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**JOURNAL**

**AND**

**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF**

**The House of Assembly,**

**1825.**

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## PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL.

**SIR JAMES KEMPT,**

(L. S.)

JAMES KEMPT:

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

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the first day of July next :

I HAVE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the Second day of September next : of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 2d April, 1824,  
in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign.*

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Sec'y.

*God save the King.*

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## PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS HONOR

**MICHAEL WALLACE,**

(L. S.)  
MICHAEL WALLACE:

*President and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, &c. &c. &c.*

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the Second day of September next :

I HAVE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Thursday, the Second day of December next : of which all Persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 31st day of August,  
1824, in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign.*

By His Honor's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Sec'y.

*God save the King.*



## PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS HONOR

**MICHAEL WALLACE,**

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

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the Second day of December next :

I HAVE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Monday, the Tenth day of January next : of which all Persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 20th day of November, 1824, in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign.*

By His Honor's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Sec'y.

*God save the King.*

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## PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS HONOR

**MICHAEL WALLACE,**

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

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Monday, the Tenth day of January next :

I HAVE THOUGHT FIT, further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Tuesday, the 15th day of February next, *then to meet for the Dispatch of Business* : of which all Persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 29th day of December, 1824, in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign.*

By His Honor's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE, Sec'y.

*God save the King.*

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# JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The House of Assembly,

OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

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Tuesday, 15th February, 1825.

**T**HE following Members having assembled agreeably to the Proclamation of His Honor the PRESIDENT, bearing date the 29th December, 1824, viz.

*Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Church  
Mr. W. A. Chipman,  
Mr. Bishop,*

*Mr. O'Brien,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Kavanagh,  
Mr. Uniacke,  
Mr. Albro,*

*Mr. Fairbanks,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Dennison,*

*Mr. Wells,  
Mr. W. Young,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,  
Mr. Wier.*

The Clerk informed the Members that, since the last Meeting of the House in General Assembly, Simon B. Robie, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor-General, the Speaker of the House, has been appointed a Member of His Majesty's Council, and taken his Seat at that Board; and thereupon,

The said Members came to a Resolution as follows:—

*Resolved*, That the Seat of the said Simon B. Robie, Esq. Representative for the County of Halifax, and the Speaker of the House, be vacant by his appointment to a Seat in His Majesty's Council; and that the Clerk do inform His Honor the President, that, in consequence, the House are at present without a Speaker.

A Message was delivered from His Honor the President, by Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill, commanding the attendance of the Members in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Members, with the Clerk, went up to attend His Honor in the Council Chamber; when the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Honor's command, said,

GENTLEMEN,

**I**T is His Honor the President's pleasure, that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper Person as your Speaker; and that you present such Person, whom you shall so choose, immediately for His Honor's approbation.

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And

And the House being returned,

Mr. Smith proposed to the House Samuel George William Archibald, Esq. Senior King's Counsel, and Member for the County of Halifax, to be their Speaker, and the choice of the House having unanimously fallen upon the said Samuel George William Archibald, Esq. he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred on him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Mr. Poole, and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly ; and thereupon, Mr. Speaker Elect addressed the Members as follows :

GENTLEMEN,

**I** BEG to offer you my most sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, by unanimously placing me in the highest elective situation in the Province ; and I assure you that it shall be my unceasing study to merit the confidence you have reposed in me, by a strict attention to the many duties of the important Office with which you have been pleased to invest me. I shall most anxiously guard the privileges of the House on all occasions ; and I trust, by your assistance and support, those privileges will be at all times exercised consistent with the prerogatives of the Crown, and the rights of the other Branches of the Legislature.

After which, Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, attended His Honor in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Elect was presented to His Honor by Mr. Poole, Member for the Town of Yarmouth, who addressed His Honor as follows ;

MR. PRESIDENT,

**I**N conformity to your Honor's direction, the House of Assembly have proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and have made choice of Samuel George William Archibald, Esq. Senior King's Counsel, and Member for the County of Halifax, and, in the name of the House, I have to request your Honor's approbation of their choice.

After which the President of His Majesty's Council, by command of His Honor, said —

His Honor the President approves of the Speaker which the House of Assembly have chosen.

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR,

**T**HE customary privileges of the Commons of Nova-Scotia having been already confirmed to the Members of the House of Assembly, by His Excellency Sir James Kempt, in their first Session, on their behalf I have nothing to solicit.

For myself, I shall indulge the hope, that the same disposition which has induced you to approve of the choice which the House have made of me as their Speaker, will lead your Honor to put the most favorable construction upon my conduct in discharging the duties of this important Office.

Mr. Speaker also reported that the President of His Majesty's Council, by command of His Honor, in reply, said :

MR. SPEAKER,

**I** AM directed by His Honor the President to assure you, that he will recognize and respect the Constitutional Rights of the Assembly, and especially those you have particularly mentioned.

After which, Mr. Speaker said, His Honor was pleased to make a Speech, of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :

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

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

**I** HAVE convened you as early as the transactions under the Grants of the last year, and the Accounts connected therewith, could be liquidated, and arranged in a sufficiently distinct manner, for your satisfactory information.

It affords me much gratification in acquainting you, that, under Divine favor, and the blessing of continued Peace, the Province is steadily proceeding in improvement.

THE Grain Crops of last Season did not, indeed, in some Districts, harvest so abundantly as was anticipated from early appearances, owing to the unfavorable weather during the latter part of the season ; but there is no apprehension of any want from that circumstance, which we cannot expect to be always exempted from in a climate so variable as ours.

THE Fisheries have been more successful than for some years past, and the quality of cured Fish very much improved ; and our Commerce, notwithstanding the intercourse with some of our Western and Northern Districts, has, of late, taken a direction different from its wonted course, has been carried on elsewhere with a spirit of enterprise and perseverance, that does credit to those engaged in it, and is evidently increasing.

OUR ordinary Revenue has therefore rather exceeded that of the preceding year ; and that which is collected under the Acts of the 3d and 4th of His present Majesty, has augmented considerably, and has been punctually paid into the Treasury.

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

I HAVE ordered the Public Accounts to be prepared, and submitted for your inspection without delay.

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council :*

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

THE whole, or nearly all, of the extensive Appropriations of the last Session of Assembly, have been acted upon conformable to Law, with the exception of the sum placed at the disposal of the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR for supporting English Schools. His Excellency, with his accustomed promptness of attention to all his public duties, immediately after the recess, called for such information from the different Counties and Districts, as appeared to him necessary to aid his judgment in applying this Grant in the most effectual and beneficial manner. Before His Excellency embarked for England, sufficient reports had been received to satisfy his mind, that the wants of the Settlements as reported were of such extent that no system he could adopt for the application of the Money would prove satisfactory.

HE, therefore, recommended, that until a system could be devised for promoting this object, commensurate with the resources of the Province, and a due regard to other Public Services, it should be suspended until such a system could be deliberately matured. I shall direct the Secretary of the Province to lay before you for perusal the various reports that have been received on that subject.

I HAVE nothing specially in charge to be submitted for your consideration ; but such matters as may occur, which may be necessary for your information, I shall communicate by Message in the course of the Session.

RELYING on your usual liberality in providing for the respectable support of His Majesty's Government, and for other necessary Public Services, I have only to recommend harmony in your proceedings, and dispatch in carrying on the business of the Session ; as it is obvious that protracted sittings of the Legislature must be inconvenient to all, and cannot but interfere with the attention

tion required for the Executive Duties of the Government, now increased by the re-annexation of Cape-Breton.

IN all measures that it may be deemed advisable to adopt, which have a tendency to advance the general interests of the Province, and to promote the happiness and prosperity of His Majesty's Subjects, you may be assured of my ready and zealous co-operation.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Honor's Speech.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Albro, Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. T. Dickson and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Flemming, Mr. Wier, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. W. Young, be a Committee of Privileges.

*Resolved*, That no Petition, of a private nature, be received after Saturday, the fifth day of March next.

On motion, *resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do take the usual steps for procuring a new Writ for the Election of a Member to represent the County of Halifax, in the room of Simon Bradstreet Robie, Esq. whose Seat has been declared vacant.

Benjamin Dewolf, Esq. returned duly elected a Representative for the County of Hants, in the room of William Hersey Otis Haliburton, Esq. (who has accepted the situation of First Justice of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and President of the Courts of Session in the Middle Division of the Province, and whereby his Seat became vacant by Law) took his Seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Abraham Gesner, Esq. returned duly elected a Representative for the County of Annapolis, in the room of Thomas Ritchie, Esq. (who has accepted the situation of First Justice of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and President of the Courts of Session in the Western Division of the Province, and whereby his Seat became vacant by Law) took his Seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

John Young, Esq. returned duly elected a Representative for the County of Sydney, in the room of J. G. Marshall, Esq. (whose seat has been vacated by his appointment as Chief-Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and President of the Court of Sessions in the County of Cape-Breton,) took his Seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion of Mr. Church, *ordered*, that John Young, Esq. returned duly elected as a Representative for the County of Sydney, deliver in, to the Clerk of the House, a Paper or Schedule containing the name of the place in which the Lands lie, whereby he is qualified to sit as a Member in this House; and thereupon,

Mr. Young delivered in a Schedule accordingly; which was read by the Clerk, and afterwards filed with the papers of the House.

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The House having been informed, by a Member in his place, that John Robertson, Esq. one of the Members of this House, and Representative for the Town of Annapolis, had been arrested by the Sheriff of Annapolis, and is now restrained of his liberty, and in custody of the said Sheriff.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges to report forthwith the nature of the process upon which the arrest of Mr. Robertson was made, and the time when he was arrested.

A Petition of James Kidston, an Insolvent Debtor, confined in the County Jail of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for the aid of the House to enable him to obtain his discharge from his confinement, for reasons set forth in the Petition.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter received by him from the Reverend Doctor Inglis, dated London, 19th October, 1824, informing him of His Majesty's gracious approbation of the retirement of the Bishop of Nova-Scotia, and of his appointment to the See; which necessarily terminated his connection with the House of Assembly; and thanking the House for their kindness and indulgence to him during the time he had filled that office.

Also, a Letter, addressed to Mr. Speaker, by the Reverend Robert Willis, dated Halifax, the 15th February, 1825, stating that he had been appointed, by the Crown, Successor to the Reverend Dr. Inglis, and praying to be nominated Chaplain to the House.

The said Letters were read by the Clerk, and the House having taken the same into consideration; thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That the Reverend John Thomas Twining be the Chaplain to this House, in the room of the Rev. Doctor Inglis, and that the Clerk do acquaint him therewith.

Then the House adjourned until Thursday next, at One of the Clock, the Morrow being Ash-Wednesday.

*Thursday, 17th February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Copy of a Letter, written by him to His Honor the President, dated 16th February instant, requesting a new Writ to be issued for the Election of a Representative for the County of Halifax, in the room of S. B. Robie, Esq. pursuant to the Resolution of the House.

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

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Letter received by him from Edmund Ward, Secretary and Librarian of the Halifax Library, dated the 16th February instant, offering free access to the Library, by the Members of the House, during the hours it is open to Subscribers; and also, enclosing Copies of the Rules, and Catalogue of the Books then in the Library.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Deputy Secretary Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts.

The Council agree to the Conference on the General State of the Province, as requested by this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Albro and Mr. Chipman, do manage the Conference with the Council, on the General State of the Province, and that the subject of the said Conference be confined solely to the Province Notes now in circulation.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. R. Dewolf and Mr. B. Dewolf, be added to the Managers for holding a further Conference with the Council.

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

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

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated that the joint Committee of this House and His Majesty's Council, would shortly make a Report to His Majesty's Council and this House on the subject to them referred.

A Petition of Abraham Whitman, and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Sydney; and also, a Petition of John Stewart, and others, Freeholders of the said County, were presented by Mr. Church, and read, severally complaining of the undue Election and Return of John Young, Esq. as a Representative for the said County of Sydney.

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

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

*Friday, 18th February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Honor the President's Speech, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly: and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

TO HIS HONOR

**MICHAEL WALLACE,**

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

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

*May it please your Honor,*

**W**E, His Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of His Loyal People of Nova Scotia, most respectfully thank your Honor for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

We most cordially unite with your Honor in the expression of our pleasure at finding the  
Province

Province so steadily advancing in improvement ; and we are most happy to hear no serious inconvenience has been felt from the Grain Crops of the last year not being as productive as was anticipated.

Your communication, that the Fisheries have been attended with success, and that the means adopted for curing a better description of Fish has excited a spirit of enterprise, is to us extremely gratifying ; and we are persuaded that a perseverance in those measures will eventually produce permanent benefits to the Province and its Commerce. That the ordinary Provincial Revenue has exceeded that of the preceding year affords us peculiar satisfaction, and bears testimony to the increase and success of commercial enterprise and perseverance. And we take a particular interest in the augmentation which your Honor has noticed in the payments made into the Treasury under the late Acts of the Imperial Parliament.

We regret to find that the appropriations of the last year, for the support of English Schools throughout the Province, have not been called for.—The disorganized state of those Establishments (hitherto so useful) will claim our earliest attention, fully convinced that His Excellency Sir James Kempt, previous to his departure from the Government, would have made use of those Grants if any benefit could have generally resulted to the Country.

We thank you for directing the Public Accounts to be laid before us ; and you may rely on our providing for the necessary Expences of His Majesty's Government and for other Public Services.

We beg your Honor to accept our sincere thanks for the assurance of your co-operation with us in all measures tending to advance the prosperity of the Province, which shall command our early and serious deliberations ; and we feel a confidence, in assuming our labours, from the pleasing reflection that the experience and zeal which have characterised your Honor's public life for so many years in this Colony, will be called forth with an increased usefulness to the country, in the exalted station which you now hold, in the Government of this Province.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee who prepared the Address, do wait on His Honor, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee of Privileges, on the subject of the arrest of John Robertson, Esq. Representative for the Town of Annapolis ; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee, on investigating the subject to them referred, find that an Execution, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, issued from His Majesty's Supreme Court, at Annapolis, on the 18th day of June last, returnable in Sixty Days, against the said John Robertson, for the sum of £51 18 11, Debt and Costs, at the suit of Thomas Boggs and Lawrence Hartshorne ; and, by the Certificate of Ebenezer Cutler, the Deputy-Prothonotary, it appears that the said John Robertson, under and by virtue of the said Execution, was committed to jail by the said Sheriff, in Annapolis. Also, that another writ of Execution, directed to the same Sheriff, issued on the eighth day of July last, against the said John Robertson, for the sum of £31 18 10, Debt and Costs, at the suit of Andrew Walker, from the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, held at Annapolis, which was returnable on the first Tuesday of November last ; and, by the Certificate of the said Ebenezer Cutler, the Deputy-Prothonotary for the said County of Annapolis, it appears that the said John Robertson, was, under and by virtue of said Writ of Execution, committed to jail at Annapolis. Also, that another Writ of Execution, directed to the same Sheriff, issued on the eighth day of July against the said John Robertson, for the sum of £38 3 7, Debt and Costs, at the suit of Thomas Smith, from the said Inferior Court of Common Pleas, held at Annapolis, returnable on the first Tuesday of November last ; and by the Certificate of the said Ebenezer Cutler, the Deputy-Prothonotary for the County aforesaid, it appears that the said John Robertson was committed under and by virtue of said Writ of Execution, to the Jail aforesaid. Also, that another Writ of Execution, directed

rected to the same Sheriff, issued on the eleventh day of September last, against the said John Robertson, for the sum of £ 251 7, Debt and Costs, at the suit of Elizabeth Amery Sneed, John Milledge, and Henry Goldsmith, Executrix and Executors of the late Lawrence Sneed, from the said Inferior Court, held at Annapolis aforesaid, returnable on the said first Tuesday of November last; and by the Certificate of the said Ebenezer Cutler, Deputy-Prothonotary for the County aforesaid, and from the information given to the Committee by an Honorable Member of the House, it appears that the said John Robertson was, under and by virtue of said Writ of Execution, committed to the said Jail, and is at present therein confined; and the Committee report, that, with the exception of the said four Executions herewith returned, no documents have been laid before them, shewing the period of the said John Robertson's confinement in Jail; but, from the information they have obtained, he was confined on or about the month of June last; and further, that the Committee have examined the Journals of the House, and there discovered precedents of Orders, by the House of Assembly, releasing Members of Assembly from imprisonment, in order that they might attend to their duties in this House.

The Committee therefore report this as a case proper for the interposition of this House, and that, under the Order of this House, Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Sheriff aforesaid, for the release of the said John Robertson from custody, under the aforesaid Executions, and that the said John Robertson do attend in his place in this House without delay.

The House having taken the said Report into consideration; thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the said John Robertson, Member for the Town of Annapolis, be forthwith discharged from the custody of the Sheriff, at the suits aforesaid, under the said Executions, and that he do attend in his place in this House, and that this Order be transmitted by Mr. Speaker to the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis accordingly.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Honor the President, to know his pleasure when he would receive the Address of this House, that the Committee had, pursuant to order, waited on His Honor, and that His Honor was pleased to appoint To-morrow, at One of the Clock, at his House.

On motion of Mr. Church, the House appointed Monday, the 21st instant, at twelve of the Clock, to take into consideration the several Petitions before the House from the County of Sydney, complaining of an undue Election for the said County.

Mr. Lawson reported further from the Committee appointed to hold a Conference with a Committee of the Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province; that the Committee of the House and the Committee of Council had, on the Conference, agreed to a joint Report, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz:

That it appears to the Committee it would be expedient to address His Honor the President to call in all the Provincial Notes now in circulation, in order that they may be examined by the Commissioners, and that the genuine Notes should receive at the Treasury some additional marks in order to distinguish them from the forgeries now current.

The Committee further report, that, in the present state of the Province, it would be advisable to adopt some measures, during the present Session, to recall the Province Notes gradually from circulation, as their credit will always be liable to be injured by similar forgeries; and, should they become depreciated, during a recess, the Public Service will be impeded, the Public Officers and Contractors with the Provincial Government will be injured, the Provincial Revenue would be paid in paper, which would not be re-issued at the same value for which it was received, by which a loss far exceeding the Interest on the floating Debt, might be incurred, and the Holders of a Currency which has been issued on the Credit of the Province, would then become clamorous for

its redemption, which could only be done by convening the Legislature, to authorize a Loan. The Committee therefore think that both policy and justice demand from the Legislature that provision should now be made for the redemption of this Paper, before these evils have risen to any height, and while the Credit of the Province will enable them to negotiate a Loan upon better terms than could be effected should such evils as have been anticipated recur.

RICHARD JOHN WNIACKE, *Chairman Committee of Council.*  
WILLIAM LAWSON, *Chairman of Committee of the House of Assembly.*

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

Then the House adjourned until Tomorrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

*Saturday, 19th February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Richard King and John King, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying compensation for an injury sustained by them, by a new Public Road having been made through part of the Land, occupied by them on the Peninsula of Halifax, in the last Summer.

A Petition of George R. Young, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying permission to take Notes of the Debates of the House, for publication, under such regulations as the House may think proper to make in that behalf.

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

Mr. Speaker, and the House, attended His Honor the President with their Address, pursuant to the Order of Yesterday.

And being returned,

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

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

I DERIVE great satisfaction from the Address of the House of Assembly, which you have now presented to me.

The sentiments it contains, afford me the pleasing hope, that the usual spirit of unanimity will continue to prevail in the Legislature of this happy Province.

I sincerely thank you for the handsome manner in which you are pleased to appreciate my experience and zeal in the public service of the Province. As long as it shall please the Almighty, to extend my already advanced years, this Province shall ever find me its sincere friend in the furtherance of every thing that can tend to its interests.

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

*Monday, 21st February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Charles Blackadar, an Insolvent Debtor, confined in the County Jail of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for the aid of the House to enable him to obtain his discharge from imprisonment, for reasons stated in the Petition.

A Petition of Benjamin Cole, Deputy-Sheriff of the County of Liverpool, was presented by Mr. J. R. Dewolf, and read, praying for payment of the sum of £14 13, with interest, for expences incur-

red in the apprehending and committing to Jail, at Shelburne, one John Henderfon, charged with passing and uttering Counterfeit Provincial Notes, in January, 1822, per Account.

A Petition of James Le Cain was presented by Mr. Gesner, and read, praying payment of the sum of £165 10, for extra work performed by him, and the loss of a Gondalo, in repairing the Bridge over Allan's Creek, in the County of Annapolis, in the year 1817, over and above his Contract, per Account and Vouchers.

A Petition of J. S. Thompson and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Church, and read, praying that a Law may be passed for the removal of the Poll for the election of a Member for that County, from the Town of Lunenburg to Chester and New-Dublin, in the said County, if applied for, by any one Candidate, at any future Election.

A Petition of William Williams, of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Gesner, and read, praying some compensation for his services in teaching a Sunday School, in the Dalhousie Settlement.

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

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

On motion, the House proceeded, pursuant to the Law of the Province, made and passed in the first year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to regulate the Trials of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province," to the counting of the Members, and Twenty-seven being present, (exclusive of Mr. Speaker, and John Young, Esq. the fitting Member) Fifteen Members were ballotted for, and the following names were drawn, viz. Mr. R. Dickson, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Poole, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. M'Kinnon, Mr. Lawfon, Mr. James, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Denison, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Thomas Dickson, Mr. Albro and Mr. Gesner; and Mr. Church, being added thereto by John Steel, as agent to the Petitioners, Abraham Whitman and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Sydney; and Mr. J. R. Dewolf being chosen on the part of the said fitting Member, John Young, Esq. and the Members so ballotted for being reduced to seven, as follows, viz. Mr. Poole, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. M'Kinnon, Mr. James, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Gesner; and the said seven Members, together with the two nominated as aforesaid, were sworn by the Clerk of the House, pursuant to the provisions of the said Law; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said select Committee do meet To-morrow morning, at eleven of the Clock, in the Committee Room of this House, where the Grand Jury usually sit, for the purpose of trying the merits of the Election for the County of Sydney, under the Law of the Province, as above recited.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter received by him, this morning, from the Deputy-Secretary of the Province, enclosing, by command of His Honor the President, various reports, made to His Excellency Sir James Kempt, on the subject of English Schools, referred to in His Honor's Speech for the information of the House; and thereupon,

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

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

*Tuesday, 22d February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

On motion, the Report of the joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and of this House, on the subject of the Provincial Notes now in circulation, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the General State of the Province. Mr.

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

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to three Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Notes for Two Pounds, dated the 7th January, 1822, and for One Pound, dated the 1st June, 1823, whereof Forgeries have been detected, should be forthwith withdrawn from circulation.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House should approve of the Order made by His Honor the President, directing further signatures to be affixed, to the Notes now current, to protect them from similar imitations.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that if there be not in the Treasury sufficient Gold and Silver to pay the Notes withdrawn from circulation, that other Notes should be issued in Exchange thereof for the present.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the General State of the Province, which the House agreed to.

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

A Petition of James Leishman, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying that the Sheriff's Fees, demanded from the Petitioner, on certain sums by him paid for Provincial Duties, due by David Dundas and James Buchanan, and for which he became security some years ago, may be remitted to him.

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

Mr. Thomas Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter the fittings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the Eastern Division of the Province; and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Poole, Chairman of the Committee to try the merits of the late Election for the County of Sydney, reported from the said Committee; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Monday, the 14th day of March, instant.

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

*Wednesday, 23d February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

On motion, *ordered*, That the several Resolutions passed yesterday, on the subject of the Provincial Notes in circulation, be sent to His Majesty's Council.

Mr. Uniacke delivered to the House a Statement of the Grand Jury of Cape-Breton, on the subject of Schools in that County.

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

A Petition of Alexander Phillips was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying compensation for an injury sustained by him in making a new Road through his Land, leading from M'Alpine's to the Exercising Ground, in the last Summer.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, was presented by Mr. Wells, and read, praying that they may be relieved from unnecessary Tests; also, invested with such powers as the Governors of similar Institutions usually possess; and further, that such permanent aid may be granted for the support of said Institution, as to the House may seem fit.

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

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That a Committee of this House be appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to take into consideration the subject of the establishment and support of English Schools, and other Institutions for Education, in the several Counties and Districts of this Province, and to report what measures are proper to be adopted in relation thereto; also,

*Resolved*, That that part of His Honor the President's Speech, which relates to Education, and the Reports therein referred to, which are now before the House, be referred to the same Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Bingay, Mr. Smith and Mr. O'Brien, be a Committee agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Resolutions be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

A Bill to alter the fittings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, in the Eastern Division of the Province, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and accordingly presented A Bill to continue an Act, relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax; also,

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

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

A Bill to continue an Act, respecting Aliens coming into the Province, and residing therein; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of His said Majesty's Reign, for the Repairing and Mending Highways, Roads, &c.; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House; also,

A Bill to continue an Act in addition to, and amendment of, several Acts, now in force, for repairing and mending Highways; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to provide for the Accommodation and Billetting of His Majesty's Troops or of the Militia; also,

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

A Bill to continue an Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the support of a Light-House, erected on Cranberry Island; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the prices of Carriages; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax; also, A



A Bill to continue an Act to repeal the several Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing ; also,

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

A Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-partners and Joint Debtors ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors ; and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates ; also,

A Bill to continue several Acts for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts in this Province ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax, and the said Bills were severally read a first time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council have appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this House, on the subject of the Establishment of English Schools,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Thursday, 24th February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Gesner, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and amend an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly ; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Petition of Cuthbert Vaux was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a return of Duties amounting to £89 10 6, paid to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, under a late Act of the Imperial Parliament, (and which sum has been paid by the said Collector into the Provincial Treasury,) on a quantity of Wheat and Olive Oil, imported by the Petitioner from Trieste, in the month of August last, purchased with the proceeds of Fish, shipped from the Province, and the Wheat sold by the Petitioner for the purpose of being manufactured into Flour, for the use of His Majesty's Troops in Halifax ; also, a part of the Oil exported to the Brazils in October last.

