcher's bridge to Gay's river, and for building a Bridge over Gay's river.

40l. for the road from Gay's river to Sewack river.

50l. for the road from Sewack to Truro.

40l. for a road from the middle Sewack to Dickey's.

25l. for the road from the west bounds of Londonderry to Economy Settlement.

50l. towards rebuilding a bridge over Salmon River in Truro.

25l. towards rebuilding a bridge over the middle river in Pictou.

50l. for the road from Margomishé to Cape George.

50l. for a road from Henry's, in Musquodoboit, to the main road leading from Truro to Halifax.

50l. for the road from Dartmouth to Salmon River Bridge, in Preston.

100l. for improving the road from Salmon River in Preston, to the Narrows at Portets Lake.

50l. for a road from the Narrows at Porter's Lake to Musquodoboit.

For

For the County of Cumberland.

50l. for repairing and completing the road from the North Bounds of Londonderry to Amherst.

20l. for improving the road from Wind's at Remsseg, through Wentworth settlement, to Gabriel Purdy's on the Cumberland road.

30l. for improving the road from Remsseg Harbour to the River Philip.

15l. for the road and bridges from Remsseg to Tatamagushe.

75l. for improving the road from Patridge Island to Amherst, beginning at the bounds of King's County.

For the County of King's County.

75l. for repairing the road from Avon Bridge to Bishop's Bridge.

30l. for altering the main road over the Hill at Uniack's Farm, on the Annapolis road, and repairing the roads and bridges between Jonathan Parker's, and the east bounds of Aylesford Township.

50l. for repairing and continuing the new road from Silas Rand's, in the upper part of Cornwallis, to Aylesford Church.

20l. for completing the road from Black Rock, on the Bay of Fundy, to the main Road in Cornwallis.

75l. to assist and enable the Inhabitants to erect and complete a new Bridge over the river Gasperau, near to Simon Fitch's, being on the middle road from Horton towards Halifax, the money not to be drawn from the Treasury, until the bridge shall be completed, and so certified to the Lieutenant Governor, by the Justices in General Sessions in King's County.

30l. towards completing the lower Bridge and Road from Horton towards Halifax, by Mount Denson.

25l. for repairing the road from Patridge Island, to the South Bounds of Cumberland.

25l. for repairing the road from Patridge Island to Advocate Harbour.

25l. towards completing the road from Swan Creek in Parrsborough to Harrington's Mill.

30l. for repairing the road from Scotch Bay, to the main Road in Cornwallis.

For the County of Hants.

50l. for completing the road from Douglafs Church, to the Ferry at Shubenaccadie.

40l. for the Douglafs road leading from Newport, to the Nine Mile River road.

50l. for completing the road from the upper bounds of Rawdon to Beaver Bank.

100l. towards rebuilding Kenetcook bridge.

75l. for making a road from Kenetcook Bridge to Lawrence's on the Halifax road.

50l. for the road and bridges from Rawdon Mill to the widow Wier's House, near to the east bounds of Newport.

50l. for repairing the Halifax road from the West End of the new Ardoise road, to the road leading from the Windsor road near to the three Mile Plain to Avon Bridge.

50l. towards reducing the Hill, called Tanner's Hill, in Windsor.

40l. to raise the causeway, from Avon Bridge to Palmer's Island, and to repair the causeway in Jenkins's Marsh.

100l. for the New Ardoise Hill Road, to commence at the Eastern end of what has been done under the late Commissioners, and from thence to continue to the Halifax road towards Small's Tavern.

50l. for repairing the Halifax road in the Middle Stage, from Small's to Mitchel's, part of which is in the County of Halifax.

For the County of Annapolis.

200l. to aid the Inhabitants to build a Bridge over Allen's Creek (in addition to the sum of 200l. granted last Session for the Aboiteau) the money not to be drawn from the Treasury, until the Bridge shall be completed, and so certified to the Lieutenant Governor, by the Justices in General Sessions at Annapolis.

- 40l. for repairing the road near Leonard's tavern to the North Mountain.
 25l. to alter the post-road near Round Hill leading to Annapolis.
 50l. to repair the road from Moose River to Bear River.
 50l. for repairing and making a road from Digby to Rogers's point.
 50l. for a road from Digby to Petite Passage.
 50l. for a road continuing from Petite Passage to Grand Passage.
 100l. for the road from Pubnico to the New Bridge at Tusket River.
 100l. for the road from Yarmouth to Montagan.

