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BY HIS HONOR

Harris William Hailes, Esquire,

(L. S.)

*President and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of
New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.*

H. W. HAILES.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province stands prorogued to the third Tuesday of this instant June, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY, and the same is hereby prorogued to the third Tuesday in September next ensuing.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Fredericton, the twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By his Honor's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL

GEORGE TRACEY SMYTH,

(L. S.)

*Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the
Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.*

G. S. SMYTH.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province stands prorogued to the third Tuesday of this instant September, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY, and the same is hereby prorogued to the third Tuesday in December next ensuing.

Given under my Hand and Seal, the fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

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A Proclamation.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province stands prorogued to the third Tuesday of this instant December, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY, and the same is hereby prorogued to the third Tuesday in January next ensuing, then to meet at Fredericton for the dispatch of business.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Fredericton, the first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and in the fifty-eight year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. F. ODELL.



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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

Major-General GEORGE TRACEY SMYTH, Lieutenant-Governor.

FREDERICTON,

TUESDAY the 20th day of January, 1818.

THE General Assembly having been, by several Proclamations, prorogued to this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business; when a sufficient number of Members, to form a House, not attending, adjourned until to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, 21st January, 1818.

The House being met pursuant to adjournment---

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was delivered by *Xenophon Jouett*, Esq. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber,---The House attended accordingly; and being returned, and the *Speaker* having taken the Chair---

Read a first time, a Bill "more effectually to provide for the punishment of Forgery."

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

"Gentlemen of the Council, and

"Gentlemen of the Assembly,

"The principal objects which, at present, I have to recommend to your deliberation (after the requisite provisions for the ordinary public Services) are, to secure the public credit, and give a due effect to all such grants and appropriations as have been, or may be legally made and enacted; to revise our temporary Acts, with a view to any practicable amendments, and to make perpetual such of them, as experience may have ascertained to be of useful operation.

"Such

“ Such other particulars, of minor importance, as may appear to require your attention, shall, in the course of the Session, be communicated by Message.

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ The Treasurer’s Accounts, and such other documents as may be requisite for your information, shall, without loss of time, be laid before you. From these, the necessity of your particular attention to the state of the Treasury, will be apparent.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, and*

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ The glorious termination of the late eventful war, attended, in its course and in its result, with circumstances, to which the annals of history afford no parallel, is now a subject of universal congratulation; but to every *British subject*, especially, it is a theme of high and laudable exultation. We cannot but feel our joy, on this great occasion, mingled with the deepest emotions of gratitude to that merciful Providence, by which HIS MAJESTY’S Arms, and the Councils of his Government, have been crowned with such unexampled success; and by which Great-Britain has been placed at the head of Christian nations. Her invincible perseverance in opposing, by her single arm, for a time, the torrent of desolation which had overwhelmed a great part of Europe, was, at length, seconded, with adequate energy, by those Allies, who, by her glorious example, had been brought into a field, forever memorable, where tyranny and usurpation were finally laid prostrate, and Peace was restored to the world. Nor have the triumphs of Britain, been less conspicuous, in the display of her moral and religious character---she has led the Powers of Europe to decree the abolition of the Slave Trade, and she has given a salutary chastisement to one of those African states which had, too long, been suffered to enslave every Captive that fell into their hands.

“ Britain has also led the way in an enterprise of incalculable importance,---the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures, in their various languages, to the remotest nations.

“ Briefly, to advert to this inexhaustible topic, could not fail to be suggested, as fit and seasonable on the present occasion,---the reflections which it must excite in every loyal breast, will give fresh animation to the zeal and public spirit of the Legislature of New-Brunswick.

“ In our immediate local concerns, I have to congratulate with you on the final decision of the Commissioners respecting the Islands in our neighbourhood. Moose Island, with two other Islets, to us, of no consideration, are ceded to the United States; and the very important Island of Grand-Manan, is definitively secured to this Province. I look forward to consequences, of no small utility, which may be confidently expected from the new military settlement on the line of Communication with Canada, by the disbanded Soldiers of the Regiments raised in this Province---and I presume that you will also find reason to anticipate peculiar benefits resulting from the foundations, which have here been laid, for extending and improving the education of the rising generation.

“ On this occasion I should not speak of myself, did I not feel anxious to express to you, how highly I appreciate the appointment it has pleased His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT to confer on me in this Province, not only as implying a gracious approbation of my past conduct here, but also, as affording me further opportunities of endeavouring to contribute to the prosperity of a Colony in which the measures, heretofore suggested by me, have uniformly met with the most flattering consideration and cordial support.”

On motion, resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to the foregoing Speech.

Ordered, that Mr. Millidge, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Peters and Mr. Smith, be a Committee to prepare the same.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, ordered that the Clerk of the Crown or his Deputy, do attend this House forthwith, with the last Writ issued to the Sheriff of Queen's County, for the election of a Member for the said County, and the return thereto.

The Clerk of the Crown attended with the said Writ and Return pursuant to the above order, and it appearing thereby that *Richard Yeamans*, Esquire, is duly re-elected a Member of this House, for Queen's County.---

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Calverley*, be a Committee to attend the Commissioners to see him qualified;

And also, that they be a Committee to attend the Commissioners to see *Hugh Johnston*, Esq. a Member returned for the County of Saint John, who is now attending and praying to be admitted to his seat, qualified.

Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Calverley* attended accordingly, and being returned, reported that *Richard Yeamans* and *Hugh Johnston*, Esquires, had taken the Oaths prescribed by Law,---upon which they took their seats.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

THURSDAY, 22d January, 1818.

PRAYERS.

On motion, resolved, that the House do now go into Committee of the whole House, on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peter Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee, reported the following Resolution:---

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed "to examine what Laws have expired or are near expiring"---also, that a Committee should be appointed to revise the Law "to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."---

And that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Thereupon, ordered, that the Report be received, and leave granted---and further, ordered, that Mr. *P. Fraser* and Mr. *Wetmore*, be a Committee "to examine what Laws have expired, or are near expiring"---

And that Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee "to revise the Law to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, brought in a Bill "to prevent the destruction of the Cod and Herring Fisheries in the Bays and Rivers of this Province;"

Which Bill was read the first time.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Select Committee, appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported a draught thereof, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was again read---and, on motion, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Address; which was read, and is as follows:

"To His Excellency Major-General GEORGE TRACEY SMYTH, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

"The Humble Address of the House of Assembly.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"The House will immediately take into their most serious consideration the objects recommended by your Excellency, and trust they shall be able to adopt such measures as to secure the public credit, and give due effect to their

“ their Appropriations. They will also pay strict attention to such subjects  
 “ as may be communicated to them by Message, from your Excellency, during  
 “ their present Session.

“ The House will, without delay, attend to the inspection of the Treasurer’s  
 “ Accounts, and such other Documents as may, by your Excellency’s direction,  
 “ be laid before them.

“ The House reciprocate, with your Excellency, in the happy termination of  
 “ the late War, through the whole course of which, the British Nation cover-  
 “ ed itself with Glory, and, at its close, in the memorable Field, alluded to by  
 “ your Excellency, aided by her brave Allies, gave a death-blow to Tyranny  
 “ and Usurpation; and they behold Her, with equal pride and exultation, in  
 “ her present peaceful State, diffusing Gospel-Light and Liberty throughout  
 “ the World.

“ The House thank your Excellency for the important communication, re-  
 “ lative to the Islands in this Neighbourhood, and they trust that your Excel-  
 “ lency’s expectations will be realized in the advantages to be derived from  
 “ the Military Settlements on the line of communication with Canada.

“ The Education of the rising Generation, is, in the opinion of the House,  
 “ of primary importance, and they anticipate, with peculiar satisfaction, the  
 “ most beneficial results from the foundations laid for that purpose.

“ The unsettled state of the Administration of this Province, has long been  
 “ a subject of universal regret, and the House view the appointment of your  
 “ Excellency, to your present exalted station, not only as a mark of the confi-  
 “ dence reposed in your Excellency, by His Royal Highness the Prince Re-  
 “ gent, but as a certain pledge of the future prosperity of this important  
 “ Colony.”

On motion, resolved unanimously, that the same be engrossed, signed by the  
 Speaker, and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by the  
 whole House---

And, ordered, that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Miles* be a Committee to wait upon  
 His Excellency, to know at what time he will be pleased to receive the House  
 with their Address.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee, appointed to wait on His Excellency, re-  
 ported, that His Excellency had directed the Committee to inform this House,  
 that he would receive them with their Address to-morrow, at twelve o’Clock,  
 in the Council-Chamber.

On motion, ordered, that the Journals of this House be, daily, or as soon as a  
 copy of the same can be prepared by the Clerk, printed by the King’s Printer;  
 and that he furnish sixty Copies thereof for the use of the Legislature.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o’Clock.

FRIDAY, 23d January, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Pagan*, by leave, presented a Petition of the Rector, Wardens and Ves-  
 try of Saint Andrew’s Church, in the Parish of Saint Andrews, praying that  
 an Act may pass to authorize them to sell a piece of the Glebe Land, containing  
 2½ Acres, adjoining to the north-eastern line of the Town Plat of Saint An-  
 drews, and to invest the purchase money in other Land that will be more lu-  
 crative to the Church.

Ordered that the Petition be received; and that Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *Porter*, and  
 Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for that purpose.

Mr. *Pagan*, by leave, brought in a Bill “ to repeal an Act, passed in the fif-  
 “ ty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled “ An Act for the encourage-  
 “ ment of the Trade of this Province in Plaster-of-Paris, otherwise called Gyp-  
 “ sum.”

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

Mr. *Millidge*, by leave, brought in a Bill to continue an Act, intituled " An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province."

Read, a second time, a Bill " to prevent the destruction of the Cod and Herring Fisheries in the Bays and Rivers in this Province."

Which Bill was ordered to be committed on Monday next.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

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SATURDAY, 24th January, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, from the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws have expired, or are near expiring, reported, that

An Act further to continue an Act, intituled " An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province," will expire at the end of this Session.

An Act further to continue an Act, intituled " An Act to provide for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John," will expire at the end of the present Session.

An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled " An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province," will expire at the end of the present Session.

An Act " further to continue the several Acts now in force for raising a Revenue," will expire at the end of this Session.

An Act " to regulate the exportation of Dutiable Articles from and out of this Province," will expire at the end of this Session.

An Act " to impose a Duty on certain Articles imported into this Province," will expire at the end of this Session.

An Act " to prevent the destruction of Moose on the Island of Grand-Manan," will expire at the end of this Session.

An Act " for the better security of the Navigation of certain Harbours in the County of Northumberland," will expire at the end of this Session.

An Act " to provide for the erection of Fences, with Gates, across Highways, leading through Intervale Lands in Queen's County, and the County of Sunbury," will expire at the end of this Session.

The House waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with their Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech, and being returned, the *Speaker* reported that the House had presented their Address, and that His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply thereto:---

" *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

" I thank you for this Address, and feel fully confident of the most cordial support in the prosecution of all such measures as may promise prosperity to the Province."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill to repeal an Act, made and passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled " An Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster-of-Paris, otherwise called Gypsum."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same, under its title, with amendments.

Ordered, that the report be received, and the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Allen* moved for leave to bring in a Bill, for apprehending Deserters from His Majesty's Service, and for punishing unlawful dealings with Soldiers and Deserters.---Leave granted.

Read, a first time, a Bill to continue an Act, intituled " An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province."

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 11 o'Clock.

MONDAY, 26th January, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message.

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to lay before this Honorable House, two letters received from the British Consul, at Baltimore, relating to Plaster-of-Paris:" " and also the Treasurer's Accounts, accompanied by a letter from the Treasurer:"

And then Mr. *Secretary* withdrew.

Ordered, that the above Papers lie on the Table.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *P. Fraser*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Peters* and Mr. *Calverley*, be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts.

Mr. *Agnew* gave notice, that to-morrow he will submit a motion to the House respecting the forfeiture of Lands in this Province, in cases where individuals have not taken out their Grants.

Mr. *Wetmore* moved for leave to bring in a Bill, further to continue and amend an Act, intituled " An Act for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes within this Province." Passed the 16th March, 1816.---Leave granted.

Mr. *Yeamans* moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to continue an Act, intituled " An Act to provide for the erection of Fences, with Gates, across Highways, leading through Intervale Lands, in the County of Queen's and of Sunbury, where the same may be found necessary."---Leave granted.

Ordered, that Mr. *M'Kay*, Mr. *Wilmot* and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to continue sundry Acts that are near expiring.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill to prevent the destruction of the Cod and Herring Fisheries in the Bays and Rivers of this Province.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under the title of " a Bill to prevent the destruction of the Cod and Scale Fisheries in the Bays and Harbours of this Province"---with amendments.

Ordered, that the report be received, and the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Read, a first time, a Bill " further to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province, and to repeal an Act, now in force, relating to the same."

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

TUESDAY, 27th January, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Read, a first time, a Bill, further to continue and amend an Act, intituled
“ An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and
“ for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the severa
“ Towns and Parishes in this Province.”

Read, a second time, a Bill, “ further to encourage the establishment o
“ Schools in this Province, and to repeal an Act, now in force, relating to the
“ same.”

Ordered, that the Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole
House, upon a Bill “ to encourage the establishing of Schools in this Province,
“ and to repeal an Act, now in force, relating to the same.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message.

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am directed by His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor*, to lay before
“ this Honorable House, a Letter, received from the Right Honourable Earl
“ *Bathurst*, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, on the subject
“ of a joint Address of the Council and Assembly, on the subject of the Admi-
“ nistration of this Province.”

And then Mr. *Secretary* withdrew.

Mr. *Millidge* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone
into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same un-
der its title, with amendments.

Ordered that the report be received, and the Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Campbell* presented a Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the Pa-
rish of Saint Andrews, accompanied with two Accounts, praying that the sum
of one hundred and seventy-three pounds may be granted to them, in order to re-
munerate them for the extraordinary expences incurred in relieving and miti-
gating the sufferings of a number of distressed unfortunate Persons.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of
Supply.

Mr. *Wilmot* moved for leave to bring in a Bill, “ to revise and consolidate all
“ all the Laws now in force for regulating the exportation of Fish and Lum-
“ ber.”---Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*,

Whereas it appears, by notice in the Royal Gazette, from the Secretary's
Office, bearing date the 16th January, 1818, that divers persons have neglect-
ed to take out their Grants for Lands allotted to them, as required by the Royal
Instructions, and by the Proclamation of 24th January, 1815, and that such
Lands are therefore forfeited and open to new application---therefore,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the
Lieutenant-Governor, praying that, in consequence of the scarcity of specie
prevailing among the Farmers and the Land-holders, occasioned by the bad
seasons and the failure of their crops for some years past, His Excellency will
be pleased to extend the time of forfeiting the Lands allotted to them, where
Grants have not been taken out, for such further time as to His Excellency
may seem meet.

Ordered, that Mr. *Agnew*, Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Ward*, do present the same
to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee, appointed to wait on His Excellency the
Lieutenant-

Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address of this House, praying that the time for forfeiting the Lands of a number of persons in this Province, who have not taken out their several Grants, may be extended as much further as His Excellency may seem meet; reported that they have attended to that duty.

Mr. *Pagan* moved for leave to bring in a Bill "to enable the Justices of the County of Charlotte to dispose of a part of the Commons adjoining the north part of the Town Plat of Saint Andrews; the proceeds to be applied towards defraying the expence of building a Poor House in said Town."---
Leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 28th January, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor: which was read, and is as follows:---

"NEW-BRUNSWICK.

"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

"G. S. SMYTH,

"JANUARY 28, 1818.

"Lieut. Gov.

"The Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the House to make a short adjournment, on the melancholy occasion of the Death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales, which, while we bow with humble and dutiful submission to the Divine dispensations, must still be felt, by every British subject, as a most afflicting national calamity."

"G. S. S."

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning next at 11 o'Clock.

MONDAY, 2d February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Read, as engrossed, a Bill "further to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province, and to repeal the Act now in force relating to the same."

On motion of Mr. *Pagan*, ordered, that the said Bill be now re-committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill "further to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province, and to repeal the Act now in force relating to the same."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message; which was read, and is as follows:

"NEW-BRUNSWICK.

"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

"G. S. SMYTH,

"2d FEBRUARY, 1818.

"Lieut. Gov.

"The Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, in answer to their Address of the 27th ult. that, by the Royal Instructions, the Grant for every allotment of Land is expressly required to be taken out within six months.

"But persons, who, by neglecting to obey this Instruction, have incurred a forfeiture of their allotments, may, in common with all others, who are desirous of becoming settlers, state their own particular cases, by Petition, to the Lieutenant-Governor and His Majesty's Council."

"G. S. S."

Mr. *Millidge* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Committee, reported, that they had re-considered the said Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same, with amendments, under the title of a Bill "in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled "an Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."

Ordered, that the report be received, and the Bill, as reported, be engrossed.

A Bill "to authorise the Rector, Wårdens and Vestry of Saint Andrews Church, in the Parish of Saint Andrews, to sell and convey a certain piece of Glebe Land of the said Parish, and to invest the purchase money in other Lands," and

A Bill "to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to sell and convey a certain piece of Common Land, in the Parish of Saint Andrews, and to invest the proceeds towards the erection and support of a Poor-House and Work-House in the Town of Saint Andrews; being brought in by the several Committees appointed for that purpose,

Were read the first time.

Mr. *Peters*, by leave, presented a Petition of William Howe Smith, Surgeon, praying a remuneration for services rendered to indigent foreign Poor in the City of Saint John, in the year 1816---

Which Petition was ordered to be received, and to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read, as engrossed, a Bill "to prevent the destruction of the Cod and Scale Fisheries in the Bays and Harbours of this Province."

Ordered thereupon, that the said Bill pass; and that Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Yeamans*, carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. *Agnew*, resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, copies of such part of the Royal Instructions, touching the granting of the Crown Lands, in this Province, as he may think proper, for the information of the House; and also, that His Excellency will direct to be laid before the House, copies of the Regulations under which the Fees upon Grants of Lands have been taken at the different Public Offices.

Ordered, that Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Peters* and Mr. *Calverley*, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the above Address.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

TUESDAY, 3d February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Read, as engrossed, a Bill "in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."

Ordered thereupon, that the said Bill pass, and that Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Wilmot*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee, appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address of the House, of yesterday, reported, that they had attended to that duty.

A Bill "to empower and authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to sell and convey a certain piece of Common Land in the Parish of Saint Andrews, and to invest the proceeds towards the erection and support of a Poor-House and Work-House in the Town of Saint Andrews;" being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same, under its title.

Thereupon ordered, that the report be received, and the bill, as reported, be engrossed.

A Bill "to authorize the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Saint Andrew's Church, in the Parish of Saint Andrews, to sell and convey a certain piece of Glebe Land of the said Parish, and to invest the purchase money in other Lands;" being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same, under its title.

Thereupon ordered, that the report of the Committee be received, and the Bill, as reported, be engrossed.

A Bill "to provide for the erection of a Poor-House and Work-House, within the County of Charlotte, and for making of rules and regulations for the management of the same;" being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be committed to-morrow.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *Wilmot*, Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill "to revise and consolidate all the Laws now in force, for Regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber."

On motion of Mr. *Pagan*, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire if the sum of £200, voted in 1814, to explore, lay out, and open a Road from the Richibucto River to the Court-House in Miramichi, has been drawn from the Treasury, and what steps have been taken to obtain that desirable object---and to make report thereon to the House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Johnston*, be a Committee for that purpose.

A Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled "an Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province;" being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Mr. *Smith*, by leave, presented a Petition of the Inhabitants of Dorchester Island in the County of Westmorland, praying aid towards improving and gravelling the Road leading from the Island to the main Land.

Which was ordered to be received and lie on the Table.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 4th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition of Daniel O'Neal, praying remuneration for services rendered to, and maintenance provided for two infirm and aged persons, who had their house, in the Parish of Pennfield, in the County of Charlotte, burnt;

Which was ordered to be received and to lie on the Table.

Read.

Read, as engrossed, a Bill "to authorise the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Saint Andrew's Church, in the Parish of Saint Andrews, to sell and convey a certain piece of Glebe Land of the said Parish, and to invest the purchase money in other Lands," and

A Bill "to authorise the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to sell and convey a certain piece of Common Land, in the Parish of Saint Andrews, and to invest the proceeds towards the erection and support of a Poor-House and Work-House in the Town of Saint Andrews."

On motion, resolved, that the said Bills pass; and ordered, that Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Brittain*, carry the same Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence therein.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, reported, that they had attended to that duty, and found the several Accounts accurately stated and vouched, to wit,

No. 1, Contains an account of Light-House Duties collected in the Port of Saint John, between the 1st January, 1817, and 31st December following, amounting to £701 19 8---balance in favor of the Province, £340 2 6½.

No. 2, Contains an account of Duties on Merchandize imported into the Port of Saint John, between the 1st January, 1817, and the 31st December following, amounting to £10,188 11 2.

No. 3, Contains an account of Duties on Merchandize imported into the Port of Saint John by Non-residents, subject to the Duty of 2½ per cent. between the 1st January, 1817, and the 31st December following, amounting to £307 5 11.

No. 4, Contains an Account of Auction Duties on Goods, sold by Messrs. Crookshank & Johnston, from 1st December, 1816, to 30th November, 1817, amounting to £106 18 1½.

No. 5, Contains an Account of Warrants paid between the 1st January, 1817, and the 30th December following, amounting to £20,101 15 4.

No. 6, Contains an Account of 72 cases of drawbacks paid on Goods exported from the Port of Saint John, between the 1st January, 1817, and the 30th December following, amounting to £2,757 12 5½.

No. 7, Contains the Deputy Treasurer's account of Duties on Merchandize imported into the Port of Miramichi, together with an account of Duties on Merchandize imported by Non-Residents, from 1st December, 1816, to 31st December, 1817, have produced a Revenue (after deducting the Deputy Treasurer's Commission) of £2,086 11 7; and by his account current, there appears a balance on Bonds in suit, and remaining in his office, of £734 5 5½.

No. 8, Contains the Deputy Treasurer's account of Duties on Merchandize imported into the County of Charlotte, together with an account of Duties on Merchandize imported by Non-Residents, the Duties on Oxen, Horses and Timber; also the Duties on Sales at Auction, have produced a Revenue (after deducting Commissions) of £1,901 0 5½; and by the account current, there appears a balance due to the Province, in Bonds and Cash, of £2,323 15 11

Also, a balance remaining unpaid on Bonds taken by the late Deputy Treasurer, - - - - - 2,303 10 2

£4,627 6 1

No. 9, Contains the Deputy Treasurer's account of Duties on Merchandize imported into the County of Westmorland, together with an account of Duties on Goods imported by Non-Residents; also, Duties on Sales at Auction, from the 31st December, 1816, to 26th December, 1817, amounting to £132; and, by his account current, there appears a balance of £231 7 9½, due the Province in Bonds.

No. 10, Contains the Deputy Treasurer's account of Duties on Merchandize imported into the District of Shediac, together with an account of Duties on

on Goods imported by Non-Residents, from the 1st January, 1817, to the 1st January, 1818, (after deducting Commissions) amounting to £221 16 2½.