A Petition of Marvin Holmes Beckwith, an insolvent Debtor, confined in the County Jail of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for the aid of the House to enable him to obtain his discharge from imprisonment.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference by Committee upon the subject of the Guarantee given to the Commissary-General to secure him against any loss by the receipt of Forged Notes.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Albro, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. B. Dewolf, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House, in conformity with the Guarantee to the Commissary-General's Office, contained in the Resolution of the House, passed on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1822, should consider the Province bound to indemnify the Commissary-General against all Forgeries of the Treasury Notes that are now in his Office, or which have been lately paid therefrom, (the amount of such forgeries to be ascertained by the Commissioners for issuing Notes;) But that the House, after this date, should not hold the Province responsible under, or continue, the said Guarantee; nor pay for any Forged Note that may hereafter come into the possession of the Deputy-Commissary-General.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the General State of the Province, which the House agreed to.

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

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to His Majesty's Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition of Charles Blackadar, the Petition of James Kidston, and the Petition of Marvin Holmes Beckwith, be referred to Mr. Albro, Mr. J. R. Dewolf and Mr. T. Dickson, and that they do examine into the merits of the same respectively, and report thereon to the House.

A Petition of Isaac Archibald and David Anderson Archibald, of the Middle River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, stating that the Petitioners have expended a large sum of Money in erecting Mills for the grinding of Wheat, Shelling Oats and Barley, and also a Saw Mill, which are highly advantageous to the Public, but not so beneficial to the Petitioners, and praying the aid of the House as an encouragement for their exertions.

A Petition of Donald M'Donald was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying compensation for his labour in building a Bridge over the lower part of the Middle River of Pictou, in the year 1811, which he has been deprived of by the Insolvency of one David Marshall, who was the Commissioner for the same, and against whom the Petitioner obtained a Judgment, amounting to £83 15, but has not received any part of said Money.

A Petition of James G. A. Creighton, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for a Return of Duty, amounting to £97 13 5, received by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, and paid into the Treasury, under a late Act of the Imperial Parliament, on a quantity of Wheat, imported into the Port of Halifax, from Hamburg, in the Month of May last.

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

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

*Friday.*

*Friday, 25th February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Nathaniel Smith, Jun. of Windsor, was presented by Mr. B. Dewolf, and read praying compensation for an injury sustained by him, by the Public passing over part of his Dyked Marsh Land, when travelling from the Main Road to the temporary Bridge erected over the River St. Croix, by the Commissioners of Roads and Bridges last Spring.

A Petition of William M'Keen, and others, of St. Mary's River, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying that a sum of Money may be granted for blowing and removing Rocks from the Falls, and other parts of the said River, to facilitate the Navigation.

A Petition of Daniel Harrington, of Antigonish, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. J. Young, and read, praying for pecuniary aid to assist him in repairing and building, on a larger scale and improved plan, an Oat Mill, erected by him in that Settlement about two years ago, and which is highly beneficial to the Inhabitants.

A Petition of Hugh M'Donald, and others, of the Township of St. Mary's, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. T. Dickson, and read, praying that a sum of Money may be granted for carrying the Mail from Dorchester to the Village of Sherbrooke.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the Eastern Division of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to Juries in Civil Causes, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy at Pictou, in this Province, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, *resolved,* That the several Bills, as reported from the Committee on Expiring Laws, be read a second time on Monday, the 28th inst.

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

*Saturday, 26th February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Lawson presented an account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all Monies received by him into,

into, and payments by him made from the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January, and 31st December, 1824; also,

A Report from the Auditor of Public Accounts, of the Expenditure of the several sums of Money granted for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, in the year 1824.

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

An engrossed Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the Eastern Division of the Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter the sittings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Pictou and County of Sydney, in the Eastern Division, and in the County of King's County, in the Middle Division of the Province.

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

A Bill to alter and amend an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly; also,

A Bill relating to Juries in Civil Causes; also,

A Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the 56th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining, an Academy, at Pictou, in this Province; were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of James Armstrong was presented by Mr. Ruggles, and read, praying payment of the sum of Sixteen Pounds, due to the Petitioner for repairs made to the Bridge over Hick's Ferry, in the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of Archibald M'Niel was presented by Mr. W. H. Roach, and read, praying compensation for his services in teaching a Public School, at Digby, in the years 1821 and 1822, as per Certificates of the Court of Sessions, and the Trustees for Schools.

A Petition of Jonathan Cornish and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Clare, was presented by Mr. Campbell, and read, praying that a sum of Money may be granted for opening and clearing out the obstructions in the waters leading from Lake George, by Salmon River, to the Sea Shore of the Bay of Fundy, to facilitate the navigation for carrying Timber, &c. to Market.

A Petition of John Pleasant was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying that some allowance may be made to enable him to open a School, at Preston, for the instruction of the Children of the Persons of Colour settled there.

A Petition of David Murray, of Merrigomish, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying for pecuniary aid to assist him in completing an Oat Mill he is now building upon the East River of said Settlement: which will be very beneficial to the Inhabitants.

A Petition of Charles Baker, Custos Rotulorum, and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Amherst and Fort Lawrence, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Blair, and read, praying that an Act may be passed directing that the unfinished Building, used as a Court-House, at the River Philip be sold; and the proceeds thereof applied to the repair of the Court-House, at Amherst; and also, that the sittings of the Supreme Court shall in future be held in the said Court-House.

A Petition of Daniel Goodwin and others, Inhabitants of Goose River, Shenimcas and Tidnish, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Blair, and read, praying that an Act may be passed, that the sittings of the Supreme Court for said County may in future be held at Amherst, and that the unfinished Building erected at the River Philip be sold, and the proceeds thereof applied to repairing the Court-House and Jail in Amherst.

A Petition of Amos B. Pipes and others, Inhabitants of Napan and Macan, in the County of Cumberland, were presented by Mr. Blair, and read, praying that an Act may pass to revive the  
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Sittings of the Supreme Court in its former place at Amherst; and also authorize the sale of the unfinished Building, erected at the River Philip, and that the proceeds thereof be applied to repairing the Court-House and Jail in Amherst, whereby great relief will be afforded, not only to the Petitioners, but to the greater part of the Inhabitants of the said County; and thereupon,

Mr. Blair, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter the place of holding the Supreme Court in the County of Cumberland, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Bill be printed in the Royal Gazette for two weeks successively, previous to the second reading thereof.

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

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

*Monday, 28th February, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Petition of M. M<sup>c</sup>Morris, and others, Inhabitants of Apple River and the South Joggin, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Blair, and read, praying that an Act may be passed authorizing the judges of the Supreme Court, to hold the future sitting of the said Court in the Township of Amherst in the place of the River Philip.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, passed on Thursday, the 24th instant, on the subject of the Guarantee given to the Commissary-General respecting Forged Notes.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Petition of Patrick Wright, Sheriff of the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. W. Young, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has performed many services in the execution of his office, for which he has received no adequate compensation, and praying relief in the Premises.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Petition be dismissed.

Pursuant to the Resolution, passed on Friday, the 25th instant,

A Bill to continue an Act, relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax; also,

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

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

A Bill to continue an Act, respecting Aliens coming into the Province, and residing therein; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of His said Majesty's Reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, &c.; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House; also,

A Bill to continue an Act in addition to, and amendment of, several Acts, now in force, for repairing and mending Highways; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to provide for the Accommodation and Billetting of His Majesty's Troops or of the Militia; also,

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

A Bill to continue an Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the support of a Light-House, erected on Cranberry Island ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act for regulating the prices of Carriages ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to repeal the several Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing ; also,

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

A Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-partners and Joint Debtors ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors ; and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates ; also,

A Bill to continue several Acts for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province ; also,

A Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax, were severally read a second time.

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

A Bill to continue an Act to establish Grammar Schools in several Counties and Districts of the Province, was read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed to this day three Months,

Mr. Wells, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend an Act, passed in the second year of the Reign of his late Majesty, entitled, An Act for regulating Innholders, Tavern Keepers, and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors ; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Petition of William Lutwidge of New Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for pecuniary aid to assist him in completing an Oat Mill, and a Saw Mill, he is now building : which are much wanted for the benefit of the Inhabitants residing in that Settlement.

A Petition of Andrew Thompson, and others, of the Five Islands Settlement, in the Township of Parrsborough, was presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, setting forth that the Petitioners suffer great inconvenience, for want of a Road from the said Settlement to Partridge Island, by way of Swann Creek, which, if made, would afford a direct Communication from all parts of Parrsborough to Londonderry and Truro, and from thence to Halifax, saving a distance of Forty Miles to those who reside in the western and middle parts of the Township, and praying that a sum of Money may be granted for making the said Road.

A Petition of Charles R. Prescott, and others, Commissioners for building a Bridge over Cornwallis River, was presented by Mr. Wells, and read, praying that a sum of money may be granted to them to discharge the amount of a Verdict, obtained against them, in the Supreme Court in September last, by one Nicholas Mosher and John Mosher, who had contracted to build the said Bridge ; and also, for compensation for services performed by them as Commissioners, or such other relief in the Premises as the House in their wisdom may deem meet.

A Petition of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, was presented by Mr. T. Dickson, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners at the beginning of the past year, in addition to the large  
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of Money invested by them in the Establishment, were under the necessity of importing new machinery, and making extensive repairs, by which the Boat is rendered more efficient and useful; but, that, from the low fares, the Petitioners found themselves Debtors at the end of the year in the sum of £555 11 7, for the payment of which, they have been obliged to effect a Loan, and are now paying interest on the same; and praying that the House will take their case into favorable consideration, and grant them a sum of money equivalent to the payment of the debt they have so necessarily incurred, and over and above the usual annual grant.

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

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*Tuesday, 1st March, 1825.*

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PRAYERS.

A Bill to amend an Act, passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty, entitled, An Act for regulating Innholders, Tavern-Keepers, and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, was read a second time.

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

Lawrence Hartshorne, Esq. returned duly elected as a Representative for the County of Halifax, in the room of S. B. Robie, Esq. appointed one of His Majesty's Council, took his seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. W. H. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the establishment of Fees, as regulated by the Governor and Council, at the request of the House of Assembly, and the same was read a first time.

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

A Petition of C. H. Belcher, and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, setting forth, that the Canine Species of Animals have so multiplied and increased in the said Town, as to become a great nuisance, and in many instances dangerous to the Lives of the Inhabitants, from their being bitten by those Animals, and praying that a Law may be passed for the taxing and regulating the keeping of Dogs.

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

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *resolved*, That the several Acts of the General Assembly, which have passed since the year 1816, to the present Session inclusive, be printed and half-bound, and properly indexed, and that one hundred copies be made, for the expense of which the House will provide: and that the President of His Majesty's Council, and the Speaker of this House, do appoint one or more fit Person or Persons to carry this Resolution into effect.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill relating to the Cou

Court of Commissioners at Halifax ; also, the Bill to continue the several Acts for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax ; also, a Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions ; also, a Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province and residing therein ; also, a Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act, passed in the fortieth year of his late Majesty's reign, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of his said Majesty's reign, for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, &c. ; also, a Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House ; also, a Bill to continue an Act in addition to and amendment of several Acts now in force for repairing and mending Highways ; also, a Bill to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia ; also, a Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing a sufficient Watch at Night ; also, a Bill to continue an Act for establishing a Bridewell, or House of Correction, for the County of Halifax ; also, a Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors ; also, a Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates ; also, a Bill to continue several Acts for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors practising in the Courts of Law and Equity, in this Province ; also, a Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax ; and also, a Bill to amend an Act, passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty, entitled, An Act for regulating Innholders, Tavern-Keepers, and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors ; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House, without any amendment ; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed, which the House agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

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

*Wednesday, 2d March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Thomas Mitchell, Innkeeper, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, setting forth, that he has sustained serious injury in consequence of the Public Road leading from Halifax to Windsor, being removed from his Premises nearly half a mile, by which he is deprived of access to the said Road, and praying relief.

A Petition of Philip Bayer was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, setting forth, that he has sustained an injury by the new Road lately made from M<sup>r</sup> Alpine's to the Common on the Peninsula of Halifax, running through his Land, and praying relief.

A Petition of Isaac Miller was presented by Mr. B. Dewolf, and read, praying for a Return of Duties, paid to the Collector of Shelburne, on a quantity of Rum and Molasses, amounting to £56 6, imported in the Schooner St. Martin, from Grenada, in the year 1823, and purchased with the proceeds of Articles the produce of the Province, and which Rum and Molasses, together with the said Vessel, was afterwards lost on her voyage from Shelburne to Windsor.

A Petition of Joseph Austen, Tobacconist, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for a Return of Duties paid on a quantity of Tobacco Stems, exported from this Province to Bremen, in the years 1823 and 1824, amounting to £74 12 2 ; also, upon 2740 bushels of Wheat, imported from the said Port of Bremen, into the Port of Halifax, by the Petitioner, in September last, amounting to the sum of £57 4.



A Petition of John Ehler, of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. J. Young, and read, praying that a Sum of money may be granted to him to enable him to defray the expense of erecting an Oat Mill, and Kiln for drying Oats : which is found to be highly beneficial to the Inhabitants of that Settlement.

A Petition of the Halifax Sugar Refinery Company was presented by Mr. James, and read, praying the House would foster and protect their Establishment, by relieving them from the Provincial Duty of One Penny, per gallon, on Molasses, manufactured into Sugar ; and also, by granting them a Bounty on the exportation of their Refined Sugar and Treacle, or by any other means which may suggest themselves to the wisdom of the House.

A Petition of William Dickie and others, Commissioners of Sewers for Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Unjacke, and read, praying for a further grant of Money, to aid the Inhabitants of that Township in re-building and completing the Wellington Dyke, so called.

A Petition of William Shey, Joseph Sentell and Benjamin Dewolf, was presented by Mr. Fraser, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners were appointed Commissioners, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the building a Bridge over the River Avon, near the Town of Windsor, in the County of Hants ; that, in the execution of the Commission, they were, from the necessity of securing the abutment on the Windsor side of the River from ice and tide, obliged to expend, in materials and labour, the sum of £114, (in addition to the money received by them under the Lottery Act,) and for which they are now personally liable, and praying that the House would be pleased to grant them a sufficient sum of Money to discharge the said Debt.

A Petition of Robert N. Henry was presented by Mr. T. Dickson, and read, praying payment of the sum of £22 6, necessarily expended by him as Commissioner on the new line of Road from the Village of Antigonishe to M'Nair's Cove, at the Gut of Canso, over and above the sum granted by the Legislature for that service.

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

A Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the establishment of Fees, as regulated by the Governor and Council, at the request of the House of Assembly, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Church, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the practice of Attornies, and Solicitors ; and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. J. Young delivered to the House several Papers, from the Secretary of the Provincial Agricultural Society, to be laid upon the Clerk's Table, pursuant to the Order of the House, bearing date the 28th February, 1821, as follow, viz.

An Account of the Expenditure of the Grant of £1000 to the Society for the year 1823.

An Account of the partial Expenditure of the Grant of £1557 10 to the Society for the year 1824.

A Scheme of Agricultural Encouragement proposed to the Legislature for the year 1825.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Paper delivered to him by the Deputy-Secretary, by order of His Honor the President, viz.

A Return of Prisoners confined in the Bridewell of the County of Halifax in the year 1824.

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

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

Thursday, 3d March, 1825.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Robert K. Black was presented by Mr. Poole, and read, praying some allowance from the sum granted last year for encouragement of Schools : for his services as an established School-Master, at Yarmouth.

A Petition of Jacob Shaffroth was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying that an Act may be passed, confirming him in a small piece of Land on the Peninsula of Halifax, originally laid out for a public road ; and also, compensation for an injury he has sustained in the last summer by the new road leading from M'Alpine's to the Common being carried through part of his land.

A Petition of Richard Scott, James Scott and Thomas Bulgin, was presented by Mr. O'Brien, and read, praying that a Sum of Money may be granted for repairing the road, in Rawdon, leading from their Slate Quarries to the place of shipment, fit for the passage of heavy loaded waggons : as an encouragement to their undertaking.

A Petition of Anthony H. Holland and Philip J. Holland was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying remuneration for printing and publishing in their Newspaper, the Acadian Recorder, the correspondence and proceedings relative to the Agricultural Societies in the Province, commencing in the year 1818, and ending in the year 1824.

A Petition of Nicholas Mosher was presented by Mr. O'Brien, and read, setting forth, that, in the year 1817, he entered into a contract for building a Bridge over Cornwallis River, in King's County ; that, after seven years labour and anxiety, the result has been most ruinous to himself and his family, by the loss of at least Two Thousand Pounds, and thereby leaving them destitute of support in his old age : and praying relief.

A Petition of Robert Logan and others, Freeholders of Upper Stewiack, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying that a sum of Money may be granted to a Mr. Charles Blakely, to enable him to erect an Oat Mill in that Settlement (having provided a part of the materials for the same), as it would be highly beneficial to the Inhabitants.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the fittings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Pictou and County of Sydney in the Eastern Division, and in the County of King's County, in the Middle Division of the Province, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

An engrossed Bill to amend an Act, passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty, entitled, An Act for regulating Inn-holders, Tavern-Keepers, and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors ; was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend an Act, passed in the second year of the reign of His late Majesty, entitled, An Act for regulating Inn-holders, Tavern-Keepers, and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act, relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to continue several Acts for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act

Act for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein; and also the Act in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-second year of His said Majesty's reign.

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

*Resolved*, that the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into the Province, or residing therein, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty's Reign, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of His said Majesty's Reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, &c. was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty's reign, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of his said late Majesty's reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships of this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act in addition to, and amendment of, several Acts, now in force, for repairing and mending Highways, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of the several Acts now in force for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships in this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to provide for the Accommodation and Billetting of His Majesty's Troops or of the Militia, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night, was read a third time.

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

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

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

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-second

fifty-second year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

An engrossed Bill to continue several Acts for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors, practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulation of Solicitors and Proctors practising in the Courts of Law and Equity in this Province; and also, the Act in amendment and continuation thereof, passed in the fifty-eighth year of His said Majesty's Reign.

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

A Petition of Mary-Ann Smith, Widow, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying for pecuniary aid to enable her to establish and open a House of Entertainment on the new Road leading from Dartmouth to Musquodoboit, for the accommodation of Travellers.

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

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

*Friday, 4th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Petition of John Allison and John Miller, of Newport, was presented by Mr. Wier, and read, praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to build a Bridge over the River Meander, in the Township of Newport, which would be of great public benefit in conveying articles to the Market at Halifax.

A Petition of James Allison and others, Proprietors in the Wellington Dyke, in Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying for a Loan of Two Thousand Pounds, without Interest, upon giving security for the re-payment of the same in ten years, to enable them to liquidate the rates chargeable on their Land, for the expences incurred for Diking, or such other relief in the premises as to the House may seem meet.

A Petition of George F. Fillis was presented Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying that the sum of £30 10 may be allowed him, being a moiety of a Bond, due to the Province by the late Firm of Fillis & Perkins, for Excise Duties, and paid by their Sureties in the year 1822: for reasons set forth in the Petition.

A Petition of Moses Shaw was presented by Mr. J. Young, and read, setting forth that the Petitioner has it in contemplation to form a Company for the erection of Iron Works on a Stream called Moose River, in the Township of Clements, in the County of Annapolis, contiguous to which place Iron Ore is found in great abundance, which, on being subject to analysis both in England and United States, has been declared to be equal to that of Russia or Sweden; and praying that the House would be pleased to take the subject into consideration, and grant such encouragement as to them may seem fit.

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

Mr. Morse, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act, passed to amend several Acts for confirming Titles to Land, and quieting Possessions; and also, to amend the several Acts relative to the registering of Deeds and Conveyances made or which may affect Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Petition of Edward Baker and others, Inhabitants of Minudie and Barronsfield, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Blair, and read, praying that a Law may be passed to remove the Supreme Court back again to Amherst; and also, to authorise a sale of the unfinished Building erected

erected for a Court-House, at River Philip, and that the proceeds thereof may be applied to the repairing the Court-House and Jail, at Amherst : which will afford great relief not only to the Petitioners, but to a great majority of the Inhabitants of the County.

A Petition of Gabriel Purdy and others, Inhabitants of West Chester, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Blair, and read, praying that the sittings of the Supreme Court, may not be removed from River Philip to Amherst ; as a Court-House has been erected at River Philip at a great expense, and by every person acquainted with the said County it is allowed that River Philip is the centre of the County, and that it is equally convenient for Jurors and others to attend there.

A Petition of Edward Baker, and others, Inhabitants of Napan, Macan, River Hebert, Barronsfield, Minudie, and the South Joggip, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Blair, and read, setting forth, that the Inhabitants of those Settlements have suffered much inconvenience for want of a Bridge over the River Hebert, and praying that a sum of Money may be granted for erecting a Bridge over the said River, in aid of £150 subscribed by the said Inhabitants for that service.

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

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

*Saturday, 5th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Thomas Crowell, Esq. returned duly elected a Representative for the Town of Snelburne, in the room of Jared I. Chipman, Esq. (who has accepted the situation of First Justice of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the Eastern Division of the Province) took his Seat, having previously taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable Brenton Halliburton, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion of Mr. James, *re. d.* That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Honor the President, to request that His Honor will be pleased to direct the proper Officers to lay before this House a List of the Names of the several Collectors of Impost and Excise within this Province, with the names of their several Sureties.

*Ordered,* That Mr. James, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Wells, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Abstract of Dutiable Articles, exported from Halifax to Cape-Breton, in the year 1824, received from the Treasurer of the Province.

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

A Petition of George Innis was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying to be heard by himself, or Counsel, at the Bar of the House, against the discharge of Charles Blackadar from his imprisonment at the suit of the Petitioner.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Committee to whom the Petition of Charles Blackadar is referred, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

A Petition of Matthew Jeffery, was presented by Mr. M'Kinnon, and read, praying compensation for his services, as Master of a School in the Township of Argyle.

A Petition of the Committee for managing the Halifax Library was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for pecuniary aid for the support and encouragement of that Institution.

A Petition of Joseph Finley and others, Farrymen, employed between Halifax and Dartmouth,

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was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying they may be exempted from the performance of Statute Labour, as they were about fifteen years ago; for the reasons set forth in the Petition.

A Petition of William Walker was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying compensation for his services as Master of a School in Dartmouth in the last year.

A Petition of Robert Fletcher was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying compensation for an injury he has sustained by altering the public road through his land which leads from Dartmouth to near Fletcher's Bridge, so called.

A Petition of the Committee of the Acadian School, at Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support and maintenance of that Establishment.

A Petition of Peter Ogilvie and John Camble and others, Inhabitants on the River Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying that a Sum of Money may be granted for removing the obstructions in the said River, and facilitating the Navigation for conveying Timber and other articles to Market.

A Petition of the Trustees of the National School, in Halifax, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support and maintenance of that Establishment.

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

A Petition of Donald M'Kinnon, was presented by Mr. J. Young, and read, praying that a Sum of Money may be allowed him, to enable him to discharge part of the expense he has incurred in erecting an Oat Mill at Baily's Brook, on the Gulf Shore near Arisaig, which is highly beneficial to the Inhabitants in that neighbourhood.

A Petition of Thomas M'Gill and others, was presented by Mr. Crowell, and read, praying for a sum of Money to enable them to remove the obstructions in the Roseway River, for the improvement of the Navigation of the same.

A Petition of the Revd. Thomas B. Rowland, and J. Van Buskirk, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. Crowell, and read, praying that remuneration be granted to a Mr. Coattam, as Teacher, for one year, and to a Mrs. Bell, as Teacher, for half a year, in the public School established in that town.

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

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the establishment of a Bank at Halifax; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Bishop, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to render the manner of levying Town, County, and Poor Rates more easy and certain; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Petition of Enos Collins and others, Merchants and Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Hartshorne, and read, praying that the Bill to authorize the establishment of a Bank at Halifax, now before the House, may obtain the sanction of the House.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Catholic School in the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Uniacke, and read, praying for pecuniary aid for the support of that Establishment.

A Petition of John Moody, was presented by Mr. Bingay, and read, praying compensation for his services as Teacher of a Public School in the Town of Yarmouth, since the 20th April, 1823.

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

On motion, *resolved,* That this House will, on Thursday next, the 10th instant, take into consideration the several private Petitions now before the House.

On motion, *resolved,* That no Bill of a private nature be received by the House after Wednesday next, the 9th instant.

*Ordered,* That Mr. R. Dickson have leave to return to his home for a few days on urgent private business.

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Then the House adjourned until Monday, at Twelve of the Clock!

*Monday, 7th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. James reported from the Committee appointed on Saturday to wait on His Honor the President with a Copy of the Resolution on the subject of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, that the Committee had accordingly waited on and delivered to him, the said Resolution, and that His Honor was pleased to say he would give the necessary directions respecting the same immediately.

Mr. Church moved that the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, voted for the English Schools in each County last Session, be placed in the hands of the Representatives of the People when called for, to pay various Teachers or Schoolmasters of English Schools, for their past services: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, one; against it, twenty-seven:

For the Motion,  
Mr. Church.

Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. Fairbanks,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. J. Young,  
Mr. Bishop,  
Mr. Wells,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Smith,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Uniacke,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. B. Dewolf,  
Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. W. Young,  
Mr. Bingay,

Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Gesner,  
Mr. M. Kinnon,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Wier,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. O'Brien,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Blair.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council on the subject of Schools, that the joint Committee had drawn up a Report, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

THE Joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and House of Assembly, appointed to consider the subject of the establishment and support of English Schools, and other Institutions for Education in the Province; and to report what measures are proper to be adopted in relation thereto: and to whom was also referred that part of His Honor the President's Speech which relates to Education and the Returns therein referred to—

HAVE AGREED TO REPORT AS FOLLOWS:—

In commencing the examination of a subject so pre-eminently important to this Province as the establishment of a general system of Education, the Committee decided to confine their attention, in the first instance, to the English Schools or Institutions for Primary Instruction; and in order to ascertain their present state, gave their first consideration to the Reports which, previous to the departure of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, were required by him from the respective Counties and Districts. These papers contain answers to a set of enquiries with which the several Commissioners were furnished, and are drawn up with much ability. From their contents the Committee have derived some valuable information; and when they advert to the sources whence it proceeds, they conceive it justly entitled to their confidence. Without it the present enquiry would be attended with much embarrassment; but possessing these details, although imperfect, of the actual state of education throughout the Province, they are provided with evidence bearing immediately on many parts of the subject before them.