For the County of Sydney.

200l. for improving the road from Guysborough to the east branch of St. Mary's river, and making bridges over Salmon River and Country Harbour.

280l. for improving the road from the east branch of St. Mary's River, to Musquodoboit near Henry's, and building bridges over the east and west branches of St. Mary's River.

50l. for a road from Stormont to the upper settlements of Country Harbour, and to open a road, of about five miles, from thence to join the Musquodoboit road leading from Guysborough to Halifax.

40l. For clearing the Falls of St. Mary's River.

100l. for repairing the road from the head of Milford Haven to the Indian Gardens, on the west branch of Antigonish river, and for building a bridge over the said river.

50l. for opening a road from the Indian Gardens to Malignant Cove.

And thereupon, Mr. Wilkins moved, that the said report be not received by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, five, against it, eighteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. OXLEY,
 Mr. BARSS,
 Mr. COX,
 Mr. WOLLENHAUPT,
 Mr. WILKINS,

Mr. MOODY,
 Mr. M'MONAGLE,
 Mr. MORRIS,
 Mr. LYON,
 Mr. FULTON,
 Mr. DIMOCK,

Against the Motion,

Mr. CHIPMAN,
 Mr. MONK,
 Mr. RUTHERFORD,
 Mr. THORNE,
 Mr. MILLIDGE,
 Mr. PYKE,
 Mr. M'CURDY,
 Mr. ALLISON,
 Mr. COCHRAN,
 Mr. CHANDLER,
 Mr. LOVETT,
 Mr. CRANE,

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. Morris, *resolved*, that the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Pounds be granted and appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, for the present year, agreeably to the several sums specified in the foregoing report of the Committee.

Mr. Morris then moved, that the several sums as above reported, and voted by the House, for the service of Roads and Bridges, be separately sent to his Majesty's Council, for their concurrence, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen, against it, eight.

For the motion,

Mr. LYON,
 Mr. THORNE,
 Mr. MOODY,
 Mr. FULTON,
 Mr. MORRIS,
 Mr. PYKE,
 Mr. MONK,
 Mr. MILLIDGE,
 Mr. RUTHERFORD,
 Mr. M'CURDY,
 Mr. CHANDLER,
 Mr. ALLISON,
 Mr. LOVETT,
 Mr. COCHRAN,
 Mr. CRANE,

Against the motion,

Mr. COX,
 Mr. M'MONAGLE,
 Mr. WOLLENHAUPT,
 Mr. DIMOCK,
 Mr. CHIPMAN,
 Mr. WILKINS,
 Mr. BOLMAN,
 Mr. OXLEY,

So it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the several votes abovementioned, separately, to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do attend accordingly.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Monk reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and also stated to the House, that the Committee of the Council had informed them, that His Majesty's Council have not agreed, or disagreed, to the appropriation Bills, sent from the House.

Mr. Morris moved that the Clerk of this House do wait on His Majesty's Council, and request that they will restore to him the Appropriation Bills sent from the House to the Council, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Eleven, against it, Eighteen.

For the motion,

Mr. MILLIDGE
Mr. LYON
Mr. THORNE,
Mr. FULTON,
Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. MOODY,
Mr. M'CURDY,
Mr. CHANDLER,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. MONK,
Mr. PYKE,

Against the motion,

Mr. BARSS	Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. TONGE,	Mr. WOLLENHAUPT,
Mr. RUTHERFORD,	Mr. M' MONAGLE,
Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. LOVETT,	Mr. COX,
Mr. BOLMAN,	Mr. C. CAMPBELL,
Mr. WILKINS,	Mr. COCHRAN,
Mr. NORTHUP,	Mr. PARKER,
Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. OXLEY,

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Millidge moved, that the House do wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that Mr. Speaker do inform his Excellency that the House has granted to His Majesty an adequate Revenue for the service of his Majesty's Government, the ensuing year, to which Bills his Excellency has been pleased to assent, that the House has also passed two Bills for appropriating the Revenue, so granted to his Majesty, which Bills have been sent to his Majesty's Council, to which the House has received an answer that his Majesty's Council have not agreed or disagreed to such Bills and and that the proceedings of the House, are thereby at a stand; which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait on his Excellency to know his pleasure, when he will receive the House.

The Clerk reported that he had, pursuant to the order of the House, waited on his Excellency, and that he was pleased to say that he would receive the House at half past one of the Clock, this day, at the Government house.