Credit is given in the Treasurer's account for £120, received on account of the above Duties.

No. 11, Contains a general account of contingent expences incurred at the Treasurer's Office in 1817, including two several accounts by John Chaloner, for gauging, &c. amounting to £75 2 6, and an account for Blanks, Stationary and Postage, amounting to £12 17 8.

No. 12. Contains the general state of the public accounts. The Treasurer with the Province, to 31st December, 1817.---Balance in the Chest, in Cash, Bonds, Notes and Bills, £13,113 9 3½.

The Committee further beg leave to state, that the Province Treasurer has employed Mr. Alexander Miller as Tide-Waiter, from the 28th day of March last, at 2s. 6d. per day, to look after Coasting Vessels and other Vessels coming in without cargoes, and to oblige them to pay the Light-House Duty, which service he has faithfully performed, and a great increase of the Light-House Duty has thereby been occasioned. The Committee therefore recommend this expense, so beneficial to the Province, be allowed. All which, is respectfully submitted to this Honourable House.

P. FRASER,
THOMAS MILLIDGE,
HARRY PETERS,
CRAVEN CALVERLEY.

Fredericton, 4th February, 1818.

Mr. Peters moved for leave to bring in a Bill "to empower the Fire Wards in the City of Saint John to pull down Houses, for the purpose of preventing the spreading of Fire in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or owners of such houses." Leave granted.

The Committee appointed to enquire if the sum of £200, voted in 1814, to explore, lay out, and open a Road from the Richibucto River to the Court-House in Miramichi, has been drawn from the Treasury, and what steps have been taken to obtain that desirable object---reported, that they find the £200 was paid to John Henderson, by a warrant on the Treasury, dated in August, 1815, but cannot find that any report has been made of the expenditure of that sum.

On motion, resolved, that a Committee, consisting of one Member from each County, be appointed, to enquire and ascertain what monies may be necessary for the further improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province.

Ordered thereupon, that Mr. Pagan, Mr. Smith, Mr. Millidge, Mr. Yeamans, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Allen and Mr. Miles, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion, resolved, that a Committee be appointed, consisting of a member from each County, to enquire and report what monies may be necessary for the further improvement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Thereupon ordered, that Mr. P. Fraser, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Scovil, Mr. Brittain and Mr. Wilmot, be a Committee for that purpose.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on a Bill "to provide for the erection of a Poor-House and Work-House within the County of Charlotte, and for the making of rules and regulations for the management of the same."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Peters took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Peters, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title, with amendments.

Ordered

Ordered thereupon, that the said report be received, and the Bill, as reported, be engrossed.

Mr. *Peters*, by leave, presented a petition of Richard Catton, praying that the sum of *ten pounds ten shillings*, paid by him for transient duties, may be refunded.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Smith*, by leave, brought in a Bill "for altering the times of holding the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the County of Westmorland"---which was read a first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on a Bill "further to continue an Act, intituled "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and "for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had made progress therein, and to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be received and leave granted to sit again.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

THURSDAY, 5th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

On motion, resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that a Publication in the City Gazette, dated the 28th January last, animadverting on the conduct of the House of Assembly, is highly indecorous and unbecoming, and a breach of the privilege of this House.

Ordered, that William Durant, Publisher of the City Gazette, do appear at the Bar of this House, on Thursday the 12th instant, to answer for his conduct in publishing of the same, and that the Serjeant at Arms inform the said William Durant thereof.

A Bill "for altering the times of holding the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas, in the County of Westmorland," being read a second time, was,

On motion, ordered, to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title.

Ordered, that the report be received, and the Bill, as reported, be engrossed.

A Bill "for raising a Revenue in this Province," being brought in, was read the first time.

On motion, resolved, that the House do, on Saturday next, go into Committee of the whole House, on consideration of Supplies to be granted for the public service.

Mr. *Ward*, by leave, presented a Petition of the Settlers and Proprietors of Lands adjoining to Loch Lomond.

Which was ordered to be received, and referred to the Bye-Road Committee.

Mr. *Peters* moved for leave to bring in a Bill "further to provide for the security of the City of Saint John from the ravages of Fire, by preventing the erection of high wooden buildings, and the laying out of narrow Streets within the City." Leave granted.

A Bill "to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across Highways leading through Intervale Lands in King's County, Queen's County, and the County of Sunbury, where the same may be found necessary," being brought in, was read the first time.

Mr. *Peters*, by leave, presented a Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, praying that an Act may pass to provide for the security of the City from the ravages of fire, in the manner pointed out in the Petition.

Which was ordered to be received, and to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Allen*, by leave, presented a Petition of Samuel Raymond, praying for remuneration for services performed in bringing Witnesses before the House.

Which was ordered to be received, and lie on the Table.

On motion, ordered, that Jedediah Slason, and Henry Smith, Esq. do forthwith pay the sum of £4 to Samuel Raymond, to reimburse him for his services in bringing Henry Cronkite and Thomas Phillips, to give evidence in the case of the late contested election in York County.

Mr. *Yeamans*, by leave, presented a Petition of several Settlers in the rear of Kemble's Grant, praying aid towards improving the Road leading from the River Saint John thereto.

Which was ordered to be received, and referred to the Bye-Road Committee.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, by leave, presented a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Parish of Woodstock, praying aid towards improving the Road leading from the West side of the Meductinickick Creek, to the Settlements near the Boundary Line.---

Which was ordered to be received, and referred to the Bye-Road Committee.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for the commitment of the Bill "to continue and amend an Act, intituled "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province," be discharged, and

Ordered, that the House will go into Committee on the said Bill to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 6th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

On motion, resolved, that *James Fraser*, Esquire, a member returned for the County of Northumberland, now attending, and praying to be admitted to his Seat, (when duly qualified by taking the Oaths required) be admitted to take his Seat accordingly. And,

Ordered, that Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Yeamans*, be a Committee to attend the Commissioner with Mr. *Fraser*, and see him qualified.

The Committee appointed to attend the Commissioner, reported, that *James Fraser*, Esquire, had taken the Oaths prescribed by Law; upon which Mr. *Fraser* took his Seat.

Mr. *Agnew*, by leave, presented a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of New-Maryland, praying aid towards improving the Road leading from Fredericton thereto.

Which was ordered to be received, and referred to the Committee for Bye-Roads and Bridges.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Bill "further to
" continue

“ continue and amend an Act, intituled “ an Act for regulating, laying out
“ and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and
“ Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Pro-
“ vince.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into con- sideration of the said Bill, and had agreed to the same, under its title, with amendments.

Ordered thereupon, that the report be received, and the bill, as reported, be engrossed.

Read, as engrossed, “ A Bill for altering the times of holding the Courts of
“ General Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the County of West-
“ morland,” and

A Bill “ to repeal an Act made and passed in the fifty-sixth year of His
“ Majesty’s Reign, intituled “ An Act for the encouragement of the Trade of
“ this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum.”

On motion, ordered, that the said Bills pass, and that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Wilmore* carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Bill “ to provide for the erection of a Poor-House and Work-House
“ within the County of Charlotte, and for making of rules and regulations for
“ the management of the same,” being read as engrossed, was, on motion, or-
dered to be re-committed on Monday next.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message, as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ His Majesty’s Council have agreed to the Bill “ to prevent the destruction
“ of the Cod and Scale Fisheries in the Bays and Harbours in this Province,”
“ with amendments;”---to which amendments the Council desire the concur-
rence of this Honourable House.

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by
the Council, to the Bill “ to prevent the destruction of the Cod and Scale Fish-
“ eries, in the Bays and Harbours of this Province,”---the same being read,
were as follow :---

Sec. 1, At A, insert “ at such place or places where such Cod or Scale Fish
“ are usually taken.”

B, dele “ in” and insert “ for”.

C, insert “ or next adjacent to which”.

D, insert “ or next adjacent to which”.

The said amendments being severally read, and the question severally put
thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Miles* carry the same to the Council:

On motion, resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that in the present
situation of the Province, it is expedient to pass the Revenue Bill for two years.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *James Fraser* be added to the Committee ap-
pointed “ to enquire and ascertain what monies may be necessary for the fur-
“ ther improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the
“ Province.” And,

To the Committee appointed “ to enquire and report what monies may be
“ necessary for the further improvement of the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the
“ several Counties in this Province.”

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o’Clock.

SATURDAY, 7th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

On motion, resolved, that the accounts of the expenditure of the monies entrusted to the Commissioners appointed under and by virtue of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the necessities of the Province occasioned by the failure of the late crop," be referred to a select Committee of this House, to examine and report thereon. And,

Ordered, that Mr. Smith, Mr. Peters, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Miles, Mr. M'Kay, Mr. Allen and Mr. Yeamans, be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Yeamans, by leave, presented a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Springfield, in King's County, praying that a part of the Road leading from Jarvis Worden's to the Finger Board on the Kennebeckacis, may be opened for the public benefit.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Great Roads.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Agnew took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Agnew, from the Committee, reported the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and were as follows:---

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

To the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the sum of *one hundred pounds*.

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

To the Chaplain of the Council, in General Assembly, the sum of *twenty-five pounds*.

To the Chaplain of the House of Assembly, the sum of *twenty-five pounds*.

To the Clerk of the Council, in General Assembly, the sum of *fifty pounds*, and *twenty shillings per diem*, during the present Session.

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the sum of *fifty pounds*, and *twenty shillings per diem*, during the present Session.

To the Clerk-Assistant of the House of Assembly, the sum of *twenty shillings per diem*, during the present Session.

To the Sergeant at Arms attending the Council in General Assembly, *twenty shillings per diem*, during the present Session.

To the Sergeant at Arms attending the House of Assembly, *twenty shillings per diem*, during the present Session.

To the Door Keepers and Messengers attending the Council and Assembly, *ten shillings per diem* each, during the present Session.

To the Tide Surveyor of the City of Saint John, the sum of *one hundred pounds*, for his services and expences, from the 1st day of March, 1817, to the 1st day of March, 1818.

To Thomas Bonnor, Esquire, for his services as Agent for the Province, for the year 1817, the sum of *one hundred pounds sterling*.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for defraying the contingent expences of the Province, a sum not exceeding *one hundred and fifty pounds*, for the year 1818.

To the Adjutants of the Militia of the different Counties in this Province,

sum not exceeding *one hundred and ninety pounds*, for the year 1818, agreeable to a Law of the Province.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, the sum of *fifty pounds* sterling, for the purpose of paying a Missionary to the Indians for the year 1818.

To John Robinson, Esquire, Treasurer of the Province, for his services, from the 1st day of March, 1817, to the 1st day of March, 1818, the sum of *five hundred pounds*.

To Nathaniel Atcheson, Esquire, Secretary to the Society of British North American Merchants, and Agent to some of His Majesty's North American Colonies, for his services from February, 1817, to February, 1818, the sum of *one hundred pounds* sterling, to be remitted by the Committee of Correspondence.

To the Treasurer of the Province, to defray expences incurred by him for Stationary, &c. for the year 1817, the sum of *twelve pounds, seventeen shillings and six-pence*.

To John Chaloner, for gauging and weighing in the year 1817, the sum of *seventy-two pounds, two shillings and six-pence*.

The Chairman also informed the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be received, and leave granted to sit again.

A Bill "to empower the Firewards in the City of Saint John, to pull down houses for the purpose of preventing the spreading of fire in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or owners of such houses," being brought in, was read the first time.

A Bill "to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across Highways, leading through Intervale Lands in King's County, Queen's County, and the County of Sunbury, where the same may be found necessary,"

Being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "further to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Ordered, that the Bill pass, and that Mr. Peters and Mr. Calverley carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 9th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Smith, by leave, presented a Petition of Andrew Reed, praying that a Bond given by him for transient duties may be cancelled, for reasons stated therein.

Which was ordered to be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Bill "for apprehending Deserters from His Majesty's Service, and for punishing unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters," being brought in, was, on motion, read the first time.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for the going into Committee of the whole House on the Bill "to provide for the erection of a Poor-House and Work-House within the County of Charlotte, and for making of Rules and Regulations for the management of the same," be discharged, and

Ordered, that the House go into Committee on the said Bill on Wednesday next, the 11th instant.

The House, according to the order of the day, went into Committee on a Bill "to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across Highways, lead-

“ing through Intervale Lands in King’s County, Queen’s County, and the County of Sunbury, where the same may be found necessary.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made an amendment thereto : He then delivered the Bill, with the amendment, in at the Clerk’s Table, where the same was read throughout, a first and second time, and upon the question being put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill, with the amendment, be engrossed.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Petition of Ruben Brockaway and Rufus Brockaway, praying remuneration for losses sustained in building a Bridge over the Magaguadavic River.

Which was ordered to be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, resolved, that the resolutions of appropriation of Saturday last, be engrossed, and sent to the Council for their concurrence.

Ordered, that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Brittain*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Hetmore*, by leave, presented a Petition of Mathias Hamm and Andrew Hamm, praying remuneration for losses sustained in consequence of a contract made by them to build a Bridge on the Barr between Beardsley’s and Hamm’s.

Which was ordered to be received, and to lie on the table.

A Bill “to empower the Fire Wards in the City of Saint John, to pull down Houses for the purpose of preventing the spreading of Fire in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or owners of such Houses,” being read a second time, was,

On motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on a Bill “to empower the Fire-Wards in the City of Saint John, to pull down Houses for the purpose of preventing the spreading of Fire in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or owners of such Houses.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Campbell* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Campbell*, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several amendments thereto. He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk’s Table, where the same were read throughout, the first and second time, and upon the question severally put thereupon, were severally agreed to by the House.

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

A Bill “further to provide for the security of the City of Saint John from the ravages of Fire, by preventing the erection of high wooden buildings, and the laying out of narrow Streets within the said City,” being brought in, pursuant to leave, was read the first time.

On motion, resolved, that the House do now go into Committee on the further consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s Speech.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be received, and leave granted to sit again.

A Bill "for raising a Revenue in this Province," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be committed on Wednesday next.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Pagan* delivered the Message as follows :---

" *Mr. Speaker,*

" The Council have agreed to the Bill "to repeal an Act made and passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum," with amendments; to which amendments the Council desire the concurrence of this Honourable House."

And then Mr. *Pagan* withdrew.

The amendments made by the Council to the Bill to repeal the Act "for the encouragement of the trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris," being read, were as follow :---

At A, insert "Provided always, that this Act shall not be in force until a similar repealing act shall be made and enacted by the General Assembly of the Province of Nova-Scotia, of an Act made and passed in that Province, for the encouragement of the Trade of that Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum, and made known by Proclamation from the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province."

"II. And provided also, and be it further enacted, that this Act shall not be in force until His Majesty's Royal approbation be thereunto had and declared."

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, 10th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to the order of the day, went into consideration of the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill "to repeal the Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris."

On motion, resolved, that a conference be requested with his Majesty's Council, touching the subject matter of their amendments to a Bill "to repeal the Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris."

Ordered, that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Pagan* inform the Council herewith.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Odell*.

"NEW-BRUNSWICK.

"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

"G. S. SMYTH,

"10th FEBRUARY, 1818.

"The Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the House, an Extract (herewith sent) of a Letter addressed to Lieutenant-Colonel Hailes, by Mr. Price, the Commissary at Saint John, on the subject of the duty upon Rum, purchased for His Majesty's Troops, stationed in this Province. "G. S. S."

Mr. Secretary, also, by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, delivered Extracts from the Royal Instructions, touching the granting of Crown Lands, together with copies of the ordinance of Fees to be taken at the different Public Offices, upon Grants of Land, in answer to the Address of the House of the 2d instant.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message as follows :---

" *Mr. Speaker,*

"The Council have agreed to the Bill "for altering the times of holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Westmorland,"

And

“ And also, to a Bill “ in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled “ an Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province,” with “ amendments ; to which amendments the Council desire the concurrence of “ this Honourable House.”

And then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

The said amendments being read, were as follow :---

“ Dele the third Section.”

Sec. IV. at A, dele “ IV,” and insert “ III,” at B, dele “ four,” and insert “ two.”

The House then proceeded to take into consideration the above amendments.

And the same amendments being severally read and the question severally put thereupon, the last amendment, that is at B, dele “ four” and insert “ two,” was agreed to by the House : The first amendment, that is, “ dele the third “ Section” and the amendment at A, were not agreed to.

On motion, resolved, that a conference be requested with the Council on the subject of the amendments sent down by them to the Bill “ in addition to “ and in amendment of the Act, to encourage the establishment of Schools in “ this Province.”

Ordered, that Mr. *James Fraser* and Mr. *Peters*, inform the Council therewith.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the papers laid before them by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, this day, in answer to their address of the second instant.

On motion, resolved, that the same papers be referred to a select Committee, consisting of three Members, to examine and report thereon.

Ordered, that Mr. *James Fraser*, Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion, resolved, that the House will, to-morrow, go into Committee of the whole House, on consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, on the subject of the duty upon Rum purchased for His Majesty's Troops stationed in this Province.

The Committee appointed to revise and consolidate all the Laws now in force, regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber, reported, that they had attended to that duty, and were of opinion that leave should be given to bring in a Bill “ to alter and amend the Laws now in force regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber.”

Ordered, that the report be received.

A Bill “ to alter and amend the Laws now in force regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber,” being brought in, pursuant to leave, was read the first time.

Mr. *Peters*, by leave, brought in a Bill “ to authorise Justices of the Peace “ in their General Sessions, to establish Ferries in their respective Counties.”

Which was read the first time.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Petition of Christopher Scot, praying that the sum of £128 5 8, paid by him for interest upon a bond given by him for duties due the Province by Peter Stubs & Co. may be refunded.

Which was ordered to be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council do agree to the conference requested by the Assembly, on “ the amendments to the Bill “ to repeal the Act for the encouragement of the “ Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris.” And, also,

“ To the conference requested on the amendments to the Bill “ in addition “ to and in amendment of the Act, to encourage the establishment of Schools “ in this Province.”

“ And Mr. Justice *Saunders* and Mr. Justice *Chipman* are appointed to manage the same.”

And then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

On motion, resolved, that Mr. *James Fraser* and Mr. *Peters*, be a Committee to manage the conference on the part of the House, on the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill “ in addition to and in amendment of the “ Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province,” and that they prepare reasons to be laid before the House for not concurring therein.

Ordered, that they acquaint the Council therewith.

On motion, resolved, that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Pagan* be a Committee to manage the conference on the part of the House, on the amendments proposed by the Council to the “ Bill to repeal the Act for the encouragement of “ the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris,” and that they prepare reasons to be offered on the conference.

Ordered, that they acquaint the Council therewith.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o’Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 11th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill “ to authorise the Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions, to “ establish Ferries in their respective Counties,” being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on a Bill “ to authorize the Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions, to establish Ferries in their respective Counties.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same. He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk’s Table, where the same was read; and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee to search the Journal of the Council, in order to ascertain in what state the “ Bill “ to empower the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to sell a “ piece of Common Land,” now remains.

Mr. *Peters*, by leave, presented a Petition of Isabella Oliver, widow of the late William S. Oliver, Treasurer of the Province, praying remuneration for a sum of money paid out of the Treasury in 1812, of which no settlement can be found.

Which was ordered to be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Bill “ further to provide for the security of the City of Saint John from “ the ravages of Fire, by preventing the erection of high wooden Buildings, “ and the laying out of narrow Streets within the said City,” being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be committed to-morrow.

A Bill “ to alter and amend the Laws now in force, regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber,” being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s Speech.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* delivered the Message as follows :--

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the Bill further to continue and amend the Act, intituled an Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways, within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province, with amendments, to which amendments the Council desire the concurrence of this Honourable House.”

And then Mr. *Pagan* withdrew.

Mr. *P. Fraser* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, from the Committee, reported the resolution which the Committee had directed him to report to the House.

Which was read, and is as follows :--

Resolved, as the opinion of this Committee, in order to aid the public credit of this Province, and provide for punctuality of payment at the Treasury, that Notes should be issued to the amount of *ten thousand pounds*, in part payment of the Public appropriations.

Ordered thereupon, that the report be received.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *J. Fraser* and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for that purpose.

The Committee appointed to search the Journals of the Council, on the subject of the Bill to empower the Justices of the Peace of Charlotte County, to sell a piece of Common Land---reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that they found the following entry :--

“ COUNCIL CHAMBER, 9th February, 1818.

“ Resumed the consideration of the Bill “ to empower the Justices of the Peace of Charlotte County to sell a piece of Common Land.”

On-motion, resolved, that the further consideration of this Bill be put off for three months.

Ordered, that the report be received.

Mr. *Campbell* moved for leave to bring in a Bill, “ to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to lease certain Lands near the Town plat of Saint Andrews, granted to them in trust, for the benefit and use of the Inhabitants of the said Town.”

Leave granted.

A Bill “ to continue sundry Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring,” being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose, was, on motion, read the first time.

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill to continue and amend an Act “ for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads,” being read, were as follow :--

Sec. III. at A, insert “ from time to time as occasion may require.”

B, insert “ and they are hereby required forthwith.”

C, insert “ IV. And be it further enacted, That any person keeping a Team, shall, when called upon by the surveyor, furnish the same for doing any of the services herein before required to be performed, in like manner, and under and subject to the same penalty, for neglect or refusal, as is provided in and by the tenth section of the herein before recited Act; for which Labour of Teams, the owners thereof shall have the like credit as is to be given by the next preceding section of this Act.”

“ V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several and respective Commissioners and Surveyors in the several and respective Towns and Parishes in this Province, to prosecute to conviction all persons offending against any of the provisions of this Act, or the Act to which this is an amendment.”

On motion, resolved, that the House do go into consideration of the above amendments to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Bill "to provide for the erection of a Poor-House and Work-House within the County of Charlotte."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported the resolution which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being read, was as follows :---

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee that the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered, that the report be received.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message, as follows :---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" His Majesty's Council have passed a Bill " better to provide for the speedy punishment and release of such persons as shall commit criminal offences, " under the degree of Grand Larceny," to which they desire the concurrence " of this Honourable House."

" The Council have also passed a Bill " in addition to an Act, intituled an " Act for establishing a Tender to be made in all payments in this Province," " to which they desire the concurrence of this Honourable House."

Mr. *Attorney-General* then withdrew.

A Bill " to provide for punctuality of payment at the Treasury, by issuing " notes to the amount of *ten thousand pounds*," being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose, was, on motion, read the first time.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for the House going into Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of a Bill " for raising a " Revenue in this Province," be discharged ; and ordered, that the House go into Committee of the whole House, on the said Bill, to-morrow.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for the House going into Committee of the whole House, on consideration of His Excellency's Message respecting the duty upon Rum purchased for His Majesty's Troops, stationed in this Province, be discharged ; and that the House do go into consideration of the said Message, to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 12th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Peters*, by leave, presented a Petition of John M. Wilmot and Lauchlan Donaldson, at the request of the merchants of Saint John, praying remuneration for expences incurred in fitting out a vessel to endeavor to put a stop to the illicit trade in Plaster of Paris.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read, the first time, " a Bill in addition to an act intituled, " an act for establishing a tender to be made in all payments in this Province," and

A Bill " better to provide for the speedy punishment and release of such persons as shall commit criminal offences under the degree of Grand Larceny."