To exhibit a condensed view of the existing Schools, the accompanying Abstract of these Reports was prepared; and from this Paper, which however can only be considered as affording an approximation to correctness in the number of Scholars, and the expense of tuition, the Committee infer—

1st.—That (excepting the Town and District of Halifax, whence no returns have been made) there are found in the Province, English Schools of various descriptions to the number of Two Hundred and Seventeen, taught by as many Masters.

2d.—That the average number of 5514 Children are instructed in these Schools, at an expense of between £8,630 and £11,000 annually.

3d.—That Children to the number, certainly of 4377, but probably to thrice that extent, (the Returns being very incomplete in this respect) do not attend any School; either from the want of these Establishments, or the poverty of their parents.

4th.—That, including the District of Halifax, and the Settlements where the Families are either much dispersed or unable to support a Teacher, additional Schools to the number of 210 are indispensable for furnishing the rudiments of Education.

5th.—That the fair average price of Schooling for each child may be estimated at Forty Shillings.

THESE results the Committee deem important, because they demonstrate,—that barely the fourth part of the children of a rapidly increasing population are taught at all; and that the expense for these exceeds one third of the amount required to maintain, on a liberal scale of allowance, the whole number of Schools now in operation or required for every part of the Province. They also exhibit a deplorable disproportion between the demand for instruction and the means for supplying it; and

and justify the conviction the Committee entertain—that, under the present circumstances of the Province, and while, in its less cultivated parts, the settlers are left, as they now are, to act upon their individual sense of their obligations to afford instruction to their Children, it will be vain to expect any improvement in the actual condition of Education among them—any increase of their common Schools—or the dispersion of that cloud of ignorance which is yearly darkening over their neglected families. It is evident also from the Reports, that, in most of the Settlements, some Families, and in a few places the whole number, are, from various causes, perfectly indifferent to the duty of instructing their offspring, or regardless of its imperious urgency. These are left to grow up in hereditary ignorance; because the providing a school or supporting a teacher demands privations which are directly and presently felt,—while the benefits it confers, though sure are distant, and therefore undervalued.

HAPPILY however this insensibility to the only means for preserving the character of any population from the debasing effects of ignorance, appears infrequent. It exists in a sufficient degree to confirm the experience of other countries, that some individuals require to be constrained by the efficacy of a regular and general system of Education, to include their families within the circuit of its benefits: but it would be unjust to many parts of the Province to suppose the general body indifferent on this subject. Parts of Annapolis, of King's County and of the District of Pictou, present upon the returns, a state of English Schools highly creditable to the exertions and moral feeling of their inhabitants; and generally among those of other Districts, there is apparent, that anxiety for the education of their children; and that willingness to contribute towards the support of Schools, which promise many facilities for their establishment, and the willing co-operation of the people in the introduction of a better system.

THE Committee therefore conclude, from the evidence thus furnished by the Reports before them, that the present establishment of English Schools is altogether defective; and totally unequal to the demand for tuition.

THE deficiency evident in the number of Schools, extends also to the degree and quality of instruction there obtained, and requires to be equally provided for. By the pittance which the greater part of the Settlements raise for the remuneration of the Teacher, none of respectable abilities or character can be induced to accept the office.—In some the salary is below the wages of a daily labourer; and hence it is that persons altogether destitute of every qualification for a Schoolmaster have been found in several places entrusted with the charge of the Schools; and that these have derived little or no benefit from their attendance. A Master, competent to the task of teaching that kind of School which alone it is desirable to maintain, should receive at the least Sixty Pounds per annum. This the Committee think the lowest rate of salary, that it is possible to offer to a person with whom children could be safely or beneficially entrusted; and the Reports support them in this conclusion.

SUCH then, have the Committee, upon the examination of these documents, in which also their individual information concurs, found to be the actual state of the English Schools; and such as they have stated are the circumstances, which require the adoption of another and better system,—and determine the qualities it ought to possess, and the conditions under which it should go into operation.

IT ought to be general through the Province; in order that none, even in the remotest and poorest settlement, may be without some provision for the instruction of their youth. It should be compulsory, in every place; because too many are found insensible of the just value of education, and will use no exertion for having their children taught; nor can comprehend how knowledge operates upon and elevates the character and condition of the poorer classes. It should not be gratuitous, because what costs nothing is generally valued at nothing. It cannot be supported from the Provincial Treasury; because the expense, at the most moderate computation, would surpass the disposable income of the Colony. It ought to be maintained by the People themselves; because they, and they alone, are the parties upon whom rests the obligation to provide Education for their offspring, equally with that of their support. Its funds should be raised by a general and equal assessment on the whole population, according to each man's ability; because thus, and thus only, can a sufficient amount be raised to defray the expense of so extensive yet indispensable an Establishment,—while the charge to each individual is brought within his means, and reduced far below what those, who now support schools, are obliged to contribute. Lastly the plan should secure the respectability and talents—and consequent usefulness—of the Teachers, by the adequateness and permanency of their Salary.

THIS outline it will be perceived comprehends the principles, which, governing the establishment of Schools in the kingdom of Scotland, produced that general diffusion of knowledge which has obtained, for the great mass of its population, that character of intelligence, order and enterprise, by which they are so highly distinguished. Nor would it be difficult to shew that the Institutions of many other Countries, some of remote antiquity, have sanctioned the principle; by which, under the proposed system, it will be obligatory, on every settlement, to maintain a School,—and, on its inhabitants to contribute to its support. To denominate such a measure a tax would be wholly unwarranted; its effect is but to distribute more generally and equally, that burthen which the interests of society justly impose upon all; but which now bears unequally and heavily upon the few. That some will complain of its operation cannot be doubted: but the Committee, looking to the experience of the country they have named, where a similar system took effect under circumstances far more unfavourable than this Province presents, rely on the better sense and feelings of the well informed, and on the obvious advantages offered by the plan, for its welcome acceptance and support.

THE Committee therefore, conformably to the principles above referred to, recommend the following plan as proper to be adopted for the establishment and support of English Schools.

1st—THAT the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in each County and District, upon the presentment and return of the Grand Jury thereof, shall cause each township and settlement in the Province to be laid off and subdivided into convenient School Districts; and in such manner that the children therein residing, may be within a reasonable distance from the School. A description of each subdivision to be forwarded to the Board herein after described.

2nd—THAT a sufficient School House be provided in each respective School District.

3rd—THAT every such District containing Families or Householders, shall maintain one School therein during the whole year.

4th—THAT where the limited number of Families or Householders, shall not be found in any one District, then it shall be joined to the nearest District or Districts, where the number of Families are likewise deficient; and the two or more Districts in conjunction shall support the School during the year.

5th—THAT when two or more Districts thus combine, the School shall be kept in each during such part of the year, as shall be proportionate to the number of families in each.



6th—THAT in every such School, all the youths and children within the District shall be taught and instructed in reading, writing and the common rules of arithmetic, in morals and manners, without charge or expense, save only for their respective proportion of the necessary Fuel for the School Room.

7th—THAT every Schoolmaster or Teacher employed for such School, shall first be licensed as hereinafter mentioned; and shall be entitled to receive from the District, or combined Districts, wherein he shall keep his School, such salary as shall be agreed upon, but not less than Sixty Pounds per annum.

8th—THAT such Salary, together with the expense of building and maintaining the School House, shall be raised and levied by and upon every Inhabitant of each respective School District, or combined Districts, as aforesaid, by an equal rate or assessment upon each person, according to his ability; and in like manner as is provided by the laws now in force, for levying rates for the support of the Poor; and shall be collected with the Poor Rate for the County or Township; and be paid over to the Trustees hereinafter appointed. Provided always, that if the Inhabitants of any such School Districts, or combined District, shall voluntarily raise and pay the Salary of the Master and expense of School House for any year, they shall be free from such assessment during the same.

9th—THAT Trustees for such District Schools be appointed and chosen by the people:—which Trustees shall be capable of suing or being sued, in relation to all matters connected with the School of the District,—possess the title to the School House—receive grants and devises of land, or bequests or gifts, for the use of the Schools—contract with any licensed teacher, direct the studies and discipline of the School,—receive and pay the funds raised for its support, or any monies appropriated to its establishment; and generally manage and superintend all its concerns. They shall also make annual reports of its state to the Board hereinafter mentioned.

10th—THAT whenever it is desired that any child be instructed in such School, beyond the common course of reading, writing and arithmetic, the Trustees shall direct such extra tuition to be given, upon payment of a reasonable quarterly allowance to the Master.

11th—That the Trustees shall also be empowered to agree with the Master, that a proportion of his Salary may be paid in goods or produce; and to require the same from the people in composition for their School Rates.

LASTLY.—That there shall be established in each County and District, for the inspection and general superintendance of the whole of the Schools therein, a Board consisting of three Commissioners, to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor: which Board shall, after due enquiry into the literary acquirements, general competency, and moral character, of applicants, license such as they deem fit to be employed as Teachers; receive annual returns from the Trustees of the state and progressive improvement of the Schools; submit the result thereof to the General Assembly; decide all differences that may arise; establish the general regulations to be observed; and exercise a vigilant superintendance over the operation of the whole system.

To the plan here detailed, the Committee think it necessary to add, that, for facilitating its general reception, and to aid the exertions of the Poorer Settlements, (with some of which the union of one or more Districts, for the support of a yearly School, may in many instances be impracticable with reference to that advantage which is desirable) an appropriation might justly be made (for a short period) from the Public Monies; and placed at the disposal of the Board of Commissioners, to enable them to assist the parties who are thus situated.

ALL which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES STEWART  
BRENTON HALLIBURTON, } Committee of H.  
H. N. BINNEY. } M. Council.

CHAS. R. FAIRBANKS,  
WM. A. CHIPMAN,  
JOHN BINGAY,  
GEO. SMITH,  
W. O'BRIEN, } Committee of  
Assembly.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill to authorize the establishment of a Bank at Halifax, be read a second time on Wednesday, the 9th instant.

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill acquainted the House that he had two Messages from His Honor the President to this House, signed by His Honor, and he presented the said Messages to the House.

And the said Messages were severally read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follow:

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

WITH a view of giving efficacy to the Resolution of the Assembly in the last Session, for procuring accurate Surveys of the Lakes and the River Shubenacadie; and also, a Report of the practicability of effecting a Navigable Canal Communication by that route between the Harbour of Halifax and the Basin of Minas, I entered into a correspondence with a Mr. Hall, a Civil Engineer of celebrity, whose surveys and reports in that service, in Upper Canada, appeared to be highly approved, and I send herewith for the information of the House, the result of my communication with that gentleman on the subject.

MICHAEL WALLACE.

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

**T**HE extraordinary overflowing of the Rivers in many Districts of the Province, in consequence of the heavy Rains that fell about the latter end of the Month of April last, occasioned a very general destruction of Bridges, which for a time prevented all communication and threatened to produce very serious inconvenience to the Inhabitants; It therefore became an imperative duty to have them rebuilt, and repaired where repairs were practicable; that service has occasioned an expenditure far exceeding the grant of last Session, although a liberal one, to provide for what is usually called Casualties, during the recess of the Legislature.

AN abstract of those extraordinary expenditures, accompanies this; and I have to recommend that the House will take the same into consideration, and make provision for the payment of them.

**MICHAEL WALLACE.**

Mr. Deputy Secretary Hill also delivered to the House, by order of His Honor the President, the following papers, viz.

A Copy of the Correspondence with Mr. Hall, on the subject of the Lakes and River Shubenacadie, referred to in His Honor's Message; also,

An abstract of the Expenditures incurred for the rebuilding and repairs of Bridges, amounting to £587 5, referred to in His Honor's Message; also,

An Estimate of the charge for defraying the expense of the Civil Establishment of the Province of Nova-Scotia for the year 1825; also,

A Petition of Richard Tremain and others, Inhabitants of Halifax and its Vicinity, (recommended by His Honor to the consideration of the House), praying for aid to open a Road to St. Mary's and Guysborough, by the route of Middle Musquodoboit; also,

A Petition of Charles W. Weeks and others, Inhabitants of the County of Sydney, (recommended by His Honor to the consideration of the House) praying for aid to improve the Road from Halifax, by St. Mary's, to Guysborough; also,

A Petition of Alexander Archibald and others, Inhabitants of St. Mary's, in the County of Sydney, (recommended by His Honor to the consideration of the House) praying for aid to open a Road by Middle Musquodoboit to Halifax; also,

A Petition of John Stuart and others, Inhabitants of Country Harbour, in the County of Sydney (recommended by His Honor to the consideration of the House) praying for aid to open and improve the Road from Halifax to the said Harbour, by the way of Musquodoboit, and St. Mary's; and also,

A Petition of W. H. Shey, Joseph Sentell, and B. Dewolf, (recommended by His Honor to the consideration of the House) praying to be reimbursed the Sum of £114 10 expended by them for Avon Bridge near the Town of Windfor, as Commissioners for the same.

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

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

A Petition of D. M'Farlane and others, Inhabitants of Remsheg and Pugwash, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Blair, and read, praying that an Act may be passed, to authorize the sale of the old Court-House, in Amherst, and the Ground appertaining thereto, and to appropriate the proceeds thereof for finishing the Court-House at River Philip; and further, that the future sittings of the Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace, as well as the Supreme Court, may be held at said River Philip.

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

On motion, *resolved,* That this House will, on Saturday next, the 12th instant, take into consideration the Report of the Joint Committee of His Majesty's Council, and this House, on the subject of Schools.

Mr.

Mr. Lawson reported from the Committee, appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to examine the public Accounts ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

**Treasurer of the Province.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct. Balance in his hands £12,108 13 8½  
 Cash paid him by the Collectors of Light Duties for the year 1823 1549 1 0 ✓  
 do do 1824 1350 19 9½ ✓  
 do received of the Collector of Hants *no Collection* # 74 1 9  
 £15082 16 3

**Collectors of Impost and Excise.  
 Halifax.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands 21,092 15 8

**Shelburne.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands £259 14 10½  
 He is accountable for money received on account of seizure 12 18 8  
 £272 13 6½  
 Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General, who states that property has been taken to satisfy the amount £309 1 3½  
 681 14 10

**Yarmouth.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands 802 4 10½

**Liverpool.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands, including £22 11, said to be in the hands of the Attorney-General 2,349 12 2½

**Lunenburg.**

The Accounts of the late Collector, John Owen, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds due 1,933 1 11½  
 The Estate of the late Collector, Henry Wollenhaupt, was accountable for the balance as reported last year £2684 10 9  
 Since which there has been received of the Honorable Charles Hill, one of his sureties, the amount of his Bond 1000 0 0  
 Remains due £1684 10 9

**King's County.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, were incorrect, he is accountable, as corrected, for 755 16 11½

**Cumberland.**

No Account Current  
 Returns have been received, by which there appears to have been secured 160 0 0  
 It appears by the Treasurer's Account, he has paid 97 14 1

**Colchester.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance of Bonds in his hands 681 15 10

**Pictou.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands 2,269 16 4

**Windsor.**

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance due by him £98 18 0  
 Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General 67 11 6  
 166 9 6

Carried Forward £45,766 4 5

Brought forward £45,756 4 5

### Annapolis.

No Account Current from the former Collector; he is therefore accountable for the balance, as reported last year  
He has also secured, as appears by his Return, for March Quarter

£1474 4 4  
50 12 5  

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£1524 16 9

It appears by the Treasurer's Account he has paid, including the £62, reported last year  
He has also paid, as he states, out of Bonds in the hands of the Attorney-General, the sum of

£374 10 0  
66 11 8  

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431 1 8

Leaving him accountable for  
The present Collector's Account has been received to the 31st December last, and is correct. Balance in his hands

£1093 15 1  
16 19 3  

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1,110 14 4

### Weymouth.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

76 18 5

### Cape-Breton.

No Account Current.  
He is therefore accountable for the balance reported last year  
Quarterly Returns have been received to the 31st December last, by which there appears to have been secured

£2023 9 9½  
680 3 6½  

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✓ 3,603 13 4

The Treasurer reports, that nearly the whole of this amount has been paid on account of Roads, &c.

### Sydney.

No Account Current.  
He is accountable for the balance reported last year  
A Return has been received to the 1st November last, by which it appears there has been secured

£168 5 1  
286 10 2½  

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£454 15 3½  
200 0 0  

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254 15 3½

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

### Digby.

No Account Current.  
Quarterly Returns to the 31st December last have been received, by which there appears to have been secured  
It appears by the Treasurer's Account, he has paid

£887 18 9  
66 13 4  

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✓ 821 15 6

### Argyle.

His Account to the 31st December last has been received, and is correct. Balance of Bonds in his hands

21 1 2½

### CUSTOM HOUSE.

The Collector of His Majesty's Customs, has rendered Quarterly Returns of Duties collected by him, to the 31st December last, amounting to £7671 0 10: which sum has been paid to the Treasurer.

351,644 12 5

### PROVINCE NOTES.

Balance in circulation the 31st December last  
Delivered by the Commissioners in return for torn and defaced Notes

£263,127 10 0  
3500 0 0  

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Torn and defaced Notes destroyed by the Committee

£66,627 10 0  
5000 0 0  

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Balance in circulation the 31st December last

£61,627 10 0

Collectors

## Collectors of Light Duties.

HALIFAX.—His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, he has collected and paid the Treasurer		£369 5 10
SYDNEY.—Amount due the 31st December, 1822	L.68 0 10	
do do to 1st November, 1823	251 13 9½	
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He has paid the Treasurer	L.316 14 7½	
	255 17 0	
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Due by him the 31st December, 1823	L.67 17 7½	
His Returns to the 1st November last, have been received. Balance due to that time	169 16 5	
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He has paid the Treasurer last year	L.230 14 0½	
	50 0 0	60 0 0
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Leaving him accountable for	L.180 14 0½	
CAPE-BRETON.—No Account or Returns. He remains accountable for balance reported last year		L. 66 9 2
SHELBURNE.—His Account to the 31st December last, has been received. Amount paid the Treasurer, including balance of last year		80 15 4
LIVERPOOL.—His Account to the 31st December last, has been received. He has collected and paid the Treasurer		110 5 1½
PICTOU.—His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. He has collected and paid the Treasurer		83 17 0
COLCHESFER.—His Accounts to the 31st December last have been received. He has collected and paid the Treasurer		13 12 3
YARMOUTH.—His Account for 1823, has been received. Amount paid the Treasurer	L.35 5 7	
Ditto for the year 1824	17 16 1½	
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GUT OF CANSO.—Balance to 31st December, 1822; still due	L.54 15 0	
No Account or Return for 1823. He has paid the Treasurer L.90.		
His Account for the year 1824 to the 31st October, has been received, amounting to L.283.13 2 : out of which he has deducted for his Commissions, and other charges, L.181.14; Balance	101 19 2	
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He has paid the Treasurer	L.156 14 2	
	46 0 0	46 0 0
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He has paid the Treasurer	L.110 14 2	
DIGBY.—No Account or Return. Balance due as reported last year		L. 16 16 2
ANNAPOLIS.—His Account to the 31st December last, has been received. He has collected and paid the Treasurer		19 15 0
WEYMOUTH.—His Account to the 31st December last, has been received. He has collected and paid the Treasurer		20 15 2
ARGYLE.—His Account for the year 1823, has been received; and amount paid the Treasurer		3 11 8½
His Account to 31st December last, has been received. He has collected and not remitted the sum of		L. 10 2 4½
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	L.384 15 11	
The Commissioner's Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received for Supplies, amounting to L.1786 8 9, they have received from the Treasurer L.1,050 3, leaving a Balance due them of		L.1,350 19 4½
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	L.825 15 2	

## LOAN OFFICES.

*King's County.*

Their Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct. Securities remaining in their hands for L.3010 0 0  
 They have collected for interest, but not paid, the sum of 364 5 5  
 There is now due one year's Interest to the 31st December last 180 12 0

3,554 17 6

The Treasurer reports that since closing his Accounts they have paid him L.357 10 which sum is included in their Account.

*Annapolis.*

Their Accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct, they have securities in their hands for L.2967 7 6  
 There is now due one year's Interest to the 31st December last 178 0 0

3,145 8 4

The Treasurer reports that since closing his Accounts they have paid him L.501 18 8 which sum is included in their Account.

*Isle of Sable:*

The Commissioner's Accounts to the 31st December last have been received. Balance in his hands He states that there is now due the Superintendent and Men one year's wages to the 31st December last, and that the House is in so ruinous a state that it is necessary to build another, and that a frame for that purpose has been contracted for.

453 19 7

*Copper Coinage.*

The Treasurer is accountable for Balance reported last year L.710 1 9  
 He has remitted to Liverpool, and not charged in his account, the sum of L.1077 1 8  
 He has received, and not credited in his Account, L1,215 5  
 and paid this sum not charged in Do. 933 9 6

281 15 6

991 17 3

The Collector of Impost and Excise of Liverpool has charged in his Account Current, for the year 1817, Bonds placed in the hands of the Attorney-General, amounting to L.283 8 0. It appears by the Records of the Supreme Court, that Judgment was obtained for that sum, together with L.26 5 5, in all L.319 19 5½, which sum the Attorney-General states, was paid to the Collector, and that the Committee cannot find any credit for it, either in his Account, or the Treasurer's

319 13 5½

The Committee have made enquiry on the subject of the Balance of L.306 17 7½, due by the former Collector of Colchester, and find that Judgment has been obtained against him for that sum, but that, being entitled to Commissions, leaves a Balance due of L.260 17 1½, which sum they are informed will soon be paid.

28465 16 0½

The Treasurer has reported that he has received of the Collector of Windsor the sum of L.52 12 6 since closing his Accounts, which sum was included, and charged in his Account.

The Committee further report, that it appears by the Accounts of the Out-Port Collectors, generally, that they either retain, or do not collect, the Balances stated to be in their hands. That several of them have not for years past forwarded their Account Current, particularly the Collector of the Island of Cape-Breton, who has a large balance in his hands not accounted for. The Collector of Digby has secured nearly L.900, and only remitted L.66 13 4. That very few of their Accounts are sworn to, and that nearly the whole of them retain, and do not send forward their Accounts in time to have them audited and prepared for the inspection of the Committee. That they neglect to forward a list of the names of the Persons indebted for Balances of Bonds, said to be in their hands, and that some of their Accounts are not properly stated.

That, in consequence of the circumstances above related, the Committee have not been able to make up their Report sooner, or so complete as it ought to be.

COMMITTEE ROOM, HALIFAX, 7TH MARCH, 1825.

ENOS COLLINS, } Committee of Council,

WILLIM LAWSON,  
GEO. SMITH,  
J. ALBRO,  
CHARLES R. FAIRBANKS,  
JAMES R. DEWOLF,

} Committee of the House of Assembly,

*Dr. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA.*

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1824.  
Dec. 31, To the following Sums, appropriated and not yet drawn from the Treasury,

<i>viz:</i>			
For Roads and Bridges, per abstract ... ..	L.1900	0	0
Shubenacadie Ferry " " " " " " " "	25	0	0
Assembly Room " " " " " " " "	145	0	0
Loan Certificates due sundry Persons ... ..	16,480	0	0
Interest due thereon to the 31st December last ...	738	0	0
Notes in circulation the 31st December last ...	61,627	10	0
Agricultural Society " " " " " " " "	1232	10	0
Artsag Pier " " " " " " " "	100	0	0
Dock at Aylesford " " " " " " " "	100	0	0
So much due Commissioners of Light-Houses ...	825	15	2
Survey of Shubenacadie Canal, 1820 and 1824	600	0	0
Balance of Stone Bridges " " " " " " " "	676	0	0
Clearing out Cornwallis River " " " " " " " "	50	0	0
Mills for Cape-Breton " " " " " " " "	200	0	0
Altering Court-House " " " " " " " "	250	0	0
Balance of Survey Cape-Breton " " " " " " " "	230	18	6
Eliza Monk " " " " " " " "	100	0	0
Avon Bridge " " " " " " " "	100	0	0

L.85,200 13 8

1824.  
Dec. 31, By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer

do received of Loan Commissioners	L.15,082	16	3
do on Account of Copper Tokens, &c.	869	8	8
do do Sale of Sable	463	19	7
Loan to Dalhousie College	...	...	...
Securities in the hands of the Collector of Impost and Excise, Halifax, }	L.21,092	15	8
Deduct probable Drawbacks	4,692	15	8
<b>Ditto Out-Port Collectors, viz.</b>			
Shelburne	681	14	10
Yarmouth	802	4	10
Liverpool	2349	12	24
Lunenburg	1933	1	11
King's County	755	16	10
Cumberland	100	0	0
Colchester	661	15	10
Pictou	2269	16	4
Windsor	219	2	0
Annapolis	1110	14	4
Cape-Breton	3608	13	4
Sydney	254	15	3
Weymouth	76	18	6
Digby	821	6	5
Arctie	21	1	2
Deduct probable Drawbacks	L.15,521	13	0
	5,521	13	0
By so much due on Account of Loan to King's County	10,000	0	0
do do do Annapolis	3,564	17	5
do do do Collector of Colchester	3,145	8	4
do do do Liverpool	260	17	14
By Balance	319	13	54
	29,131	15	7
	<u>L.65,200 13 8</u>		

COMMITTEE-ROOM, HALIFAX, MARCH 7, 1825.

ENOS COLLINS, } Committee of  
Council.

WILLIAM LAWSON,  
GEORGE SMITH,  
JOHN ALBRO, FAIRBANKS,  
CHARLES R. DEVOLF,  
JAMES R. DEVOLF, } Committee of  
the House of  
Assembly.