Mr. Oxley moved that the sum of 1000. be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Cumberland to make an Aboiteau across the river Massaquahe, at or below Thomas Atkinson's, for a public bridge, the money not to be drawn from the Treasury, until the Aboiteau shall be completed, and so certified to the Lieutenant Governor, by the Justices in Sessions at Cumberland, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

On motion, *resolved*, that eighty sets of the new edition of the Province Laws, shall be properly bound and lettered before distribution.

Mr. Speaker, and the House, attended his Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeably to the resolution of this day.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that his Excellency was pleased to reply to the House, that he would enquire into the cause of the difficulties stated to him by the House, and use his best endeavours to expedite their proceedings.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to sixty five resolutions of this House for the service of Roads and Bridges; amounting to 3900l.

The

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

100l. for a road from Shelburne to Barrington

10l. for a road on M'Nutt's Island.

20l. for a road from Petit River to Mr. Pernette's mill.

75l. for a road from Patridge Island to Amherst.

50l. for a road from Silas Rand's to Aylesford.

25l. for a road from Patridge Island to Advocate Harbour.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Mr. Gautier, the Deputy Secretary, 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 followeth :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

IT being necessary to escheat an extensive tract of land in the district of Pictou, known by the name of the Philadelphia Grant, for the accommodation of emigrants, and also to give regular titles and quiet possession to a number of poor people that have settled upon those lands at different times, and have made some improvements thereon :

To accomplish these objects, a considerable expense for surveying, and new Grants, must necessarily be incurred, which those poor people are unable to defray. It is therefore recommended to the House to make provision for the payment of such expenses as may be incurred.

J. WENTWORTH.

The House proceeded to take the said message from his Excellency into consideration, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Morris, *resolved*, that a sum not exceeding 150l. be granted and paid to accomplish the objects specified in the foregoing message from his Excellency, relative to the establishing the titles of the people now actually settled on the lands called the new Philadelphia Grant.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that the sum of 35l. be granted and paid to improve that part of the road from Liverpool to Lunenburg which lies between the bridge built by subscription over Petit River, and Lahave River.

Resolved, That the sum of 49l. be granted and paid to improve the road, began last year, from the upper part of Cornwallis to Aylesford Church.

Resolved, That the sum of 20l. be granted and paid for repairing the road from Patridge Island to Advocate Harbour.

Resolved, That the sum of 95l. be granted and paid to improve the road from Barrington to Shelburne.

Resolved, That the sum of 70l. be granted and paid for repairing the road from the bridge near Moore's to Macan Brige, on the main road, leading from Patridge Island to Cumberland.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a further conference be desired with the Council by Committee, on the subject matter of the said resolutions, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered.

Ordered, That Mr. Moody, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Morris, Mr. M^oMonagle, and Mr. Crane, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference, accordingly,

And being returned,

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

Mr. Gautier, the Deputy Secretary, 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 followeth :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

In the progress of obtaining information upon the subject of your Address to me to-day, it appears that the Appropriation Bill for the support of his Majesty's Government, was sent down by his Majesty's Council with an alteration, proposed in the title and preamble only ; which was returned to them without knowing what had been done upon it, but may be still had when desired. A second Appropriation Bill is unprecedented and unnecessary, as the whole provisions, finally agreed upon, may be included, as heretofore, in one Bill ; it therefore appears that the House have it so far in their own power to expedite their proceedings, which is seriously recommended.

J. WENTWORTH.

The House having taken into consideration the foregoing Message from Excellency, thereupon,

Resolved, That from the information given to the House, by his Excellency, the House are bound to consider both of the Appropriation Bills, sent to his Majesty's Council, as rejected, by the Council refusing either to agree or disagree to the same.

Resolved, That the House being still desirous to prevent, as far as possible, the confusion which necessarily must ensue, by reason of his Majesty's Council having rejected the Appropriation Bills, the House will proceed to form a new Appropriation Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare the said Appropriation Bill accordingly.

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House for granting 150*l.* relative to the New Philadelphia Grant.

The Council have not agreed to five resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums for Roads, viz .

35*l.* for the road from Liverpool to Lunenburg.

49*l.* for the road from the upper part of Cornwallis to Aylesford Church.

20*l.* for the road from Patridge Island to Advocate Harbour.

95*l.* for the road from Barrington to Shelburne.