The Committee to whom were referred the extracts from the Royal Instructions, touching the granting of Crown Lands, together with copies of the ordinance of Fees to be taken at the different Public Offices, upon Grants of Land,

" Reported,

Reported, that they had attended to that duty ; and now state, for the information of the House, " that upon a careful investigation of those instructions, they can find nothing to justify or sanction the system, at this time adopted in the Offices of the Land Departments, compelling each applicant to take out a separate Grant, but, on the contrary, moderation, with respect to Fees, is strongly recommended, particularly in the instructions of the *latest date*, addressed to Sir John C. Sherbrooke ;---they also notice in the Table of Fees, established by the Governor and Council, *pursuant to those instructions*, it is contemplated, that a number of applicants should be included in one Grant, as in one instance, where the number should exceed twenty, and in another, where there should be more than four, is expressly mentioned. Under those impressions they beg leave to state to the House, as their opinion, that if the system now adopted, compelling each applicant to take out a separate Grant, is persisted in, it will be highly injurious to the interest of the public at large, and amount nearly to a prohibition against the future settlement of this important Colony."

On motion, resolved, that the House go into Committee of the whole House on the above report, on Saturday next the 14th instant.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be offered on the conference requested of the Council, on the subject of the amendments proposed by them to the Bill " to repeal the Act for the encouragement of the " trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris," reported a draught thereof, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being again read, was as follows :---

" The Committee appointed to manage the conference with the Council upon the subject of the amendments made by them to the Bill " to repeal the " Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris," are instructed to state, that the House of Assembly were in hopes that in repealing the Act " for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris ;" which in its operation, has been found so injurious to the interest of His Majesty's subjects, that the Council would not have thought it necessary to depart from the mode hitherto invariably pursued in passing Acts of repeal ; and in this instance to have required a clause suspending its execution, until the Royal approbation should be known. The House, in common with His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, must regret the delay that will necessarily arise from the proposed amendment of the Council, more especially should the repeal of the Act of Nova-Scotia, to the same purport with the Act of this Province, pass, without a suspending clause ; in which case the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia would have greatly the advantage over the trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris."

And on the question being put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

On motion, resolved, that Mr. *Ward* be added to the Committee appointed to manage the conference with the Council on the part of the House, on the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill " in addition to and in amendment of the Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."

On motion, resolved, that Mr. *Johnston* be added to the Committee appointed to manage the conference with the Council on the part of the House, on the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill " to repeal the Act " for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris."

Ordered, that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Chapman* inform the Council therewith.

Mr. *J. Fraser*, from the Committee, appointed to prepare reasons to be offered on the conference requested of the Council, on the subject of the amendments proposed by them to the Bill " in addition to and in amendment of the " Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province," reported a draught thereof, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being again read, was as follows :---

" The Committee of the House in conference on the proposed amendment

made by the Council to the Bill "in addition to and in amendment of the Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province," are instructed to state,

"That the House cannot agree to the amendment proposed by the Council, by striking out the third section of the Bill, "in addition to and in amendment of the Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province," as they conceive it to be an interference with the peculiar privileges of the House.

"That owing to the uncertainty of the Fees and the amount that has hitherto been taken for licencing persons to teach Schools in the several Parishes of this Province, and from the practice that prevails of confining the Licence, granted to each individual, to a particular parish, the House were induced to make the Fees for licencing of School Masters, a subject of Legislative Regulation.

"That the House have agreed to the amendment proposed by the Council, at B.

"And the Committee are further instructed to return the Bill, with the amendments, to the Committee of conference on the part of the Council, in the hope that the Council, upon reconsidering the subject, will consent to wave the amendment not concurred in by the House, and pass the Bill."

And on the question put thereupon were agreed to by the House.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Attorney-General delivered the Message as follows:--

"Mr. Speaker,

"His Majesty's Council request a conference with this Honourable House, on the subject of Appropriation of Monies for the Public Service."

And then Mr. Attorney-General withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, went into consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, on the subject of the duty upon Rum, purchased for His Majesty's Troops stationed in this Province.

On motion, resolved, that the same be now referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Allen took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report the following resolution,---to wit,

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the further consideration of His Excellency's Message, be postponed for three months.

Ordered, that the report be received.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "to authorise the Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions, to establish Ferries in their respective Counties." And

A Bill "to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across Highways, leading through Intervale Lands in King's County, Queen's County, and the County of Sunbury."

Resolved, that the Bills pass---and

Ordered, that Mr. P. Fraser and Mr. Wetmore, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

The House, according to the order of the day, went into consideration of the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill "further to continue and amend an Act, "for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads."---And the same being severally read, and the question severally put thereon, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. Millidge and Mr. Yeamans, carry the Bill, with the amendments, to the Council.

A Bill "for apprehending Deserters from His Majesty's Service, and for punishing unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be committed to-morrow.

A Bill "to provide for punctuality of payment at the Treasury, by issuing Notes to the amount of £10,000," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be committed on Saturday next.

A Bill "for the more effectual preventing and further punishment of Forgery." And,

A Bill "to continue several Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring," being read a second time, were, on motion, ordered to be committed on Monday next.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for the House to go into Committee of the whole House, on the following Bills, to wit,

A Bill "for Raising a Revenue in this Province;" a Bill "to alter and amend the Laws, now in force, regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber;" and a Bill "further to provide for the security of the City of Saint John from the ravages of Fire, by preventing the erection of high wooden Buildings, and the laying out of narrow Streets within the said City," be discharged, and

Ordered, that the House go into Committee of the whole House, on the said several Bills to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 13th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of a Bill "further to provide for the security of the City of Saint John from the ravages of Fire, by preventing the erection of high wooden buildings, and the laying out of narrow Streets, within the said City."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several amendments thereto, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same, under the title of a Bill "further to provide for the security of the City of Saint John against the ravages of Fire, by preventing the laying out of narrow Streets in the said City;" he then delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and on the question put thereupon agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

On motion that it be "resolved that the House do agree to the conference requested by the Council, on the subject of the Appropriation of Monies for the Public service."

And the question being put upon said motion---the House divided, as follow,

YEAS.

Mr. J. Fraser,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Scovil,
Mr. Agnew,
Mr. Wetmore,
Mr. Brittain,
Mr. Yeamans,
Mr. Wilmot,
Mr. M'Kay,
Mr. Dow.

NAYS.

Mr. Easterbrooks,
Mr. Pagan,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Calverley,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Miles,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. P. Fraser.

It therefore passed in the affirmative.

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On motion, resolved, that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *M'Kay*, be a Committee to manage the same, and ordered that they inform the Council therewith.

The Committee of conference of this House, on the subject of the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill "in addition to and in amendment of the Act to encourage the establishment of Schools," went to the conference: and being returned, Mr. *James Fraser* reported; "that they had given to the Committee of Council the reasons of the House, for disagreeing to one of the amendments proposed by the Council, and that they left the Bill and amendments with the Committee of Council."

Mr. *Agnew*, by leave, presented a Petition of the Justices of the Peace for the County of York, in General Session assembled, praying an amendment of the Act "authorising an assessment for building a County Court-House."

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill "for raising a Revenue in this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message as follows:---

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"The Council request a conference with this Honourable House, on the subject of the conference on the amendments to the School Bill."

And then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

Mr. *Peters* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several amendments thereto,

Which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table---and the same being severally read, and the question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

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

On motion, resolved, that the House cannot agree to the conference requested by the Council, on the subject of the conference on the amendments to the School Bill.

Ordered, that Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Scovil*, inform the Council therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill "for apprehending Deserters from His Majesty's service, and for punishing unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had made progress therein---and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message, as follows:---

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"The *Attorney-General* is appointed a Committee, to meet the Committee of the House, on the conference on the subject of appropriation of monies for the Public Service.

"And the Council request a conference with this Honourable House, on the subject of the last conference, on the amendments to the Bill to repeal the Plaster Law."

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

On motion, resolved, that the House do agree to the conference requested by the Council, on the subject of the last conference on the amendments to the Bill to repeal the Plaster Law : and that Mr. Agnew, Mr. Pagan and Mr. Johnston. be a Committee to manage the same.

Ordered, that Mr. Agnew and Mr. Pagan, inform the Council therewith.

Mr. Pagan, from the standing Committee, to examine and liquidate Public and Private Accounts, reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that

No. 1, Is Walter Bates' account, with affidavit, but no voucher or receipts, of £103 16 9, laid out by him on the winter road from the head of the Portage Creek in Bellisle Bay, crossing the Mill Pond in King's County, to the River Kennebeckasis. He gives credit for £100 received from the Treasury, which leaves a balance of £3 16 9, due to him.

No. 2, Is Silas Raymond's account, without affidavit, of the sum of £25 expended on the road from Kingston Church to Gidney's.---He states that he contracted with Bartholomew Brundage, for £25, to do the work ; and Solomon Brundages receipt for that sum, accompanies the account---He does not mention receiving the sum from the Treasury.

No. 3, Is Hugh M'Kay, Esquire's account, with vouchers and affidavit, of the sum of £153 5 6, laid out by him on the new road between the settlements at the second Falls of the River Magagaudavic, and the Fredericton road so called.---He gives credit for £150 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance due to him of £3 5 6.

Accompanying the account is a state of the situation of that road.---That it is 18 miles in extent, through an uninhabited tract of Country, of low, sunken, and rocky ground ; that three miles of the road remains unopened, extensive swamps to be causeway'd, and large rocks removed ; that the road is of the utmost importance, as affording a direct communication with the main road to the Seat of Government, and with the new Settlement now making on the Fredericton road ; and that £200 will be required to complete it.

No. 4, Is Abraham Good's account, with vouchers and affidavit, of the sum of £75 0 6, laid out by him on the road from the Mill Stream to Head of Bellisle ; in which is included £10 charged by him for laying out, overseeing and attendance on the business.---He gives credit for £75 received from the Treasury---leaving a balance of 6d. due to him.

No. 5, Is John Jordan's account, with affidavit and vouchers, for the sum of £14 10 left in the hands of the Commissioners for the Loch Lomond road, as by his report last Session.---He states that owing to Mr. James Hay leaving the Province, the duty of expending this money devolved on him, and that he has expended it to the best advantage.

No. 6, Is Harman Trueman's account, with affidavit and vouchers, for the sum of £114 6 9, expended on the Bay Verte Road, between Stephen Ward's and the Half-way House.---He gives credit for £100 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance due to him of £14 6 9.

No. 7, Is Joshua Upham's account, with affidavit and vouchers, of the expenditure on the road between Tabor's and Quaco, of the sum of £10, which remained in his hands, as mentioned in his report last Session.

No. 8, Is Thomas Bean, senr's. account, stating the expenditure by him of the sum of £150 received from the Treasury, for building a bridge across Little River. in the Parish of Portland---

Also, of the sum of £82, in part of £100 received from the Treasury, for cutting a road, &c. from Little River to Black River---£18 of which money remains in his hands.---No affidavit or vouchers accompany the account.

No. 9, Is James Tilley's report, with account and affidavit, as Commissioner for clearing Loder's Creek.---He states that £50 will still be wanted, to remove sunken logs and ridges of dirt, so as to permit loaded boats to pass in the lowest time of the water.---He recommends that no person whatever, be permitted to cut and fall trees into said Creek.

This account amounts to £58 13 2; in which is included £29 16 6, account rendered in 1816.--He also makes a charge in the margin of £3, for six days attendance, but it is not included in the balance which his account states to be due to him, after deducting £50, which he credits as received from the Treasury, being £8 13 2.

Mr. Agnew, from the Committee appointed to manage the conference with the Committee of the Council, on the subject of "appropriation of monies for the public service," reported, that they had attended the conference, and that they had received sundry papers from the manager on the part of the Council--which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being again read, were as follow:--

" COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12th February, 1818.

" On motion, to take into consideration the Resolutions of Appropriation received from the House of Assembly yesterday,

" Resolved, that the first instance of Resolutions of Appropriation being sent up to the Council for concurrence by the House of Assembly, was in the Session of 1801.

" Resolved, that the sending up of those Resolutions was under an implied agreement and understanding that the Council were to have a deliberative voice upon each and every distinct Resolution thus communicated; and that the House of Assembly were to carry into effect, all the articles of appropriation contained in those Resolutions, which the Council should concur in, by originating a Bill for that purpose, leaving out of the same Bill such of the articles as the Council should not agree to, and providing for the same if the Assembly should think fit, in a separate Bill--and that this construction is established by the practice which has invariably since prevailed, until the last Session.

" Resolved, that the omitting at the last Session to carry into effect (by originating a Bill for the purpose) certain Resolutions of Appropriation of monies for the service of the Bye Roads, which had been sent up for the concurrence of the Council, so far as the same were agreed to, was a departure from the implied agreement mentioned in the next preceding Resolution, and, if drawn into a precedent, would render the deliberative voice of the Council, in the appropriation of the Public monies under the said agreement, altogether nugatory.

" Resolved, that it is expedient that the House of Assembly be possessed of the sentiments of the Council as expressed in the preceding Resolution.

" W. M. F. ODELL, Clerk."

" COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13th February, 1818.

" Ordered, that the Committee of conference on the subject of Appropriation of the public monies, deliver to the Committee of conference on the part of the House of Assembly, a copy of the Resolutions of the Council thereon, and that they at the same time express the hope of the Council, that the House of Assembly entertain the same sentiments with those expressed in the said Resolutions, respecting the nature of the agreement and understanding therein referred to.

" W. M. F. ODELL, Clerk."

A Bill "to empower and authorise the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to lease a certain piece of Common Land, in the Parish of Saint Andrews, and to invest the proceeds towards the support of the Poor, of the said Parish," being brought in, pursuant to leave, was, on motion, read the first time.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 14th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Chipman* delivered the Message as follows :---“ *Mr. Speaker,*“ Mr. Justice *Chipman* and Mr. *Pagan*. are appointed a Committee to meet the Committee of the Assembly, in conference on the subject of the last conference on the amendments to the Bill to repeal the Plaster Law.”And then Mr. Justice *Chipman* withdrew.Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented two several petitions of John Head and Robert Leslie, Surgeons, praying remuneration for services rendered to, and medicines provided for, sundry poor persons, disbanded soldiers, &c. in the City and County of Saint John.

Ordered, that the petitions be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee appointed to manage the conference with the Council on the subject “ of the last conference on the amendments to the Bill to repeal the Plaster Law,” reported, that they had attended the conference, and that they had received a paper from the Committee of Council--- which he read in his place---and then delivered in at the Clerk’s Table---and the same being read a second time, was as follows :---

“ COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13th February, 1818.

“ Ordered, that the Committee of conference on the subject of the last conference on the amendments to the Bill to repeal the Plaster Law, do express to the Committee of conference on the part of the House of Assembly, the regret of the Council that they cannot consent to withdraw the clause suspending the operation of this Act, until the Royal Approbation be thereunto had and declared, because it is provided by the Royal Instructions accompanying the Commission to the Governor of this Province, at its first erection, forming together the constitution of the Province, that the assent of the Governor be not given to any Law for repealing any other Law, which shall have received the Royal Approbation, and the Council are not aware that there is any instance of any Act passed with such a suspending clause having been hitherto repealed.

“ Wm. F. ODELL, Clerk.”

The House being informed, that, owing to the present state of the roads, William Durant, Publisher of the City Gazette, was prevented from appearing on Thursday the 12th instant, in obedience to the order of this House of the 5th instant, and that he now attended, in obedience thereto,

He was called in---

And the Printed Paper, intituled “ the City Gazette,” dated Wednesday, 28th January, 1818, being shown to him at the Bar, he confessed that he Printed the same---and that the Publication contained therein under the Saint John head, was printed with his knowledge and consent ; that he received the same from Stephen Humbert, Esquire. and inserted it at the request of the said Stephen Humbert ; and that at that time he was not aware of any offence to this House.

He then was directed to withdraw.

On motion, resolved, that the said William Durant, Publisher of the City Gazette, in inserting the said Publication therein, is guilty of a breach of the privilege of this House.

Ordered, that the said William Durant be now brought to the Bar of this House, and reprimanded by the *Speaker* for his said offence.The said William Durant, upon being brought to the Bar, asked pardon and forgiveness of the House for his said offence ; and, being reprimanded by the *Speaker*, was discharged.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for the House to go into Committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee to whom were referred the extracts from the Royal Instructions touching the Granting of Crown Lands, &c. be discharged; and ordered, that the House do go into Committee of the whole House, on the said report, on Monday next.

A Bill "better to provide for the speedy punishment and release of such persons as shall commit criminal offences under the degree of Grand Larceny," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the Bill "better to provide for the speedy punishment and release of such persons as shall commit criminal offences, under the degree of Grand Larceny."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had come to a resolution---which he read in his place, and then delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being again read, was as follows:---

"Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the further consideration of this Bill be postponed for three months."

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

A Bill "in addition to an Act, intituled "an Act for establishing a tender to be made in all payments in this Province," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill "in addition to an Act, intituled an "Act for establishing a tender to be made in all payments in this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same;---he then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being read, was, on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. *P. Fraser* and Mr. *Miles*, carry the same to the Council.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the "Bill to repeal the Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris."

On motion, resolved, that the same be referred to a committee of the whole House.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said amendments.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the said amendments, and had agreed to the same;---he then delivered the said amendments in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being severally read, was, on the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Easterbrooks*, carry the Bill, with the amendments, to the Council.

Mr. *McKay* moved for leave to bring in a Bill "to prevent injury to Public Bridges within this Province." Leave granted.

A Bill "to enable the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province for the time being, to suspend upon the contingency, and in the
" manner

“ manner therein mentioned, the further operation of the Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called “ Gypsum,” being brought in, pursuant to leave, was, on motion, read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill “ to provide for punctuality of payment at the Treasury, by issuing notes to the amount of *ten thousand pounds.*”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *McKay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *McKay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had made some progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 16th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

It appearing on the examination of William Durant, Publisher of the City Gazette, that a publication in that paper of the 28th ultimo, containing offensive observations relating to the proceedings of this House, was handed to the Printer for publication, by Stephen Humbert, Esquire, a Member of this House.

Resolved, that the said Stephen Humbert, Esquire, do attend in his place forthwith, to answer for said publication; and that the Sergeant at Arms do, as speedily as may be, furnish him with a copy of this Resolve.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill “ to enable the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of the Province, for the time being, to suspend upon the contingency, and in the manner therein mentioned, the further operation of the Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title;---he then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read---and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill “ for the more effectual preventing and further punishment of Forgery.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *J. Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *J. Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, 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. He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table---and the same being read, was ordered to be engrossed.

Read as engrossed, the Bill “ to empower the Firewards in the City of Saint John to pull down Houses, for the purpose of preventing the spreading of Fire in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or owners of such Houses.”

Ordered.

Ordered, that the Bill pass, and that Mr. *Peters* and Mr. *Calverley*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Millidge*, by leave, presented a Petition of James Codner, praying that the sum of *ten pounds*, paid by him as a bounty, for apprehending a Deserter from the 99th Regiment, may be refunded, for reasons stated therein.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to order that such parts of the Royal Instructions which he may have received, and which direct that no more than one Grantee shall be contained in any Grant to be made of the Crown Lands in this Province, be laid before the House, as His Excellency may think proper to communicate, for their information.

Ordered, that Mr. *Agnew*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Peters*, wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the above Address.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message as follows:---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the Bill “ to authorize the Justices of the Peace to establish Ferries.”

And then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill “ to continue several Acts of the General Assembly that are near expiring.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same. He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table---and the same being read, was, on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Millidge*, by leave, presented a Petition of the Proprietors of the Marsh in the vicinity of Saint John, praying aid towards the support of the Aboideau at the mouth of the Creek, leading through the Marsh.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message, as follows:---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation sent up on the 7th instant, excepting the two first, namely,

“ *One hundred pounds* to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and

“ *Twenty shillings per diem*, to the Members of the Assembly, for defraying their expences of attendance and travelling.---Upon which two resolutions the Council request a conference with this Honourable House.”

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for the House to go into Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the report of the Committee to whom were referred the extracts from the Royal Instructions touching the granting of Crown Lands in this Province, together with Copies of the ordinance of Fees to be taken at the different Public Offices upon Grants of Land, be discharged.

Ordered, that the House go into Committee of the whole House on the said report to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, 17th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Smith* moved for leave to bring in a Bill "for the preservation of Oysters in the Counties of Westmorland and Northumberland."

Leave granted.

A Bill "for the preservation of Oysters in the Counties of Westmorland and Northumberland," being brought in, pursuant to leave, was, on motion, read the first time.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Bill "for apprehending Deserters from His Majesty's service, and for punishing unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *McKay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *McKay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address of the House of yesterday, reported, that they had attended to that duty.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on "the report of the Committee to whom were referred the extracts from the Royal Instructions touching the granting of Crown Lands, together with copies of the ordinance of Fees to be taken at the different Public Offices upon Grants of Land."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and that the Committee had made progress therein, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

On motion, resolved, that the House do not agree to the conference requested by the Council on the subject of the two resolutions of appropriation granting one hundred pounds to the Speaker of the House of Assembly---and twenty shillings per diem to the Members, for defraying their expences of attendance and travelling.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Bill "to provide for punctuality of payment at the Treasury, by issuing notes to the amount of ten thousand pounds."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *McKay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *McKay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and made progress therein; that in the Committee the following resolution was moved and seconded, to wit,

"Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the further consideration of this Bill be postponed until the next Session of the General Assembly."

On which resolution, the Committee divided, as follows:---

YEAS.

Mr. P. Fraser.

Mr. Dow,

NAYS.

Mr. Easterbrooks,

Mr. Pagan,

YEAS.

YEAS.

Mr. Yeamans,
Mr. Brittain,
Mr. Agnew,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Smith.

NAYS:

Mr. Porter,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Calverley,
Mr. Scovil,
Mr. Wetmore,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Miles,
Mr. Wilmot,
Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. J. Fraser,
Mr. Simonds.

It therefore passed in the negative,
And that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.
Ordered, that the report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 18th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill "for the preservation of Oysters in the Counties of Westmorland and Northumberland," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title, with amendments.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The standing Committee appointed to examine and liquidate public and private accounts, reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that

A, Is Benjamin Wilson's report of his proceedings as one of the Supervisors for the road from Fredericton to Westmorland. He states, that he has completed the Bridge over the Lacoop River, and built three new Bridges, besides expending a large sum to secure the Memramcook Bridge, and making several miles of good Turnpike road---that his associates, Messrs. Lewis and Harding, had explored the road as altered, from the Head of the Bellisle to the Mill Stream, by the Bull-Moose hill, and found it very unfavourable for Roads, there being many bad hills, and swamps which require causewaying for some distance, and the distance equal, if not greater than the road by the Finger Board---that, for these reasons, the Supervisors did not spend money on that part of the road---that he is of opinion the road by the Finger-Board had better be continued.