*Abstract of Monies undrawn from the Treasury on Account of Roads and Bridges,  
on the 31st December last, viz.*

	For making and repairing Roads in the County of Cape-Breton ... ..	L.1375 0 0
	For improving the Road from the Lime Springs in Windsor ... ..	20 0 0
	Balance of Vote for Cornwallis Bridge ... ..	200 0 0
1824.	For the Road between Annapolis and Digby, including Bear River Bridge	70 0 0
	From Sissabou to Yarmouth Line ... ..	80 0 0
	From Musquodoboit to the line of Sydney County ... ..	50 0 0
	From the Forks at St. Mary's to Middle Musquodoboit ... ..	50 0 0
	For the Road from Horn's to Cumming's in Cole Harbour, and for repairing the Bridge over Cow Bay River ... ..	20 0 0
	For aiding the Inhabitants to open a Road from Steviacke to the new Road leading to Halifax	15 0 0
	For the Road on the north side of the mountain, from Parker's Cross Roads to McKenzie's	10 0 0
	For the Road from Little River to Petit Passage ... ..	10 0 0
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COMMITTEE ROOM, HALIFAX, 7TH MARCH, 1825.

ENOS COLLINS, } Committee of  
                  } Council,

WILLIM LAWSON,  
GEO. SMITH,  
J. ALBRO,  
CHARLES R. FAIRBANKS,  
JAMES R. DEWOLF.

} Committee of the  
House of Assembly.

Mr. Lawson also delivered to the House two Abstracts of Dutiable Articles imported into the Province; and also, an Abstract of the Collection of Light Duties.

The said Abstracts were read by the Clerk, and are as follows:

*Abstract of Dutiable Goods, imported into the Province of Nova-Scotia, between  
the 1st day of January and 31st December, 1824.*

COUNTIES and DISTRICTS.	BRANDY and GIN. Gallons.	SPIRITS. Gallons.	WINE. Gallons.	MOLAS- SES. Gallons.	SUGAR. Cwts.	COFFEE. Pounds.	AMOUNT OF GOODS LIABLE TO 3½ PER CENT. DUTY.	AMOUNT OF DUTIES SECURED.
HALIFAX.....	23,931	359,885	18,031	261,619	9,547	131,745	L.206,141 16 8	L.29,283 4 6
LIVERPOOL.....	"	39,531	"	69,019	2,226	17,951	608 19 6	2,887 14 11
LUNENBURG.....	654	26,719	40	39,691	2,744	15,191	1,873 11 6	2,220 15 4
YARMOUTH ..	"	26,177	370	42,654	1,153	1,807	2,537 15 7	1,900 3 11
PICTOU.....	3,227	25,254	614	15,497	533	1,675	18,625 0 3	1,925 7 5
KING'S COUNTY.....	4	10,149	"	16,773	250	"	1,778 7 4½	719 0 1
SHELBURNE.....	"	3,821	"	7,339	208	"	107 12 6	287 19 10½
COUNTY OF SYDNEY	"	4,315	"	3,406	190	"	360 0 9	286 10 2
PIGEBY.....	"	14,021	"	12,551	153	426	1,786 6 0	887 18 9½
ANNAPOLIS.....	"	2,307	"	1,887	21	"	1,319 1 5	180 2 7
WEYMOUTH.....	"	2,779	"	2,003	44	"	838 0 0	194 3 5
COLCHESTER.....	339	4,266	201	1,273	41	112	3,915 0 0	414 11 10
WINDSOR.....	130	410	30	200	4	50	1,058 0 0	74 5 9
CAPE-BRETON.....	320	2,106	521	10,235	101	"	11,750 2 8½	680 2 6½
CUMBERLAND.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	160 0 0
TOTAL.....	28,605	521,742	19,807	484,147	17,215	168,957	L.252,699 14 2½	L.42,102 1 1½



*Abstract of Articles imported into the Port of Halifax, and Duties on Tonnage, received between the 10th day of January, 1824, and the 5th day of January, 1825, under the Acts of the British Parliament, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His present Majesty; and amount of Duties paid into the Provincial Treasury by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs, agreeably to said Acts.*

AMOUNT OF DUTIES.	SHIPPING.	
	Tonnage	
12,611	Barrels	Wheat Flour
13,220	Barrels	Rye Flour
274	Terces	Rice
426	Lbs.	Bread
11,502	Bushels	Wheat
979	Boxes	Crackers
36	Terces	Beans
2	Barrels	Buckwheat
20	Bushels	Oats
7	No.	Horses
3,211	Feet	Pine Boards
3,478	Feet	Lumber
1,500	No.	Wood Hoops
62	Pipes	Wine
6	Pipes	Brandy
1,246	Boxes	Kaisins
10	Barrels	Curants
269	Boxes & Fruits	Figs
151	Boxes	Prunes
39	Boxes	Almonds
32	Boxes	Oives
33	Boxes	Capers
30	Boxes	Dry Peas
113	Boxes	Oranges & Lemons
18	Pipes	Olive-Oil
40	Cut.	Cork Wood
40	Bags	Fibers
33	Cases	Macaroni
20	Bugs	Walnuts
26	Boxes	Bristone
20	Jars	Grapes
26	Boxes	Vermicelli
55	Boxes	Anchovies
10	Bags	Juniper Berries
10	Bags	Sausages
1	Cases	Italian Painting
1	Cases	Prints
9	Cases	Marble Ornaments, &c.
1	Bales	Sponges
4	Cases	Parmesan Cheese
200	Bushels	Onions

8,349½

£7671 0 9½

# GENERAL ABSTRACT OF THE COLLECTION OF LIGHT-DUTIES, 1824.

PORT.	COLLECTOR'S NAME.	PERIOD.		COASTERS.	TONNAGE.			GROSS AMOUNT.	DEDUCTIONS.	NET AMOUNT.		
		FROM	TO		Ves- sels	4d 	Ves- sels				6d	
HALIFAX	EDWARD DUCKETT	1824	2d January	2	38	3050	9	907	75 10 2	5 13 3	169 16 5	
		3d April	30th June	6	47	4657	64	8556	295 16 6	23 3 10		
		1st July	30th Sept.	29	56	4458	64	7502	294 17 0	22 2 3		
LUNENBURG	"	1824	1st October	73	62	5125	37	4627	275 15 2	22 13 7 1/2	110 6 1 1/2	
			7th January	23d February	"	"	"	"	"	£941 13 10		£73 12 11 1/2
LIVERPOOL	JOSHUA NEWTON	1824	4th October	1	4	711	1	396	25 10 0	2 11 9	41 6 0	
			5th April	8th June	4	7	711	3	615	69 13 2		6 19 1
			6th July	29th Sept.	5	39	3617	18	2318	29 5 10		2 18 7
SHELDURNE	J. VAN BOSKIRK	1824	26th March	1	1	43	16	243	14 4 4	1 5 6	169 16 5	
			5th April	26th June	1	13	666	16	243	21 11 8		2 3 0 4
			13th July	26th August	2	6	190	2	321	11 3 10		1 2 4 9
BARRINGTON	JOHN McKINNON	1824	7th October	3	37	1422	18	664	12 7 8	4 11 6	169 16 5	
			1st April	31st Dec.	"	"	"	"	"	£45 17 6		£4 11 6
			1st January	31st Dec.	"	"	"	"	"	11 " 4-10		1 " 2 5
WYEMOUTH	SAMUEL CAMPBELL	1824	1st January	14	10	556	"	199	19 15 8	1 19 6 1/2	267 17 9 1/2	
			8th April	31st Dec.	20	"	78	1	4	23 2 0		2 6 2
			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	22 10 0		2 16 0
WINDSOR	HENRY GOLDSMITH	1824	6th August	6	"	"	2	365	15 2 6	1 10 3	267 17 9 1/2	
			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	15 " 2		1 " 0
			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	100 17 0		17 " 0
CUMBERLAND	ROBERT DICKSON	1824	1st Nov.	4	6	467	84	10785	233 13 2	181 14 0	267 17 9 1/2	
			1st Nov.	31st Dec.	1	5	239	70	4272	111 14 8		40 3 8
			1st Nov.	31st Dec.	1	5	239	70	4272	100 10 7		19 4 7
PICTOU	WILLIAM CORBIT	1824	24th April	1	5	239	70	4272	8 6 9	2 10 0	267 17 9 1/2	
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	24 4 6		2 18 0
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	15 17 6		26 1 4
GUT OF CANSO	DUNCAN McCOLL, N. S.	1824	3d Nov.	18	15	946	68	4881	111 14 8	40 3 8	267 17 9 1/2	
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	100 10 7		19 4 7
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	8 6 9		2 10 0
GUT OF CANSO	DUNCAN McCOLL, N. S.	1824	3d Nov.	64	78	4639	241	23984	£736 19 2	£299 4 11 1/2	267 17 9 1/2	
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	111 14 8		40 3 8
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	100 10 7		19 4 7
ST. MARY'S	DUNCAN McCOLL, N. S.	1824	3d Nov.	18	15	946	68	4881	111 14 8	40 3 8	267 17 9 1/2	
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	100 10 7		19 4 7
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	8 6 9		2 10 0
ANTIGONISHE	DUNCAN McCOLL, N. S.	1824	3d Nov.	18	15	946	68	4881	111 14 8	40 3 8	267 17 9 1/2	
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	100 10 7		19 4 7
			1st Nov.	1st Nov.	1	5	239	70	4272	8 6 9		2 10 0

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

Mr. Lawson moved that a Committee be appointed to wait on His Honor the President, and to request that he will be pleased to direct the Deputy-Prothonotary to make a Return to this House of all suits or actions brought before the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and Courts of Quarter Sessions, throughout the Province, with the decisions thereon, for the last and preceding year, without delay : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen ; against it, eleven. So it passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. James and Mr. Heckman, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act in addition to and amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleansing and paving the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein ; and also the Act, in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-second year of His said Majesty's reign ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty's reign, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of His said late Majesty's reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships of this Province ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in addition to and amendment of the several Acts now in force for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways, within the several Townships in this Province ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another ; and also the Act in amendment thereof ; also,

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-Partners and Joint Debtors ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-second year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Frazer, *resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Estimate for the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government for the year 1825, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

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A Bill to regulate the practice of Attornies, and Solicitors, was read a second time ; and thereupon,

Mr. Chipman moved, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirty-one ; against it, one. So it passed in the affirmative.

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

*Tuesday, 8th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill to render the manner of levying Town, County and Poor Rates, more easy and certain, was read a second time.

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

A Bill to repeal the sixth section of an Act, passed to amend several Acts for confirming Titles to Land, and quieting Possessions ; and also, to amend the several Acts relative to the registering of Deeds and Conveyances which may affect Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, was read a second time ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the order of the day for reading the Bank Bill to-morrow, be postponed till Monday next the 14th inst.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply-

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

*Wednesday, 9th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for appointing Commissioners of the Revenue, and declaring their powers and duties ; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Petition of Charles Dunbrack and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for the repeal of an Act, passed in the third year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the greater security of the Town of Halifax against Fire ; and the preventing the erection of Wooden Buildings beyond a certain height within the same : for reasons set forth in the Petition.

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

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to the Terms of the Supreme Court at Halifax ; and the same was read a first time.

Mr.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill in amendment of an Act for admitting Depositions de bene esse of Witnesses, aged, infirm and otherwise, unable to travel, and of Witnesses departing from the Province, and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Honor the President and to request he will be pleased to direct the Naval Officer to lay before this House, without delay, a statement of the duties of his Office, together with the amount of the Fees received by him and his Deputies; as also, an account of the number of registered Vessels belonging to the Province, together with a Return of the Imports and Exports in the last year.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Frazer, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Honor the President, and to request that he will be pleased to direct the Collectors of Impost and Excise in the different Counties in this Province to lay before this House, without delay, an Account, verified on oath, of all seizures by them made respectively, together with all forfeitures by them received for a breach of the Revenue Laws, for the last five years.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into, and report upon, the nature and extent of the reservations of Mines and Minerals within the Province, including Cape-Breton, with power to send for Papers and Persons.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Kavanagh, Mr. Smith and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee for the above purpose.

The Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

*Thursday, 10th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill relating to the Terms of the Supreme Court at Halifax ; also,

A Bill in amendment of an Act for admitting Depositions de bene esse of Witnesses, aged, infirm, and otherwise unable to travel, and of Witnesses departing from the Province ; and also,

A Bill for appointing Commissioners of the Revenue, and declaring their powers and duties, were severally read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of £12,000 for Roads and Bridges ; and also,

The Resolution of this House for printing and indexing several Acts of the General Assembly, passed since the year 1816.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to explain and amend an Act for consolidating, and reducing into one Act, all the Acts, heretofore made, relating to Trespasses, and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Deputy Secretary Hill acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Honor the President to this House, signed by His Honor, and he presented the said Message to the House ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows :

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

**I**N consequence of the Grant of Four Hundred Pounds, in the last Session of the Assembly, for opening and completing a Road from M'Alpine's through the Valley to the Exercising Ground, and in conformity to the recommendation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, who gave directions for such aid as the Garrison could spare, towards accomplishing this most useful improvement of access to the Capital.

THE Commissioners of Roads, in whose district it is, commenced the work as early as the Season would permit, and with a desire that the public should derive, as soon as possible, the benefit of the alteration ; they continued with unremitting exertions as long as the season would permit, and did succeed in making it fit to be used by Wheel-Carriages. In effecting this, however, the work was found to be more difficult and arduous than was foreseen, and the expenditure has exceeded the Grant considerably ; I have therefore to recommend that the excess of £281 13 10, be provided for.

THE Special Grant of £500, at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for altering the road from Fultz's Tavern to Thompion's, near Springfield, has been faithfully expended, and has effected the opening of that road for winter use ; but to make a permanent road for wheel Carriages, a considerable sum will yet be required ; and I have also to recommend that an adequate provision be made to complete it.

I HAVE likewise to inform the House, that I have caused a survey to be made of the Ardoise Hills,

Hills, with the view of making some essential alterations in the road there, which, if accomplished, would greatly facilitate the communication between the Capital and the western Districts of the Province.

THESE alterations have been reported to me to be quite practicable, and at a much less expense than has been generally supposed; I therefore recommend the subject to the consideration of the House, and if approved of, the work may be executed in the course of the ensuing Summer.

A Plan of the alterations accompanies this.

MICHAEL WALLACE.

Mr. Deputy Secretary Hill also delivered to the House, the Plan referred to in the foregoing Message.

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

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to be composed of a Member for each County and District, to prepare and bring in a Scale of the General Division of the Sum of £12,000, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, for the present Year.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith, Mr. R. Dickson, Mr. J. Young, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Blair, Mr. B. Dewolf, Mr. Chipman, Mr. James, Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Bingay and Mr. W. H. Roach, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Lawson reported from the several Committees, appointed to wait on His Honor the President, with the respective Resolutions of this House, viz. on the subject of Suits brought in the Inferior Courts in the Province; on the subject of the Naval Officer, and also, on the subject of Seizures made by the Collectors of Impost and Excise, in the different Counties of the Province; that the Committees had pursuant to Order, accordingly waited on, and delivered the said Resolutions to, His Honor; and that His Honor had been pleased to assure the Committees that he would give the necessary direction for carrying into effect, without delay, the requests of the House.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council during the recess, to revise the Body of the Laws of the Province, and to report proper Bills for consolidating the several Acts of the Province respectively passed upon the same subjects, and further to report Bills for such amendments as may appear necessary in any parts of the existing Laws. *Resolved also*, That such Committee distinguish what Laws are proper to be printed separately as permanent Acts, and what as temporary.

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

On motion of Fairbanks, *ordered*, That the two Abstracts of the importation of Dutiable Articles into this Province within the last year, as reported by the Committee of Public Accounts, be printed in the Royal Gazette.

Mr. Albro reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of James Kidston was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee having considered the subject matter of the said Petition, and also the Document annexed to their Report, beg leave to state that, in their opinion, the Petitioner ought to be relieved from his present confinement, under Execution at the suit of James Wilson, as prayed for by him, and recommend that an Act be passed for that purpose; and thereupon,

Mr. Smith moved that the Report be received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one; against it, eight. So it passed in the affirmative. On

On motion *ordered*, That the said Committee do prepare, and bring in, a Bill conformably to their Report.

Mr. Hartshorne, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition from the Chamber of Commerce of Halifax, and the same was read, praying that the House will grant a Bounty to the Owners of the two first Vessels that may be fitted out in this Province, and employed for a term not less than eighteen months in the Southern Whale Fishery.

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

Mr. Albro reported further from the Committee, to whom the Petitions of Marvin Holmes Beckwith, Charles Blackadar and George Innes were referred; and he read, the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee, having enquired into the matters to them referred, beg leave to report, that Marvin Holmes Beckwith has been discharged from his confinement by order of his Creditor, having made an arrangement with him. That Charles Blackadar has also been discharged from his confinement, at the suit of John Witham, one of his Creditors, an arrangement having been made between them. That, with regard to the confinement of said Blackadar, under Execution at the suit of George Innes, the Committee recommend that the Petitioner, Charles Blackadar, be allowed to take the benefit of the existing Laws for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, notwithstanding the objection against his so doing, from his not having applied for that purpose within the time prescribed by Law, and the Committee further recommend that an Act be passed for the purpose of enabling said Blackadar so to be relieved, notwithstanding the expiration of the time within which he should have applied as before mentioned, upon his performing all the other conditions of the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Committee do prepare and bring in a Bill for the relief of Charles H. Blackadar.

A Petition of the Chamber of Commerce of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying that a Drawback of the Duties paid on the Importation of Flour, and other enumerated Articles, from Foreign Countries, into this Province, under an Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the third year of the reign of His present Majesty, may be allowed on the exportation of the same to South America, and other Foreign Countries,

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

Mr. Albro, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for imposing a Tax on Dogs, and the same was read a first time.

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

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

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the several Private Petitions before the House.

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

*Friday, 11th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill imposing a Tax on Dogs; also,

A Bill to explain and amend an Act for consolidating and reducing into one Act, all the Acts heretofore made, relating to Trespasses, were severally read a second time.

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



A Petition of John T. Bishop, and others, Inhabitants of Lake Porter, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying that a sum of One Hundred Pounds may be granted for the purpose of opening and improving the Navigation from the said Lake to Three Fathom Harbour.

Mr. Albro, pursuant to Order, presented a Bill for the relief of Charles Blackadar, an Insolvent Debtor, and the same was read a first time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next, the 15th instant, at One of the Clock; and that George Innes have leave to be heard by himself or his Counsel, at the Bar of the House on the subject of the Bill, pursuant to the prayer of his Petition; and further, that the parties have notice of this Resolution.

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Honor the President to this House, signed by His Honor, and he presented the said Message to the House; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows:

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly:*

**M**R. Frazer, one of the King's Counsel at Law, having officially attended the Circuit of the Supreme Court, in the Counties of Hants, King's and Annapolis, and likewise, at my desire, having attended a Court at Lunenburg, in November last, under a Special Commission for General Jail Delivery: for his services on these occasions, I refer you to the accompanying Certificates; and I recommend to the House to make suitable provision for the same accordingly.

**MICHAEL WALLACE.**

The Certificates referred to in the foregoing message, were read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. Dickson laid before the House an Estimate of the probable sum requisite to be provided for repairing and cleaning of Militia Arms for the years 1824 and 1825, recommended to the consideration of the House by His Honor the President.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The Petition of Alexander Phillips; the Petition of Richard King and John King; and the Petition of Benjamin Cole, were severally read and considered; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the said Petitions should be dismissed.

The Petition of J. S. Thompson, and others, was read; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the said Petition should be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Bills.

The Petition of James Leishman, and the Petition of Cuthbert Vaux, were severally read; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should severally be referred to a Select Committee to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the same respectively, and reporting thereon to the House.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the business to them referred: which the House agreed to.

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

*Ordered*, That the Petition of James Leishman be referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Albro, and Mr. W. Young, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of Cuthbert Vaux be referred to Mr. Lawson, Mr. Hartshorne, and Mr. Fairbanks, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

On motion, the Petition of Donald M'Donald, was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Smith.

On motion, the Petition of William Williams, and also the Petition of James Le Cain, were severally, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Gesner.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means.

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

*Saturday, 12th March, 1825.*

#### PRAYERS.

Mr. Deputy Secretary Hill acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Honor, the President to this House, signed by His Honor, and he presented the said Message to the House; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows:

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

**I**N carrying into effect the Laws which granted a Bounty on Merchantable Fish, and upon Salt, in the Years 1823 and 1824, for the encouragement of the Fisheries, it became necessary, by the provisions of those Laws for preventing Frauds, that Commissioners should be appointed to examine, and to report upon, all claims for the respective Bounties, and by their Certificates only could Warrants be issued for payment of them.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor did, accordingly, commission three Gentlemen of experience to perform that Service, which they did with much care and trouble, and unavoidably with loss of time to their own affairs.

I therefore consider it my duty to recommend to the Assembly to provide a suitable compensation for the duty which they have executed, with a strict regard to the interest of the Province, and justice to the Claimants of the Bounties.

**MICHAEL WALLACE.**

A Petition of the Magistrates of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Albro, and read, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support and maintenance of the Bridewell Establishment in said Town.

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

A Petition of Seth Coffin, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Sargent, and read, praying that a Law may be passed for taxing and regulating the keeping of Dogs.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Bills.

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

On

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Poole took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Duties payable on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Province, should remain as imposed last year.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Ways and Means: which report the House agreed to.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Frazer, and Mr. T. Dickson, do prepare and bring in Bills for continuing the several Revenue Laws.

Mr. Lawton reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a Scale for the General Division of the Sum appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, that the Committee had drawn up a Scale of Appropriation accordingly, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Scale of Appropriation for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, viz.

### FOR THE GREAT ROADS—

For the road from M'Alpine's to Fultz's	\$100	0	0
From Fielding's to the Three Mile Plain on the Windsor Road	200	0	0
From the Three Mile Plain to Avon Bridge	50	0	0
From Avon Bridge to the West side of Mud Bridge in Horton, near Fogler's: 50l. of which sum to be applied in repairing the said Mud Bridge; the remainder to be equally expended in Horton and Falmouth	125	0	0
From Mud Bridge in Horton to the Great Causeway, on the Annapolis Road, West Bounds of Cornwallis	50	0	0
From the Great Causeway to the West Bounds of Aylesford	15	0	0
From the West Bounds of Aylesford to Hicks's Bridge	30	0	0
From Hicks's Bridge to Annapolis	30	0	0
From Annapolis to Bear River Bridge	30	0	0
From the Eastern side of Bear River Bridge to Digby	40	0	0
From Digby to Sissabou	50	0	0
From Sissabou to Montegan	40	0	0
From Montegan to Yarmouth Line	40	0	0
From Yarmouth Line to James B. Moody's	30	0	0
From Moody's to Tusket Bridge	70	0	0
From Tusket Bridge to Pabnico	50	0	0
From Pabnico to Barrington	50	0	0
From Barrington to Clyde River	30	0	0
From Clyde River to Shelburne	30	0	0
From Shelburne to Jordan River	10	0	0
From Jordan River to Queen's County	30	0	0
From the Bounds of Halifax County to Chester	50	0	0
From Chester to Martin's River	50	0	0
From Martin's River to the Town of Lunenburg	50	0	0
From Pernette's Ferry, La Have, to Petit River	50	0	0
From Petit River to the Bounds of Queen's County	75	0	0
From Chester to Windsor	150	0	0

Carried forward £1625 0 0

	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>£1525 0 0</b>
From Hammond Plains to Sherbrooke	L.100 0 0	
From Sherbrooke through Dalhousie Settlement, beginning in the Sherbrooke Settlement, at the line of King's County, and extending Westwardly on the said Road Eleven Miles	} 200 0 0	
From Dalhousie Settlement to Annapolis	} 100 0 0	
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From the Bounds of Lunenburg County to Liverpool		75 0 0
From Liverpool to Port Mutton		50 0 0
From Port Mutton to the Bounds of Shelburne County		100 0 0
For opening the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool		50 0 0
For the new Road near Hill's, past Beaver Bank, to Rawden and Noel		150 0 0
From Dartmouth to Fletcher's		200 0 0
From Fletcher's, on the Truro Road, to the North End of Gay's River Bridge		100 0 0
From Gay's River Bridge to M'Keen's Mills in Truro		200 0 0
From Truro Line to the West End of Chiganoise Bridge		50 0 0
From Chiganoise Bridge to the Bounds of the County Line of Cumberland		50 0 0
From the Bounds of Cumberland County to River Philip		60 0 0
From River Philip to the Bounds of New-Brunswick		140 0 0
From Londonderry to the Harbour of Pogwash, by Folly Lake		75 0 0
From Onslow to Tatamagouche, on the Post Road		150 0 0
From Dewar's Bridge, in Romsheg, to Forbes's, on the Tatamagouche Road; and to enable the Inhabitants to complete the Bridge across the French River of Tatamagouche	} 60 0 0	
From Forbes's to River John; and to enable the Inhabitants to complete the Bridge across River John, at George Longell's lower Farm	} 120 0 0	
From Truro to the line dividing Colchester and Pictou		50 0 0
From the District line to Blanchard's, on the West River; and to complete the Bridge at M'Gillivray's, and the alteration on M'Gillivray's Hill	} 120 0 0	
From Blanchard's, on the Antigonish Road, to the little Bridge of the East River		60 0 0
From the little Bridge of the East River to Cook's		40 0 0
From Wm. Fraser's, on the Post Road to Fisher's Grant Bridge		40 0 0
From Cook's to the line of Sydney County		110 0 0
From Sydney County line to Malignant Cove		50 0 0
From Malignant Cove to Antigonish		75 0 0
From Antigonish to the Gut of Canso, on the new line		60 0 0
From Antigonish to Guysborough Church: to be equally divided between the two districts of Sydney County		60 0 0
From the line of Sydney County, through St. Mary's, to the Guysborough Church; £25 of which to be expended to the west of the Cross Road of Country Harbour	} 75 0 0	
From Guysborough to Canso; £30 of which to be expended to the westward of Crow Harbour		75 0 0
From Musquodoboit to the line of Sydney County		50 0 0
From Parrsborough to Cumberland Bounds		25 0 0
From Cumberland Bounds to Napan Bridge		35 0 0
From Partridge Island to Five Islands		30 0 0
From Preston to the Upper Settlement of Musquodoboit		150 0 0
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		£4650 0 0
<b>For the District of Halifax</b>		<b>£540</b>
Colchester		540
Pictou		595
<b>For the County of Sydney</b>		<b>595</b>
Cumberland		535
Hants,		565
King's County		565
Annapolis		615
Shelburne		615
Queen's County		545
Lunenburg		540
Cape Breton		1100
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Mr. W. H. Roach moved that the Report be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, four; against it, twenty-eight.