70*l.* for the road leading from Patridge Island to Cumberland.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Wednesday, 27th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dimock moved that the sum of five pounds, be allowed and paid to Jonathan Snelling, for his services as a Commissioner on the Rawdon road, which being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Chipman moved that the consideration of the foregoing motion be deferred to the next Session, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative. On

On motion; *ordered*, that the Clerk do acquaint his Majesty's Council, that the House is delayed in framing the Appropriation Bill for want of the money votes yet pending before his Majesty's Council.

On motion, *resolved*, that the allowance to the Messenger to the Council, be increased by adding ten pounds thereto, for the present year.

Resolved, That the allowance to the Keeper of the Council Chamber and the House of Assembly, be increased by adding Twenty pounds thereto, for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds, be added to the usual allowance of the Chaplain of the Council and House of Assembly, for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be added to the usual allowance to the Serjeant at Arms, of the House of Assembly, for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Five Pounds be added to the usual allowance to the Messenger of the House of Assembly, for the present year.

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

On Motion of Mr. Millidge, *Resolved*, That a clause be added to the Appropriation Bill, as followeth :

And be it further enacted, That the sum of £.200. granted in the last session of General Assembly, to build a Bridge near Leonard's Tavern over the Annapolis river, shall not be expended in building such bridge, but that the said sum of 200l. shall be applied to enable the inhabitants to carry into effect their subscription, for building a Bridge over the said river at Hicks's ferry.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to two resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz.

20l. to the Keeper of the Council Chamber and House of Assembly.

10l. to the Messenger to the Council.

The Council have not agreed to three resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz.

10l. to the Chaplain to the Council and House of Assembly.

10l. to the Serjeant at Arms of the House of Assembly.

5l. to the Messenger of the House of Assembly.

And then the messenger withdrew.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding 500l. to be granted and paid, in addition to the usual sum, to enable the House of Assembly to defray the arrears due from the House for its Contingencies for several years past ; and also to pay the additional Contingencies of the House the present session ; such part of said sum, as shall be necessary, to be drawn for by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, on the Certificate of the Speaker, and not otherwise.

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

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House relative to the grant of 200l. for a Bridge over the Annapolis River, at Hicks's ferry.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the sum of 50l. be granted and paid to the Speaker of the House for his services, in managing, on the part of the House, the Correspondence with the Provincial Agent for several years past.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty pounds be added to the usual allowance to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty pounds be added to the allowance usually made to the Deputy Clerk of the Council, for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty pounds, be added to the allowance usually made to His Majesty's Printer, for extra work; on account of his services, in printing the Revenue Laws, and other unusual services by him performed, previous to the present session.

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

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the resolution of this House, for granting 500l. for additional Contingencies of the House of Assembly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House for granting 30l. to the King's Printer, for extra services.

The Council have not agreed to nine resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz.

51l. 6s. 6½d. to James Hamilton and William Graham.

275l. for encouraging settlers on the new roads.

1,350l. for the encouragement of the Fisheries.

5l. to Thomas Copland, as a commissioner for roads.

10l. 10s. to Gabriel Purdy, Ditto

5l. to John Rhindrefs, Ditto

50l. to the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

30l. to the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

30l. to the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Tonge moved, that the resolution of the House passed on Saturday the 20th inst. for granting the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds to his Majesty, be sent to the Council for concurrence, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Ten, against it, Sixteen.

For the motion,

Mr. TONGE,

Mr. PARKER,

Mr. OXLEY,

Mr. COX,

Mr. CHIPMAN,

Mr. WILKINS,

Mr. C. CAMPBELL,

Mr. COCHRAN,

Mr. ROBIE,

Mr. BARSS,

Against the motion,

Mr. RUTHERFORD,

Mr. MOODY,

Mr. MONK,

Mr. CRANE,

Mr. FULTON,

Mr. M'CURDY,

Mr. CHANDLER,

Mr. LOVETT,

Mr. MILLIDGE,

Mr. PYKE,

Mr. ALLISON,

Mr. NORTHUP,

Mr. THORNE,

Mr. DIMOCK,

Mr. MORTON,

Mr. LYON.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Clerk, pursuant to order, delivered to the House a Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year 1803, and for appropriating such

such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time, and the same was read accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a third time, and the same was read accordingly.

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 One Thousand Eight Hundred and Three, and for appropriating such part of the supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

Mr. Allison moved, that the resolution for granting the sum of 10,000l. to His Majesty, be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, sixteen, against it, ten.