That he, with Mr. Lewis, had examined the situation of the road from the Bellisle to the Washademoac and Jemseg, and found it of a good quality for roads, but rather hilly, and that it will be necessary to make alterations in two or three places, to avoid some steep hills---that Mr. Lewis is of opinion, £2000 will make a complete carriage road to Jemseg, and from thence to Fredericton---that in his estimate last year, he did not calculate any thing for brushing and gravelling the great Marsh, which he states may be estimated at £1450.

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He further states, that to compensate him for his time actually spent this season, he has charged 80 days in his account, which he hopes will be allowed.

Accompanying this report is a stated account, with an affidavit and vouchers; in which is charged the sum of £100 9, the balance due him by his statement of last year. His whole account amounts to £1133 4 3½, and he gives credit for £794 8 10 received by Warrants, leaving a balance due him of £338 15 5.

B, Is Ichabod Lewis's report, as one of the Supervisors for the Road from Fredericton to Westmorland. He states that indisposition prevented his making a report at the last meeting of the Legislature---that the part of the road between William M'Leod's and the bend of the Petticudiac, was assigned to him---that he has made about ten miles of Turnpike road, also a number of small Bridges and Causeways---about four miles of a good carriage road on the mountains between Blakeney's and Carlisle's, and a Bridge over the Petticudiac River, warranted for seven years---that after examining, with Mr. Harding, the route from the Head of Bellisle to the Mill Stream, they found the land very bad for a road, and agree in advising to abandon it, and continue the road to the Finger Board---that, with Mr. Wilson, he has examined the Road between the Bellisle and Washademoac, and on to the Jemseg and Fredericton---that the ground, in general, is hard and good for a road, but will require some alteration to avoid hills---that, in his opinion, £2000 will make a comfortable carriage road to the Jemseg---that the Supervisors consider it within the power of the statute labor, to complete the road from Jemseg to Fredericton, except two Bridges in the lower part of Sheffield---that he has examined the road from the bend of the Petticudiac to William M'Leod's, which will, in his opinion, require £2500 to complete it.

A stated account, with vouchers and affidavit, accompanies the report; the debit of which is £1498 1 6, including £62 charged for his attendance in 1816, and £61 for attendance in 1817. He gives credit for £1483 6 7½, received at different times from the Treasury, also for £7 3, from David Mills; for 16s. received from Scott, and for 24s. from Henry Jones; making in the whole, £1492 9 7½, leaving a balance due to him, by his account, so stated, of £5 11 11.

C, Is George Harding's report of his proceedings as a Supervisor for the road from Fredericton to Westmorland. He states, that having examined, with Mr. Lewis, the ground from the Head of the Bellisle to the Mill Stream, by the Bull-Moose hill, he thinks it best to give up that route, and adopt the one by the Finger Board---that he thinks from £300 to £500 will make the road good from the Bellisle to the Mill Stream, by way of the Finger Board.

With the report is furnished an account, with vouchers and affidavit, in which is charged £232 16, balance due him on accounts last Session; also, £310 13 4, for building Salmon River Bridge, and labor, and £7 10, for his attendance; making in all, £550 19 4. He gives credit for £444 8 10½, received from the Treasury, and for £143 10, in part of an old Warrant for the Salmon River Bridge---The whole being £587 18 10½, leaving a balance in his hands of £36 19 4½.

D, Is a joint report of John Mount, Thomas Wyer, and Moses Vernon, Supervisors of the Road from Saint John to Saint Andrews.

They state that the road from Saint John to Musquash, is chiefly Turnpiked; a part requires to be made wider and levelled---of the road, (distance 7 miles) leading from the main road to Dipper Harbour, four miles is made a rod wide, and levelled; the remaining 3 miles remain to be opened, levelled, and causewayed. The road from Musquash to Leproa Bridge, a distance of eleven miles, is opened a rod wide, and a great part of it levelled---the whole requires to be made wider, and the remainder levelled. They strongly recommend opening a Road from Leproa Bridge to the salt water in Mace's Bay, distant about a mile, to give an opportunity of a speedy communication from

there to the main road.---They also recommend the establishment of a Settler at or near Leproa Bridge.

They state that the road from Leproa Bridge to Magagaudavic, a distance of 19 miles, is opened a rod wide, and a great part of it levelled 10 feet wide ; the whole requires to be made wider, and a part causewayed and levelled.

The Road from Magagaudavic to Saint Andrews, a distance of 20 miles, is opened a rod wide, and part of it 4 rods wide ; a considerable part is levelled 10 feet wide, but the principal part requires to be made wider, and levelled, which will be expensive, owing to the roughness of the ground, and a part being very rocky. The Wellington Bridge on the Digdeguash River, was injured by the uncommon freshet in the spring, and will require an expensive repair.

Hewston and Woodberry have settled on the lands allotted to them, and are very useful to travellers.---They incur great expence by entertaining needy travellers, who claim shelter and food, many of whom have nothing to pay.

E, Is Moses Vernon's separate report, stating the agreements he has made for work on that part of the Road from Saint John to Saint Andrews, between Magagaudavic and Leproa River, and monies paid, amounting to £395 10. He credits £156 received from the Treasury.

He states, that in that District there is a great deal of swampy ground and miery places, which requires causewaying ; and that an extent of five miles of that description will require £50 per mile to complete it, besides improvements on other parts of that Road.

F, Is John Mount's account, with vouchers and affidavit, for work done on that part of the Road between Saint John and Leproa Bridge, amounting to £700 13 6. In which sum is included his charge of 50 days attendance carried out, £40. He gives credit for balance remaining in his hands last Session, amount £126 13 3, and for £60 received from Mr. Vernon ; also for £500 from the Treasury ; leaving a balance due to him of £14 0 3.

G, Is James Brittain's report, with account and affidavit, as one of the Supervisors for the Road from Fredericton to Saint John.

He states, that his District of that road is from a cross road a mile and an half below Gage Town to the Devil's Back Creek, an extent of about 30 miles ---that part of it is in bad repair, and without inhabitants---part of it covered with shelly rocks, and several steep hills in the course of it, and a number of small bridges wanted---and that it will require about £500, besides the statute labour, to make it passable.

His account amounts to £271 3 6, including £34 7 8 due to him in 1816, and £18 for his attendance in 1817. He states, that he has not received a warrant on the Treasury for his part of the great road allotment, being £283 6 8.

H, Is Henry Nase's report of his proceedings as one of the Supervisors for the road from Fredericton to Saint John, during 1816, which he omitted to forward when his account, with vouchers and affidavits, was furnished last Session.

He states, that his district of the road extends from the Devil's Back Creek to Saint John---that he has built Bridges over Scovil's Creek, over Dunham's or Bernie's Mill-dam, and over several other places, and has contracted to pay the sum of £400 for building a Bridge over the Creek between Hamm's and Beardsley's. He states that two new Bridges are wanting over Mullen's and Barker's Creeks---that he has causewayed, drained, turnpiked, and levelled, several pieces of very bad road.

He expresses his hope that the sum of £100 appropriated in 1810, for the road from the mouth of the Nerepis to the Musquash road, may be allotted towards making the road round the Grand Bay.

I, Is Henry Nase's report for 1817, as one of the Supervisors for the road from Fredericton to Saint John, with an account, vouchers and affidavit.

He states, that he has built a Ferry House, and erected signals on the East side of the Nerepis, and provided a Boat for the use of the Ferry; that he has abandoned the project of building a Bridge over the Creek between Hamm's and Beardsley's, and has in stead thereof, built a short Bridge over the Channel, and thereby leads the main communication on the Bar, as has been heretofore done for upwards of twenty years; that he has erected Bridges over Hamm's Creek, Mullen's Creek, and Dowlin's Creek---plans of which accompany the report; that he has built a number of small Bridges, mended many bad places, opened part of the road 4 rods wide, and otherwise improved it---that a part of the road must be turnpiked and ditched.

A particular description is given of the route of the road in his district beginning at the Devil's Back Creek, and ending by communicating with the new road to the City of Saint John, after crossing the short Ferry to Thomas Merritt's.

His account amounts to £561 13 8; in which is included £180 lent E. W. Miller, Esq. and £34 7 8 lent James Brittain, Esq. and the sum of £40 for his services as Supervisor. He gives credit for £124 3 6 remaining in his hands last year, and for £444 8 6 received at different times from the Treasury; the whole amounting to £568 12 4; leaving a balance of £6 18 8 in his hands.

K, Is Edward W. Miller's report, with account and affidavit, (no vouchers) as one of the Supervisors for the road from Fredericton to Saint John.

He states, that the new road between William M'Leod's and the County line, is generally in good repair---that the alteration made, is of the highest importance to the Public, as it avoids five very bad hills, which were impassable for loaded Teams---that the Bridge across the lower branch of Baker's creek is in a dangerous state, and requires immediate repair---he estimates the expence of a Bridge there, at £300; that the road from the Oromocto to Mr. Street's causeway, has been much improved; and that the like sum as was laid out on it by Mr. Bunnel, in 1816, would completely secure the work from further injury by the Freshet; that the road from Mr. Burpe's Mill to Dr. Hatheway's, is in bad repair, and wants considerable assistance besides the Statute labour; that the road from Mr. Currey's to Gage Town, requires a good deal of labour to make it a good Carriage road; that he hopes the assistance of the Legislature will enable him to give a more favourable account next Session, of the road in his district.

He represents that the sum of £50 in the hands of Samuel D. Street, Esq. as Commissioner, has been applied for by the Supervisor of that district, but payment has been refused: Mr. Street answering, that what balance remains in his hands, he considers himself intitled to, as payment for his services as a Commissioner.

His account amounts to £1531 1 4; in which is included the following charge, to wit, "Cash paid William Segee, as per his account, £609 4 6," but no account is furnished. A charge of £75 is also made for 89 days attendance on the road in 1816, and a charge of £17 for attendance in 1817. He credits for monies received out of the Treasury £1333 6 8, and for monies to be received £283 6 8; the whole being £1616 13 4; by which statement, a balance of £85 12 will remain in his hands.

L, Is Gabriel De Veber's, account, with vouchers and affidavit, as one of the Supervisors for the road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews.

He charges £295 14 3, amount of balance due him, as settled last Session; also, £9 17 6 for sundry disbursements, making in all, £305 11 9. He credits £333 6 8, received out of the Treasury, for 1816, making a balance due by him of £27 14 11.

M, Is Charles I. Peters' and Nathaniel Golding's report, with account and vouchers of their proceedings as Supervisors for the road between Saint John and the Finger Board.

Their

Their account amounts to £590 4 10. They credit £67 0 2, balance in their hands last year, and also a Warrant on the Treasury for 1817, of £1000, for which money cannot be got at present; leaving a balance, when received, of £476 15 4.

They state, the balance could not be expended for want of the money, and that what has been expended, is chiefly on credit, and the Labourers are yet unpaid; that the road opened through the Marsh is of the first consequence to the Province, and will require, at least, £300 to complete it, exclusive of such part of the above stated surplus as may be allotted to it; and that £300 additional, will also be required to make the road, between Caleb Wetmore's and the Finger Board, passable for Carriages.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to take into consideration a Bill "to provide for punctuality of payment at the Treasury, by issuing notes to the amount of ten thousand pounds."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *M^cKay* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Secretary* delivered the Message.

"NEW-BRUNSWICK.

"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

"18th FEBRUARY, 1818.

"G. S. SMYTH,

"Lieut. Gov.

"The Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, that such parts of the Royal Instructions, relating to the granting of Crown Lands, as he deemed necessary for their information, have already been communicated, in compliance with their Address of the 2d instant; and he now sends them, in reply to their Address of the 16th, a copy of a Letter from Lord Bathurst, relating to the mode of passing the King's Grants---at the same time, upon a review of the inference to be drawn from their several Addresses on this subject, the Lieutenant-Governor thinks it expedient further to acquaint the House, that he has long since made such recommendation to the Offices of Government, as to the modification and remission of their Fees, in cases requiring it, that he confidently trusts, every possible inconvenience will be removed in carrying into effect the salutary measure which has been directed, of giving to each person a separate Grant."

"G. S. SMYTH."

Mr. *M^cKay* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M^cKay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred---that, in the Committee, the following amendment was moved and seconded, to wit,

"And be it further enacted, that this Act shall be, and remain in full force, for the term of two years, and no longer."

And, upon the question being put thereon, the Committee divided, as follows:---

YEAS.

Mr. Easterbrooks,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Agnew,
Mr. Brittain,
Mr. Yeamans,
Mr. Wilmot,

NAYS.

Mr. Pagan,
Mr. Porter,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Calverley,
Mr. Scovil,

YEAS.

YEAS.
Mr. P. Fraser,
Mr. Dow,

NAYS.
Mr. Wetmore,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Miles,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Simonds,
Mr. J. Fraser.

It therefore passed in the negative.

And that the Committee had directed him to report, that they had agreed to the Bill, with amendments.

He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read---And on the question, whether the report of the Committee be accepted ---the House divided, as follows :---

YEAS.
Mr. Pagan,
Mr. Porter,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Calverley,
Mr. Scovil,
Mr. Wetmore,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Miles,
Mr. M'Kay,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Simonds,
Mr. J. Fraser.

NAYS.
Mr. Easterbrooks,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Agnew,
Mr. Brittain,
Mr. Yeamans,
Mr. Wilmot,
Mr. P. Fraser,
Mr. Dow.

It therefore passed in the affirmative.

Ordered; that the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Read, as engrossed, a Bill " to enable the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province for the time being, to suspend upon the contingency, and in the manner therein mentioned, the further operation of the Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum."

And " A Bill to continue several Acts of the General Assembly that are expiring."

Resolved, that the Bills pass---and,

Ordered, that Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Miles*, do carry the same Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

" A Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled " An Act to authorise the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of York, to levy an assessment for building a County Court-House," being brought in by leave, was read a first time.

A Bill " to empower the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to lease a certain piece of Common Land in the Parish of Saint Andrews, and to invest the proceeds towards the support of the Poor of the said Parish," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on a Bill " to empower the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to lease a certain piece of Common Land in the Parish of Saint Andrews, and to invest the proceeds towards the support of the Poor of the said Parish."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title, with amendments.---He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read ; and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

A Bill " in amendment of an Act, intituled " An Act for erecting a Court-House and Gaol in the County of Northumberland," being, brought in by leave, was, on motion, read a first time.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the House, a Letter received by him from Thomas Bonnor, Esquire, the Province Agent, requesting a Map of the Province may be sent him.

Which was ordered to lie on the Table.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

THURSDAY, 19th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to inform the House, if any, and what steps have been taken, touching the removing the restrictions upon certain reserved Lands in the County of Charlotte, pursuant to a joint Address of the Council and House, last Session.

And further, resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to inform the House, if any, and what steps have been taken, relative to the recovery of the sum of L.730 currency, from Captain Brenton, for the damages sustained by reason of the non-performance of his agreement in the case of the Sloop Brunswicker, pursuant to a resolution of this House at their last Session.

Ordered, that Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Peters*, do wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the above Addresses.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would be pleased to approve of the following persons being named in a Bill " to provide for punctuality of payment at " the Treasury," to countersign the Treasury Notes, to be issued under and by virtue of the said Bill :---to wit,

The Honourable *Ward Chipman*, The Honourable *William Pagan*, Esquires, and *Hugh Johnston*, Esquire.

Ordered, that Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Yeamans*, do wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the above Address.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, resolved, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message of the 18th instant, in answer to the Address of the House of the 16th instant, together with the copy of Lord Bathurst's Letter, accompanying the same; be referred to the Select Committee, to whom were referred the extracts from the Royal Instructions touching the Granting of Crown Lands, and the copies of the ordinance of Fees to be taken at the different Public Offices upon Grants of Land, and that the said Committee be instructed to examine and report what Fees have been taken at the Public Offices upon Grants of Land.

Mr. *Smith*, by leave, presented a Petition of sundry Inhabitants on a branch of the Petticodiac river, praying for aid to open a road, &c. as therein stated.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Wetmore*, by leave, presented a Petition of Joseph Giou, praying that the sum of *twelve pounds* may be granted him as a remuneration for making passable the road, and breaking the snow at the head of Bellisle Bay, as is therein stated.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Bill "in amendment of an Act" to authorise the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of York, to levy an assessment for building a Court-House," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on a Bill "to authorise the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of York, to levy an assessment for building a Court-House."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title--and he delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address of the House of this day, respecting the insertion of the names of persons to countersign the Treasury Notes, reported, that they had attended to that duty.

In reply to the Resolutions of the 12th and 13th instant, received from the Council.

Resolved, that in sending up Resolutions of Appropriation to the Council in 1801, for concurrence, it was under an implied agreement and understanding, that the Council were to have a deliberative voice upon each and every distinct resolution thus communicated, and at liberty to leave out such of the same as they could not agree to---

Also, that the House were at liberty to bring in a Bill including the articles concurred in; likewise, if they thought it expedient to originate another Bill including all, or part of the rejected articles.

Resolved, that it was neither implied or understood by the arrangement alluded to, that the House were bound to bring in a Bill including all the articles agreed to by the Council, as in many instances, a Bill containing only the articles agreed to, would wholly defeat the intention and beneficial effects contemplated by the original Resolutions of Appropriation, and improperly, injuriously, or partially dispose of such public money.

Resolved, that the refusal of the House last Session to carry into effect, by a Bill, certain Appropriations for Bye Roads, agreed to by the Council, was an exercise of their undoubted right and privilege; as a Bill containing the Road Appropriations, agreed to, leaving out the numerous items rejected by the Council, would have entirely defeated the intention of the House in their apportionment of monies for Bye Roads, and would have been an improper and partial disposal of the public money.

A Bill "in further addition to an Act, intituled "An Act for erecting a Court-House and Gaol in the County of Northumberland, and of the Act in addition thereto," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same.---He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being read, was, on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill "to amend the Laws now in force regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* from the Committee, reported, that he was directed by the Committee, to report, as their opinion, that the further consideration of the Bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" His Majesty's Council have passed a Bill " further to continue an Act to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across Highways, leading through Intervale Lands in Queen's County and the County of Sunbury, where the same may be found necessary, and to extend the provisions of the same to King's County"---to which the Council request the concurrence of this Honourable House."

And then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

Mr. *Campbell*, from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Addresses of the House of this day, respecting the reserved Lands in the County of Charlotte, and the Sloop *Brunswicker*, reported, that they had attended to that duty.

Read as engrossed, a Bill " further to provide for the security of the City of Saint John from the ravages of Fire, by preventing the laying out of narrow Streets in the said City."

Resolved, that the Bill pass---and ordered, that Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Calverley*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read, a first time, a Bill " further to continue an Act, intituled " an Act to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across Highways, leading through Intervale Lands in Queen's County and the County of Sunbury, where the same may be found necessary, and to extend the provision of the same to King's County."

Ordered, on motion made and seconded, that a Committee of this House be appointed to search the Journal of the Council as to their proceedings upon the School Bill; and further, that Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Campbell* be a Committee to make such search, and report thereon to the House.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 20th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill " further to continue an Act, intituled " an Act to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across Highways, leading through Intervale Lands in Queen's County and the County of Sunbury, where the same may be found necessary, and to extend the provisions of the same to King's County," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House,

House, on consideration of a Bill " further to continue an Act, intituled " an Act to provide for the erection of Fences with Gates across Highways, " leading through Intervale Lands in Queen's County and the County of Sun- " bury, where the same may be found necessary, and to extend the provision " of the same to King's County."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same.---He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's table, and the same being read, was, on the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Miles*, do carry the same Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have concurred therein.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Petition of Edward W. Miller, Esq. High Sheriff of the County of York, praying that the sum of *seventeen pounds* may be granted him, for the purpose of remunerating sundry Militia men for their expences and loss of time, in pursuing and endeavouring to retake Thomas Clarke, a prisoner under sentence of death, who had escaped from the Gaol of the County of York.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill " for apprehending Deserters from His Majesty's " service, and for punishing unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *M^r Kay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M^r Kay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same, with amendments. He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Allen*, by leave, presented a Petition of the Inhabitants and Proprietors of Nashwalkois; praying for aid to enable them to make further improvement on the road from the River Saint John to their Settlement.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Bye Roads.

Mr. *Wilmot*, by leave, brought in a Bill " for regulating the inspection of " Fish for home consumption," which was read a first time.

The Committee appointed to search the Journals of the Council, as to their proceedings on the School Bill, reported, that they had attended to that duty; and beg leave to report that an entry appears on their Journals, wherein the Council are resolved to adhere to the amendments to the School Bill sent down from the Council.

Mr. *Wilmot*, by leave, brought in a Bill " to alter and amend an Act, intituled " an Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province ;"--- which was read a first time.

Read as engrossed, the following Bills :---

A Bill " for the preservation of Oysters in the Counties of Westmorland " and Northumberland."

A Bill " in amendment of an Act " to authorise the Justices of the General " Sessions of the Peace for the County of York, to levy an assessment for build- " ing a County Court-House."

A Bill " for the more effectual preventing, and further punishment of the " crime of Forgery."

Resolved,

Resolved, that the above Bills do pass, and,
Ordered, that Mr. Pagan and Mr. Porter do carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Pagan delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. Speaker,

“ The Council have agreed to the Bill “ to enable the Lieutenant-Governor “ to suspend the operation of the Plaster Law.”

“ The Council have also agreed to the Bill “ to continue several Acts of the “ General Assembly that are near expiring,” with an amendment, to which “ they desire the concurrence of this Honourable House.”

And then Mr. Pagan withdrew.

The said amendment, proposed by the Council, being read, was as follows :---

At A, dele “ an Act made and passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled “ an Act further to continue an Act to provide for the “ more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County “ of Saint John.”

The House proceeded to take into consideration the said amendment; and on the question being put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. Johnston and Mr. Chapman do acquaint the Council herewith.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s Message of the 18th instant, in answer to the Address of the House of the 16th instant, together with a Copy of Lord Bathurst’s Letter accompanying the same, reported,

“ That on a careful perusal of Lord Bathurst’s Letter of the 13th of May, 1817, it is evident His Lordship is not sufficiently informed as to the mode of granting Lands in this Province.

“ While this was a part of Nova-Scotia, and for some time afterwards, it was customary to grant large Tracts to an *Individual and Associates in common*, many of which Associates were fictitious, and from thence arose the abuses pointed out by His Lordship; but for many years past, although a number of persons were generally included in one Grant, each Applicant was obliged to state his own particular case, and his ability and intention to improve, by a Memorial certified by a Magistrate, and his particular Lot was clearly designated, both in the Grant and the Plan thereunto annexed; and latterly, a further very proper precautionary measure has been taken, obliging every Applicant to make affidavit to the facts stated in his Memorial.

“ As all Grants since the time above alluded to, come out in severalty, each Grantee is as firmly bound to fulfil the conditions of the Grant on his own particular lot, as if he had taken out a separate Grant, and the Lands of one or more Grantees in a general Patent, who have not fulfilled those conditions, are liable to a separate Escheat, although every other Lot in the Grant should be improved, which precludes all necessity of taking out a separate Grant.