For

**For the Motion,**

*Mr. W. H. Roach,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Gester,  
Mr. Church.*

*Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Bishop,  
Mr. Uniacke,  
Mr. Blair,  
Mr. J. Young,  
Mr. B. Dewolf,  
Mr. Wells,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Sargent.*

**Against the Motion,**

*Mr. Wier,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,  
Mr. Fairbanks,  
Mr. W. Young,  
Mr. M'Kinnon,  
Mr. T. Dickson.*

*Mr. James,  
Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. Kavanagh,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Crowell,  
Mr. O'Brien.*

So it passed in the negative.

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

*Ordered,* That the said Scale of Appropriation, except such part thereof as relates to the Great Roads, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts; and that the said Members for each County or District, do prepare and bring into the House a Scale of the Subdivision of the Sum appropriated for their respective County or District for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Fairbanks presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz:—

A Petition of John Burgoyne, and others, of Margaret's Bay.

A Petition of George Mason, and others, of ditto

Mr. Lawson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz:—

A Petition of James Benvie, and others, of the River Musquodoboit.

A Petition of Alexander Henry, and others, of Musquodoboit.

A Petition of John Andrew, and others, of the County of Halifax.

A Petition of Samuel Evans, and others, of Preston.

A Petition of John Isener, and others, of the Back Settlement of St. Margaret's Bay.

A Petition of George Munro, and others, of St. Margaret's Bay.

A Petition of Joseph Young, and others, of Sheet Harbour.

A Petition of Matthew Hoffman, and others, of the Grand Lake of Shubenacadie.

A Petition of David Rugg, and others, of Antrim Settlement, Musquodoboit Road.

A Petition of Henry Y. Mott, and others, of Preston and Cole Harbour.

A Petition of David Brunt, and others, of Harriet Fields.

Mr. R. Dickson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz:—

A Petition of William Thom, and others, of Kempt Town.

A Petition of James Johnston, and others, of ditto

A Petition of William Rude, of Onslow.

A Petition of Robert Murray, and others, of Earl Town.

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A Petition of George Ross, and others, of Earl Town.

Mr. Church presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz:—

A Petition of James S. Wells, and others, of Sherbrooke Settlement.

A Petition of Conrad Publicover, and others, of Blandford.

A Petition of Harris Dimock, and others, of Chester.

Mr. B. Dewolf presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz:—

A Petition of Archibald Scott, and others, of Douglafs.

A Petition of William Crossley, and others, of the Township of Kempt.

A Petition of William Nicholson, and others, of the Beaver Bank Road.

A Petition of Thomas Knowles, and others, of Rawdon.

Mr. Poole presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz:—

A Petition of Thomas Trask, Sen. and others, of Yarmouth.

A Petition of Benjamin Bernard, and others, of Yarmouth.

Mr. Albro presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz:—

A Petition of John Scott, and others.

A Petition of William Kidston, and others, of Spryfield.

Mr. O'Brien presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :

A Petition of Peter Grant, and others, of Nine Mile River, Douglafs.

A Petition of Alexander M'Phee, and others, of Douglafs.

A Petition of Donald Grant, Sen. and others, of ditto.

A Petition of James Grant, and others, of ditto.

Mr. Bingay presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :—

A Petition of Abner Andrews, and others, of Kemptville.

A Petition of Richard J. King, and others, of Cape-Negro.

Mr. Smith presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :—

A Petition of John Gauld, and others, of the River John.

A Petition of John Olding, and others, of Mergomishe.

A Petition of John M'Kay, and others, of Picou.

A Petition of Alexander M'Donald, and others, of Cape-John Shore.

A Petition of Angus M'Donald, of Little Harbour, Picou.

A Petition of David Rogers, and others, of River John.

A Petition of Donald Sutherland, and others, of Mergomishe.

A Petition of Alexander Campbell, and others, of Tatamagushe, Earl Town and New Annand.

A Petition of Donald Nicholson, and others, of Remsheg and Pugwash.

A Petition of Kenneth M'Donald, and others, of Carribou River.

A Petition of Hugh Morrison, and others, of Carribou, Toney's River, Cape-John, &c.

A Petition of James J. Perin, and others, of River John.

Mr. Bishop presented to the House a Petition of James Duncanson, and others, of Horton, praying aid for Roads

Mr. Gesner presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz .

A Petition of John J. Van Beuren, and others, of the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of John Grinton, and others, of the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of James Clarke, and others, for a Bridge on the Annapolis River, at Lawrence Town.

A Petition of John Pierce, and others, of Wilmot.

A Petition of Joshua Willet, and others, of Wilmot.

A Petition of Joseph Harriott, and others, of the Township of Annapolis.

A Petition of Oliver Foster, and others, of Granville.

A Petition of Isaac Longly, and others, of the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of John Crosby, and others, of Wilmot,

A Petition of Abednego Parker, and others, of Bear River Road.

A Petition of Alexander Clarke, and others, of the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of James Hall, and others, of the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of Henry Charlton, and others, of Wilmot.

A Petition of Henry Dunn, and others, of Wilmot.

A Petition of Zebulon Phinney, and others, of ditto.

A Petition of Obadiah Marshall, and others, of ditto.

A Petition of Maynard Parker, and others, of ditto.

A Petition of John Troop, Sen. and others, of the New Sciffabou Road.

A Petition of Richard Bowley, and others, of

A Petition of Peter Morfe, and others, of the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Ruggles presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz.

A Petition of Samuel Chesley, and others, of Granville.

A Petition of Ichabod Corbett, and others, of the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Blair presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :

- A Petition of John M'Farlane, and others, of the Gulf Shore and Fox Harbour.
- A Petition of do and others, of ditto ditto
- A Petition of John Parr Taylor, and others, of Macan Settlement.
- A Petition of Alexander M'Nab, and others, of Remfleg.
- Mr. Chipman presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :
- A Petition of William Patterson, and others, of Aylesford.
- A Petition of James Marth, and others, of Five Islands.
- A Petition of Joseph Crane, and others, of Aylesford.
- A Petition of John Condon, and others, of Cornwallis.
- A Petition of Robert Stoddart, and others, of Dalhousie and Sherbrooke Roads:
- A Petition of Thomas Tupper, and others, of Aylesford.
- A Petition of Jeremiah Everet, and others, of Digby.
- Mr. W. H. Roach, presented to the House, several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :
- A Petition of Henry Parker, of Liverpool Road.
- A Petition of Edward Morgan, and others, of Clements.
- A Petition of Christopher Prince Harris, and others, of Bear River, Clements.
- A Petition of Anthony Thomson, of Dalhousie Settlement.
- A Petition of John M'Niel, of St. Mary's, Digby.
- A Petition of Joseph Thomas, and others, of Digby.
- A Petition of James R. Purdy, and others, of Digby and Clements.
- Mr. Morfe presented a Petition of Hans Baker, and others, praying aid for a Bridge over the River Macan.
- Mr. Thomas Dickson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :
- A Petition of Donald M'Donald, and others, of the Rear Lands of Arifaig, in the County of Sydney.
- A Petition of Lewis M'Donald, and others, of the Gulf Shore, County of Sydney.
- Mr. Wells presented to the House a Petition of Elkana Morton, and others, of Cornwallis, praying aid for Roads.
- Mr. J. Young presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :—
- A Petition of Angus M'Pherson, and others, of Ohio Settlement.
- A Petition of Donald Cameron, and others, of County of Sydney.
- A Petition of Charles Archibald, and others, of Country Harbour.
- Mr. Flemming presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :—
- A Petition of Archibald Dawson, and others, of Londonderry.
- A Petition of James W. Crow, and others, of Economy.
- Mr. Uniacke presented to the House a Petition of William M'Keen, and others, of Cape-Breton, praying aid for Roads.
- Mr. Hartthorne presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, viz :—
- A Petition of James Creighton, and others, of Dartmouth.
- A Petition of John Cogill, and others, of Dartmouth.
- Mr. Campbell presented to the House several Petitions, praying aids for Roads, &c.
- A Petition of Dominick Melanson and Peter Melanson, of Clare.
- A Petition of Peter Krolin, and others, of Clare.
- Mr. Frazer presented to the House a Petition of Anthony Shaw, and others, of the Halifax Road, praying aid for Roads.
- Mr. Dennison presented to the House a Petition of David Borden, and others, of Horton, praying aids for Roads.
- Ordered,* That the several Private Petitions, praying aids for the service of Roads and Bridges, be referred to the Members of the several Counties and Districts who are to prepare and bring in a Scale for the subdivision of the sums to be appropriated for the same. Mr.

Mr. James stated to the House, that this morning he received a Petition from George Frederick Belvidere, of Lunenburg, to be presented to the House, which, from unavoidable delay in its conveyance by water, did not come within the time limited by the House for receiving Private Petitions; and thereupon, pursuant to leave given, Mr. James presented the said Petition, and the same was read, setting forth that the Petitioner was appointed Gauger and Weigher, in the Impost and Excise Office, for the Port of Lunenburg, in the year 1797, and continued in the said Office from that period to the year 1822—that the sum of £92 5 4½ remains due for his services in that capacity, and praying that the same may be allowed him, or such other relief in the premises as to the House may seem meet.

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

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

*Monday, 14th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Wells, *resolved*, that the Petition of Charles R. Prescott and others, be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Smith, and Mr. R. Dickson, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

The Order of the Day was read; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the second reading of the Bank Bill be postponed until Wednesday next the 16th inst.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Bills on the subject of the Revenue of the Province, and accordingly presented:

A Bill to continue an Act imposing a duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported from the United States of America; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government; also,

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

A Bill to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, also,

A Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, and the same were severally read a first time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, the 16th instant, take into consideration the state of the Province.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, the House came to a Resolution as follows, viz,

Inasmuch as this House hath appointed To-morrow, Tuesday, the 15th day of March instant, at one of the Clock, for the second reading of the Bill for permitting Charles Blackadar, an Insolvent Debtor, now a Prisoner in Execution in the County Jail of Halifax, to take the benefit of the Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and forasmuch as the House hath ordered, that the Creditor, George Innes, have leave to be heard by himself or his Counsel, upon the said Bill, and the said Prisoner



having prayed to be also heard on the said Bill, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the said Prisoner have leave to be heard accordingly; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Sheriff of the said County, requiring him to bring the said Charles Blackadar to the Bar of this House to-morrow, at one of the Clock, for that purpose.

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

*Tuesday, 15th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to Order, the undermentioned Members delivered to the House a Scale of the subdivision of the several Sums of Money, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the respective Counties and Districts of the Province, viz.

- Mr. Lawson for the District of Halifax,
- Mr. Smith for the District of Pictou,
- Mr. R. Dickton for the District of Colchester,
- Mr. J. Young for the County of Sydney,
- Mr. Blair for the County of Cumberland,
- Mr. B. Dewolf for the County of Hants,
- Mr. Chipman for the County of King's County,
- Mr. W. H. Roach for the County of Annapolis,
- Mr. Bingay for the County of Shelburne,
- Mr. J. R. Dewolf for the County of Queen's County,
- Mr. Uniacke for the County of Cape Breton.

And the House having taken the same, and also, the Sums appropriated for the Great Roads, into consideration.

*Resolved*, That the appropriation of the several Sums for the Great Roads, as reported by the Committee on the 12th instant, be sent to the Council for concurrence.

*Resolved*, That the sum of £540, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Halifax, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road from Salmon River Bridge, in Preston, over Porter's Lake, including said Bridge	£30 0 0
For the road from said Bridge down west side of said Lake	12 0 0
For the road from said Bridge up west side of said Lake	8 0 0
For the road from head of Porter's Lake to the road leading from Preston Mills to Musquodoboit	15 0 0
For the road leading from Main Road, east of Porter's Lake Bridge, to west side of Chizatecook Harbour	10 0 0
For the road leading from Simpson's, in Preston, to Cole Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from Lawlor's to Salmon River Bridge, on the Road leading to Lawrence Town	8 0 0
For the road from Robinson's towards Lawrence Town, and for repairing the Bridges	7 0 0
For the road from R. Gammon's, on the Lawrence Town Road, to the head of the Settlement by Crook's Mill	10 0 0
For the road from the Falls, near Sheet Harbour, to Little River Bridge, leading to Musquodoboit	8 0 0
For the road from Beaver Dam to Recky Brook	25 0 0
For the road from J. Garby's to the boundary line, Hants County	10 0 0
For aid in building a brige over Shubenacadie, near Tremain's	10 0 0
For the road leading to Musquodoboit, from near James Key's	30 0 0
For the road from George Grassie's to Johnson Colbeck's	15 0 0
For the road near the bridge, near Johnson Colbeck's, to John Lindsay's, and from thence to M'Haffey's } upper line	10 0 0
For the new road from Stewiack to the new Road leading from Halifax to Dartmouth	20 0 0
For the road from John M'Donald's on the West Branch of St. Mary's River, to the District line towards } the East River of Pictou	15 0 0
For the road from Creighton's Ferry to Horn's	10 0 0
For the road near Bisset's, on Cole Harbour Road, to Eastern passage	15 0 0
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For the road from Horn's, in Eastern Passage, to Cole Harbour, and for Bridge thereon	£12 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants of Musquodoboit to open a Road from William Logan's, on Gay's River Road, to the new Road leading from Dartmouth to Musquodoboit	20 0 0
To aid the Proprietors of the 20 and 80 Acre Lots in the Township of Dartmouth, to open the Road through the same	15 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants of Musquodoboit, to make a Road to the new Bridge over Musquodoboit River	10 0 0
For the road from Dartmouth to Sackville	25 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants to make a Road from M. Heffey's, on East side of Lake Egmont, to the Musquodoboit Road	5 0 0
For the road from North-west Arm to Spryfield	15 0 0
From Spryfield to the Fork's of Margaret's Bay Road	7 0 0
For the road from Woodin's Bridge, at Margaret's Bay, down East side thereof, to Peggy's Cove	15 0 0
For the road from do. up East side of Bay	10 0 0
For the old road from head of Margaret's Bay towards Halifax, by Keizer's	40 0 0
For the road from North East part of Bay towards the Road leading to Chester, from Hammond Plain	10 0 0
For the road from Fork's of Prospect and Margaret's Bay Road, to Drysdales	10 0 0
For the road from Prospect Road Bridge to Prospect	10 0 0
For the road from Spryfields to Harrietfields, and to the point where it leads to Sambro	10 0 0
For the road from Harrietfields to Sambro	8 0 0
For the road from Harrietfields to Lower Prospect, by Frederick Howman's	5 0 0
For the road from Spryfields to Herring Cove	7 0 0
For the road from Herring Cove Road, to Ketch Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from Ketch Harbour to Sambro	8 0 0
For the road from Beech Hill to Hosterman's Mill	55 0 0
For the road from Windsor Road to Beechy Hill	5 0 0

*Resolved*, That the sum of £540, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Colchester, be applied as follows, viz.

From Dickie's, on Halifax Road, to Upper Stewiack	£20 0 0
From Upper Stewiack to Musquodoboit	5 0 0
From Halifax Road to Stewiack, by Brookfield	10 0 0
From Shubenacadie Meeting House to Gay's River	25 0 0
From South Branch of Stewiack towards Halifax, by James Fisher's	5 0 0
From Henry Miller's to Middle Stewiack	25 0 0
From Harris Hamilton's to Pictou, through New Larwick, and to alter the Hills by Davison's	20 0 0
From Stewiack to Halifax, by the New Middle Road	10 0 0
To aid the Settlers on the New Road from Stewiack to Musquodoboit, across the Mountains from Putnam's farm	10 0 0
To assist the Inhabitants of Upper Stewiack to rebuild the Bridge near Cox's	10 0 0
To assist the Settlers in opening a Road from the Halfway Brook between Upper and Middle Stewiack, through the New Settlement, to Miller's, on the Truro Road	10 0 0
From James Green's to Robert Pollock's, by Fort Ellis	10 0 0
From Christie's, in Truro, to Greenfield	10 0 0
From Pictou Road, near Salmon River, down the North Branch to the Great Falls	5 0 0
From George Young's farm to Halifax Road	5 0 0
From Black Rock, Shubenacadie, to Green's	10 0 0
From Old Barns to Shubenacadie, by Sanderson's	10 0 0
From John Christie's to Andrew Christie's	5 0 0
From John Dickson's to the Cross Roads, by Samuel Blair's	10 0 0
From Halifax Road to Stewiack Road, by P. Steven's	10 0 0
From Richard Elliott's to J. Johnson's, Kempt Town	5 0 0
From Johnson Caulback's, through the Settlement of Musquodoboit	10 0 0
From Onslow Meeting House to Crow's Mills	10 0 0
From Crow's Mills to Barnhills	10 0 0
From Robert Upham's to McCallum's Bridge	10 0 0
From Robert Blair's Mill to Benjamin Lynd's Mill	10 0 0
From Tatamagush Road to S. Rude's, by Cutten's	10 0 0
From Samuel Rude's to Higgin's Mill	10 0 0
From Rude's Bridge to John Graham's	10 0 0
From Upham's Mill to Kempt Town	10 0 0
From Samuel McCully's to Thomas Robinson's	10 0 0
From Kempt Town to River John, through Earl Town	20 0 0
From Tatamagushe Road to New Anan	10 0 0
From Tatamagushe Road to Coal Mines	10 0 0
From Pictou Road to Upper Kempt Town, east of Onslow	5 0 0
From Roderick McKenzie's (Upper Settlement of West Branch River John) to John McKee's	10 0 0
From Tatamagushe to Daniel Crow's Mills, in Earl Town	5 0 0

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From Baird's Lane to S. Rude's	£ 10 0 0
From Robert M'Nutt's to Remshag Road, by James Cottom's	10 0 0
From Folly Hill to James Tottan's, by D. V. Crow's farm	10 0 0
From Remshag Road to Cumberland Road, by Asa Clarke's	10 0 0
From Clark's to the road leading from Bass River to River Philip	10 0 0
From Francis Fulton's, by Davison's, and M'Lellan's, to Cumberland Road	10 0 0
From Great Village to Economy Line	10 0 0
From Londonderry Line, through Economy, to Parrsborough Line	10 0 0
From Economy to River Philip	10 0 0
From Samuel Hill's to the Back Settlement, by M'Laughlin's Farm	5 0 0
From Faulkner's farm to Crow's, on the New Upper Settlement	5 0 0
From Economy River Bridge to the Boat Landing	10 0 0
From J. M. Spencer's, by John Dill's, to M'Elman's, on the Remshag Road, by John Dill's	10 0 0
From Murray's to Sutherland's, Westchester	10 0 0
From Portopique to Purdy's, Westchester	10 0 0
From Basu River to River Philip	10 0 0

*Resolved*, That the sum of £595, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the District of Pictou, be applied as follows, viz.

From Blanchard's West River, to the Town Gut	£25 0 0
From Pagan's to River John	45 0 0
From New Glasgow to the Post Road, leading to Fisher's Grant	15 0 0
From the Ferry at Abercromby's Point to the Lower Settlement	15 0 0
From Andrew Anderson's to New Glasgow	10 0 0
From the District Line, on the road leading through the Garden of Eden to M'Lellan's Brook	15 0 0
From David Murray's, past William M'Kenzie's, Merrigomish	10 0 0
From John Marshall's, by the Marsh, to the West Branch Bridge, on the East River	15 0 0
From Christopher M'Donald's to Alex. Fraser's, Forks Middle River	10 0 0
From David M'Lean's, past Donald Shaw's, South side West Branch East River	10 0 0
From Wilkin's Grant to John Marshall's	10 0 0
From Alex. Fraser's to D. Marshall's, on the Middle River	15 0 0
From Andrew Marshall's to Duncan Fraser's, and to enable the Commissioners to pay Andrew Marshall for } damages for the road passing through his improved Land	35 0 0
From John Matheson's to the Pictou Road	10 0 0
From John Matheson's to Andrew M'Cara's	15 0 0
From Andrew M'Cara's towards Earl Town	15 0 0
From Dalhousie Mount to Roger's Hill	15 0 0
From Earl Town to River John	15 0 0
For the Bridges on the Road from Pictou to Cape John, by Carribou	30 0 0
From East Branch East River to the St. Mary Road	20 0 0
From East River Meeting House to the Upper Settlement	20 0 0
From M'Lellan's Mount to the Head of the Tide	15 0 0
From New Larig to Stewiack	10 0 0
From John M'Donald's towards Stewiack	10 0 0
From Fisher's Grant to Little Harbour	10 0 0
From the River John Road towards Robert M'Connell's	10 0 0
From John Robson's up South side West River	15 0 0
From the Salt Springs to Blanchard's, on the North side West River	10 0 0
From John Moore's to River John, and to assist the Inhabitants to build a Bridge on the West Branch of } River John	10 0 0
From Rough's Mills to Antigonish, on the Mountain road	15 0 0
To assist the Inhabitants to open a road from the Ferry at Fisher's Grant, to the Main Road leading to Antigonish	20 0 0
From Little Harbour to Cook's	10 0 0
To open a new line of road from the Back Settlements at Peter Grant's place, on the West side of Barney's } River, towards William M'Kenzie's	10 0 0
From Mount Dalhousie to Henderson's Mill	10 0 0
From the Meeting House, East River, to M'Lellan's Brook, on the St. Mary Road	10 0 0
To assist the Inhabitants to build a Bridge on the West Branch East River, at Duncan Falconer's	10 0 0
For the Shore Road from the Middle River to Fraser's Pond, past Joseph Beggs	10 0 0
From Dawson's, on the road towards Carribou, by David Lowden's	10 0 0
From the West Branch East River to the Lower Settlement	10 0 0
From the Little Island to the Middle River	10 0 0
From the Middle River to the West River	10 0 0

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £595 appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road from Malignant Cove to David Ballentyne's	£17 10 0
For the road from David Ballentyne's to Ogden's Pond	12 10 0
For the road from Ogden's Pond to Dorchester	20 0 0
For the road from the Morris Town Lakes to the Gulf Shore	7 10 0
For the road from Ireland's Mill to Donald M'Donald's	7 10 0
For the road from Dorchester Village to the District line on the Road to St. Mary's, by the Salt Springs	35 0 0
For the road from George's Irish's Farm towards St. Mary's, on the Ohio Road	25 0 0
For the road from Robert Campbell's, at the North Grant, over the Mountain to the County Line	10 0 0
For the road from the Mountain road to Back Settlement of Knoydant, through the Blanchard Grant	10 0 0
For the road from the North Grant road to the Gulf Shore, by Widow M'Eachen's	7 10 0
For the road from Dorchester Village to the District Line, on the road to Guysborough, and to pay the late Commissioner £19 14 6, over expended by him	45 0 0
For the road from the Pompket Cove, past the Chapel on the Shore Road, over the Pompket Ferry, Little River, through Tracadie to the District Line on the road to Milford Haven	15 0 0
For the road from Tracadie River Bridge, on the Shore Road, through Little Tracadies, Harbour Bushee, and along the Gut of Canso to the District Line	20 0 9
For the road from Tracadie Chapel, to the back settlement of Tracadie, near the Little River Lakes	5 0 0
For the road from St. Andrew's Chapel to the Town Point Ferry, down the South River and Antigonish Harbour	25 0 0
For the road from St. Andrew's Chapel to the Forks of the Pompket Ferry	5 0 0
For the road the Pompket Chapel Ferry to the New Road, at the Pompket River, past the Pompket Chapel	5 0 0
For the road from the Forks of the Pompket River to the Guysborough Road, past the House of John M'Donald, Esq.	5 0 0
For the road from the Salt Springs, past Pitchers's farm, to the South River	10 0 0
For the road from the new road to Tracadie, up the east side of the south branch of the Pompket River to the Guysborough Road	7 10 0
For the road from the Guysborough Road, up the west side of the South River to the District Line on the road to Country Harbour	15 0 0
For the road from the Guysborough Road up the east side of the South River	15 0 0
For the road from Guysborough Church to Brown's Bridge	25 0 0
For the road from Brown's Bridge to Alder River	5 0 0
For the road from Salmon River to New Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from Torbay to join the New Harbour Road	7 10 0
For the road from Boylston to the Gut of Canso	20 0 0
For the road from Angus M'Kay's to Tracadie	20 0 0
For the road from Manchester Ferry to Thomas Morris's	7 10 0
For the road from Thomas Morris's to Goose Harbour	12 10 0
For the road from Goose Harbour to Sandy Point	20 0 0
For the road from Steep Creek to the District Line above Cape Porcupine	15 0 0
To aid the Inhabitants of Salmon River to erect a bridge over that river below the Lake	10 0 0
For the road from Maxwell's to Manchester Ferry	12 10 0
For the road from Sherbrooke to John K. M'Keen's	25 0 0
For the road from John K. M'Keen's to Alex. L. Archibald's	25 0 0
For the road from Sherbrooke to Indian Harbour	10 0 0
For the road from Sherbrooke to Ekemsigan	10 0 0
For the road from Samuel M'Keen's to the District on the East River Road	10 0 0
For the road from the Cross Roads, below the Forks, to the District Line on the road to Antigonish	12 10 0
For the road from the Cross Roads, at Country Harbour, to Morris's Mills	12 10 0
For the road from the Cross Roads, at Country Harbour, to the head of South River Lake	10 0 0

*Resolved,* That the sum of £535, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road and bridges leading from Amherst to Parrsborough, viz. from the North Bounds of Blenkhorn's farm, near Napan River, to the Bounds of King's County	£35 0 0
For the road from the Partridge Island Road to River Hebert, by the great bridge over Macan River: 10l. of which on that part of the road that leads from William Downie's to Brion Shipley's	10 0 0
For the road from Barroshfield to Partridge Island: 5l. thereof for that part of the road which lies between William Shipley's and the Boar's Back	25 0 0
For the road and bridges from the River Philip to Bass River in Londonderry, to meet the Noel Road from Beaver Bank	35 0 0
For the road from Macan to the River Philip	15 0 0
For the road from Macan to Five Islands	10 0 0
For the road from Trueman's Mill to the River Philip, by Goose River	55 0 0
For the road, near to Horton's to the Gulf Shore, near to Peter M'Etman's: 5l. of which on the Tidnish Bridge	20 0 0
For the road from Gabriel Purdy's to Bebee's, on the Remsheg River	25 0 0
For the road from Bebee's to the Harbour of Remsheg	30 0 0

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For the road and bridges from Pgwash Harbour to Peter Angevine's	L.20	0	0
For the road from the Townplot of Remsheg to John Tuttle's, on the road leading to Amherst	10	0	0
For the road from Pgwash to the River Philip, near John Tait's, at the new bridge	25	0	0
For the road from John Tait's, on the River Philip, to Andrew Forshner's, in Remsheg	40	0	0
For the road from Pipe's, at Napan, to the Post Road near William Black's	10	0	0
For the road from Little Fork Bridge, at Macan, to the New Settlement, leading towards L. Hunter's	10	0	0
For the road from Horton's, in Remsheg, to Dewar's Bridge, towards Tatamagushe	15	0	0
For the road from Fox Harbour, on the Gulf Shore, to Tuttle's, in Remsheg	10	0	0
For the new road from the Leicester Road to the River Philip, near Thompson's	5	0	0
For the new road leading from Macan Settlement, near Furlong's, towards Oman Lewis's	5	0	0
For the road from Fox Harbour to the Gulf Shore Settlement	10	0	0
For the road from Fox Harbour towards Amherst	10	0	0
For the road from the Little Forks to the Post Road	10	0	0
For the bridge over the River Hebert, near Brion Shipley's in aid of the subscription by the Inhabitants } for that purpose	50	0	0
For the Black River Road, from John Morse's to the Post Road	10	0	0
For the Leicester Road to the River Philip	25	0	0

*Resolved*, That the sum of £565, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants, be applied as follows, viz.