For the Motion,

Mr. RUTHERFORD,	Mr. MILLIDGE,
Mr. MOODY,	Mr. PYKE,
Mr. MONK,	Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. NORTHUP,
Mr. FULTON,	Mr. THORNE,
Mr. McCURDY,	Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. CHANDLER,	Mr. MORTON,
Mr. LOVETT,	Mr. LYON,

Against the Motion,

Mr. TONGE,
Mr. PARKER,
Mr. OXLEY,
Mr. COX,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. WILKINS,
Mr. C. CAMPBELL,
Mr. COCHRAN,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. BARSS,

So it passed in the affirmative,

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled, Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year 1803, and for appropriating such part of the supplies, granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, *resolved*, that there shall always be kept in the hands of the Commissioner of His Majesty's Careening-Yard, a sum of money not less than 500l. to enable him, as occasion may require, to pay a bounty, not to exceed 10l. to each man, who will enter as a volunteer to serve on board any of His Majesty's Ships of War on this station ; the same to be from time to time drawn from the Treasury, by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being ; on the Certificate of Vice-Admiral Sir *Andrew Mitchell*, or his successor in the Naval Command on this station ; provided the whole sum to be drawn for, shall not exceed Two Thousand Pounds.

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

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

Thursday, 28th July, 1803.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, *resolved*, that a message be sent to His Majesty's Council, to inform them, that the Speaker is prevented from signing and sending up the Appropriation

Appropriation Bill, until the House shall be informed, whether His Majesty's Council will agree to the Resolution of the House, to grant a Bounty to such Volunteers as shall enter to serve His Majesty on board His Ships of War.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the foregoing Resolution.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council, in answer to the message of the House sent up this day, have to observe, that the Appropriation Bill having been agreed to by both Branches of the Legislature, there can be no reason to prevent its being signed by the Speaker, as no new matter can be introduced into it.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Wilkins moved, that the following Message be sent to His Majesty's Council, viz.—That in the present situation of affairs, the House thinks it of the utmost importance, that the Province should make every exertion in its power, to help to man His Majesty's Ships of War; they therefore inform the Council, that as the Council have an objection to the important Resolution, now pending before them, being inserted in the Appropriation Bill already agreed to by both Houses; if the Council will agree to a Resolution, so necessary to His Majesty's service, the House will immediately frame a Bill to give legal effect to it; which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing message to the Council.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier, as follows:

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed by his Majesty's Council to deliver to this House a written Message, as followeth, viz.

The Council in Answer to the last Message from the House of Assembly relating to a Vote for Bounties to Seamen, sent up at a late hour yesterday, have to remark,

That the necessity of the measure does not appear, as no application or representation, has been made by the Admiral, to the Lieutenant-Governor, to that effect.

That the application of such a sum of Money, for such service, has not been recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

That it is unusual to make appropriation of public money, without placing it under the direction of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief.

That the monies already appropriated, the present session, will be a sufficient charge on the Revenue of the ensuing year.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the resolution of this House for granting a sum of £000. for Bounties to Seamen for his Majesty's Navy.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Millidge moved, that the Speaker do sign the Appropriation Bill; and that his Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, be acquainted that the House waits his Excellency's pleasure to be prorogued, which being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Tonge moved, that the consideration of the foregoing motion be deferred for the present, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, ten, against it, fourteen. So it passed in the negative.

The main question was then put to the House and passed, and thereupon

Mr. Speaker accordingly signed the Appropriation Bill, and also acquainted his Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, that the House waited his pleasure to be prorogued.

Mr.

Mr. Robie moved, that the House come to the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That His Majesty's Council in refusing to assent to the vote of this House, for granting the sum of 2000l. to be paid in bounties to encourage Seamen to enter into the service of his Majesty, on board of his ships on this station, have discovered a disposition unfavorable to the Commerce of this Province, as many of the Ships of War now here are in great want of Seamen, and without such bounties being given, must be manned by means greatly injurious to the Fisheries and Navigation of this Country, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, six, against it, seventeen.