“ Your Committee beg leave further to remark, that the Letter from Lord Bathurst, is in answer to a Letter and statement from Lieut. Colonel Hailes, late President of this Province, dated 18th February, 1817.; and as the Letter from his Lordship only pointed out a remedy for evils that did not exist, your Committee are therefore of opinion, that it by no means sanctions the system so universally complained of, compelling each Applicant to take out a separate Grant.

“ With regard to the Fees taken at the Public Offices on Grants, your Committee find that the amount at all the Offices, for a Grant of £200 acres, is £11 15 0, with 11s. purchase money on every 100 acres more, which makes a Grant of 500 acres, to an Individual, cost £13 8 0.

“ On examining the Table of Fees established by the Governor and Council pursuant to the Royal Instructions, your Committee find the following :—

To the GOVERNOR,

For the Warrant of Survey,	£0. 11 8
For the Great Seal to every Grant not exceeding 1000 acres, and more in proportion,	3 10 0
	-----£ 4 1 8

To the SECRETARY & REGISTER,

For the Warrant of Survey,	£0 5 0
For every Grant not exceeding 500 acres,	1 10 0
Recording Grant, £1 10---Certificate, 2s. 6d.	1 12 6
	-----£ 3 7 6

To the ATTORNEY-GENERAL,

For his Fiat on all Instruments issued,	£1 3 4
For Grants of Land, 100 to 500 acres,	0 7 6
	-----£ 1 10 10

To the SURVEYOR-GENERAL & AUDITOR,

For the Grant of 200 acres of Land,	£ 1 5 0
Plan and Order to Deputy,	0 5 0
Duplicate Plans for the Offices,	0 10 0
	-----£ 2 0 0
Auditors Fees on each Grant,	0 13 4

Making a Total of £11 13 4

For a Grant of 200 acres, and adding the purchase money, 33s. 6d. would be £13 6 10 for a Grant of 500 acres.

“ Independent of those sums, the Clerk of the Council is, by the Table of Fees, intitled to receive 10s. for the Order on each Petition, and the Surveyor-General 5s. for Certifying the same, which is paid by the Applicant, independent of the Grant Fees, and has been taken for each name included in the Petition.

“ Your Committee beg leave to close their remarks, by stating, that if the old system of including a reasonable number of Persons in one Grant was acted upon, the expences on the Patent would be lessened to each Grantee, in proportion to the number included in the Patent ; which accommodation, as they noticed in their former report, is clearly contemplated in the Table of Fees referred to.”

JAMES FRASER,
STAIR AGNEW,
COLIN CAMPBELL, } Committee.

On motion, resolved, that the House do go into Committee of the whole House, on the above report, to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

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SATURDAY, 21st. February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Johnston*, by leave, presented a Petition of Ward Chipman, jun. Esq. in behalf of himself and John Robinson, Esquire, praying that a balance of £23 11 6 may be granted to them as a remuneration for so much due by them to Bernard Kiernan, Deputy Surveyor, for Surveying and laying out Land at Loch Lomond, for the Black refugees settled there.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, brought in a Bill “ to extend the powers of the Minister and Elders of the Church of Scotland, in the City of Saint John”--- which was read a first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the report of the Select Committee on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's message to this House, of the 16th inst. together with Lord Bathurst's Letter accompanying the same, relating to the granting of Crown Lands.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee to report the following Resolution, to wit:--

Resolved unanimously, as the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient that a joint Address be prepared by the Council and the House of Assembly, to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of the present mode of Granting the Crown Lands in this Province, in separate and single Grants, and with the view that His Royal Highness would be most graciously pleased to direct, that the practice heretofore in use of including several Grantees in one and the same Grant, may be again resorted to, a measure which has been found so beneficial in promoting the settlement of this Province; and that the Council be requested to concur therein.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

On motion, resolved unanimously, that it is expedient that a joint Address be prepared by the Council and the House of Assembly, to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of the present mode of Granting the Crown Lands in this Province, in separate and single Grants, and with the view that His Royal Highness would be most graciously pleased to direct, that the practice heretofore in use of including several Grantees in one and the same Grant, may be again resorted to, a measure which has been found so beneficial in promoting the settlement of this Province.

Ordered, that Mr. *J. Fraser* and Mr. *Campbell* carry this resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Messages.

“NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“20th FEBRUARY, 1818.

“G. S. SMYTH.

“The Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, in answer to their Address of yesterday, that the Papers respecting reserved Lands in Charlotte County, were referred to a Committee of the Privy Council, who made a report; a Copy of which is herewith communicated.”

“G. S. S.”

3d MAY, 1817.

“The Committee of Council, to whom were referred the Papers respecting Lands in the County of Charlotte, reserved by the Surveyor-General of Woods---Report,

“That besides the reservations specified in those papers, there are in other parts of the Province, and especially in the County of Northumberland, many Tracts of Land in like manner reserved, of which a very considerable proportion would be found well suited for settlement and cultivation, but is altogether incapable to furnish Timber for Naval purposes; and on several of these reservations, large allotments of Land have been set off to individuals, by Licences from the Surveyor-General of Woods, or his Deputy, to be held as private property during the pleasure of the Surveyor-General.

“The Committee, therefore, respectfully submit for consideration, the expediency of directing an accurate inquiry to be made, without loss of time,

“at



“ at the expence of Government, respecting several Tracts of Land reserved  
 “ by the Surveyor-General of Woods in the Counties of York, Sunbury and  
 “ Northumberland.”

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 20th FEBRUARY, 1818.

“ G. S. SMYTH.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, in answer to  
 “ their Address of yesterday, that the business of recovering damages from  
 “ Captain Brenton, for the non-performance of his agreement respecting the  
 “ Sloop Brunswicker, has been committed to Mr. Bonnor, the Province Agent,  
 “ who promises to take the necessary steps without delay.”

“ G. S. S.”

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 20th FEBRUARY, 1818.

“ G. S. SMYTH.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, in answer to  
 “ their Address of yesterday, that he approves of the persons proposed by the  
 “ House, to be named in the Bill “ to provide for punctuality of payment at  
 “ the Treasury,” to countersign the Treasury Notes, to be issued under and  
 “ by virtue of the said Bill.”

“ G. S. S.”

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to take such steps as he may think proper, in order to expedite the inquiry into the state of the reserved Lands in the Counties of Northumberland, York, and Sunbury, as recommended by a Committee of the Privy Council, dated 3d May last, on the papers relative to the reserved Lands in the County of Charlotte.

Ordered, that Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Porter* do wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the above Address.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province, report they are of opinion, that the following sums (in addition to those heretofore granted, and which remain-unexpended) should be appropriated for the improvement of the Bye Roads and Bridges, to wit :---

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| County of York,           | £510 |
| County of Sunbury,        | 175  |
| Queen's County,           | 375  |
| King's County,            | 400  |
| County of Charlotte,      | 500  |
| County of Saint John,     | 460  |
| County of Westmorland,    | 580  |
| County of Northumberland, | 500  |

-----£3500

P. FRASER, Chairman.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the resolutions of appropriation not concurred in by the Council, namely, *one hundred pounds* to the Speaker of the House of Assembly; and *twenty shillings* per diem, to the Members, for defraying their expences of attendance and travelling.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred---that in the Committee the following resolution was moved and seconded, to wit :---

“ Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee that provision should be made for defraying the expences of the Members of the Council, and the Members of the House of Assembly, during their attendance in the General Assembly, by a Bill to be brought in for that purpose”---and on the question being put thereon, the Committee divided equally---and the Chairman decided it in the affirmative.

The previous question being moved---resolved, that the question on the acceptance of this report, be postponed until Monday next.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 23d February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Peters* presented an account of sundries supplied by the overseers of the Poor for the City of Saint John (from the 12th February, 1817, to the 12th February, 1818) to poor and distressed Sailors and Soldiers, &c. all of which are transient persons.

Ordered, that the account be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read as engrossed, a Bill “ to provide for punctuality of payment at the Treasury, by issuing notes to the amount of £10,000.”

Resolved, that the Bill do pass, and,

Ordered, that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Johnston* do carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion, resolved, that the report of the Committee of the whole House, “ on the resolutions of appropriation not concurred in by the Council, namely, “ one hundred pounds to the Speaker of the House of Assembly ; and twenty “ shillings per diem to the Members, for defraying their expences of attendance and travelling,” be not received ; and further, resolved, that the subject matter of the said report be now re-committed.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that in the Committee the following resolution was moved and seconded, to wit,---

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee; that provision should be made for defraying the expences of the Council and the Speaker, and the Members of the House of Assembly, during their attendance in General Assembly, by a Bill to be brought in for that purpose---

And on the question being put thereon, the Committee divided equally, and the Chairman decided it in the affirmative.

On the question, whether the House would accept of the report---the House divided as follow :---

YEAS.

Mr. Easterbrooks,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. Agnew,  
Mr. Scovil,  
Mr. Wetmore,  
Mr. Brittain,  
Mr. Yeamans,

NAYS.

Mr. Pagan,  
Mr. Porter,  
Mr. Johnston,  
Mr. Ward,  
Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Calverley,  
Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Miles,

## YEAS.

Mr. M'Kay,  
Mr. J. Fraser.  
Mr. Dow,  
Mr. P. Fraser.

## NAYS.

Mr. Wilnot,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Allen,  
Mr. Simonds.

The *Speaker* determined the question in the affirmative.

Ordered, that Mr. *Agnew*, Mr. J. Fraser and Mr. M'Kay, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to carry the report of the Committee into effect.

A Bill "to extend the powers of the Minister and Elders of the Kirk of Scotland, in the City of Saint John," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. P. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. P. Fraser, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

TUESDAY, 24th February, 1818.

## PRAYERS.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill "to extend the powers of the Minister and Elders of the Kirk of Scotland, in the City of St. John."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. P. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. P. Fraser, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same, under its title.---He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill "for regulating the inspection of Fish for home consumption."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. Campbell took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same.---He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "in further addition to an Act, intituled "An Act for erecting a Court-House and Gaol in the County of Northumberland, and of the Act in addition thereto."

Resolved, that the Bill do pass, and,

Ordered, that Mr. J. Fraser and Mr. Simonds, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee to whom were referred the accounts of the expenditure of the monies entrusted to the Commissioners appointed under and by virtue of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the necessities of the Province

“Province, occasioned by the failure of the late Crop,” to examine and report thereon---reported as follows, to wit,---

No. 1, Is John Keillor's and Philip Palmer's account of the expenditure of £505 5 in the County of Westmorland; there are receipts for £478 10---the sum of £3 supplied to John Brown and Michael Ricar, but no receipt---they charge for their expences and trouble 38 days, at 12s. 6d. per day, the sum of £23 15---they recommend for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's consideration, several Persons, to the amount of £29 13, unable to pay the same---They give no credit for any sum of Money received from the Treasury.

No. 2, Is Gabriel De Veber's, John Hazen's, and David Burpe's account of the expenditure of £353 3 5 in the County of Sunbury; there are receipts for that amount---they are charged by Richard Sands, Commissions for purchasing Provisions, £12 10, and a further sum of £3 3 by W. E. Nelson De Veber, for storage, which are not included in the above sum of £353 3 5---they have devoted 53 days altogether, in discharging that duty---they give credit for £250 from the Province Treasury, and £2 18 received from Applicants, which leaves a balance due the Commissioners, £100 5 5.

No. 3, Is John Robinson's, Charles I. Peters', and John Mount's account, as Commissioners for the City and County of Saint John---they acknowledge the receipt of £1000 from the Treasury, and £9 12 6 refunded by individuals---they produce Notes to the amount of £1008 2 6, and a charge of £1 5 for printed Blanks, leaving a balance in hand of 5s.---there are endorsements on the back of the different Notes, for upwards of £200 by labour on the Westmorland Road, certified by the Supervisors of the Great Roads.

No. 4, contains the accounts with vouchers, of Henry Nase and Daniel Micheau, Esquires, Mr. George Harding and Mr. Azor Hoyt, four of the Commissioners appointed for the County of King's, accompanied with a report signed by all five of the Commissioners for that County, which states, that they have found it necessary to divide the County into Districts, and apportion the sums for the same, agreeable to the necessities of the Inhabitants; and that George Pitfield, Esquire, the other Commissioner, not having his account ready at the time, will account individually for the sum of £200, and that the four Commissioners first mentioned, are to account for the sum of £550---£122 10 of which is acknowledged to have been received of the Treasurer, by Henry Nase, Esq. and he accounts for the expenditure of £115 19---leaving a balance in his hands of £6 11.

The account of Mr. George Harding, states that he has received £150, and expended £148 5, leaving a balance in his hands of £1 15.

The account of Daniel Micheau, Esquire, states that he has received £105, and expended the same amount.

The account of Mr. Azor Hoyt, states that he has expended the sum of £155 15 6, but does not say to what amount he has received.

It therefore appears, that the sum of £524 19 is all that has been expended, but whether the full amount of £550 has been received of the Treasury, does not appear.

There appears a deficiency of receipts for several small sums, amounting in the whole to £6 8 1½, as described in Mr. Hoyt's account, which he says may yet be obtained.

In all other respects the accounts appear correct and satisfactory.

It also appears, by certificates that accompany the report of Daniel Micheau, Esquire, that the sum of £16 19 3½ has been paid in labour on the Highways.

The Commissioners observe, that it is a difficult matter for them to determine to a certainty, how much time it has taken to discharge this arduous duty, and therefore submit to this Honourable House to determine what remuneration shall be made to them.

They

They recommend to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's consideration, several persons, to the amount of £76 16 4, unable to pay the same.

George Pitfield's account, since received, states that he has expended £194 10 5, including £7 13 8 freight on Provisions, and submits his own time and expences for the consideration of this House.

He reports a great number as indigent and unable to make payment.

He is not able to say to what amount he has received, as he has not yet settled his accounts with the Treasurer.

No. 5, Is a report of John Dunn, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for the County of Charlotte, accompanied with an account and vouchers of sundry articles purchased by him, for the relief of the necessities of the Inhabitants of the said County, amounting to £608 11 3, and also a Letter addressed to Mr. Secretary Odell, explanatory of his proceedings therein. The said Commissioner states as follows:---That the two Commissioners associated with him, owing to their remote situations, were not able to render him any assistance in the discharge of the duties required of them in that capacity, except the receiving small quantities of potatoes, distributed in their own vicinity; and they having no knowledge of the purchase of the said articles for the above purpose, could not with any propriety sign the return furnished by him.---He further states, that he was furnished with very few printed Receipts, in proportion to the number wanted, which he represents was upwards of 600, and many of the persons who received the supplies, were served at different periods; which, in his opinion, rendered it difficult to comply with the provisions of the Act. He has made no charge either for his time or trouble, stated to have been arduous and difficult, and submits to the consideration of the House to remunerate him for his services. He gives credit for two Warrants on the Treasury, amounting to £750, leaving a balance in his hands unexpended, of £141 8 10.

No vouchers whatever accompany the said Commissioner's account, either of the distribution or expenditure of the several articles purchased by him for the relief of the Inhabitants of the said County, as by Law directed.

No. 6, Is a general abstract and account of the Commissioners of the County of York, accompanied by 532 receipts and vouchers.---Credit is given for £1200 by two warrants on the Province Treasury; £5 appears to be charged for Postage and Stationary; also £5 to John Essington, for taking charge of, and issuing Provision, Potatoes, &c.; the like sum to John Morehouse, and James Ketchum, for a similar service; leaving a balance in the hands of the Commissioners, £8 7 4. The Commissioners beg leave to state to the House, that they expended 192 days in performing this arduous undertaking, a great proportion of which time they were living at a great expence in Fredericton, therefore hope, with confidence, a reasonable compensation will be made them.

No. 7, Is James Peters, Abiathar Camp, and John Colwell's account of the expenditure of the sum of L.264 5 in the County of Queen's; they produce receipts for the said sum of L.264 5, but no credit for the sum received. Their account charged for time expended in executing the duty of Commissioners, is as follows:---

James Peters, 6 days.  
Abiathar Camp, 30 do.  
John Colwell, 30 do.

There have no returns arrived from the County of Northumberland.

It is the opinion of your Committee, that the Commissioners be allowed 5 per cent. on the several and respective sums of money by them distributed, to cover all expences; and your Committee beg leave to recommend further, that the receipts shall be deposited with the Clerks of the Peace, in the respective Counties, under the direction of the General Sessions of the Peace, requiring the Sessions to cause all Persons who may not be recommended as indigent

indigent Persons, to labour on the Great Roads, or the Bye Roads nearest to where those Persons reside. All which is submitted to this Honourable House.

The House, according to order, went into consideration of a Letter received from Stephen Humbert, Esquire, a Member of this House, addressed to the Speaker.

And the said Letter being read, was as follows :---

*" Saint John, February, 18th 1818.*

" Honourable WILLIAM BOTSFORD, Esq. Speaker of  
" the House of Assembly of New-Brunswick.

" SIR,

" The Resolve of the Honourable House of Assembly of 16th instant, respecting my attending in my place forthwith, to answer for a Publication which appeared in the City Gazette, was handed to me by Mr. Charles Hatheway, deputized by the Sergeant at Arms, late last evening.

" The indisposition of Mrs. Humbert, which has increased in an alarming degree, within these last ten days, will, I trust, suffice with the Honourable House, to dispense with my personal attendance for the present.

" Respecting the Publication alluded to in the Resolve of the Honourable House, I beg leave, with great submission, to answer : That the Manuscript from which that Publication was made, was handed and read to Mr. Chubb, by me, in the Printing Office of the Courier and City Gazette---That I did not at any time, nor in any manner, request Mr. Durant to publish the piece---That shortly after leaving the Manuscript, Mr. Durant called on me, and requested me to call at the Office, which I did, and he read to me from a Proof-sheet (as I suppose) the Publication, after making such alterations as he thought proper---That while reading, several other alterations were made, some from his own, and some from my suggestions---That Mr. Durant said, while making those alterations, words to this effect, " No offence must be given ! " " The Sergeant at Arms must be kept away."---To which I answered, " That, you know, is your own look out."

" As the Publication had no signature, neither real nor fictitious---was adopted by the Editor of the City Gazette, and printed as such, under the Saint John Head---I presumed it would be considered as an Editorial article, which, being so considered, would render the Printer alone accountable for its publication.

" I beg leave to state to the Honourable House, that on my part, I solemnly declare, that not the slightest offence to the Honourable House was intended ; nor did the least word or expression pass between the Printer and myself with such intent ; nor can I yet discover any " observations " in the publication " relating to the proceedings of the Honourable House," as calculated to occasion offence. If, however, the Honourable House do consider the Publication as meriting their censure, I submit to their superior judgment, and am sorry to have been, in the least degree, the occasion.

" I trust the Honourable House will condescend to consider the foregoing " answer for said publication " as sufficient apology for my part in the transaction. If, however, it should be deemed unsatisfactory, I shall, with humble submission, await the future expression of the pleasure of the Honourable House."

" I am, with great respect,

" Honourable Sir,

" Your most obedient,

" And very humble Servant.

" STEPHEN HUMBERT."

On motion, resolved, that it appears to this House, by the acknowledgment of Stephen Humbert, Esq. contained in his Letter addressed to Mr. Speaker, that he is the author of the Publication inserted in the City Gazette of the 28th

ult. which this House have voted to be highly indecorous and unbecoming, and a breach of the privilege of this House.

Resolved, that the conduct of the said Stephen Humbert, Esq. merits the severest censure of this House, and that his seat be vacated, and that the same is hereby declared vacated.

A Bill "in addition to, and in amendment of an Act, intituled "an Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several amendments thereto. He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being read, and the questions put thereon, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the Standing Committee to examine and liquidate public and private accounts, further reported.

No. 10, Is Richard Currey's account, with sundry vouchers and affidavit, of Money expended on the Road leading from Saint John River to the Thoroughfare to Mequapit Lake.---He states his receiving £110 from the Treasury, and charges £93 3 7 as expended: the summary of the vouchers he produces £70 0 1½---with these vouchers are the two following charges,---viz. "for the managing this Road, work, and overseeing, I charge Government 31 days for my services," and "for myself and my boy, and hired man, and oxen for the time we worked, I charge Government L.7 17 6."

No. 11, Is Silvanus Brown's account, with sundry vouchers, and a statement of monies entrusted to him for the Road from New-Canaan to Washademocac Ferry.---He charges L.101 0 9---does not mention the sum received from the Treasury.

In the sum of L.101 0 9, is included L.4 10 for laying out the road, and also, L.23 for work and attendance; besides which, he states that he spent 18 days himself and Horse, and 8 days his Son and Boat, in applying for, and obtaining the Warrant and money, which he hopes the Legislature will compensate him for.

No. 12, Is Alexander Humphrey's letter, enclosing Rufus Brockaway's receipt for L.50, paid to him for building a Bridge across the stream called Bonney River, for which work he was appointed Commissioner.

No. 13, Is an account, with vouchers, of John M'Latchy's and William Chapman's expenditure of money on the road, Hillsborough side of the Petticodiac River, signed by William Chapman.

The account amounts to L.314 19---in which sum is included 31 days actual labour on Stony Creek Bridge, at 6s. 6d---L.10 1 6; and 37 days actual labour on Turtle Creek Bridge, at 6s. 6d---L.12 0 6---also commissions at 5 per cent. on L.315---L.15 15.

No. 14, Is Ebenezer Smith's statement, with sundry receipts and affidavit, of the expenditure of L.50 on the Road from Sherwood's towards Sheppody. In the account is charged L.5 5 for his services.

No. 15, Is James Copperthwait's account, with affidavit, of work on the cross way to Waterborough, amounting to L.16 6 3; in which is included 3 days labour and overseeing, at 15s.---L.2 5. He credits L.13 10, as balance in his hands last report; making by the account thus stated, L.2 16 3 due to him. On referring to his account and statement last Session, it will appear that the balance then stated to be in his hands, was L.21 15.

No. 16, Is James Price's account, with vouchers and affidavit, of money expended under his direction, on the road from Jacob Wortman's and the Butternut Ridge.

The account amounts to L.100; in which sum is included L.52 2 1 laid out by him agreeable to his report at last Session. He gives credit for L.100 received from the Treasury.

No. 17, Is Aaron Upton's account, stating that he has built by contract, two buttments for the Bridge over Denny's Stream, and that the sum of L.50 allotted, was paid for fulfilling that contract.

He also states, that he has contracted for framing and completing a Bridge across that stream, for the sum of L.72 10---that the sum of L50 appropriated towards building this Bridge in 1816, has not been received by him, and that when received, a balance of L.22 10 will remain due to him, as the Bridge is erected.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 25th. February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Pagan delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. Speaker,

" His Majesty's Council have agreed to the Bill " for the preservation of " Oysters."

And then Mr. Pagan withdrew.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the Public service.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Agnew took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Attorney-General delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. Speaker,

" The Council have passed a Bill, " further to continue and amend an Act " to provide for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the " City and County of Saint John,"---to which they request the concurrence of " this Honourable House."