For Chester Road, from Rocky Point to Hemlock Hill	£15	0	0
For the road from Proctor's to the New Panuke Settlement	10	0	6
For the road on Western Ardoise, coming from Wallace's Line to Shey's Lot, being a new Settlement	15	0	0
For the new road from M. Dill's to Winckworth	25	0	0
For the road from Shiverree to the Fulton Lot	16	0	0
For the road from Fulton's to Petit Bridge	16	0	0
For the road from Petit Bridge towards Tenecape	20	0	0
For the road from Salter's to Petit Bridge	12	0	0
For the road from Cambridge, by Scott's, to Salter's Road	8	0	0
For the new road from Cockmagun to Cambridge	8	0	0
For the road from D. Gormly's, at Glen's Brook, to the Douglas Road	10	0	0
From Taggart's to the Half-way Tree, on the road to Shubenacadie	8	0	0
For the road from Taggart's to Shubenacadie, near Wallace's	8	0	0
For the road from Kilcup's to Evan M'Phee's	10	0	0
For the road from Evan M'Phee's to Hall's	10	0	0
To open and continue the road from Grant's to the Campbell Grant	10	0	0
To complete Bridge at Tremsin's	10	0	0
To be paid to Alexander M'Phee, son of Evan, for completing Bridge near Peter Grant's	12	0	0
For the road from Nine Mile River Road to the County Line, on the West side of the Grand Lake	5	0	0
For the road from Peter Grant's to Wardrobe's	6	0	0
For the road from the Five Mile River to Rine's Creek	15	0	0
For the road from Rine's Creek to Wardrobe's	4	0	0
For the road from Tenecape to Noel	10	0	0
For the road from Noel to Shubenacadie	10	0	0
For the road from Noel to Henry Blair's	13	0	0
For the road from James Mosher's to Noel Road	20	0	0
For the road from mouth of Noel Road to Shubenacadie	10	0	0
For new road from Noel Road, on the back tier of Lots towards Petit	6	0	0
For road and bridge at Tom Cod	8	0	0
For the road from Whitear's to Taggart's	10	0	0
For the road from John Dimock's to Glen's Brook	20	0	0
For the road from James Steven's, by the line of the Glebe Lot, to the School House near Cole's	10	0	0
For the road from Cole's to Isaac Whitear's	10	0	0
For the road from Beaver Bank to the Windsor Road, on the County Line	4	0	0
For the road from Wilson's to J. Withrow's	10	0	0
From the road from Meek's to Thomson's	10	0	0
For the road from Bond's Mill to Best's	6	0	0
For the road from Trefry's to the Township Line, on the Mount Denson Road	40	0	0
For the Shore Road from Mount Denson Bridge to the Township Line	15	0	0
For the road from John Cochran's to Archibald Wier's	17	0	0
For the road from Archibald Wier's to John Dimock's	18	0	0
For the road from Mark Trefry's to Felix Cochran's, including the repairs of the Meander Bridge	17	0	0
For the road from Cockmagun Bridge to the Kennetcook Bridge, including Kennetcook Bridge	13	0	0
For the road from Rine's to the Petit Road	7	0	0
For the road from Cannavan's to Asa Dimock's	8	0	0
For the road from George Mosher's to Constantine's	8	0	0
For the road from Parker's Mill to James Sterling's	4	0	0
For the road from Hugh Smith's to Richard Anthony's	8	0	0

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*Resolved*, That the sum of £565, appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of King's County, be applied as follows, viz.

For the road past Silas Rand's, by John Worth's, to the Annapolis Road, and for the road from John Worth's, by A. Woodworth's, and for the road from Strong's to the Annapolis Road	12	10	0
For the road from Benjamin Condon's to Chase's and Skinner's Mills, and from said Mills northerly near William Clims's, to the road leading to Aylesford Church	10	0	0
For the road leading to Aylesford Church from Little Lake to the West Bounds of Cornwallis, and for the road from John Worth's to James Spicer's, one half of said sum on each road	12	10	0
For the road from Little Lake, by Nathan West's and Ahira Calkins's, past Burges's, to the Black Rock Road, for the road past James Burbidge's, on the road to Aylesford Church, near William Rusco's, and for the road past John Pearl's to Asael Bently's	10	10	0
For the road from Strong's to Timothy White's; for the road from Samuel Parson's past Stephen Burges's; and for the road past Benjamin Rockwell's, Jun. to Dunham's	9	0	0
For the road past John H. Chipman's to Little Lake, on the road leading to Aylesford Church	7	10	0
For the road near Walter Reed, past Gibson's, westerly to Amos Kinsman's	7	10	0
For the road from Randall Halsey's to the Bay of Fundy; and from Edy Newcomb's to Hall's Harbour; and for the road from Robert Foot's past Luther Porter's	15	0	0
For the road from where Charles Finch formerly lived to William North's; and for the road from Stephen Porter's by Samuel Rockwell's	5	0	0
For the road from Abraham Masters's, by John Woodworth's, Noah and Samuel Rockwell's, to the road leading to Aylesford Church	5	0	0
For the road from Benjamin Fox's past Wilmot Osborn's; and for the road from Abraham Masters's to William Bott's	5	0	0
For the road from Black Rock to the road past Silas Rand's and John Worth's to the Annapolis Road: four pounds of said sum to be expended on the south part of said road	12	10	0
For the road from Baxter's Harbour, by Davison's, to the foot of the Hill near Harris's	7	10	0
For the road past Lyons's farm; for the road up the Mountain by Stephen West's, and for the road past Charles Wood's and Timothy Thorp's to the road leading to Baxter's Harbour	10	0	0
For the road from James Gray's easterly to Benjamin Sandford's House	10	0	0
For the road from Benjamin Rockwell's, by Joshua Sandford's, to Marhah's Saw Mill	7	10	0
For the road leading from the main road, near William Pineo's, southerly to Canaan Road	7	10	0
For the road from Daniel Huntley's to the Bason at Whitewater	10	0	0
For the road leading over the Dike by Benjamin Weaver's to the Settlement at Bass Creek, and westerly to the road leading to Pero	5	0	0
For the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis	8	0	0
For the two roads from Stephen Loomer's to the Bay	10	0	0
For the road leading from the west bounds of Cornwallis to Aylesford Church: to be laid out on the east part of the said road, to the Ormsby Road	10	0	0
For the Morden Road leading to the Bay	10	0	0
For the road leading Westerly from the Morden Road under the Mountain near Thomas Tupper's	12	10	0
For the Clermont Road to the Bay of Fundy	7	10	0
For the Ormsby Road, Northerly near the line of William Parker's, to extend over the Mountain to the Bay of Fundy	7	10	0
For the road leading southerly near Samuel Parker's to the new Canaan Road	7	10	0
For assisting in opening and improving the road from New Canaan Road to the North-West Settlement in Lunenburg	7	10	0
For the road leading from the Post Road past Riason's Mill to the New Canaan Road	10	0	0
For the road called the Palmer Road, leading from the Annapolis Road southerly, towards New Canaan	7	10	0
For the road by Mount Denson, from the Falmouth line to the Lower Bridge in Horton	30	0	0
For the road from said bridge west to Simon Fitch's	10	0	0
For the road from John Armstrong's to the Mount Denson Road at Falmouth Line	12	0	0
For the road from Simon Fitch's west to the Post Road	5	0	0
For the the road by Fuller's Mill	5	0	0
For the road and bridges near John Caldwell's	15	0	0
For the road up the Mountain to Rogers's	10	0	0
For the bridge by Benjamin's Mill	10	0	0
For the road and bridges near Martin's Mill	10	0	0
For the road from Jacob Benjamin's west to New Canaan	10	0	0
For the road from Joseph Rogers's, by J. Toy's, to Jonathan Allen's Road	10	0	0
For the road from Thomas Davison's to the Nictaur Road	10	0	0
For the road from Jonathan Allen's to N. Davison's	10	0	0
For the road in Canaan near Elijah Forsyth's	10	0	0
For the road on Beech Hill near Nehemiah Lords's	10	0	0
For the bridge and causeway near Simon Fitch's	15	10	0
For the road by Enoch Forsyth's, to cut down the Hill and complete the Bridge	5	0	0
For the road from Cumberland Road to Ratchford River in Parrsborough	12	10	0
For the road from Ratchford River to Thomas Merris's	12	10	0
For the road from Advocate Harbour to Silvanus Kutton's	10	0	0
For the road from Butcher's to Cranberry Lake	12	10	0

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For the road from Jeffery's to Macan	L.12 10 0
For the road from Wm. Dewolf to Witten's	10 0 0
For the road from North River Bridge to Five Islands	10 0 0
For the road from Five Islands to Macan Road	10 0 0
For the road from the Church to Swan Creek	10 0 0
For the road from M'Water's towards Five Islands	10 0 0

*Resolved*, That the sum of £615, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows :

From the Ruggles Road, under the Mountain, east to the Stronoch Road	£20 0 0
For the road from the Haliburton farm west to the Winslow Grant	15 0 0
For the Cross Road from James Chesley's to the Bay	10 0 0
From the main road, in Granville, to the foot of the North Mountain by Daniel Sanders	12 10 0
From the Wilmot Line, over the North Mountain, west to the Cross Road, at Chutes's Cove	12 10 0
From the main road in Granville, over the North Mountain, called the Phinney Road	10 0 0
From the main road in Granville to Chutes's Cove	10 0 0
From the Rickerson Road, over the North Mountain, to the Covert Cross Road	12 10 0
From the main road in Granville, across the North Mountain, to the Bay of Fundy, called the Covert Road	12 10 0
From the main road in Granville, across the North Mountain, to the Bay of Fundy, called the Parker Cross Road	10 0 0
From the main road, in Granville, to the Bay of Fundy, called the M'Kenzie Cross Road	12 10 0
From the M'Kenzie Cross Road, over the Mountain, west to the Duke of York's Battery	15 0 0
From Nictaur towards Liverpool	20 0 0
For the road to Dalhousie Settlement, by Morse's Farm	15 0 0
For the road through the Prot Settlement	15 0 0
For the New Road from Annapolis towards Liverpool, by way of the Harmony Settlement	25 0 0
From the Weeks's Meadow towards Digby, by way of the Hessian Line	20 0 0
For the Cross Road, in Clements, from the main road to the Hessian Line, by Isaac Diltmars	10 0 0
From Bear River Bridge to the Ferry on the east side of Bear River	10 0 0
For opening a new Cross Road from Fleet's, in Clements, to Esop's, on the General Bridge Road	20 0 0
For opening the road and rebuilding the Bridge on the road leading from Bear River Bridge, down the west side of said River to the Ferry	20 0 0
For repairing Hollin's head Bridge on the lower road leading to Digby	20 0 0
For opening and improving the road leading from the main road to Berry's Settlement, and including the Shelburne Road, by Roop's	20 0 0
For improving the road from James Roop's to James Harris's, including the new road leading from said road to Joseph Thomas's	20 0 0
For repairing the long Causeway on the North Range Road	20 0 0
For improving the road from the main road, through Marshall Town, to the main road leading down the Neck	10 0 0
For improving the road from Turner's Bridge to Broad Cove	20 0 0
For improving the road from A. Vantassett's to Daniel Ross's by Broad Cove	20 0 0
For improving and altering the road from John Small's to Gilbert Post's down the neck	20 0 0
For improving the road from Trout Cove to Sandy Cove, down the neck; and the additional sum of Five Pounds, voted last Session, for the road from Little River to Petit Passage, not expended	8 10 0
For the road from Hamman's farm, in the Dalhousie Settlement, towards Annapolis	20 10 0
For the road from Sissabou falls towards Tusket	30 0 0
For the road in New Settlement near of Journeay and Payson's farm, including the Cross Road leading to the same	22 0 0
For the road from Sissabou lower falls to the upper falls on the south side of the river	15 0 0
For assisting in completing a Pass Way, from the Beach to low water mark, where the Ferry Boats land on north side of Sissabou River	12 0 0
For the Cross Road leading from the main road to Peter Melanson's and Dominique Melanson's farm, in Clare	10 0 0
For the Cross Road between Rennier Saulnier's and Maturine Conro's, in Clare	10 0 0
For the Cross Road between Joseph Saulnier's and Isidore Conro's, in Clare	10 0 0
For the Cross Road between Joseph Florio's and Peter White's, in Clare	10 0 0
For the Cross Road between Peter Saulnier's and Stephen Melanson's, in Clare	10 0 0

*Resolved*, That the sum of £615, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, shall be applied as follows :

From Sable River to Tidney's Creek	L.15 0 0
From Shelburne to Warrington, including Roseway Bridge	30 0 0
From Warrington to Beaver Dam	75 0 0
From Beaver Dam to Clyde River	45 0 0
From Birch Town Road to Alex. Hambieton's	10 0 0
From Gunner Cove to Round Bay	10 10 0
From Shelburne to the Welsh Settlement	17 0 0
For removing obstructions from the River Roseway	60 0 0
From Shelburne Road to the West side of Glam Creek	25 0 0
	From

From John Coffin's to Port Latour	£20	0	0
From Joseph Atwood's to Shay Harbour	13	0	0
From Barrington to Clyde River	30	0	0
For Shrew's Island Bridge	17	0	0
From D'Entremont's to Nathan Goodwin's	10	0	0
From the French Mill to Jonathan Crowell's	13	0	0
From the Narrows to Joshua Porter's	15	0	0
For the road near the French Chapel	12	0	0
For the Tusket Bridge	20	0	0
From the Parade to Gaval's Falls	16	0	0
From the Bridge to Robert's Island	15	0	0
From Gaval's Falls to Raynard's	15	0	0
From Gaval's Falls to Kempt	12	0	0
From Isaac Foot's to Chegogin Road	10	0	0
From Chegogin Road to Samuel Harria's, by the shore	10	0	0
From Henry Sanders, on the west side of the river, to Ollie	10	0	0
From Ebenezer Corning's to the Sisabou Road	10	10	0
From Tusket Bridge to Jacob Hethfield's	10	0	0
From John E. Crosby's to the North Line	25	0	0
From Tedford's to Salmon River	15	0	0
From Vickery's to Willet's	12	0	0
From Seth Johnston's to John Kenny's	12	0	0
For finishing the Bridge at Reyuard's	15	0	0

*Resolved*, That the sum of £545, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Queen's County, be applied as follows:

For the road from Liverpool to Brookfield	£80	0	0
For the road from Job Harrington's towards Nictau	25	0	0
For the road from Brookfield to Pleasant River	25	0	0
For the road from Brookfield to Westfield	10	0	0
For the road from Brookfield to Caledonia	30	0	0
For the road from Caledonia to Harmony	20	0	0
For the road from Harmony to Kempt	10	0	0
For the road from Middlefield to Wellington	25	0	0
For the road from Nictau Road to Kempton's Meadow	10	0	0
For the road from the Falls to Helta's farm	10	0	0
For the road from George Freeman's to Brown's Mill	25	0	0
For the road from Herring Cove to Eagle Head	50	0	0
For the road from Eagle Head to Blueberry	15	0	0
For the road from Beach Meadow Road to Port Medway	60	0	0
For the road from South-West Cove to Mills Village	15	0	0
For the road from Cato Ewing's to Western Head	30	0	0
For the road from M'Clannan's farm to White Point	25	0	0
For the road from the Port Mutton Road to John Huffman's	20	0	0
For the road from the Falls to Port Mutton Road	30	0	0
For the road from James Taylor's to Waterloo	10	0	0
For the road from Atwood Deau's to Ragged Harbour	10	0	0
For the road from Pleasant Hill to Salmon Island Bridge, and to repair the said Bridge	20	0	0

*Resolved*, That the sum of £1100, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape-Breton, be applied as follows:

### ARICHAT DISTRICT.

On the road from St. Pierre to Sydney, to the District Line at Alexander M'Ness's	£160	0	0
From St. Pierre to L'Ardoise	10	0	0
From L'Ardoise to Grande Riviere	20	0	0
From St. Peter's to the head of St. George's Channel, on the West Arm	70	0	0
From the West Arm to the River Inhabitant	20	0	0
From the River Inhabitant to Ship Harbour	50	0	0
From Arichat to Grandigne	25	0	0
From Grandigne to Du Govre	25	0	0
From Du Govre to Little Arichat	25	0	0

### NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT.

From Ship Harbour to M'Mullen's	15	0	0
From M'Mullen's, by the Gulf Shore, to Little Judique	100	0	0
From Little Judique to Port Hood	20	0	0

For



For the New Road from Grand Judique to the River Dennis	£40	0	0
From Port Hood to Mabou	20	0	0
From Wad-Cock-ma to Port Hood, with a branch to Mabou	50	0	0
From Mabou to Birad Cove, with a branch to Lake Ainslie	60	0	0
From Lake Ainslie to Margaree	30	0	0

**SYDNEY DISTRICT.**

From Currie's towards St. Peter's	140	0	0
From Mires to Louisburg	30	0	0
From Mires to Main a Dien	30	0	0
From Sydney to Lingan	20	0	0
From Sydney to Law Point	20	0	0
From the Mines to French Village	15	0	0
From French Village to St. Anne's	40	0	0
From Baddek to Mayors	50	0	0
From Tweed Norge to the Straits of Barrow	25	0	0

Mr. James delivered to the House a Scale of the subdivision of the several Sums of Money appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg; and the House having had the same under consideration; thereupon

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

*Resolved*, That the sum of £540, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges within the County of Lunenburg, be applied as follows:

On the road from Mush-a-Mush towards Sherbrooke	£20	0	0
On the road from Zwicker's Saw Mill to Andrew Rufus's	30	0	0
On the road from Frederick Vienot's to Lahave	15	0	0
On the road from the late Thomas Ernst's to James Vienot's 300 acre Lot, Blystiner's Lake, and outwards	25	0	0
On the road from Eisenhauser's N. W. Range to Casper Kaubach	15	0	0
On the road from Zwicker's Block House to Eisenhauser's N. W. Range	15	0	0
On the road from Eisenhauser's to the Town of Lunenburg	25	0	0
On the road from Leonard Jung's to Philip Krouse's	20	0	0
On the road from Philip Krouse's to Rudolf's, Lahave	20	0	0
On the road from Mullock's to Adam Winacht's	20	0	0
On the road from Nicholson's to New Germany	25	0	0
On the road from Wm. Park's to Ross Bay	10	0	0
On the road from Lahave to Pleasant River	20	0	0
On the road from John Heb's to Frederick Heb's	10	0	0
On the road from Lahave to Conquerall Settlement	20	0	0
On the road from Conquerall to the head of Port Medway	25	0	0
On the road from Sarty's to Pernette's	10	0	0
On the road from Krouse's Mills to New Italy, and towards the Road leading to the head of Port Medway	25	0	0
On the road from Lahave to George Hen's Saw Mill	10	0	0
On the road from Meder's Cove to the Town of Lunenburg	20	0	0
On the road from Block House to the head of Mahone Bay	10	0	0
On the road from Melchor Zwicker's, N. W. to Peter Zwicker's, Mahone Bay	10	0	0
On the road from Chester to Windsor	45	0	0
On the road from Crandell's to Sherbrooke	25	0	0
On the road from Deep Cove to Halifax Road	10	0	0
On the road from Windsor Road to Middle River	10	0	0
On the road from east side Lake Lawson to the Church	15	0	0
On the road from west side Lake Lawson to Gate's	15	0	0
On the road from Windsor Road to Collicut's new farm	10	0	0
On the road from Windsor Road to Jacob Millit's new farm	10	0	0

which being seconded and put, Mr. Church moved an amendment to the Resolution as follows, viz. That the sum of £30, inserted therein for the Road in New Dublin and Lunenburg, be struck out; and that the same be applied to roads in Chester and Blandford: the said places not having their due proportion of the Money appropriated for the County: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, five; against it, twenty-four:

For the Motion,

Mr. Church,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Wier,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. W. Young.

Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Wells,  
Mr. T. Roach,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Kavanagh,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Crowell,  
Mr. M'Kinnon,

Against the Motion,

Mr. B. Dewolf,  
Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Blair,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. J. Young,  
Mr. Heckman,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf,  
Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Bishop,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Fairbanks.

So it passed in the negative.

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The foregoing Resolution was then put, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the several Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Petition of Welwood Waugh and others, Inhabitants of Remsheg, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. T. Roach, and read, praying that the sittings of the Supreme Court for said County may not be removed from River Philip to Amherst.

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

The Order of the Day was read ; and thereupon,

On motion, the Bill for the relief of Charles Blackadar, an Insolvent Debtor, was read a second time.

On motion, the House, heard the said Charles Blackadar, and George Innes, on the subject matter of the said Bill, and in support of their several Petitions, at the Bar of the House ; and the said Charles Blackadar and George Innes having withdrawn from the House, thereupon.

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

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

*Wednesday, 16th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Honor the President to this House, signed by His Honor, and he presented the said Message to the House, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows :

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

**I** SEND, for your information, three Letters that have been received from Boston, in reply to my request that measures should be taken, without delay, for the discovery of the fabricators of certain forged Province Notes which have lately made their appearance, in order that the Offenders, when found, might be prosecuted.

As this is an affair of much consequence to the Province, and an expense will necessarily be incurred, I have no doubt you will see the propriety of making a suitable provision for that purpose.

**MICHAEL WALLACE.**

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill also delivered to the House, by order of His Honor the President, the three Letters referred to in the foregoing Message ; also,

A Petition of John Thomas Hill, to His Honor the President, and by him recommended to the consideration of the House, praying for compensation for his services, in prosecuting Criminal Offenders in the Supreme Court and Inferior Court in the County of Sydney, in the years 1823 and 1824 ; and also,

An Account of Charles E. Leonard, Acting Clerk of the Crown for the Island of Cape-Breton, (recommended to the consideration of the House by His Honor the President) for services performed in prosecuting two Criminals for Grand Larceny in the Supreme Court at Arichat, in September Term, 1823, amounting to £11 13 4.

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

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

Mr. Lawton delivered to the House an Abstract of Claims for the Bounty on Salt, supplied for the Fisheries in 1824, since the Grant of £2000 was expended, amounting to £476 19 9, received from the Treasurer of the Province.

*Ordered*,

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

On motion, the Message of His Honor the President, and the Letters accompanying the same, were read by the Clerk, and the House having considered the same,

On motion of Mr. Frazer, the House came to a Resolution as followeth, viz.

The House having taken into consideration the Communication made this day by His Honor the President, relative to certain Forgeries of our Provincial Notes, committed at Boston: *Resolved*, That His Honor the President be requested, with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to take such measures as may be deemed expedient for detecting and bringing to punishment the Parties concerned in the said Forgeries, and that this House will provide for the necessary expense thereof.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Honor the President with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution for His Honor's information.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee to wait on His Honor accordingly.

On motion, the Orders of the Day were read.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the General State of the Province: which the House agreed to.

Mr. Frazer reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on His Honor the President, with a Copy of the Resolution, passed this day, on the subject of His Honor's Message relative to Forged Provincial Notes, that the Committee had accordingly waited on, and delivered to him, the said Resolution, and that His Honor was pleased to express his gratification at the prompt attention the House had paid to his Message.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House on the subject of Forged Provincial Notes. And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, That the second reading of the Bill to authorize the establishment of a Bank at Halifax, be postponed until To-morrow.

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

*Thursday, 17th March, 1825.*

#### PRAYERS.

On motion, the Bill to authorize the Establishment of a Bank at Halifax, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Chipman moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Charles R. Prescott, and others, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows: That

That the Committee have investigated the Petition, and find that the facts contained therein are in all particulars correct and true.

That the Committee have examined Witnesses on the subject, and find the Petitioners have a strong claim on the Provincial Government; for the advances which they have been compelled in their private capacities to make on account of the Public, and they recommend to the favorable consideration of the House, the whole of the Petition; and that the Commissioners should be paid the balance which is now due them of Four hundred and nineteen pounds nineteen shillings and five pence halfpenny.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the several Resolutions of this House for applying the sum of £12,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered,* That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lawton, Mr. W. Young and Mr. R. Dickson, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Thirteen Resolutions of this House for specifically applying the sum of £12,000, for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province for the present year.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, passed on the 10th instant, relative to revising the Laws of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Bill to continue an Act imposing a duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported from the United States of America; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government; also,

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

A Bill to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, also,

A Bill to continue an Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province; and also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, were severally read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Honor the President, and request he will be pleased to direct the proper Officer to prepare, and lay before this House, a General Return of the Militia of the Province for the years 1823 and 1824, distinguishing the rank and numbers in each class.