For the motion,	Against the motion,		
Mr. CÔX,	Mr. MILLIDGE,	Mr. NORTHUP,	Mr. MOODY,
Mr. OXLEY,	Mr. MONK,	Mr. C. CAMPBELL,	Mr. M'CURDY,
Mr. BARSS,	Mr. LYON,	Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. FULTON,
Mr. PARKER,	Mr. PYKE,	Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. THORNE,	Mr. LOVETT,	
Mr. ROBIE,	Mr. RUTHERFORD,	Mr. COCHRAN,	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Tonge moved, that the House come to the following Resolutions, viz.

Resolved, That the necessity of the Vote of 2000l. for encouraging Volunteers to enter on board His Majesty's Ships of War on this Station, is apparent, from the present want of Seamen on board those Ships, and the measures of impress, which have necessarily been resorted to, and which produce the most injurious effects on the Commerce of this Province.

Resolved, That it is the unquestionable right of this House, to originate any Votes for Money, whether recommended by the King's Representative, or not.

Resolved, That the Appropriation is as much under the direction of the Lieutenant Governor, as the sum appropriated for paving the streets of Halifax, and many other appropriations of public money.

Resolved, That the whole of the appropriations of this Session, with the addition of the present Vote, will not amount to more than two thirds of the Revenue granted this session, and secured by the Laws now existing: The said Resolutions were severally seconded; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber; where Mr. Speaker spake to his Excellency as followeth:

May it please your Excellency,

It is my duty, on behalf of his Majesty's faithful Commons of this Province, to present for your Excellency's assent, a Bill appropriating the Supplies granted to his Majesty the present Session:

I feel an honest pride in addressing your Excellency in behalf of a people, who, in times when they were surrounded with temptations and dangers, remained true to the King; and, by the liberal Supplies they have granted to his Majesty the present Session, have afforded a strong proof that their loyalty is undiminished.

If the House of Assembly has encountered difficulties in appropriating the Supplies of the present Session to purposes of the first importance to the Province, it has, at least, manifested its prudence and moderation, in making its feelings a sacrifice to its wishes to preserve harmony in the several departments of his Majesty's Government; and, I am convinced, that the people of this Province will patiently wait a more favorable opportunity, to accomplish the numerous objects that yet remain unattained.

Notwithstanding the limited sphere to which our actions are confined, we are sensible that it is not safe, in the present times, to indulge speculative opinions;—we

FEEL the arduous contest in which our King and Country are engaged—we know, that the personal exertions of every man, worthy of the name of an Englishman, will be wanted; and we flatter ourselves with the hope, that, when our's are called for, Your Excellency will find, that the hardy Sons of Nova-Scotia have not degenerated; and, that every man is ready with his arms to support the Constitution, which it is our duty to defend, and our glory and happiness to enjoy.

I should feel that I had omitted a part of my duty, was I to fail expressing on this occasion, how much of our present happiness we owe to the mild and moderate government of Your Excellency; we are sensible, that You have the true interests of the Province at heart; and hope You are convinced, that the people will be ever mindful of the great obligations they owe to You.

I cannot conclude without expressing to Your Excellency my humble thanks, for the ready attention You have always given, to the numerous representations it has been my duty to make to Your Excellency; and I can, with confidence, assure Your Excellency, that the people of this Province well know the value of British freedom, and are not afraid to die in its defence.

His Excellency was then pleased to give his Assent to the Bill following:

“An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Three; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Council,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

THE public business, after the maturest consideration, being thus far advanced, it remains with me to return my thanks for the supplies granted for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for improvement of Roads, Bridges and Public Buildings throughout the Province: These useful measures shall be faithfully executed as far as depends upon me.

Great Britain, our Parent State, being again involved in War, through the insatiable ambition, and implacable hatred of the French Government, it is incumbent on us to be prepared for events which proper caution leads us to expect, you will therefore, Gentlemen, in your different districts, exert the greatest vigilance to repel every attempt, not only of hostility, but also those that may secretly tend to discourage or diminish our animated efforts of defence and support of His Majesty's Government, towards which the unceasing practices of insidious enemies are always directed.—Herein, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly, I receive particular comfort, that the proffered display of your liberality, in behalf of your Constituents, may furnish me an ample Resource to apply for the defence of this His Majesty's Province, should any sudden emergency arise to make it necessary. I hope, however, that the protection of our Parent State, hitherto so effectual, will, under the blessing of Providence, still preserve us from the calamities of war in this country.

It is now my duty, with pleasure, to meet the united wishes of both Houses for a recess, which I cordially pray may be attended with individual health and prosperity.

And 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 First day of December next, to be then here held, and this General Assembly, is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the First day of December next.