" The Council have agreed to the Bill " to empower the Fire-Wards in the " City of Saint John, to pull down Houses for the purpose of preventing the " spreading of Fires in the said City, and to provide for making compensation " to the owner or owners of such Houses," with amendments---to which " amendments they request the concurrence of this Honourable House."

And then Mr. Attorney-General withdrew.

Mr. Agnew resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Attorney-General delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. Speaker,

" The Council have agreed to the Bill in amendment of an Act, " to autho- " rize the Justices of the Peace for the County of York, to levy an assessment " for building a County Court-House."

And then Mr. Attorney-General withdrew.

Mr. Agnew resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Agnew, from the Committee, reported the resolutions which the Com-  
mittee



mittee had directed him to report to the House,---which were read, and were as follow :---

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding *three thousand pounds*, be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be paid for the encouragement of the Cod Fisheries of this Province, agreeable to the Law of this Province for the year 1818.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a sum not exceeding *one thousand pounds*, to be paid in bounties for the encouragement of raising Bread Corn on new land, agreeable to the law of this Province for the year 1818.

To the President and Directors of Saint Andrew's Grammar School, the sum of *one hundred pounds*, towards defraying the expences of a Master, for the year 1818, agreeable to a Law of this Province.

To the Keeper of the Light-House on Partridge Island, the sum of *one hundred and fifty pounds*, for his services for the year 1817, and the like sum of *one hundred and fifty pounds*, for his services for the year 1818.

To Nathaniel Hubbard De Veber, Esquire, Sheriff of Queen's County, the sum of *twenty pounds* for executing a Writ of Election, and returning a Member for that County.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of enabling the Treasurer to pay Alexander Miller, a Tidewaiter in the City of Saint John, for his services as such, from the 28th day of March, 1817, until 28th March, 1818, the sum of *forty-five pounds, twelve shillings and six-pence*.

To Captain Thomas Armstrong, of the Saint Stephen's Militia, the sum of *twenty pounds*, to remunerate him for expences incurred in apprehending ten Deserters from the 98th Regiment, in January last, and conveying them to Saint Andrews.

To the Clerk of the Council, for defraying the expences of an Assistant Clerk during the present Session of the Legislature, the sum of *twenty-five pounds*.

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, towards defraying the expences of a Courier between Fredericton and Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, for the year 1818, the sum of *one hundred and twenty-five pounds*.

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, towards defraying the expences of a Courier between Fredericton and St. Andrews, for the year 1818, the sum of *one hundred and twenty-five pounds*.

To such person as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor may appoint, a sum not exceeding *one hundred and fifty pounds*, for the support of a Packet to ply between Digby and Saint John for one year, to commence from the 5th day of April next, provided a similar provision is made by the Legislature of the Province of Nova-Scotia, and no Packet is established at the exclusive expence of the General Post-Office, for that purpose.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the encouragement of Schools, agreeable to the Law of this Province, the sum of *three thousand pounds*, for the year 1818.

To the Governor and Trustees of the College of New-Brunswick, the sum of *two hundred and fifty pounds*, for the year 1818, conformable to the provisions of the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To the President and Directors of Saint John Grammar School, for the year 1818, the sum of *two hundred and fifty pounds*, agreeable to the provisions of the two Acts of the General Assembly.

The Chairman also informed the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be received, and leave granted to sit again.

A Bill " further to continue and amend an Act " to provide for the more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John," was, on motion, read the first time.

A Bill "to provide for the travelling charges and expences of the Members of the Legislature in General Assembly," being brought in, was, on motion, read a first time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill "to empower the Fire-Wards in the City of St. John, "to pull down Houses for the purpose of preventing the spreading of Fires "in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or "owners of such Houses,"---and on the question put thereon, resolved, that the House do not concur therein.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 26th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill "further to continue and to amend an Act to provide for the more "effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint "John," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and that Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Ward*, do carry the same Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

A Bill "to prevent injury being done to Public Bridges in this Province," being brought in, was, on motion, read a first time.

A Bill "to prevent injury being done to Public Bridges in this Province," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *J. Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *J. Fraser*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title.

Ordered thereupon, that the report be accepted, and the Bill, as reported, be engrossed.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the Committee appointed to enquire what sums are wanted for the further improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province, reported as follows:---

For the Road from Fredericton towards Saint John, on the West side of the River, £200.

For the Road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, £450.

For the Road from Fredericton to the Canada Line, £450; and that part of this sum be laid out in erecting a Bridge over Macdequack Creek in Queensborough.

For the Road from Fredericton to Northumberland, £450.

For the Road from Saint John to Saint Andrews, £450; and that part of this sum be laid out in opening a Road from or near Leproa Bridge to the salt water in Mace's Bay; a part for the repair of the Wellington Bridge on the Digdeguash River; and the sum of £150 on the Road between Magagaudavic and Leproa Bridge; one half of the remainder to be laid out on the wilder-

ness Road from Magagaudavic to Digdeguash; and the other half on the Road communicating from the Main Road to Dipper Harbour.

For the Road from Saint John to Westmorland, £450; such part of the £300 recommended last Session to be laid out between Wetmore's and the Finger Board, as has not been expended there, shall be applied to that purpose, from the monies stated to be remaining at the disposal of the Supervisors, and also, £225, a part of the present proposed Grant.

For the Road from Fredericton to Westmorland, £700; part of this sum to be laid out in erecting Bridges on Loder's and Fox's Creeks.

These sums making in all, £3150.

The Committee recommend that the proposed route by the Bull-Moose Hill be abandoned, and the Road by the Finger Board continued.

They further recommend, that encouragement be given to a Settler at, or near Leproa Bridge, on the Road from Saint John to Saint Andrews.

The Supervisors for the Road from Fredericton to the Canada Line, having represented the impracticability of a Ferry from Kelly's to M'Nally's, the Committee recommend that the Ferry be established to cross from Crock's Point to the lower end of the lower Village.

They suggest, that not exceeding 30 days should be allowed as a charge by the Supervisors for their services on their respective Roads, out of the allotments for the present year, and not exceeding £15 on the Road toward Saint John, on the West side of the River.---This allowance to be so apportioned by the Supervisors, that their whole charge for services shall not exceed the sum of £50 and of £15 limited as above.

They recommend as of much importance, to secure a regular account being had of the monies appropriated for, and laid out on the Great Roads, that the Supervisors respectively be required to furnish, against next meeting of the General Assembly, a statement of all monies received by them, and of the amount and particulars of the expenditure from the commencement of their transactions as Supervisors.

Read as engrossed, the following Bills:---

A Bill "to extend the power of the Minister and Elders of the Kirk of Scotland, in the City of Saint John;"

A Bill "for apprehending Deserters from His Majesty's Service, and for punishing unlawful dealings with Soldiers or Deserters."

Resolved, that the Bills do pass, and,

Ordered, that Mr. *Peters* and Mr. *Wetmore*, do carry the said Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Bill "to provide for the travelling charges and expences of the Members of the Legislature in General Assembly," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred; and had agreed to the same, under its title, with an amendment; that in the Committee, the following motion was moved and seconded---that the word "Council" be struck out of the first section of the said Bill, on which the Committee divided as follows:---

YEAS.

Mr. Pagan,  
Mr. Porter,  
Mr. Johnston,  
Mr. Ward,  
Mr. Peters,

NAYS.

Mr. Easterbrooks,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. Scovil,  
Mr. Agnew,

YEAS.

Mr. Calverley,  
Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Miles,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Simonds.

NAYS.

Mr. Wetmore,  
Mr. Brittain,  
Mr. Yeamans,  
Mr. Wilmot,  
Mr. M'Kay,  
Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. J. Fraser,  
Mr. Dow,  
Mr. P. Fraser.

It therefore passed in the negative.

And on the question that the report of the Committee be not accepted, the House divided as follows :---

YEAS.

Mr. Pagan,  
Mr. Porter,  
Mr. Johnston,  
Mr. Ward,  
Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Calverley,  
Mr. Scovil,  
Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Miles,  
Mr. Wilmot,  
Mr. Simonds,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Allen.

NAYS.

Mr. Easterbrooks,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. Agnew,  
Mr. Wetmore,  
Mr. Brittain,  
Mr. Yeamans,  
Mr. M'Kay,  
Mr. J. Fraser,  
Mr. Dow,  
Mr. P. Fraser.

And it passed in the affirmative.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to the Bill, in further addition to an " Act for  
" erecting a Court-House and Gaol in Northumberland;" and also, the Bill  
" further to provide for the security of the City of Saint John against the  
" ravages of fire, by preventing the laying out of narrow Streets in the said  
" City, with amendments,"---to which amendments the Council request the  
" concurrence of this Honourable House."

And then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill " further to provide for the security of the City of Saint John, against the ravages of Fire,"---which amendments, being twice read, are as follows :---

Title, at A, dele the remainder of the title.

Section II, at B, dele " and established," and insert " thrown open for use."

C, dele " public and,"

D, dele the remainder of that Section.

The above amendments were severally put, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Easterbrooks*, do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. *Allen*, by leave, presented a petition of William Woodforde, praying for aid to relieve the Widow Price.

Ordered, that the petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr.

Mr. Agnew took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Agnew, from the Committee, reported the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report---which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and were as follow :---

Resolved, that there be granted for the improvement of the Road on the West side of the River Saint John, from Fredericton toward Saint John, the sum of £200.

For the Road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, the sum of £450.

For the Road from Fredericton to the Canada Line, the sum of £450 ; part to be laid out in erecting a Bridge over Macdequack Creek.

For the Road from Fredericton to Northumberland, the sum of £450.

For the Road from Saint John to Saint Andrews, the sum of £450 ; part to be laid out in opening a Road from Leproa Bridge to the salt water in Mace's Bay ; part to repair the Wellington Bridge on the Digdeguash ; and £150 on the Road between Magagaudavic and Leproa Bridge ; one half of the remainder to be laid out on the Wilderness Road from the Magagaudavic to Digdeguash, and the other half on the Road leading from Dipper Harbour into the Main Road.

For the Road from Saint John to Westmorland, the sum of £450 ; £225 of this sum to be laid out on the Road from Wetmore's to the Finger Board.

For the Road from Fredericton to Westmorland, the sum of £700 ; part of this sum to be laid out in erecting Bridges over Loder's and Fox's Creek.

That the sum of £50 be granted to Isaac Cottle, to assist him in making an establishment on the Great Road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, at, or near the Half-way House so called ; and the further sum of £30 per annum, for three years, for his further encouragement ; the first mentioned sum to be paid to the said Settler, on his becoming bound to His Majesty, with two sureties to be approved of by the Justices of the Peace for the County of York or Charlotte, in General or Special Sessions assembled, that he will clear five acres of the Land that may be appropriated to him, and will also build and reside thereon, for a term of five years from the period of his entering on said Lands, under the direction of the Supervisors for the said Road.

That the sum of £15 be granted to the Commissioner appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to defray the expences of bringing over the Mail weekly, from the American Post-Office at Robinstown, to Saint Andrews, for the year 1818

That the sum of £100 be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be applied towards the support of the Light-House on Briar Island, in the Province of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1818.

The Chairman also reported, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, 27th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill "to continue an Act, intituled an "Act for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province, and also the Act to give full effect to the "same," being read a first and second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title.--He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the Committee appointed to examine and liquidate public and private accounts, further reported, that

N, Is the report, with account, (no affidavit) of Daniel Morehouse and Thomas C. Lee, Supervisors for the Great Road from Fredericton towards Canada.

They state, that they have made improvements only to a small amount, since their last report, for want of money from the Treasury; that they have agreed for stones to be hauled to build a Bridge over Camber's Creek, as the present one is dangerous for travellers passing it; that the Road is of great extent, and part of it in a very bad state; that Bridges are wanted over several large Streams between Fredericton and Presqu' Isle, and improvements required on the Road in Kingsclear to the proposed Ferry, and thence upwards; all which they purpose to effect, when money is granted to enable them to accomplish it.

That in their last year's report, they stated the impracticability of having the Ferry to cross from Kelly's to M'Nally's, and recommended a more eligible situation, in expectation that the House would confirm that, or some proper place, as the Law does not authorize them to alter the route it describes, and they request the House will fix the place, that the Ferry may thereby be established.

That they had made Contracts in expectation of being put in funds, but being disappointed and pressed for payment by the Contractors, they had borrowed £250 on interest, to make part payment, and hoped the House would allow the charge of interest.

They refer to receipts for monies paid in consequence of the work done, as mentioned in their report of Contracts in 1816; eleven of which accompany the report.

Their account amounts to £228 3, in which sum is included £15 for interest from January, 1817, to January, 1818, on £250; also £5 each, for services performed by them in 1817.

O, Is the joint, lengthy and particular report of Christopher Hatch, John Campbell, and Gabriel De Veber, Supervisors of the Road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews.

They state that the improvements on this Road last season have advanced with all the dispatch which the nature of the work, and the amount allotted for this service, would admit.

That on the Road from Saint Andrews to Wawig (thirteen miles) some improvements have been made; from thence to Witcher's Ridge (nine miles) the Road contracted for last year is finished--from thence to Pleasant Ridge (eight miles), part of the Road is extremely stony, and will require a large sum to complete it--from thence to the Magagaudavic River (four miles), the distance

tance is over low ground with many swamps to be causewayed, and will require a large sum to make a good Road---from thence to Shin Creek (six miles), the swamps are nearly all causewayed ; one mile on this line is extremely rocky, and it will be expensive to remove them---from thence to Oromocto Block-House (six miles), no improvements have been made this season, owing to their limited means ; from the nature of the ground, upwards of a mile of causewaying will be required.

A Scow is placed on the Oromocto River, from which great convenience has been experienced.

From Seely's to Brisley's Creek Bridge (two miles), the Road has been altered and improved---from thence to New Niagara ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles). the Road has been improved and altered---from thence to the French-Lake-Stream Bridge (one mile). the road has been improved---the Bridge over the French-Lake-Stream, has been new planked and railed---the Bridge over New Niagara Stream repaired ; and a Bridge in this line of Road, carried off by the Freshet, rebuilt.

They say, they regret to state, that the Bridges over the Piskehagan and Digdeguash Rivers, were carried away by the uncommon high Freshet in the Spring, by which accident the travelling was impeded---that they thought it their duty to have them rebuilt ; and had it done by Contract, at the following rates, to wit :---

Bridge over Digdeguash River, - - - £125

Bridge over Piskehagan River, - - - 90

Amount, £215 ; being less by £25 than the Bridges formerly built, cost.

They express their dependance, that the Legislature, under the circumstances they were placed in, will approve of their conduct, and provide for payment of their engagements.

They say they think it their duty, as publicly as in their power, to state, that in the vicinity of the Road which crosses the Portage between the Magagaudavic and Oromocto Rivers, there are some natural meadows, particularly on the Piskehagan River, which they learn there are applications from individuals to obtain grants of---that they think grants of these meadows would be a manifest injury and discouragement to the settlement of these Lands, by such sure and permanent supply of hay, so essential to new Settlers, being in the hands of those who will thereby make them tributary to them for their supply of hay, if they attempt a settlement.

They also state, that they have made an engagement with a person to settle on the West end of the Magagaudavic Portage ; ten acres of trees have been felled, and a house sufficiently large for the accommodation of travellers, engaged to be erected early next Season, and request that the sum of £50 (the amount given to each Settler on the lower Road) may be granted, to assist in building the house and making improvements, and engage to be responsible that the money shall be laid out for that purpose.

An account furnished by John Campbell and Christopher Hatch, with copies of contracts, vouchers and affidavit, amounts to £783 3 5 ; in which is included £122 19 1, due at last statement ; also, J. Campbell's services as Supervisor, £15, and C. Hatch's charge, which the law allows, of £40.---They credit £416 19 10, received from the Treasury---leaving a balance due to them of £366 3 7.

Another account furnished by Gabriel De Veber, amounts to £274.

The sum of £244 is amount of Contracts he has entered into, and £30 is charged for his services---he credits L.325 13 7, as his third of money yet to be received ; when received, a balance of L.51' 13 7, will remain in his hands. Accompanying these accounts, is a statement by Mr. Christopher Hatch, as follows :---

“ The indisposition of Mr. Campbell and Colonel De Veber, prevented them from paying as much attention to the Roads as they otherwise would, which

which imposed a great additional burthen on the Subscriber, and obliged him actually to devote 91 days to the service of the Roads last season. The Law having restrained him from charging more than 40 days in the annexed account, he begs leave to submit the equity of his claim for the remaining 51 days, to the consideration of the Honourable the General Assembly."

P, Is the report, with account, vouchers and affidavit, of Joseph Saunders and John Henderson, two of the Supervisors for the Road from Fredericton to Northumberland.---They state, that soon after their appointment, they, together with Mr. James M'Nab, explored the Road and made Contracts with different people for opening the same; afterwards they inspected the different places where work and contracts had been performed, and being satisfied with the same, paid to the amount of L.2488 1, as charged in their accounts produced at the last Session; they further proceeded to drain Swamps, erect Bridges, and perform other work as far as the means they were possessed of would allow.

That owing to the tract through which the Road passes, being chiefly Wilderness, Swamps, or reserved Lands, little Statute labour can be done thereon, and some time must elapse, and considerable expence be incurred, before the Road can be completed.

They state, that owing to their not being able to obtain the last payment of L.1333 6 8, they have it not in their power to make their return as the Law directs.

Their account amounts to L.1400 18 4, in which is included L.35 for Joseph Saunders's services, and L.33 for the services of John Henderson.---They give credit for L.473 12 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ , as the balance in their hands last Session, (instead of L.527 17 10, the balance then stated)---also for L.26 0 1, from James Donald---L.15 18, from Peter Fraser, Esq.---and L.3 10, from John Astle: being L.519 0 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ---making, by that statement, a balance due them of L.881 17 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; from which, deduct a short credit of L.54 4 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ , makes the balance L.827 13 5 due to them.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the Public service.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, to receive

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Odell*, as follows:---

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“ 27th FEBRUARY, 1818.

“ G. S. SMYTH.

“ The Lieutenant-Governor directs to be laid before the House of Assembly, “ and recommends to their consideration, an account of George K. Lugin, “ King's Printer, amounting to L.35 13, for printing done by order of Government. “ G. S. S.”

Mr. *Agnew* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee, reported the resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House---which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and were as follow:---

To Richard Catton, being the amount of a Bond given by him for the transient duty on sundry articles imported into the Province in 1817, the sum of L.10.

To Andrew Reed, the sum of L.12 4 3, being the amount of the transient duty paid by him on sundry articles imported into this Province, in 1816.

To



To Christopher Scot, the sum of L.128 5 8, being the amount of Interest paid by him on a Bond given in 1812, for L.623 11, agreeable to the prayer of his Petition.

To Robert Leslie, the sum of L.16 10, being the amount of his account for services performed as a Surgeon and Physician, to sundry transient Poor and Distressed, in the City and County of Saint John.

To John Head, Surgeon, the sum of L.19, being the amount of his account for services rendered to transient Poor and Distressed in the City and County of Saint John.

To the Overseers of the Poor in the City of Saint John, the sum of L.362 17 11½, to reimburse them for expences incurred in the support of transient poor Sailors and Soldiers within the said City, from February, 1817, to February, 1818.

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Saint Andrews, the sum of L.173 1 2, to reimburse them for money advanced by them for medical aid and maintenance of distressed Emigrants from Ireland, thrown upon the Parish last fall; and for medical aid to seven Families in Saint Andrews, reduced to sickness and distress, by receiving those diseased Emigrants into their Houses, at the request of the Overseers of the Poor, and for the support of disabled Seamen in that Parish, as stated in their Petition, with vouchers accompanying the same.

To the Proprietors of the Marsh in the vicinity of Saint John, the sum of L.125, towards defraying the expences in part of the Aboideau across the Mill Creek, amounting in the whole to L.450, which said sum of L.125, together with the sum of L.100 heretofore granted in the year 1814, are to defray one half of the estimated expences of the said repairs.

To John Robinson and Ward Chipman, Jun. Esquires, the sum of L.23 11 6, to reimburse them for expences incurred in locating the Refugee Blacks, near Loch Lomond.

To Daniel O'Niel, the sum of L.40, to remunerate him for the expences incurred in maintaining Thomas Loudy and his Wife, two aged and infirm Paupers at Mace's Bay, for one year, previous to the County line being established between Saint John and Charlotte.

To William Howe Smith, the sum of L.58 7 6, being the amount of his account for services performed as a Surgeon and Physician, to sundry transient Poor and Distressed in the City and County of Saint John, in the year 1816, certified by the Overseers of the Poor of said City.

To the Widow of the late Walter Price, the sum of L.25, to relieve her under the extreme distress of poverty and affliction, as stated in her petition.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a sum not exceeding L.100, to defray the expence of procuring information relative to the situation of the reserved Crown Lands in the Counties of York, Sunbury, Northumberland and Charlotte, pursuant to the recommendation of a Committee of His Majesty's Council in May last, on the Papers submitted to them relative to the reserved Lands in the County of Charlotte.

A Bill "to provide payment for certain public services therein mentioned," being, by leave, brought in, was read a first time.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

SATURDAY, 28th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "to prevent injury being done to Public Bridges in this Province," and

A Bill "to continue an Act, intituled "an Act for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province, and also the Act to give full effect to the same."

Ordered, that the said Bills pass, and that Mr. *M'Kay* and Mr. *Miles*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "intituled an Act for raising a Revenue in this Province."

On motion, resolved, that the same Bill be recommitted on Monday next.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the standing Committee, to examine and liquidate public and private accounts, further reported,

No. 18, Is Richard Earle's account, with vouchers and affidavit, of the expenditure on the Road from the Saint John River to the Thoroughfare, of the sum of £10 5, a part of the sum of £48 7, reported to remain in hands last Session, leaving still a balance of £38 2, remaing in his hands.

No. 19, Is John Watson's account, with vouchers and affidavit, of the expenditure as Commissioner in 1816, of monies on the Road leading from Washademoac Lake to the Head of the Bellisle.

His account amounts to £98 5 3---one of the vouchers he furnishes is as follows :---"To John Watson, for 28 days at 10s. and one yoke of Oxen, 17½ days, £20 11 3."---He gives Credit for £100 received from the Treasury, making by the account thus stated, a balance of £1 14 9, due by him.

No. 20, Is a report, with account and vouchers, from the Honourable Thos. Wetmore, Esq. and Wm. F. Odell, Esq. Commissioners appointed to have the care and management of the Government House, Farm, &c.

They state, that after a careful inspection of the Buildings and Fences, it was agreed that the repairs should be made under the care of Mr. Robert Smith, in whom they had full confidence, and be confined to objects of the more immediate necessity and importance---they state the particulars of the repairs wanted and completed.

They represent that other repairs yet remain to be made---that the Fences inclosing the Farm, which have stood upwards of 20 years, are in a ruinous state, and unless rebuilt, the Farm will become a Common---that the Umbrella (as it is called) which encircles the Barn Yard, requires new Cills in some parts of it, and the whole of the Stables and Umbrella, with the Garden Fences, require painting.