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Albro, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Albro, pursuant to Order, presented a Bill for the relief of James Kidston, an Insolvent Debtor, and the same was read a first time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill relating to the Terms of the Supreme Court at Halifax; the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government; the Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province; the Bill to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize; and also, a Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred: which the House agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the Private Petitions now before the House.

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

*Friday, 18th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue an Act imposing a duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported from the United States of America; and also the Bill for the relief of Charles Blackadar, an Insolvent Debtor, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred: which the House agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

A Bill for the relief of James Kidston, an Insolvent Debtor, was read a second time.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Bingay, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. T. Roach, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on His Honor the President, with the Resolution, passed on the 17th instant, relative to the Returns of the Militia, that the Committee had accordingly waited on, and delivered to him, the said Resolution, and that His Honor was pleased to say that he would give the necessary directions without delay, for complying with the desire of the House.

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

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of Private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

The Petition of Nathaniel Smith; the Petition of William M'Keen, and others; the Petition of Jonathan Corning, and others; the Petition of the Steam-Boat Company; the Petition of Philip Bayer, and the Petition of William Dickie, and others, were severally read; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be severally referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of James G. A. Creighton; the Petition of Archibald M'Niel; the Petition of Joseph Austen; the Petition of the Halifax Sugar Refinery Company; the Petition of the Chamber of Commerce of Halifax; and also the Petition of Hugh M'Donald, and others, were severally read; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should severally be referred to a select Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the same respectively, and report thereon to the House.

The Petition of Isaac Miller was read, and considered; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition should be dismissed.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of the business to them referred; which the House agreed to.

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

*Ordered*, That the Petition of James G. A. Creighton; the Petition of Joseph Austen, and the Petition of the Chamber of Commerce of Halifax, be severally referred to Mr. Lawson, Mr. Hartshorne and Mr. Fairbanks, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of Archibald M'Niel be referred to W. H. Roach, Mr. T. Roach, and Mr. Smith, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of the Halifax Sugar Refinery Company, be referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Bingay and Mr. Albro, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of Donald M'Donald and others, be referred to Mr. T. Roach, Mr. W. H. Roach and Mr. T. Dickson, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House; and that the said Committee do also enquire into the state of the General Post Communication in the Province, and for the expense of which the House has hitherto provided.

On motion, the Petition of Thomas Mitchell, was, by leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Fairbanks.

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On motion, the Petition of James Armstrong was, by leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Ruggles.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, take into further consideration the several Private Petitions before the House.

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

*Saturday, 19th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

On motion the several Messages of His Honor the President, under date of the 7th, and 10th of March instant, were severally referred to the Committee of Supply.

An engrossed Bill relating to the Terms of the Supreme Court at Halifax was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relating to the Terms of the Supreme Court at Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the Support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act imposing a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act imposing a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same; and also the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, to alter and continue the laid Act.

An engrossed Bill for the relief of Charles Blackadar, an Insolvent Debtor, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the relief of Charles Blackadar, an Insolvent Debtor.

*Ordered.*

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

Mr. Wells, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Gesner, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Proprietors of the Belle Isle New Dyked Marsh in Granville, to appoint Supervisors to take charge of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas within the County of Cape Breton, and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill, by command of His Honor the President, delivered to the House the undermentioned Papers, recommended to the consideration of the House by His Honor, viz.

An Account of John Howe & Son, for extra Printing, in the year 1824, amounting to £25.

A Petition of Patrick Lanigan, and others, praying for a Post Communication between Guysborough and Canso.

A Petition of J. D. O'Brien, and others, praying for a Post Communication from the Windfor Road to Shubenacadie.

An Estimate of the Deputy-Postmaster-General, for defraying the expenses of the Post Communication for the year 1825, amounting to £837 10; and also,

An Account of the expenditure of the sum of £837 10, granted to defray the expenses of the Post Communication in the year 1824.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Account of John Howe & Son be referred to the Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*, That the several Petitions, the Account and Estimate, be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Post Communication, and that they do examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of Private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The Petition of Nicholas Mosher and the Petition of Jacob Shaffroth were severally read, and considered; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be dismissed.

The Petition of Mary-Ann Smith; the Petition of Richard Scott, James Scott and Thomas Bulgin; and also, the Petition of John F. Bishop, and others, were severally read; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the business to them referred, which the House agreed to.

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



On motion, the Petition of Isaac Archibald and David A. Archibald was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Smith.

On motion, the Petition of Robert N. Henry was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. T. Dickson.

On motion, the Petition of Anthony H. Holland and Philip J. Holland was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Hartshorne.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House a Letter received by him, this day, from the Deputy-Secretary of the Province, enclosing, by command of His Honor the President,

A General Return of the Militia of the Province of Nova-Scotia for the year 1823; and also,

A Return of the Militia of the Province of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1824.

The said Letter and Returns were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

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

*Monday, 21st March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorize the incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River; also,

A Bill to enable the Proprietors of the Belle Isle New Dyked Marsh in Granville, to appoint Supervisors to take charge of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned; also,

A Bill in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas within the County of Cape-Breton, were severally read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the Support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province; also,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts for raising an additional Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act imposing a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same; and also the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, to alter and continue the said Act, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of Private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The Petition of the Magistrates of the Town of Halifax ; the Petition of Peter Ogilvie and others, of Musquodoboit ; the Petition of the Committee of the Poor Man's Friend Society ; the Petition of Thomas M'Gill and others ; the Petition of the Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the Whale Fishery ; and the Petition of George Frederick Belvidere, were severally read ; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be severally referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Petition of Enos Collins, and others, Merchants of Halifax, was read ; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition should be referred to the Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of Bills.

The Petition of William Shey, Joseph Sentell and Benjamin Dewolf ; the Petition of James Allison and others ; and also the Petition of Moses Shaw, were severally read ; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should severally be referred to a select Committee, to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of examining into the merits of the same respectively, and reporting thereon to the House.

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

*Ordered*, That the Petition of William Shey, Joseph Sentell and Benjamin Dewolf, be referred to Mr. Fraser, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. O'Brien, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of James Allison and others be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Albro, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of Moses Shaw be referred to Mr. Uniacke, Mr. W. H. Roach and Mr. W. Young, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

On motion, the Petition of Charles Dunbrack and others ; the Petition of Joseph Finley and others ; and the Petition of the Committee for managing the Halifax Library, were severally, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Albro.

On motion, the Petition of John Allison and John Miller, was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Wier.

On motion, the Petition of George T. Fillis was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Uniacke.

On motion, the Petition of Robert Fletcher was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Lawson.

On motion, the Petition of Edward Baker and others, was, by the leave of the House, withdrawn by Mr. Blair,

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

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*Tuesday, 22d March, 1825.*

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Poole reported from the select Committee to try and determine the merits of the Election and Return of John Young, as a Member of Assembly, for the County of Sydney, in the present General Assembly ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows : That

That the Committee having heard and considered the allegations contained in the Petitions against the said Election, and the evidence adduced with respect thereto by John Steel, as Agent for the Petitioners, and by the Sitting Member respectively, have, thereupon, determined and agreed to report, and do accordingly report as follows :

That the conduct of David McQueen, the Sheriff who held the Poll, and conducted the Election, at the last Election of a Member of Assembly for the County of Sydney, was such, during said Election, and the holding of said Poll, as to render void the Election and Return of John Young, Esq. as a Member of Assembly for said County in the present General Assembly ; and the Committee accordingly declare and determine the same to be void, and the Seat of the said John Young, as such Member, vacated.

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

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of James Leishman was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have considered the subject to them referred, and recommend to the House to allow the Petitioner, James Leishman, the sum of Forty-five Pounds Nine Shillings and Sixpence, being the amount of Sheriff's Fees, paid by him on the sum of Sixteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence, paid by him to the Excise Office, as Security for Dundas & Buchannan.

*Ordered*, That the said Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of the Halifax Sugar Refinery Company was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have enquired into, and given consideration to, the subject to them referred, and beg leave to recommend to the House, to grant a Drawback to the Petitioners on 20,681 gallons of Molasses, of one Penny per gallon, being the quantity used by them in the manufacture of Refined Sugar, since the Month of September last, and that a Drawback of one Penny per gallon be allowed them on all Molasses, hereafter used in the manufacture of Refined Sugars ; as, by doing this, the Commerce of the Province will be benefited, and the Drawback now allowed to the Company on Brown Sugar used by them, will be saved so far as Molasses is used as a substitute.

*Ordered*, That the said Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. W. H. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Archibald McNeil was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have examined the Certificates annexed to the Petition, and find the Petitioner entitled to one year and a half's Provincial Allowance under the late School Acts, amounting to £22 10, and that the sum of £28 7 1 is remaining yet undrawn, due to the Township of Digby, as appears by the Secretary's Cash Book, and therefore recommend to the House that the Petitioner's claim be referred to the Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*, That the said Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from His Honor the President by Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

His Honor the President commands this House to attend His Honor immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Honor in the Council Chamber.

And being returned.

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Honor in the Council Chamber, and that His Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, viz.

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An Act to continue an Act respecting Aliens coming into this Province, or residing therein.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act relating to the Court of Commissioners at Halifax.

An Act to continue the several Acts respecting the Liverpool Light-House.

An Act to continue and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions.

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses and Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, passed in the fortieth year of His late Majesty, to amend an Act, passed in the first year of His said late Majesty's reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships of this Province.

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Brandy, Gin, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries, of the Province.

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

An Act to continue an Act, in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing, cleansing and paving, the Streets in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and for removing obstructions therein; and also the Act in amendment thereof, passed in the forty-second year of His present Majesty's reign.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the several Acts, now in force, for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships in this Province.

An Act to alter the sittings of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Pictou and County of Sydney, in the Eastern Division, and in the County of King's County, in the Middle Division, of the Province.

An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-second year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act imposing a Duty on Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported from the United States of America, and for appropriating the same; and also the Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, and to alter and continue the said Act.

An Act to continue the several Acts for raising an additional Duty on Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the more easy recovery of Debts against Co-partners and Joint Debtors.

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

An Act to continue the Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their March from one part of the Province to another; and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

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

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow:

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and applied in the usual manner to the repair of Bridges, and the removing of obstructions to travelling, on the Main Roads in the Province, for the present year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to aid the Commissioners of the Bridewell in the Town of Halifax, in paying off the Debts due for that Establishment.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Steam Boat Company, towards enabling them to keep their Boat plying between Halifax and Dartmouth for the present year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, in addition to the sum of Ninety Pounds Five Shillings, subscribed by the Inhabitants of Clare, for the purpose of removing and clearing various obstructions in the Salmon River in the said Township: the said sum not to be drawn from the Treasury until the whole sum subscribed for the purpose be expended, and such expenditure duly certified to the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid, to aid the Inhabitants of the County of Shelburne in clearing out various obstructions in the River Roseway in that County.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, in aiding the Inhabitants of the River Musquodoboit, in removing the obstructions to the navigation thereof.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, to assist the Inhabitants of the River St. Mary's, in the County of Sydney, in clearing from said River, Rocks and other obstructions, at the Big Falls, so called.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Three Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Sewers of the Township of Cornwallis, to be applied in making the Road over the Wellington Aboiteau, finishing the same, and connecting therewith the Public Roads leading to and from the said Aboiteau.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to John Howe & Son, for printing the Acts, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, for transmission to England, per Account.

*Resolved*, That a sum of Fifteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings should be granted and paid to Nathaniel Smith, Jun. towards indemnifying him for the injury done his Diked Marsh Land, near the St. Croix River, in Windsor.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum Two Hundred and Eighty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Tenpence, should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Roads for Halifax, to pay off that Sum due to them, for making the Road from M'Alpine's through the Valley to the Exercising Ground, called the Kempt Road, beyond the grant for that purpose in the last Session of the General Assembly.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds should

should be granted and paid, to enable the Commissioners of Roads for Halifax to complete the Kempt Road.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Five Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid, to finish the New Road from Fultz's, through the Valley, to Thompson's, on the Windsor Road.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Three Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid, to open the road to be made round the Ardoise Hills, agreeably to the Survey submitted by His Honor the President to the House of Assembly.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid, for making the new line of Road through Middle Musquodoboit to St. Mary's, in the County of Sydney.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Sixty Pounds should be granted to assist the Inhabitants settled at and near Lake Porter, in the County of Halifax, to remove the obstructions from the Rocky Run, so called, in the lower part of the said Lake; the said sum to be paid when it shall be duly certified that the Inhabitants have performed at least One Hundred Days Work towards removing those obstructions.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that, for the further encouraging Richard Scott, Thomas Bulgin and James Scott, in the manufacture of Slates, by opening and working Quarries of that Article in the Township of Rawdon, a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid, to aid them in repairing and making good the Main Road, leading from their said Quarries to the place of Shipment, pursuant to the prayer of their Petition.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Five Pounds should be granted and paid to Philip Bayer, in full compensation for the new Road leading from M<sup>r</sup> Alpine's to the Exercising Ground passing through part of his Land.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty Pounds should be granted and paid to Mary-Ann Smith, whenever it is duly certified that she has a House upon the Lot of Land she is now in the possession of, on the New Road leading from Dartmouth to Musquodoboit, and that the same is opened, and sufficient for the entertainment of Travellers passing on that Road.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Five Hundred and Eighty-Seven Pounds Five Shillings should be granted and paid to defray the expenditures for the rebuilding and repairs of Bridges on the Main Roads, that were carried away and injured by the overflowing of the Rivers in the Spring of last year, per Abstract of the same.

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

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

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Estimate for the repair of Militia Arms, be referred to Mr. T. Roach, Mr. Smith and Mr. Bingay; and that they do examine into the same, and Report thereon to the House.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Petition of Charles R. Prescott and others, and the report of the Committee thereon, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Wells, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. W. H. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent Persons from riding or driving Animals or Carriages upon and along the side-paths on the Roads of a part of the Township of Annapolis; and the same was read a first time.

*Resolved*,

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

Mr. Lawton delivered to the House the undermentioned Papers, viz.

An Abstract and Vouchers of Expenditures for repairs of the Government-House in the last year, amounting to	£437 4 2
An Abstract and Vouchers of Expenditures for repairs of the Province House in the last year, amounting to	653 15 6
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*Ordered*, That the said Papers do lie on the Table.

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

*Wednesday, 23d March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Accounts for expenditures for repairs of the Government House, and also the Province Building, be referred to a Committee, for the purpose of examining the same; and that the said Committee do also examine into the state and condition of those Buildings, and report whether any and what further repairs are necessary to be made to the same respectively, and the probable cost thereof.

*Ordered* That Mr. Chipman, Mr. T. Roach and Mr. Bingsay, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Bill to prevent Persons from riding or driving Animals or Carriages upon and along the Side Paths on the Roads of a part of the Township of Annapolis; also,

A Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, were severally read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the relief of Charles Blackadar, an Insolvent Debtor,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Fraser, be a Committee to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to carry into effect the Resolution of this House, passed on the 10th instant, on the subject of the Laws of the Province; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to assist the Inhabitants of Queen's County, to clear out the River from Herring Cove Lake

Lake to Herring Cove: the same to be drawn from the Treasury, when it shall be duly certified that the said Inhabitants have contributed and performed at least One Hundred day's work, for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid in Bounties of Two Pounds Ten Shillings, per ton, to the Owners of the first Three Ships respectively, of the burthen of One Hundred and Eighty Tons, by Register, and upwards, which shall be owned and fitted out in this Province, and shall cross the Equator on Whaling Voyages: the said Bounty to be paid on satisfactory proof being given, that the said Vessels, respectively, have been actually engaged in the prosecution of said Whaling Voyage for a period not less than two years, unless previously full. *Provided*, that the Vessel, last fitted out, shall only be entitled to the balance remaining of the said sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, after paying the full amount of Bounty to the first and second vessel. *And provided*, the first vessel be fitted out within three years.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to be applied, by such persons as His Excellency shall appoint, for the purpose of procuring Seed Potatoes and Grain, for the distressed Negroes at Hammond Plains, Dartmouth and Preston; and those of the Panuke Settlement in the Township of Windsor; and Beach Hill, near Halifax.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Forty-five Pounds Nine Shillings and Sixpence should be granted and paid to James Leishman, being the amount of Sheriff's Fees paid by him on the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence, paid by the said Leishman into the Excise Office, as Surety for Dundas & Buchannan.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to George Chipman, Esquire, of Horton, for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of opening a Water Communication from the Gaspereau River to Lahave River, by or through the Lakes.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to the Committee of the Poor Man's Friend Society in Halifax, to aid them in carrying into effect the benevolent intentions of that Society.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to George Frederick Belvidere, for his services as Guager and Weigher in the Impost and Excise Office at Lunenburg, being for his commissions on the sum of One Thousand Pounds paid into the Treasury since the death of the late Collector, Mr. Wollenhaupt.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-two Pounds Ten Shillings should be granted and paid to Archibald Mc'Niel, for his services in teaching a Public School at Digby, in the years 1821 and 1822, under the late Act for the Establishment of Schools, per Certificates from the Trustees of said School.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Three Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to aid the Inhabitants of Lunenburg and New Dublin to erect a Bridge over Lahave River, nearly opposite to Wile's Saw Mill: the same to be expended by Commissioners, to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief; but not drawn from the Treasury until the said Bridge be completely built, and so certified by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Eighty-six Pounds Three Shillings and Five Pence should be granted and paid to the Halifax Sugar Refinery Company: being a Drawback of the Duty paid by them on 20,681 Gallons of Molasses, used by them in the Manufacture of Refined Sugar since the Month of September, in the last year.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Four Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Five Pence should be granted and paid to Charles R. Prescott, and others, Commissioners for building a Bridge over Cornwallis River, to discharge certain demands against them, pursuant to the prayer of their Petition.

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

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Message of His Honor the President, under date 11th March instant, relative to services performed by William Frazer, Esquire ; and also, the Petition of John Thomas Hill, be referred to Mr. James, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Morle, who are to examine into the merits of the same respectively, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Message of His Honor the President of the 12th March instant, relative to compensation to Commissioners for Fish and Salt Bounties ; also, the Abstract of Claims of Persons for Salt Bounties, be referred to Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. W. H. Roach and Mr. Ruggles.

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

*Thursday, 24th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Moses Shaw was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Petitioner appears to the Committee to be a man of enterprise, disposed to embark all his property in the establishment to which the Petition refers ; and they conceive it desirable that the resources of this Country, in relation to Iron Ore, should be brought into operation. On a reference to the proceedings of the Legislature in 1812, with a view to this object, they find an enactment—That to the first Adventurer, being an Inhabitant of the Province, who shall erect a good and sufficient Furnace in this Province, at which there shall be manufactured and made, within four years, Seventy Tons of good Hollow Ware, there shall be paid the sum of Six Hundred Pounds ; and to such Adventurer shall also be paid a further sum of Six Hundred Pounds, when, by a Forge to be established at or near such Furnace, he shall have made, from Ore of this Province, cast into Pigs at the said Furnace, Seventy Tons of Bar Iron of a Merchantable quality ; and they recommend that these Bounties should be confined to Mr. Shaw, on these terms.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. T. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the subject of the Post Communication, and the several Papers relating to the same, were referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have had before them the Deputy-Postmaster General, and referred to a Report of a Committee of the House, upon the Journals in the year 1822, and find that the several lines of Post Communication, therein referred to, are necessary and useful ;—that the whole of the sums thereby appropriated, are required to keep up such communication ; and that in addition thereto, there has been an alteration in the communication to Cape-Breton, and a branch Post established to the north side of that County, both beneficial and necessary, which requires the additional sum of Fifty Pounds, making in the whole Eight Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings,

the sum required; by the Estimate to them referred, to keep up the Post Communications now established throughout the Province, including the Packet between Digby and St. John. The Committee further report that they are of opinion—that the three lines of Post Communication, specified in the three Petitions, also to them referred, are necessary—that the Deputy-Postmaster General has agreed to take the charge and management of them—and that the one from the Windsorroad to Shubenacadie, and the one from Antigonishe to Sherbrooke, required each the sum of Twenty Pounds, and the one from Guysborough to Canso, the sum of Twenty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, making in all the sum of Nine Hundred Pounds, from the Funds of the Province, for the whole service. The Committee further report—that in addition to this sum, it appears, by the returns of the several Postmasters throughout the Province, that the sum of Three hundred and Seventy Pounds, arising from the inland postage of Letters, is paid to the several Couriers, in addition to the sum heretofore paid by the Province; and that it is intended that the inland postages of the new establishments are to be wholly paid to Couriers to be appointed thereon, in addition to the sums hereby recommended. The Committee further report—that it appears from the statement of the Deputy Post-Master General, that the Post Communication from Truro to Pictou, and thence to Prince Edward Island, is wholly supported by the General Post Office establishment, and without any expense to this Province.

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Report, and the several Papers therein referred to, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Frazer reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of William H Shey, and others, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee, having made search and examined evidence, in support of the facts stated in the said Petition, find that they are correct and true : That the Petitioners were appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor and Council, Commissioners to build the Bridge over the said River that, in the prosecution and superintendance of the said labor they devoted upwards of two months of their time and attention, without any compensation or reward, neither do they, in their said Petition, make any claim, or expect from this House any reward for their services, but only for the sum of One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, which sum they were of necessity obliged to expend in securing the work commenced under the first Lottery, and which it was reasonable to presume would have been more than raised under the second Lottery ; but which, contrary to their expectation, proved fruitless and inefficient. The Committee therefore recommend their claim for indemnity, as Public Officers, to the favorable consideration of the House. And they take this opportunity to state that, as the work has been performed in a durable and substantial manner, and as there is reason to believe that the Avon Bridge will soon require extensive repairs, the present seems a favorable time to offer Legislative encouragement for the erection of a Bridge at Windsor, by the establishment of a Toll, towards which most useful object the work now done will materially contribute, and be thereby preserved from total loss.

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

THAT, in discharge of the duty assigned to the Committee, it became necessary to receive evidence in support of the Petition, and in regard to the nature and progress of that Establishment. This evidence has been afforded by the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Blanchard, the Hon. the Speaker, and others, who have attended before the Committee, and been examined : The Minutes taken are herewith returned—

THAT the Committee, upon consideration of the subject matters of the Petition, and the general result of this evidence are of opinion that the Pictou Academy is a highly useful Institution, conducted on an excellent system, that of the Scotch Universities, and peculiarly adapted to meet the wants, and accord with the sentiments, of the majority of the Inhabitants of the Eastern Division of the Province, in regard to the higher Branches of Education. That its establishment and support has been, and will continue, a favorite object with the greater part of the Body of Dissenters in the Province, on account

count of its total exemption from any disqualification to Students, originating in religious distinctions, and for the careful attention which its Conductors have manifested for the morals of those who attend it. That the expense of attendance and instruction is reduced to a very low rate, and thereby the attainment of a sound Classical Education, and of a competent knowledge of the other Branches of Science commonly taught in the higher Schools, is brought down to the means and ability of those, who, if the Academy did not exist, would be wholly unable to provide these advantages for their Children—and lastly that the support which the Institution has received from private sources has been on a most liberal Scale, and justifies the opinion the Committee entertain, that it will continue to increase in numbers and usefulness, if under moderate encouragement.

THE Committee are further to state, that the first difficulties of an Establishment of this nature appear now to be overcome—an appropriate Building has been erected at a considerable expense—a Philosophical Apparatus and small Library are provided—the course of Instruction has received and deserved the sanction of several years success—and the Teachers are established: of these, the Principal, Dr. McCulloch, whose literary, and other qualifications, are universally admitted, is now, and has for some time past been, devoting his time and care exclusively to the duties of the Academy; and attached himself entirely to its fortunes. All these circumstances are pledges that the Establishment, although in some degree of a local, is not of a private or temporary nature, but calculated to extend its usefulness, and enlarge with the progress and advancement of that important Division of the Province; and the Committee refer to the list annexed of the Gentlemen who have been Students at Pictou, for the best proof of what has already been accomplished in this Academy. To this they will add that the Institution possesses decided advantages in many respects for those Students who are destined to the Ministry in the Presbyterian and other Dissenting Churches, and is for this object indispensable, if these are to be supplied by the Youth of the Province, and further that a class of Men, competent both by literary acquirements and moral conduct, to supply the numerous English Schools now imperiously required throughout the Province, is chiefly to be obtained from the Students of Pictou.

REFERRING to the exclusively Scotch character of the population of the Eastern part of the Province, and to their known, and perhaps laudable, partiality and attachment to the Institutions of the Country whence they have originated, and regarding also the great and rapidly increasing population of that quarter, the Committee consider there exists a fair claim on the part of Pictou for support to this Academy, for which so decided an interest is there manifest, out of that General Revenue to which they so largely contribute; and as, from the evidence before them, and other considerations, the Committee are obliged to believe that this Institution will be attended by a class of Persons, who, on various accounts, are and will be incapable of prosecuting their studies at King's College, Windsor, or in the institution of doubtful and uncertain stability now forming in Halifax, they have deemed it their duty, under the clearest conviction of the invaluable benefits which Education confers on a Country, to recommend the Pictou Academy to the continued support and fostering care of the General Assembly. And, believing the honorary Collegiate Distinctions to be highly useful as incitements to the emulation and diligence of Students, and to be the means of extending the respectability and character and influence of the Institution; while the incapacity to grant them possesses a tendency injurious, and perhaps discreditabie, to it, the Committee cannot perceive any substantial reason for refusing to allow these privileges to the Academy.

THE Committee therefore report that, in their opinion, it is expedient to provide, by an Act of the General Assembly, for a permanent allowance to the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, of the sum of Four Hundred Pounds from the Treasury; and for bestowing upon it, with full exemption from all Tests now required of its Trustees, the name, distinction and privileges, of a College, as known and enjoyed in Scotland. These, the Committee believe, will remove all impediments to the advancement and prosperity of this Seminary, give it stability and consideration, and justify its supporters in bestowing that assistance which the doubt of its permanency now renders it prudent to withhold. All which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. James reported from the Committee to whom the Message of His Honor the President, relative to compensation to Mr. Fraser, for services performed; and also, the Petition of John Thomas Hill, were referred; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined the documents accompanying the said Message, relative to the services performed by Mr. Fraser; and do therefore recommend to the House, that there be allowed him the sum of Thirty-five Pounds, in full compensation for the same.