Mr. Smith's account, which accompanies the report, amounts to £300 5 1, in which sum is included 48 days for himself, at 12s. 6d.---£30.

The Commissioners acknowledge the receipt of £250 from the Treasury, leaving a balance due of £50 5 11.

A Bill "to provide payment for certain Public Services therein mentioned;" being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred; that in the Committee the following resolution was moved and seconded, to wit,---

Resolved, that the further consideration of this Bill be postponed for three Months; on which the Committee divided equally, and the Chairman decided it in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the report of the standing Committee, to examine and liquidate public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and had directed him to report as follows, to wit,---

No. 1. This account appears incorrect, for want of requisite vouchers, which Mr. Bates is directed to produce at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 2. This account appears incorrect, for want of the necessary affidavit, which Mr. Raymond is required to produce at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 3. This account appears correct, and resolved, that the balance of £3 5 6, due to H. McKay, Esq. be paid to him.

No. 4. This account is incorrect,---the charge of £10 is inadmissible. Ordered, that Abraham Good pay the balance in his hands to the Commissioners of Bye Roads for that District, for the present year.

No. 5. This account appears correct, and accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

No. 6. This account appears correct, and accompanied with the requisite vouchers. Ordered, that the balance of £14 6 9, due to Harman Trueman, be allowed out of the sum granted this year for that Road.

No. 7. This account appears correct, and is accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

No. 8. This account appears incorrect, for want of the requisite vouchers and affidavit, which Mr. Bean is required to produce at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 9. This account appears correct, except the charge of £3, for attendance, which is inadmissible. Resolved, that the balance of £8 13 2, due to James Tilley, be paid to him out of monies voted this year for clearing out Loder's Creek.

No. 10. This account appears highly objectionable, and the charge for overseeing wholly inadmissible. Resolved, that Mr. Currie pay the balance which, by his own account, is in his hands, to the Commissioners of Bye Roads in that District, for the present year, and that he do render a correct account, with the requisite vouchers, at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 11. This account is highly objectionable, and the charges for laying out the Road, and applying for, and obtaining the Warrant, wholly inadmissible. Resolved, that Sylvanus Brown do furnish a correct account to the General Assembly at their next Session.

No. 12. This account is correct and satisfactory.

No. 13. The charge of 5 per cent. in this account is unusual and inadmissible. Resolved, that the balance in the hands of John M'Latchy and Mr. Chapman, be paid over to the Commissioners of Bye Roads in that District, for the present year.

No. 14. The charge of £5 5 for attendance and superintendance in this account, is inadmissible. Resolved, that the balance in the hands of Ebenezer Smith, be paid over to the Commissioners of Bye Roads in that District, for the present year.

No. 15. Half of the charge of £2 5 in this account for labour and overseeing, is inadmissible.---By his account last year, there appeared a balance in his hands of £21 15, only £13 10 of which is credited in this account. Resolved, that James Cowperthwaite do pay the balance of £8 16 3 now in

his hands, to the Commissioners of Bye Roads in that District, for the present year.

No. 16. This account appears correct, and is accompanied with the necessary vouchers.

No. 17. This account is incorrect, for want of the necessary vouchers and affidavit. Resolved, that Aaron Upton do produce a correct account, with the necessary vouchers and affidavit, at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 18. Resolved, that the conduct of Richard Earle, in not accounting for the balance of £48 7 in his hands, agreeably to the order of last Session, is highly reprehensible, and that he forthwith pay the balance of £38 2, now in his hands, to the Commissioners of Bye Roads in that District, for the current year.

No. 19. This account appears incorrect. Resolved, that John Watson do furnish a correct account at the next Session of the General Assembly, and that he do forthwith pay the balance now in his hands to the Commissioners of Bye Roads in that District, for the current year.

And to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

On motion, resolved, that upon enquiry, it appears to this House, that the sum of £200 granted in the year 1814, for the purpose of exploring, laying out, and opening a Road from the Richibucto River to the Court-House in Miramichi, and paid to John Henderson, in August 1815, has been by him accounted for; balance in his hands, £50 12 4, as appears by the report of the Committee, on public accounts in the Journals of the Assembly, and that the balance of £50 12 4 in his hands, be paid into the hands of the Commissioners appointed for superintending the Road from the Nepisigwit to the Northumberland Court-House.

Mr. Agnew, by leave, brought in a Bill "to provide payment for certain "Public Services."

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 2d March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "to empower and authorize the Justices of the "Peace for the County of Charlotte, to lease a certain piece of Common Land "in the Parish of Saint Andrews, and to invest the proceeds towards the sup- "port of the Poor of the said Parish." And,

A Bill "in addition to, and in amendment of an Act, intituled "an Act to "encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."

Resolved, that the said Bills pass, and,

Ordered, that Mr. Pagan and Mr. Porter, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion, ordered, that the resolutions of appropriation of the 25th, 26th, and 27th ult. be engrossed, and that Mr. James Fraser and Mr. Dow, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion, ordered, that the resolutions of appropriation for the service of the Bye Roads and Bridges in this Province, be engrossed, and that Mr. Peter Fraser and Mr. Simonds, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Bill "to provide payment for certain Public services," being read a first and second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the Bill “ to extend the powers of the Minister and Elders of the Kirk of Scotland.”

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

Mr. *Smith* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had directed him to report that they had agreed to the same, with amendments.---He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were severally read, and on the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and the Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill, intituled “ an Act for raising a Revenue in this Province.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same, with amendments.---He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were severally read, and on the question, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill, together with the amendments, be engrossed.

Read as engrossed, a Bill “ for regulating the inspection of Fish, for home consumption.”

Ordered, that the same Bill be now recommitted.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Campbell* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Campbell*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and directed him to report that they had agreed to the same, with amendments.---He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were severally read, and on the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

A Bill “ for reimbursing the expences of the Members of the Legislative Council incurred by them, for actual attendance in General Assembly,” being, by leave, brought in, was, on motion, read a first and second time.

Ordered, that the Bill be committed on Wednesday next.

Read as engrossed, a Bill “ to provide payment for certain Public Services.”

Resolved, that the Bill pass, and,

Ordered, that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Wetmore*, carry the same Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed, a Bill “ for raising a Revenue in this Province.”

Resolved, that the Bill pass, and,

Ordered, that Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Ward*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Pagan*, resolved, that it is expedient to prepare a Representation and Statement to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, of the injury

jury that would arise to this, and our neighbouring Provinces, in case a Duty should be imposed on Timber from these Colonies.

Resolved, that His Majesty's Council be requested to join in such representation.

Ordered, that Mr. *Peters* and Mr. *Calverley*, communicate the above Resolutions to the Council.

On motion of Mr. *Pagan*, resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would be pleased to direct, that all the Vessels and Craft which have been seized for a violation of the Law, intituled an Act "for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris," and which now remain for prosecution and condemnation, be released; and also, that the proceeds arising from the condemnation of the Vessel called the *Minerva*, be paid to John M'Leod, the late owner.

Ordered, that Mr. *P. Fraser* and Mr. *Millidge*, wait upon His Excellency with the above Address.

On motion, resolved unanimously, as the opinion of this House, that it is expedient that an humble Address should be prepared by the House of Assembly, to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of the present mode of granting the Crown Lands in this Province, in separate and single Grants, and with the view that His Royal Highness would be most graciously pleased to direct, that the practice heretofore in use, of including several Grantees in one and the same Grant, may be again resorted to, a measure which has been found so beneficial to this Province.

Ordered, that Mr. *J. Fraser*, Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee to prepare the Address.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 3d March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Millidge*, by leave, presented a petition of William Woodforde, Surgeon, praying remuneration for services rendered to sundry Poor in York and Sunbury.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Millidge*, by leave, presented a petition of Benjamin Stanton, praying a Drawback on ten Puncheons of Rum shipped by him on board the schooner *Traveller*, in 1814.

Ordered, that the petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a petition of Hugh M'Kay, Esq. the Commissioner for building a Bridge over the Magagaudavic River, in 1815, praying that the sum of £60 may be granted to him, to enable him to remunerate Rufus and Reuben Brockaway, for building an additional Pier, and driving Spiles, not contemplated in their Contract.

Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Bill "in addition to, and in amendment of an Act, intituled "an Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement, of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province," made and passed the 11th of March, 1816, and an "Act in addition to, and in amendment thereof, made and passed the 22d of March, 1817," being brought in by leave, was, on motion, read the first time.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the whole House,

House, on the further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am directed by the Council to communicate to this Honourable House, a Resolution on the subject of the Resolution of the Assembly of the 21st of February last.”

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

Mr. *Agnew* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ His Majesty's Council have agreed to the Bill ‘ in addition to, and in amendment of an Act ‘ to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province,’ with an amendment---to which amendment the Council request the concurrence of this Honourable House.”

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

Mr. *Agnew* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the Bill ‘ to provide for punctuality of payment at the Treasury, by issuing Notes to the amount of ten thousand pounds,’ with amendments---to which amendments the Council desire the concurrence of this Honourable House.”

And then Mr. *Pagan* withdrew.

Mr. *Agnew* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the Bill ‘ to continue the Act for the further increase of the Revenue, and the Act ‘ to give full effect to the same.’”

And then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

Mr. *Agnew* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Chipman* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council do concur with this House in the representation to be made to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of Timber from the Colonies, and Mr. Justice *Chipman* and Mr. *Pagan*, are appointed to join with a Committee of the House for that purpose.”

And then Mr. Justice *Chipman* withdrew.

Mr. *Agnew* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had come to sundry resolutions, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and were as follows :---

Resolved, that the sum of £100 be granted to the Parish of Fredericton.

to reimburse, in part, the extraordinary expences incurred in support of disbanded Soldiers, and the Widows and Families of deceased Soldiers.

To His Honor Mr. Justice Bliss, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to swear in the Members returned to serve in the present House of Assembly, for his services in swearing in the same, the sum of £26.

To Colonel Hugh M'Kay, Commissioner for building a Bridge over the Magagaudavic River, the sum of £60, to reimburse him for that sum expended in building an extra Pier, and driving Spiles to secure that important Bridge on the main communication from Saint John to Saint Andrews, not provided for in his contract, agreeable to the prayer of his petition.

To Thomas Wetmore, Esquire, the Attorney-General for this Province, the sum of £50 for past services.

To Thomas Wyer, the Supervisor for that part of the Road leading from Saint John to Saint Andrews, which is between the Magagaudavic River and Saint Andrews, to enable him to repair the Bridge over the Buckabeck River, lately carried away by Ice, the sum of £50.

To the Honourable Ward Chipman, the sum of £8 17 9, being the amount of Premium due him upon two sets of exchange of £100 each, remitted by him out of his own monies, to Thomas Bonnor, Esquire, the Province Agent, and to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esquire, and also the further sum of £3 10, for Postage of Public Letters.

To Benjamin Stanton, the sum of £37 10, for drawback on ten Puncheons of Rum, containing one thousand Gallons, exported by him in the Schooner Traveller, in 1814, and which appears by the Certificate of the Treasurer, dated 20th February, 1818, the said Benjamin Stanton has not received.

To Walter Bates, Esquire, the sum of £4 18 10, to remunerate him for that sum expended on the Winter Road from Bates' Mill-Pond to the Kennebeck River (over and above the sums received in the year 1814) and that the above amount be paid to him out of the sum intended for the same Road the ensuing Season, if the same shall be obtained.

To William F. Odell, Esquire, for issuing 127 Warrants, at 5s. each, from 26th February, 1817, to 26th February, 1818, the sum of £31 15.

To William Woodforde, Surgeon, the sum of £40, for his services rendered sundry indigent sick Persons in the County of York, for the years 1816 and 1817.

The sum of £20 towards further clearing Henry Loder's Creek.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £100 towards defraying the expence of Printing the Journals of the present Session.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £50 towards defraying the expence of Printing the Laws of the present Session.

And that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

The House, according to order, went into consideration of the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill "to provide for punctuality of payment at the Treasury, by issuing Notes to the amount of *ten thousand pounds*," and the said amendments being read, were as follow :--

Title. A, dele the remainder of the Title.

Preamble. B, dele the remainder of the Preamble.

Sec. I. C, dele thence to D, and insert,

"Two thousand Notes of *five shillings* each,

"Two thousand Notes of *ten shillings* each,

"One thousand Notes of *twenty shillings* each,

"One thousand Notes of *thirty shillings* each,

"Five hundred Notes of *forty shillings* each,

"One thousand Notes of *fifty shillings* each,

"Four hundred Notes of *three pounds* each,

"And, two hundred and sixty Notes of *five pounds* each,

"making



“ making in all, *ten thousand pounds* ; which Notes shall be indented and im-  
 “ pressed with the words NEW-BRUNSWICK, and signed by the Treasurer,  
 “ and countersigned by the Honourable *Ward Chapman*, and the Honourable  
 “ *William Pagan*, and *Hugh Johnston*, Esquire, or any two of them, and be in  
 “ the Form following, to wit,---

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ TREASURER'S OFFICE, NEW-BRUNSWICK  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Shillings (or Pounds.)  
 This Note shall be estimated at the Treasurer's Office, of equal value as Gold and Silver, to the amount  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ Shillings (or Pounds), and be received as such in all payments at the Treasury.

Sec. III. at E, dele “ presume to.”

Sec. IV. dele the fourth Section.

Sec. VI. at F, dele “ same,” and insert “ aforesaid Notes.”

On motion, resolved, that the House do concur with the Council in the above amendments, and,

Ordered, that Mr. *Wetmore* and Mr. *Brittain* carry the Bill, with the amendments, to the Council.

The House, according to order, went into consideration of the amendment proposed by the Council, to the Bill “ in addition to, and in amendment of “ the Act “ to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province.”

The said amendment, being read, was as follows :---

“ Dele the fourth section.”

On motion, resolved, that the House do concur with the Council, in the above amendment, and,

Ordered, that Mr. *J. Fraser* and Mr. *Campbell* carry the Bill, with the amendment, to the Council.

On motion, resolved, that Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Johnston*, be a Committee, to meet the Committee of the Council, to prepare a representation to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of Timber from the Colonies.

Ordered, that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Smith*, communicate the above resolution to the Council.

A Bill “ in addition to, and in amendment of an Act, intituled an Act “ for “ the establishment, regulation and improvement, of the Great Roads of Com-  
 “ munication throughout the Province, made and passed the 11th March,  
 “ 1816, and “ an Act in addition to, and in amendment thereof, made and  
 “ passed the 22d of March, 1817,” being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be committed to-morrow.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of “ a Bill, in addition to, and in “ amendment of an Act, intituled an Act for the establishment, regulation and “ improvement, of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Pro-  
 “ vince, made and passed the 11th March, 1816, and an Act “ in addition to,  
 “ and in amendment thereof, made and passed the 22d March, 1817.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the

Bill to them referred, and had made several amendments thereto---He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were severally read, and on the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill, "for reimbursing the expences of the Members of the Legislative Council, incurred by them for actual attendance in General Assembly."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred---that in the Committee the following resolution was moved and seconded, to wit,---

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the further consideration of this Bill be postponed for three months;---on which resolution, the Committee divided as follows :---

YEAS.

Mr. Simonds, *(Richard)*  
 Mr. Allen,  
 Mr. Campbell,  
 Mr. Miles,  
 Mr. Calverley,  
 Mr. Peters,  
 Mr. Ward,  
 Mr. Porter,  
 Mr. Pagan,  
 Mr. Millidge.

NAYS.

Mr. P. Fraser,  
 Mr. Dow,  
 Mr. J. Fraser,  
 Mr. M'Kay,  
 Mr. Wilmot,  
 Mr. Yeamans,  
 Mr. Brittain,  
 Mr. Wetmore,  
 Mr. Agnew,  
 Mr. Scovil,  
 Mr. Chapman,  
 Mr. Speaker,  
 Mr. Easterbrooks,  
 Mr. Johnston.

It therefore passed in the negative.

And that the Committee had directed him to report, that they had agreed to the Bill with amendments.

On the question that the Bill be now recommitted, the House divided, and it passed in the negative.

And on the question whether the House would accept the report of the Committee, the House divided as follows :---

YEAS.

Mr. Easterbrooks,  
 Mr. Smith,  
 Mr. Chapman,  
 Mr. Johnston,  
 Mr. Scovil,  
 Mr. Agnew,  
 Mr. Wetmore,  
 Mr. Brittain,  
 Mr. Yeamans,  
 Mr. Wilmot,  
 Mr. M'Kay,  
 Mr. J. Fraser,  
 Mr. Dow,  
 Mr. P. Fraser.

NAYS.

Mr. Pagan,  
 Mr. Porter,  
 Mr. Ward,  
 Mr. Peters,  
 Mr. Calverley,  
 Mr. Millidge,  
 Mr. Miles,  
 Mr. Campbell,  
 Mr. Simonds,  
 Mr. Allen.

It therefore passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House,

House, on the further consideration of the report of the standing Committee, to examine and liquidate public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and had directed him to report, as follows :--

No. 20. Resolved, that the balance of £50 5 11, be paid to the Commissioners, but that the charge of £12 12 3, for a Book Case, is considered a misapplication of the money appropriated for the repairs of Government House.

Resolved, that there be allowed to the Commissioners for superintending the repairs of the Government House, the sum of £100, for repairing the Fences, enclosing the Ground attached to Government House, and other necessary purposes.

A. This account appears to be accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

B. This account appears to be accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

C. This account appears to be accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

D. This is very particular, and highly satisfactory.

E. This account is incorrect for want of affidavit and vouchers, which the Supervisor is required to furnish at the next Session of the General Assembly.

F. This account is satisfactory, and accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

G. This account is satisfactory, and accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

H. This account is satisfactory, and accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

I. This account is satisfactory, and accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

K. Since the original report, some vouchers have been received, but neither account or vouchers are satisfactory. Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee that Edward W. Miller, Esq. be called upon to furnish a more correct account, with the requisite vouchers; and that steps be taken for the payment to the Supervisor of the £50 in the hands of Mr. Street.

L. This account is satisfactory, and accompanied with the requisite vouchers and affidavit.

M. This account is not accompanied with the necessary affidavits, which the Supervisors are required to furnish at the next Session of General Assembly.

And that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, 5th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "for regulating the inspection of Fish for home consumption."

Ordered, that the Bill pass, and that Mr. *Yeamans* and Mr. *Brittain*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "for reimbursing the expences of the Members of the Legislative Council incurred by them for actual attendance in General Assembly."

Ordered, that the Bill pass, and that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *McKay*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Ordered, that Mr. *Simonds* and Mr. *Millidge*, carry the resolutions of appropriation of the 3d March instant, to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the standing Committee, to examine and liquidate public and private accounts, further reported, that

No. 21, Is George K. Lugin's account for publishing in the Royal Gazette, Proclamations, Acts of the Legislature, and other Advertisements, the whole amounting to £35 13.

No. 22, Is George K. Lugin's account for printing Acts of the General Assembly, the Daily Journals of the House, Copies of the Journals in Books, Treasurer's Account, &c. amounting to £187.

All which charges appear to be such as have been formerly allowed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the report of the Committee, to examine and liquidate public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message as follows :--

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated 25th February, and also the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated 27th February, sent up by the House of Assembly, except the following, to wit,--

To Christopher Scot,	-	-	-	-	-	£128	5	8
„ Robert Leslie,	-	-	-	-	-	16	10	0
„ John Head,	-	-	-	-	-	19	0	0
„ The Overseers of the Poor of Saint John,	-	-	-	-	-	362	17	11½
„ Daniel O'Neil,	-	-	-	-	-	40	0	0
„ William Howe Smith,	-	-	-	-	-	58	7	6

And then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

Mr. *Simonds* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and had directed him to report as follow :--

N. This account is incorrect, for want of the requisite vouchers and affidavit, which the Supervisors are required to furnish at the next Session of the General Assembly.

O. This report is satisfactory, and the accounts are accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

P. The requisite vouchers and affidavit accompany this account, which appears correct, except a short credit of £54 4 6½, which the Supervisors are required to explain at the next Session of the General Assembly.

As to the extra charge made by the Supervisors in some of the foregoing reports for superintending the Roads, over and above the days limited by Law, it is the opinion of this Committee, that application should be made by them to the Legislature, stating the particular circumstances of their respective claims, and further, that the Supervisors of the Great Roads do furnish for the information of the House, at the next Session of the General Assembly, full and general accounts of all the monies received and expended by them since the commencement of their duties as Supervisors.

And to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the report of the select Committee, to whom were referred the accounts of the expenditure of the monies entrusted to the Commissioners appointed under and by virtue of an Act, intituled " an Act to provide for the necessities of the Province occasioned by the failure of the late Crop."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to the two following Resolutions only, of the Resolutions of Appropriation sent up by this House, for Bye Roads and Bridges,---namely,

" £266 13 10 to reimburse Hugh Munroe, Esquire, for expences incurred in opening and improving the Roads from the Northumberland Court-House and Caracat to Nipisigwit, and

" £30 to reimburse Colonel Hugh M'Kay, for a balance due to him for money advanced for blowing Rocks near Winder's Mill Stream."

And then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

Mr. *Simonds* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report as follows, to wit,---

No. 1. This account appears correct, and is accompanied with receipts for the expenditure of the money allowed to them, with the exception for the sum of £3.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that there be allowed to the Commissioners, the sum of £24 1 6 for their trouble and expence incurred,---being at, and after the rate of 5 per cent. on the sum of £481 10, which leaves a balance due the Commissioners of £5 11 6.

No. 2. It appears that this account is correct, and is accompanied with receipts for the sum of £353 3 5.

That the charge in this account, for Commission, by Richard Sands & Co. for the purchase of Flour, appears to this Committee to be inadmissible. That there be allowed to the Commissioners for their trouble and expence, the sum of £17 13 2, being at the rate of 5 per cent. on the sum of £353 3 5, expended by them, which leaves a balance due the Province of £129 3 5, which they are directed to pay into the Province Treasury.

No. 3. This account appears correct, and is accompanied with receipts for the sum of £1008 2 6. It is the opinion of the Committee, that there be allowed to the Commissioners the sum of £50 9 9, for their trouble and expence, being at the rate of 5 per cent. on the sum of £1009 7 6, which leaves the sum of £50, a balance due to them.

No. 4. It appears by this account that the Commissioners have received the sum of £750; that they have expended the sum of £719 9 5, for which they have produced the necessary receipts, with the exception of £6 8 1½; that it is the opinion of this Committee, that there be allowed to the Commissioners, for their trouble and expence, the sum of £35 19 5,---being at, and after the rate of 5 per cent. on the sum of £719 19 5 expended by them, which, after deducting the balance that remains in their hands, leaves the sum of £5 8 10 due them.

No. 5. By this account it appears that the sum of £608 11 3 has been expended, but it is unaccompanied with the requisite receipts, which Mr. Dunn (the only Commissioner who acted) is required to furnish with all convenient dispatch. That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £30 8 6 be allowed Mr. Dunn, for his trouble and expence, on his producing receipts for the expenditure of the money,---being at, and after the rate of 5 per cent. on the above sum of £608 11 3, and that after deducting the sum of £30 8 6 from the monies remaining in his hands, he forthwith pay the balance of £110 0 4 into the Province Treasury.

No. 6. This account appears correct, and is accompanied with the requisite vouchers and receipts.

It is the opinion of this Committee, that there be allowed to the Commissioners, for their trouble and expence, the sum of £60---being at, and after the rate of 5 per cent. on the sum of £1200 expended by them, which, after deducting the sum of £8 7 4 (balance in their hands) leaves the sum of £51 12 8 due to the Commissioners.

No. 7. This account appears correct, and is accompanied with the requisite vouchers and receipts.

It is the opinion of the Committee, that there be allowed to the Commissioners, for their trouble and expence, the sum of £13 4 2---being at, and after the rate of 5 per cent. on the sum of £264 5 expended by them, making in the whole, the sum of £277 9 2, which being deducted from the sum of £300, leaves the balance of £22 10 10 due the Province---which balance the Commissioners are required to pay into the Province Treasury.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Mr. J. Fraser, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of the present mode of granting the Crown Lands in this Province, reported a draught thereof, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 6th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill "to extend some of the provisions of an Act, intituled an Act "to provide for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late Crop," being brought in, by leave, was, on motion, read the first time.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice Bliss delivered the Message as follows :---

"Mr. Speaker,

"The Council have agreed to the Bill, to provide payment for certain public Services.

"The Council have also agreed to the Bill, to empower and to authorize the Justices of the Peace, for the County of Charlotte, to lease a certain piece of Common Land, in the Parish of Saint Andrews," with an amendment---to which amendment, the Council request the concurrence of this Honourable House."

And then Mr. Justice Bliss withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the draught of the Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of Timber from the Colonies, reported by the select Committee, appointed to prepare the same; and the same being read, was agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, "to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, to lease a certain piece of Common Land in the Parish of Saint Andrews."

The said amendment being read, was as follows :---

At A, dele "forty," and insert "twenty-one."

And on the question put thereon, was concurred in by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. Campbell and Mr. Allen, carry the Bill, with the amendment, to the Council.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Agnew took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to a Bill, “ for reimbursing the expences of the Members of the Legislative Council, with an addition---to which addition, “ the Council request the concurrence of this Honourable House.”

And then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

Mr. *Agnew* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to a Bill, “ for raising a Revenue in this Province.”

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

Mr. *Agnew* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriation, dated 3d “ March, sent up by the House, excepting the following :---

“ £100, to the Parish of Fredericton.

“ 40, to William Woodforde.

“ 20, for clearing Henry Loder's Creek.”

And then Mr. *Pagan* withdrew.

Mr. *Agnew* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee, reported the resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, which were read, and were as follow :---

Resolved, that there be granted to George K. Lugin, the sum of £35 13, for publishing in the Royal Gazette, Proclamations and Acts of the Legislature, &c.

To George K. Lugin, the sum of £187, being the amount of his account for Printing the Acts, Daily Journals, Journals in Books, Treasurer's Account, &c.

To George K. Lugin, the sum of L.80, for Printing the Daily Journals of the present Session.

To the Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the County Gaol in the Town of Saint Andrews, the sum of £160, to reimburse them for that sum actually advanced by them to secure the Criminals Room, and the like sum of £100, to enable them to secure the Debtors Room in said Gaol.

To Samuel Buchanan, the sum of £15, for airing and taking care of the Province Hall.

To the Commissioners for superintending the repairs of the Government House, the sum of £100, for repairing the Fences, enclosing the Grounds attached to Government House, and for other necessary repairs.

To the Sergeant at Arms, the sum of £20, to defray the expences incurred by him in executing the orders of the House of Assembly of the 5th and 16th February.

To David B. Wetmore, the sum of £14 14 9, being a balance due him as a Commissioner of the Road leading from Gondola Point to Palmer's, in the year 1816.

To Walter Bates, the sum of £4 18 10, to remunerate him for that sum expended on the Road from Bates' Mill-Pond to the Kennebeckacis River, in the year 1814, over and above the amount received by him for that purpose.

To Daniel Shaw, the sum of £14 13 9, being a balance due him as Commissioner for building a Bridge over Farley's Creek.

To Aaron Esty, the sum of £2 2 9, the same being a balance due him as Commissioner for clearing the Stream of the Nashwalksis.

To William Golder, the sum of £2 17 3, being a balance due him as Commissioner for laying out the monies granted to improve the road between Monkton and Keswick.

To Stephen Peabody, the sum of £21 18 6, being the balance due him for building a Bridge over Peabody's Mill-Stream in Lincoln.

To Harman Trueman, the sum of £14 6 9, for that sum expended by him as Commissioner on the Road from Stephen Ward's to the Half-way House on the Bay Verte Road, in 1816.

To Hugh McKay, Esquire, the sum of £3 8 6, being a balance due him as Commissioner for laying out the monies granted to improve the Road from the second Falls of the Magagaudavic, towards Fredericton.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £50, for the encouragement of a Settler on that part of the Great Road leading from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, near the Piskehagan, or little Magagaudavic, and the sum of £30 per annum, for three years, for the further encouragement of such Settler.---The said first mentioned sum to be paid to the said Settler, on his becoming bound to His Majesty, with two Sureties, to be approved of by the Justices of the Peace for the County of York or Charlotte, in General or Special Sessions assembled, that he will clear five acres of the Land that may be appropriated to him, and will also build and reside thereon for a term of five years from the period of his entering on said Lands, under the direction of the Supervisors of that Road.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £30 to enable the Commissioners for superintending the Light-House on Partridge Island, to paint the same.

That the sum of £50 12 4 be granted to the Commissioners to be appointed for the great Portage Road, between Northumberland Court-House and the Nepisigwit.

That the sum of £200 granted for the Road from Black River to Quaco, in the year 1816, be re-granted, to explore, lay out, and improve a road from lower Loch Lomond to Quaco.

To James Tilly, the sum of £8 13 2, being a balance due him, as Commissioner for clearing Loder's Creek.

To the Commissioners appointed under, and by virtue of "an Act, to provide for the necessities of the Province," the following sums of money, to wit,---

To the Commissioners for the County of Westmorland, the sum of £5 11 6, being a balance due them.

To the Commissioners for the City and County of Saint John, the sum of £50, being a balance due them.

To the Commissioners for the County of York, the sum of £51 12 8, being a balance due them.

The Chairman also informed the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the joint Committee of the Council and Assembly appointed to prepare a representation to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the subject of Timber, from the Colonies, reported a draught thereof, which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Smith*, do inform the Council that the House have agreed to the joint Address, prepared by the joint Committee, of the Council and Assembly.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the addition made by the Council

Council to the Bill, "for reimbursing the expences of the Members of the Legislative Council."

And the said addition being read, was as follows :---

After Section II. add,

Provided always, That this Act shall not be in force until His Majesty's Royal approbation be thereunto had and declared.

And on the question put thereon, was concurred in by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Porter*, carry the Bill, with the addition, to the Council.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, 7th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

A Bill "to extend some of the provisions of an Act, intituled "an Act to provide for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop," being read a second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivered the Message.

"NEW-BRUNSWICK.

"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

"5th MARCH, 1818.

"G. S. SMYTH,

"The Lieutenant-Governor informs the House of Assembly, in answer to their address of the 2d instant, respecting vessels seized for a violation of the Law, "for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris," that he cannot accede to the prayer of the said Address."

"G. S. S."

Mr. *Smith* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had directed him to report that they had agreed to the same, with amendments.---He then delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and on the question put thereon, were agreed to by the House.

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

Read as engrossed, a Bill "in addition to, and in amendment of an Act, intituled "an Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement, of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province," made and passed the 11th of March, 1816, and an Act in addition to, and in amendment thereof, made and passed the 22d of March, 1817."

On the question, whether the Bill as read, pass, the following was moved as a rider thereto, to wit,---

VI. *And whereas*, in and by the first section of the herein before recited act, made and passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled an act for the establishment, regulation and improvement, of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province, the road leading from Fredericton to Northumberland County, is established as far as the Court-House, and no further.---And whereas it is expedient to extend the same to the River Nipisiguit,

Be it therefore enacted, That the Road leading from the Northumberland

Court-House, by the present route, to the River Nipisigwit, be, and the same is hereby established as a part of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province; and that the Supervisors appointed by the said herein before recited Act, to superintend that part of the public Road leading from Fredericton to the Northumberland Court-House, be, and the same are hereby appointed to be the Supervisors for the Great Road herein and hereby established, and leading from the Northumberland Court-House to the River Nipisigwit, as aforesaid.

VII. *And whereas* it is expedient that the present Road leading from the bend of the Petticodiac River to Shediac, and also the road leading from Amasa Wheldon's House, near the new Memramcook Bridge, by the present route, over the old Bridge to the Shediac, should be established as great Roads of communication, *Be it therefore further enacted*, That the above-mentioned Roads, leading from the bend of the Petticodiac River to Shediac, and that leading from Amasa Wheldon's, by the old Bridge, to Shediac, be, and the same are hereby established as Great Roads of Communication in this Province, and that the Supervisors appointed by the herein before recited Act, to which this is an amendment, to superintend the Public Road leading from Fredericton to Westmorland, be, and the same are hereby appointed to be the Supervisors for the said Roads leading from the bend of the Petticodiac River to Shediac, and that leading from Amasa Wheldon's, by the way of the old Bridge over the Memramcook River, to Shediac.

VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That all of the Great Roads herein and hereby established, shall be subject to all the regulations and provisions contained in the herein before recited Act, to which this is an amendment.

And on the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to appropriate the Public money.

On motion, resolved, that an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to take such measures as His Excellency may think expedient, for carrying into effect the Resolution of the late House of Assembly, which granted the sum of £.100 towards defraying the expences of revising and re-printing the Acts of the General Assembly, passed since the year 1805, and framing and printing an Index thereto, to form a second Volume to the Acts re-published to that year inclusive--and that this House will provide for the expences thereof.

Ordered, that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Simonds*, wait upon His Excellency with the above Address.

Ordered, that Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee to join the Committee of the Council, in corresponding with the Agent of the Province, and making such other communications as they may think proper.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 9th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, that Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Yeamans*, carry the Bill "in addition to, and in amendment of an Act, intituled an Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province, made and passed the 11th March, 1816, and an Act in addition to, and in amendment thereof, made and passed the 22d March, 1817," to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Bill "to exclude certain description of Persons from serving as Representatives in General Assembly," being brought in, by leave, and read a first and second time, was, on motion, ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the same Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kay*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same.---He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and on the question whether the House would accept the report, the House divided, as follows :---

YEAS.

Mr. Pagan,
Mr. Porter,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Calverley,
Mr. Scovil,
Mr. Wetmore,
Mr. Brittain,
Mr. Yeamans,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Simonds,
Mr. P. Fraser,
Mr. Miles,
Mr. M'Kay,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Campbell.

NAYS.

Mr. Easterbrooks,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Agnew,
Mr. J. Fraser,
Mr. Dow.

It therefore passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "to extend some of the provisions of an Act, intituled an Act to provide for the necessities of the Province occasioned by the failure of the late Crop."

Ordered, that the Bill pass, and that Mr. *Miles* and Mr. *Yeamans*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read as engrossed, a Bill "to exclude certain description of persons from serving as Representatives in General Assembly."

Ordered, that the Bill pass, and that Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Campbell*, carry the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Ordered, that Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Yeamans*, carry the resolutions of appropriation of the 6th instant to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the standing Committee, to examine and liquidate public and private accounts, further reported, that

Q, Is Thomas Wyer's report, with account, affidavit and vouchers, as out

of the Supervisors for the Road from Saint John to Saint Andrews.---He states more particularly than was done in their general report, the situation of the Road from Magagaudavic to Saint Andrews, which is his District of the Road ; the improvements made this season, and those further wanted, particularly for repair of the Wellington Bridge on the Digdeguash River, and for rendering more passable that part of the Road (distance about seven miles) through the Wilderness, from the Magagaudavic to Digdeguash, and also that part of the Road (about five miles) through the Woods, from Buckabeck to Chamcook.

This account amounts to L.333 14, in which is included L.38 for his attendance.---He gives credit for L.39 10 9, balance in his hands at last statement, and for L.8 10 received from the Treasury---leaving the sum of L.285 13 3 due him.

No. 23, Is John Astle's account, with vouchers and affidavit, of monies laid out by him (granted in 1814) on the Road from Lewis Mitchell's to the Forks.

This account amounts to L.50, in which is included L.3 10, balance paid Joseph Saunders, Esquire ; he credits L.50 received from the Treasury.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Pagan* delivered the Message as follows:---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to the Bill, for regulating the inspection of " Fish for home consumption."

And then Mr. *Pagan* withdrew.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on further consideration of the report of the standing Committee, to examine and liquidate public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report as follows, to wit,---

Q. This account is correct, and is accompanied with the requisite vouchers.

No. 23. This account is correct, and is accompanied with the requisite vouchers.---The sum of L.3 10 charged as paid to John Saunders, Esq. is credited in the account of the Supervisors of Great Roads from Fredericton to Northumberland Court-House.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have directed me to communicate the following resolutions " to this Honourable House, to wit,---

" Resolved, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant- " Governor, praying that he will be pleased to transmit the joint address of " the Council and Assembly, to be laid before His Royal Highness the Prince " Regent."

" Resolved, that the House of Assembly be requested to concur in an Ad- " dress to the Lieutenant-Governor for this purpose; and that Mr. Justice " *Bliss* be a Committee, to join with such Committee as the House may ap- " point, to wait on His Excellency."

And then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

The Committee to whom were referred the accounts of the expenditure of the monies entrusted to the Commissioners appointed under and by virtue of an Act, intituled an Act " to provide for the necessities of the Province, occa- " sioned by the failure of the late Crop," to examine and report thereon, fur- " ther reported---

No. 8, Is Joseph Home's and Lewis Henry's account, of the expenditure of £687 8 9, in the County of Northumberland, with the necessary vouchers and affidavit accompanying the same.---They charge £5 for travelling charges to Richibucto, and a discount of £12 10 on a draught to J. Wright and J. Dean, for cash---they give credit for £1000 from the Treasury, which leaves a balance due the Province of £312 11 3.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of the above report.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriation, dated 6th March, sent up by this Honourable House."

And then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

Mr. *Simonds* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to the Bill to exclude certain description of persons from serving as Representatives in General Assembly."

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

Mr. *Simonds* resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and had directed him to report as follows, to wit,---

No. 8, This account, except the charge of £5 travelling charges to Richibucto, is correct, and accompanied with the requisite vouchers. Resolved, that the sum of £34 2 4 be allowed to the Commissioners, for their trouble and expence--being at, and after the rate of 5 per cent. on £682 8 9, the sum expended by them; which said sum, with the Commission being deducted from the amount received by them from the Treasury, leaves a balance in their hands of £233 8 10---which balance they are required to pay into the Province Treasury.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Ordered, that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Johnston* be a Committee, to join the Committee of the Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the joint Address of the Council and Assembly, to be laid before His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and that they be a Committee, with the Committee of the Council, to present the same, and that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Johnston*, acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House, during the recess of the General Assembly, do notify all persons who have been entrusted with the Public monies, and who have been reported upon by the House, as having balances in their hands, or such persons who have not rendered their accounts, with the requisite vouchers, for the expenditure of such monies, with the orders of this House relating to the same.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to transmit the Address of the House, touching the mode of granting the Crown Lands in this Province, to be laid before His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

Ordered, that Mr. *J. Fraser* and Mr. *Campbell*, wait upon His Excellency with the above Address.

Ordered,

Ordered, that 200 Copies of the Journals of the present Session of this House, be printed without delay, and that the Clerk of the House do forward, when printed, such as are for the use of the Members, to the Clerks of the Peace for the several Counties.

Ordered, that Samuel D. Street, Esq. do pay over to Edward W. Miller, Esq. as one of the Supervisors of the Great Road leading from Fredericton to Saint John, on the West side of the River, the sum of £50. being the balance reported due to the Province, in his hands---or that he account to this House, at the next Session of the General Assembly, for his not so doing.

And further ordered, that he be served with a copy of this order, by the Clerk of the House.

Ordered, that Edward W. Miller, Esq. do furnish the requisite vouchers for his expenditure of the Public monies, as one of the Supervisors of the Great Road, to this House, at the next Session of the General Assembly.

And further ordered, that he be served with a copy of this order, by the Clerk of the House.

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House do keep possession of the Keys of the House of Assembly Room, during the recess of the General Assembly, and that no person have access to the same without his permission.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct a copy of the Map of this Province, upon a reduced scale, to be prepared for the information of the Province Agent, and transmitted to him by the Committee of Correspondence---for which service, the House will make provision at their next Session.

Ordered, that Mr. J. Fraser and Mr. Campbell, wait upon His Excellency with the above Address.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 10th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

On motion, resolved, that Mr. *Speaker* issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, in Chancery, directing him to issue a new Writ to the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, commanding him to warn and assemble all legal Voters of the City of Saint John, to meet at the usual place of holding Election in the said City, and to cause one able and discreet person, qualified as the Law directs, to be chosen to represent the said City, in General Assembly, in the place of Stephen Humbert, whose seat is declared vacated.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had come to the following resolutions, and had directed him to report the same, to wit,---

Resolved, that there be granted to Colin Campbell, Esq. the sum of £15, to reimburse him for the expence of proceeding from Saint Andrews to Point Leproa, with a boat and party, in the year 1816, and running part of the boundary line between the Counties of Saint John and Charlotte, to ascertain which County the Settlers in Mace's Bay belong to.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Saint John, the sum of £250, on account of expences incurred by them in support of transient Poor Sailors and Soldiers within said City, from February 1817, to February 1818, to be accounted for by the said Overseers, at the next Session of the General Assembly.

To the Commissioners for Superintending the repairs of Government House, the sum of £50 5 11, being a balance due them.

To the Clerk of the Assembly, for Fuel, Stationary, Sleigh-hire, and other contingent expences of the present Session, the sum of £167 13 2.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £15 8 8, to defray the expence of Ferriages of Couriers, from Fredericton to Halifax, in the year 1817.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Porter*, have leave of absence from this House, on their private affairs.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the Bill in addition to the Great Road Law, with amendments---to which amendments the Council request the concurrence of this Honourable House.”

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, in addition to the Great Road Law; and the said amendments being read, were as follow :---

Title. A, dele “ made and passed 11th March, 1816.”

B, dele “ made and passed the 22d March, 1817.”

Preamble. At C, insert “ in part.”

At D, dele from D to E.

Section I. dele from F to G.

H, dele the remainder of the Section, and insert “ Bourgoines, thence to cross the River Saint John, and to join the Road at M’Nally’s, in the direction as surveyed by the Supervisors, and marked by them on the plan of the said Road, and thence to continue as heretofore established.”

I, insert “ in part.”

K, dele from K to L.

Section II. dele from M to N.

At O, dele the remainder of the Section, and insert “ and thence to the Boundary Line of Nova-Scotia, as heretofore established.”

The 6th, 7th and 8th Section, to be the 5th, 6th and 7th; and the 5th Section to be the 8th.

It was moved and seconded, that the further consideration of the said amendments, be postponed for three months---on which the House divided, and it passed in the negative.

And on the question being severally put on the said amendments, they were severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Scovil*, carry the Bill, with the amendments, to the Council.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriation, dated 26th February, sent up by the Assembly, striking out the following words, “ part to be laid out in erecting a Bridge over the Macdequack Creek,” and the words “ part of this sum to be laid out in erecting Bridges over Loder’s and Fox’s Creeks.”

And then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

Mr. *J. Fraser*, from the several Committees, appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the several Addresses of this House, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit their humble Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, touching the present mode of Granting the Crown Lands in this Province---and that His Excellency will be pleased

pleased to direct, that a Copy of the Map of this Province, upon a reduced Scale, be prepared for the use and information of the Province Agent---reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would attend to the request of the House contained therein.

Mr. *Pagan*, from the joint Committee of the Council and Assembly, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the joint Address of the Council and Assembly, to be laid before His Royal Highness the Prince Regent---reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would attend to the request contained therein.

Ordered, that Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Yeamans*, carry the resolutions of appropriation of this day, to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Pagan* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation sent up
“ by the House this day.”

And then Mr. *Pagan* withdrew.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Attorney-General* delivered the Message as follows :---

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have passed a Bill to continue, for certain purposes, an Act,
“ intituled “ an Act to provide for the necessities of the Province, occasioned
“ by the failure of the late Crop,”---to which they request the concurrence of
“ this Honourable House.”

And then Mr. *Attorney-General* withdrew.

A Bill “ to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein
“ mentioned,” being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose,
was, on motion, read the first and second time, and ordered to be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole
House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Campbell* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Campbell*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through
the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report,
that they had agreed to the same.---He then delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's
Table, where the same was read, and on the question put thereon, agreed to
by the House.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

A Bill to continue, for certain purposes, an Act, intituled “ an Act to pro-
“ vide for the necessities of the Province occasioned by the failure of the late
“ Crop,” was, on motion, read a first and second time, and ordered to be now
committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the
whole House, on consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into con-
sideration of the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed by the Com-
mittee to report, that they had come to the following resolution, to wit,---

Resolved, that the further consideration of this Bill be postponed for three
Months.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 11th March, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Read as engrossed, " a Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue, for the services therein mentioned."

Resolved, that the Bill pass, and,

Ordered, that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Calverley*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council.

Mr Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message as follows :---

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to the resolutions of Appropriation of the 11th instant, sent up this day for concurrence."

And then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Xenophon Jouett, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honourable House, in the Council Chamber."

The House of Assembly accordingly attended; and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* reported, that he had addressed His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to the effect following, to wit,---

" May it please your Excellency,

" The House of Assembly have diligently attended to the important objects pointed out in your Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the Session:

" They have adopted such measures as will secure the Public Credit, and have made further provision for the encouragement of Schools :

" Liberal grants have been made for promoting the Fisheries and Agriculture of the Province: and sundry Acts have been passed, which they trust will promote the welfare of this loyal Colony.

" The Bills for these purposes they now tender for your Excellency's acceptance, with the confident hope, that, under your Excellency's administration, they will prove highly beneficial to the Province."

And that His Excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, to wit,---

A Bill for raising a Revenue in this Province.

A Bill to provide payment for certain Public Services.

A Bill for reimbursing the expences of the Members of the Legislative Council, incurred by them for actual attendance in General Assembly.

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled " an Act for the further increase of a Revenue of this Province," and also the Act to give full effect to the same.

A Bill for altering the Terms of holding the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, and Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Westmoreland.

A Bill to prevent the destruction of the *Coast and Shore Fisheries*, in the Bays and Harbours of this Province.

A Bill further to continue and amend an Act, intituled " an Act for regulating, laying out and repairing, Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

A Bill to repeal an Act, made and passed in the 56th year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled " an Act for the encouragement of the Trade of this Province in Plaster of Paris, otherwise called Gypsum."

A Bill in addition to an Act, intituled " an Act for establishing a Tender to be made on all payments in this Province."