That the Committee have also examined the Documents and Papers accompanying the Petition of John Thomas Hill, and find that he has performed the services as stated therein; and do therefore recommend that he be allowed the sum of Twenty Pounds to compensate him for the same.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Report, Message and Petition, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Twenty Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums, viz.

£750 for Casualties on the Great Roads.

£200 for the Bridewell Establishment at Halifax.

£200

£200 for the Steam Boat Company.  
 £50 for clearing out Salmon River, Clare.  
 £125 for Do River Rolaway.  
 £100 for Do River Musquodoboit.  
 £50 for Do River St. Mary's.  
 £300 to the Commissioners of Sewers, Cornwallis.  
 £25 to John Howe & Son.  
 £15 15 to Nathaniel Smith, Jun.  
 £281 13 10 for the Balance due for the Kempt Road.  
 £250 for completing the Kempt Road.  
 £500 for the Road from Fultz's to Thompson's.  
 £300 for the Road round Ardoise Hill.  
 £250 for the New Road through Musquodoboit to St Mary's.  
 £60 for clearing the Run from Lake Porter.  
 £100 to Messrs. Scott and Bulgin.  
 £5 to Philip Bayer.  
 £30 to Mary-Ann Smith.  
 £587 5 for repairs of Bridges on the Great Roads.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Terms of the Supreme Court at Halifax, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Amendment made by the Council to the above mentioned Bill, and the same was read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the said Amendment, and that the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Church read to the House a Paper as follows, viz.

Memorandum of Witnesses examined, and brought from the County of Sydney, by Writ of Subpoena, in support of the Freeholders' Electoral Rights of said County, against John Young, the Returned Member—Expenses due as follows, viz.

William Hadley, Guysborough	-	£9	15	0
John Bruce Do	-	9	15	0
Laban Bedford Do	-	9	15	0
Stephen M'Guire Do	-	9	15	0
Richard Burk Do	-	9	15	0
John Grant Do	-	9	15	0
John M. Grover, Country Harbour	-	8	7	6
Kenneth Chislom, Antigonishe	-	7	17	6
John Thomas Hill, Do	-	7	10	0

£82 5 0

Paid by John J. Steel, Agent of Petitioners, for Horse Hire and Services, and for Boarding and Lodging Witnesses £24 10

and thereupon, Mr. Church moved that the said Paper be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, one; against it, thirty-three:

For

**For the Motion,**  
*Mr. Church,*

*Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Uniacke,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. T. Roach,  
Mr. Wier,  
Mr. Crowell,*

**Against the Motion,**

*Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. M. Kinnon,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. W. H. Roach,  
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,  
Mr. B. Dewolf,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Kavanagh,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Hartshorne,*

*Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Blair,  
Mr. Wells,  
Mr. Gesner,  
Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Bishop,  
Mr. Fairbanks,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Ruggles,*

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. T. Dickson offered to the House a Petition of Laben Bedford, John M. Grover, Stephen M'Guire, Richard Burke, Stephen Hadley, John Brown and Kenneth Chislom, praying to be paid for their attendance upon the Committee of the House, appointed to determine upon the contested Election for the County of Sydney; which being read, he thereupon moved, that the said Petition be received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, five; against it, twenty-seven:

**For the Motion,**

*Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Church,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Uniacke,*

*Mr. Morse,  
Mr. B. Dewolf,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Wier,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Bishop,*

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*Mr. M. Kinnon,  
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Mr. W. H. Roach,  
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Mr. Crowell,  
Mr. T. Roach,  
Mr. Wells,*

*Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Blair,  
Mr. Gesner,  
Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Chipman.*

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Speaker delivered to the House a Letter from Mr. John Elder, Commissioner of Roads and Bridges, to His Honor the President, dated the 11th March instant, relative to the decayed state of a part of the Bridge over the River Avon, and the repairs required to be made to the same.

The said Letter was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill, by command of His Honor the President, delivered to the House the following Papers, viz.

A Report from the Attorney-General and the Surveyor-General of the Province to His Honor the President, relative to the Road between Sackville and Noel, by Beaver Bank, and the examination of the Country lying between the Windsor Road, and the road from Chester to Windsor; and also, an Estimate and an Account referred to in the said Report.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk, and are as follow:

REPORT from the Honorable RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE and CHARLES MORRIS, who, by the desire of the Honorable Mr. WALLACE, President and Commander in Chief for the time being, undertook to direct the Expenditure of Fifty Pounds, granted in the last Session of the General Assembly, for the purpose of surveying, and making all the necessary changes and alterations in the Line of Road between Sackville and Noel, by the way of Beaver Bank; and also for the purpose of examining the Country lying between the Windsor Road and the Road from Chester to Windsor, and to cause a Road to be laid out so as to unite the western end of the Rawdon Road with the eastern end of the Dalhousie and Sherbrooke Road, where it intersects the Road between Chester and Windsor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR,

In August last, we employed Thomas Holland, Deputy-Surveyor at Margeret's Bay, to make an actual admeasurement of the Road between Fultz's, at Sackville, and the Kenetcook River, on the road to Noel. We considered it unnecessary to survey the road from the Kenetcook to Noel, as that part of it required no change; and we have caused such alterations and changes to be made as were necessary in the other parts of it, so as to lay out the road on the line best calculated for the public convenience. And we report that road now in a state that work may be done on it, without the risk of future alteration of any material part of its direction becoming necessary.

In September last we sent the same Surveyor to run a line from the west end of the Rawdon Road, by the most direct course

course to meet the east end of the Sherbrooke Road, where it joins with the Chester Road—This line has been run and marked—the distance twenty-four miles and a half; and for a description of the Country we refer you to the Surveyor's Report and Plan.

FINDING that many impediments would present themselves in making a road in a straight line to unite the two roads, we caused the Country to be examined in another direction, and, finding it advantageously situated, we had a line measured from the west end of the Rawdon Road to the Wellington Settlement, on the New Annapolis Road, leading from Hammond Plains to the Chester Road, by the Pockwock Lake, a distance of fourteen miles and a half; and from the Wellington Settlement to the Chester Road the road is cut out—distance twelve miles. For further information we refer you to the Surveyor's Report and the Plans. The Country through which this last Survey was made is well calculated for a road, and the project of uniting the ends of the two roads can be well effected by that course—the distance twenty-six miles and a half.

THE Country between Sackville and Noel is, for a great part, well calculated for settlement—It shortens the distance between the Eastern parts of Hants County and Halifax at least ten miles; and when the Commissioners shall have effected the Eacheat and arrangement with the present Proprietors of land in that direction, which is now in progress, a new Survey must be made, so as to lay out the fronts of One Hundred Acre Lots on both sides of the road, and we have no doubt a sufficient number of new Settlements would soon be established there, which we consider of great importance to the numerous settlements in that quarter. We recommend that Money may be appropriated this year sufficient to make this road passable for Travellers, as it is now laid out in a direction that will require no further alteration.

FROM the Survey now made of the Lands between the Windsor and Chester Roads, we are justified in stating that few parts of the Province afford better situations for new Settlers. On a moderate estimation there will be found upwards of two hundred thousand acres of good hard wood land, besides various situations where there is much natural meadow.—The advantages of internal water communication by Lakes and Rivers, and the Fish which are supplied from both shores of the Province to this vast Body of Fresh Water, are superior to any thing we know of in this country. The easy water communication with the Salt Water in Margaret's Bay, and with the Bay of Fundy, by the St. Croix River, at Windsor, together with the innumerable situations for Mills, the vast quantities of the finest Timber of all kinds, hard and soft, offer a convenience for shipping Timber, Boards, Plank and all sorts of Lumber, such as cannot be found with the same facility in any other part of the Province. If the road was cut open according to the Survey now made, and other lines run, on both sides of which the fronts of One Hundred Acre Lots may be marked, we have no doubt but situations of great advantage may at once be provided for at least one hundred and fifty Families; but we strongly recommend that no Settlement be commenced until a regular Survey is made of the front of every Lot, as the neglect of making such previous Surveys is now severely felt, throughout the Province, and it would be unpardonable in the Settlement of this new Country, to pursue a course which, whenever followed, has produced multitudes of evils which are now without remedy. To offer a proof of the sad effects of such erroneous proceedings, it is only necessary to view the distribution made of the Lands on the Beaver Bank Road, the evils of which can only obtain a very partial remedy, after the zealous exertions which have occupied those employed about it upwards of two years, and is not even yet accomplished.

WE have also pursuant to your desire carefully examined the Hill at Mount Uniacke, the Ardoise Hills, and the Hill near to St. Croix Bridge, on the Windsor side, and we have great pleasure in reporting that, accompanied by several persons of good judgment, we have examined and measured the ground, and find that the great impediments these hills present to Travellers on that road can be completely avoided without increasing the distance, and at a moderate expence. We refer you for further explanation on this subject to the Plan and Surveys.

WE annex an Estimate of the Expence necessary, the present year, to give effect to the important objects to which our Report refers, and we recommend that a Board of Commissioners may be appointed who will, without any charge, direct and superintend the expensures of whatever Monies may be appropriated for this service. We also annex an Account of the Expensure of the Fifty Pounds placed at our disposal,

RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE,  
CHARLES MORRIS.

### *Estimate referred to in the foregoing Report—*

Surveying, laying out and making, Lots for the establishment of new Settlers between Chester and Windsor Roads	£100	0	0
Cutting out, clearing and opening, a Road, two rods wide, from the East end of Rawdon Road to the Wellington Settlement	200	0	0
To make the alteration at Ardoise Hill, so as to render the new road as passable as that which is now made, to avoid the hills at Mitchell's	500	0	0
Opening and surveying the alterations at the Hills near St. Croix Bridge and Mount Uniacke, as necessary, preparatory to working on them	25	0	0
To render the road between Noel and Fultz's convenient and fit for Persons to travel with safety	200	0	0
	<u>£1025</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE,  
CHARLES MORRIS.

### *An Account of the Expensure of the £50, referred to in the foregoing Report—*

Survey of Noel Road, including Chain Men, Axe Men, Provisions, &c.	£10	16	0
First Survey from Rawdon Road to Chester Road, by the head of the great Pauke Lake, including Chain Men, Axe Men, Provisions, &c.	24	0	0
Survey to Wellington Settlement, including Chain Men, Axe Men, Provisions, &c.	12	10	0
	<u>£47</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>

RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE,  
CHARLES MORRIS.

*Ordered*, That the said Papers do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.  
 On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid for the purpose of removing obstructions and clearing out the Annapolis River, from Bridgetown to the Town of Annapolis, to be paid when it shall be duly certified that the Inhabitants have performed labour to the amount of Twenty-five Pounds in removing those obstructions.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to enable the Inhabitants of the River Denny, in the Island of Cape-Breton, to remove certain obstructions from the said River, which impede its navigation.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That a sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings should be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, to enable them to continue the School for the benefit of the Orphans and poor Children, now in the Poor House.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds should be granted and paid to William H. Shey, Joseph Sentell and Benjamin Dewolf, Commissioners for building a Bridge over the River Avon, near the Town of Windsor, to enable them to discharge sundry demands against them, for Labour and Materials furnished for the said service, per Account.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to William Frazer, Esq. one of the King's Counsel at Law, for his services in prosecuting Criminal Offenders in the Court at Windsor, during the Circuits of May and September; also, during the Western Circuits in June and September in the last year: the same being certified by the Chief-Justice and the Circuit Judges.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted and paid to John Thomas Hill, for his services in prosecuting Criminal Offenders in the Supreme Court in the County of Sydney, in the year 1823; and also, at a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery, held in the said County in the month of May in the last year: the same having been certified by the Judges of the said Courts.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid (in addition to the sum heretofore granted, and unapplied) to aid the Inhabitants to complete the addition to the Arisaig Pier.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Nine Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid for defraying the expense of the Post Communication in the present year, to include the Communication as kept up in the last year, and to extend the same from the Windsor Road to Shubenacadie, from Dorchester Village to the Village of Sherbrooke, in the County of Sydney, and from Guysborough to Canso.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Four Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Pictou Academy, towards the support of that Establishment for the present year.

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

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

*Ordered*,

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

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the Report of the joint Committee of His Majesty's Council and of this House, on the subject of Schools.

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

*Friday, 25th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of the Chamber of Commerce on the subject of a Drawback on Foreign Flour, &c. was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have attentively considered the Petition, and being satisfied of the great importance of Foreign Commerce in bringing into action the industry and resources of the people of the Province, and deeming it to be perfectly evident, that while the exportation of the Imports from Foreign Countries gives a profitable employment to our Shipping, and enables our Merchants to carry on this extending Commerce on more advantageous terms, it will not in the least lessen the consumption of those imports in the Province, or interfere with the Revenue to be derived from the Articles consumed therein : the Committee have agreed to recommend to the House, to pass an Act for granting to the Exporters of Wheat, Flour, and other articles, subject to duties under the Acts of the Imperial Parliament, a return of those duties upon the exportation of those articles to Foreign Countries, agreeably to the prayer of the Petition ; and the Chairman is directed to move for leave to introduce one or more Bills for that purpose.

On motion, *ordered*, that leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of James G. A. Creighton was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That having considered of the subject matters of the Petition, and heard the Petitioner, the Committee have agreed to report—that the matters therein stated, are correct ; and that One Thousand Five Hundred Bushels of the Wheat referred to, was sold for the use of His Majesty's Troops ; and that a large quantity of Oil, the produce of the Fisheries, was exported in payment of the Consignment within mentioned.—The Committee are also of opinion, that there exists an inequality, not easily to be accounted for, between the terms on which Wheat is imported from Europe and from the United States : they therefore recommend the Petition to the favorable consideration of the House ; and that the amount of duties, paid on the said wheat, be repaid to the Consignor.

*Ordered*, That the said Report, and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Cuthbert Vaux, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That, the Committee having considered thereof, and of the evidence adduced thereon, have agreed to report, that, as the Trade from this Province to Foreign Ports is of the first importance to the Fisheries, and to the Country generally, and as the Wheat mentioned in the Petition has been consumed for the use of His Majesty's Troops in this Garrison, the Committee are of opinion that the sum of £79 10 3, paid by the Agents of the Petitioner, for Duties on the Cargo of Wheat imported as within



within stated, should be granted to the Petitioner ; and they recommend the same accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to Special Juries ; and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill, delivered to the House, by command of His Honor the President, A Memorial from the Chamber of Commerce of Halifax, to His Honor the President, and by His Honor recommended to the consideration of the House, praying that His Honor would recommend to the favorable consideration of the House, the granting a Bounty on the Tonnage of Vessels employed in the Fisheries ; and also, a Bounty on Salt, for the general encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province.

The said Memorial was read by the Clerk, and *ordered*, that the Memorial do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled An Act relating to the Terms of the Supreme Court at Halifax, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to Eleven Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums, viz.

£50 For clearing out Herring River, Queen's County.

£1500 For Bounties to Vessels employed in the Whale Fishery.

£100 For distressed Negroes.

£45 9 6 To James Leishman.

£25 To George Chipman.

£50 For the Poor Man's Friend Society.

£50 To George F. Belvidere.

£22 10 To Archibald M'Niel.

£300 For a Bridge over Lahave River.

£86 3 5 To the Halifax Sugar Refinery Company.

£419 19 5 To Charles R. Prescott.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

On motion, the Report of the Joint Committee of His Majesty Council and of the House, on the subject of Schools was read by the Clerk ; and the House having taken the same into consideration, thereupon

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the said Report be agreed to by the House : which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Twelve ; against it, Twenty-four :

**For the Motion,**

Mr. Chipman.

Mr. Wells,

Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Fairbanks,

Mr. O'Brien,

Mr. Smith,

Mr. R. Dickson,

Mr. Bingay,

Mr. Hartshorne,

Mr. Albro,

Mr. T. Dickson,

Mr. Wier.

**Against the Motion,**

Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

Mr. Sargent,

Mr. Ruggles,

Mr. Bishop,

Mr. Kavanagh,

Mr. M'Kinnon,

Mr. Campbell,

Mr. Robertson,

Mr. Flemming,

Mr. W. H. Roach,

Mr. B. Dewolf,

Mr. Poole,

Mr. Young,

Mr. T. Roach,

Mr. Blair,

Mr. Fraser,

Mr. Morse,

Mr. Crowell,

Mr. Untacke,

Mr. Church,

Mr. Heckman,

Mr. Dennison,

Mr. Gesner,

Mr. James.

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *ordered*, That the said Report of the joint Committee of His Majesty's Council, and of this House, be printed in the Royal Gazette.

On motion of Mr. Hartshorne, *resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, take into consideration the several Bills now before the House, which stand committed.

Mr. Lawson delivered to the House a Return of Causes in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas throughout the Province for the years 1823 and 1824, taken from the Returns of the Deputy-Prothonotaries, into the office of the Prothonotary at Halifax, and received by Mr. Lawson from the Deputy-Prothonotary of the Province, pursuant to the Resolution of the House.

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

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

*Saturday, 26th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Frazer, the Report of the select Committee appointed to try the merits of the late Election for the County of Sydney, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do take the usual Steps for procuring a new Writ for the Election of one Member, to serve in General Assembly, for the County of Sydney, in the room of John Young, whose Seat is vacated by the determination and Report of the said Committee.

Mr. Chipman reported from the Committee to whom the Accounts of Expenditures for repairs to the Province Building and the Government House, were referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have examined the charges made in the said Accounts respectively, and find them correct, amounting together to the sum of £1090 19 8, in which sum is included Copper imported from England for the two buildings.

That the Committee have also examined into the state and condition of the Government-House, and find it much out of repair ; but that it is not in their power to say what sum may be required to make the repairs thereof.

*Ordered*, That the Report, and the said Accounts of Expenditures, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Hartshorne, reported from the Committee to whom the Message of His Honor the President on the subject of compensation to Commissioners for Fish and Salt Bounties was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That on reference to the duties performed by the said Commissioners, the Committee find, that during the two years in which they have been acting, they have discharged the trust confided to them with much ability, and with much loss of time and trouble to themselves : the Committee therefore recommend, that a sum of One-Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to the said Commissioners in full for past services, and for examining and certifying the accounts of those persons now claiming the Bounty on Salt.

On motion, *ordered*, that the said Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of the Estimate for the Civil Establishment of the Province for the present year, which relates to a compensation to the Commissioners appointed for signing Province Notes, and to report their opinion thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Smith, Mr. Uniacke, and Mr. Hartshorne, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from William Hill, Esq. to His Honor the President; (and by His Honor recommended to the consideration of the House) stating that he had performed services in prosecuting Criminal Offenders in the Supreme Court, and for which he had not received any remuneration.

The said Letter was read by the Clerk; and thereupon.

*Ordered*, That the Letter be referred to Mr. James, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Morse, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the relief of James Kidston, an Insolvent Debtor; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Bills to them referred: which the House agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Lawson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other articles exported to Foreign Countries; and the same was read a first time.

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

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

*Monday, 28th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the relief of James Kidston, an Insolvent Debtor, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr Frazer moved that the Bill do not pass, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Nine; against it, Fourteen:

For the Motion,

Mr. Bishop,  
Mr. Crowell,  
Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. Gesner,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Wier,  
Mr. Blair,

Mr. B. Dewolf,  
Mr. Flemming,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Kavanagh,  
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. W. H. Roach,

Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Church,  
Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Wells,  
Mr. R. Dickson.

So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the relief of James Kidston, an Insolvent Debtor.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Nine Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums, viz.

£100

£100 for clearing out the River Denny.  
 £12 10 for a School in the Poor House.  
 £50 for clearing out the Annapolis River.  
 £114 to the Commissioners of the Avon Bridge.  
 £35 to William Fraser.  
 £20 to John Thomas Hill.  
 £100 for the Arisaig Pier.  
 £900 for the Post Communication.  
 £400 for the Pictou Academy.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue an Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise; also, the Bill to continue the several Acts to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax; also, the Bill to continue an Act to repeal the several Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing; also, the Bill to continue an Act for regulating the prices of Carriages; also, the Bill to authorize the incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River; and also, a Bill for appointing Commissioners of the Revenue, and declaring their powers and duties; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater security of the Province by a better regulation of the Militia; and also, the Bill for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugar within the Province, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the said Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Mr. James reported from the Committee to whom the Letter of William Hill, Esquire, to His Honor the President, was referred; and he read, the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That it appears to the Committee, by the Certificate of His Honor Judge Stewart, that the Petitioner attended to, and conducted, Criminal Prosecutions in the Supreme Court, at Amherst, Truro, Pictou and Antigonishe, during the Circuits in May and September last, and the Committee having also enquired into the nature and extent of the same, therefore do recommend that he be allowed the sum of Twenty Pounds in full compensation for his said services.

*Ordered*, That the said Report and Letter be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Lawson reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of Joseph Austen was referred and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

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That the Committee have carefully considered of the merits of this Petition, and such evidence as the Petitioner has brought before them in support thereof; that they are satisfied that the Petitioner exported a large quantity of Tobacco Stems from the Province, on which the duty of ten per cent. was paid before the process of separating these from that part of the leaves which is used in the manufacture of Tobacco was performed; and that the Stems so exported were landed at Bremen; but inasmuch, as no precautions were taken by the Petitioner, to distinguish the parcels from which the Stems were selected; and it is impossible to ascertain, with certainty, the rate of duty paid on each, the Committee think it necessary to confine the drawback claimed on these exports to one half the estimate of the Petitioner: and they therefore recommend, for the purpose of encouraging a useful manufacture, that Thirty-seven Pounds Six Shillings and One Penny, be allowed to him in nature of a drawback on the Tobacco Stems so exported. The Committee further find the facts stated in the Petition with respect to the importation of the Wheat to be true, and they recommend to the favorable consideration of the House, the Petitioner's prayer to be repaid the Crown Duty paid on the said Wheat, amounting to Fifty-seven Pounds Four Shillings, Currency.

*Ordered,* That the said Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Honor the President, to request that His Honor would be pleased to dispense with one or more of the Militia Meetings for the present year.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Smith, Mr. T. Roach and Mr. Ruggles, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Lawson delivered to the House a List of the Collectors of Impost and Excise within the Province, and of the names of their respective sureties, furnished by the Deputy-Secretary of the Province, by order of His Honor the President, pursuant to the request of the House.

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

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

*Tuesday, 29th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour and other Articles exported to Foreign Countries; and also.

A Bill relating to Special Juries; were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Honor the President, with the Resolution of the House, passed yesterday, on the subject of Militia Meetings, that the Committee had accordingly waited upon, and delivered to His Honor, the said Resolution, and that His Honor was pleased to say he would comply with the desire of the House, as early as possible after the prorogation of the present Assembly.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater security of the Province by a better regulation of the Militia, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and continue the several Acts to provide for the greater security of this Province, by a better regulation of the Militia; and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force.

An engrossed Bill for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugar, was read a third time.

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*Resolved,*

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to revive, amend and continue, the Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugars within the Province; and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise; and to prevent Frauds in the collection of the Provincial Revenue.

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

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

An engrossed Bill for appointing Commissioners of the Revenue, and declaring their powers and duties, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for appointing Commissioners of the Revenue, and declaring their powers and duties.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to repeal the several Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to repeal several Acts of the General Assembly, passed to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act for regulating the prices of Carriages, was read a third time.

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

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

Mr. T. Roach reported from the Committee to whom the Estimate for the repair of Militia Arms was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That the Committee have examined the Estimate and several accounts to them referred, and find that Lieut. Col. Wodehouse, (Inspecting Field Officer of Militia) by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, authorized Lieut. Col. M'Kay of Pictou to repair the Arms of the First and Second Battalions of the Pictou Militia, and the Arms of the first and second Battalions of the Colchester Militia. The accounts for the said repairs are signed and certified by Col. Woodhouse, amounting to £133 11 9 there has been paid to Col. M'Kay, out of the Monies at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for browning the Militia Arms, the Sum of £65 6, leaving a balance due to him of £68 5 9;—That there is due to Benjamin Dewolf, Esq. of Windsor, for repairs of the Arms of the First Battalion of Hants Militia, the Sum of £11 19 9, as per account, £6 19 of which is charged for Fuel, &c.; the said account is certified by Col. Wodehouse.—That there is a charge in the Estimate referred to for repairing the Arms of the First and Second Battalion of the East, and for the First Battalion of the West, Annapolis Regiment, amounting to £49 0 0; but no accounts were before your Committee for any more for said Service than £17 0 11 which are not certified; that there appears an account in the Estimate from Lieut. Col. Robert Dickson, for cleaning the Arms of the Second Battalion of the Colchester Militia, amounting to £25.—The several items of which account were before your Committee—That there is also

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in the Estimate referred to your Committee, the Sum of £245, as necessary for cleaning the Arms and Accoutrements of twenty-four Batalions of Militia, at £10 each, and £5 for the Arms of the Parrsborough Corps. All which is respectively submitted by your Committee.

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

Mr. Hartshorne reported from the Committee to whom the Abstract of Claims for Salt Bounties was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee beg leave to state to the House, that the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds granted in the last Session of the General Assembly, to be applied in a Bounty on Salt, agreeably to an Act passed in the fourth Year of His Majesty's reign, for the encouragement of the Fisheries, has already been claimed, and paid to persons entitled thereto under the said Act—That there are claims now unsatisfied for Bounties on Salt, amounting to Four Hundred and Seventy Six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Nine Pence, as appears by the Statement herewith.

That the Committee are of opinion that the persons therein mentioned, have an equitable claim on this House, and therefore recommend their case to favourable consideration.

*Ordered,* That the said Report and Abstract be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the relief of James Kidston, an Insolvent Debtor.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee on the subject of compensation to Commissioners for signing Treasury Notes ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have made inquiry into the services done by the Commissioners, and find that there has not been any remuneration made them since the year 1820 ; and that since 1821, they have signed and cancelled Provincial Notes to the amount of Fifty-three Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds, besides the increased trouble of indorsing or resigning the same, which latter service they are daily called on to perform : the Committee therefore recommend, that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be allowed to the Commissioners—James Foreman, Charles Morris and William Lawton, for the above services to this date.

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

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of James Allison, and others, was referred, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have considered the subject to them referred, and obtained information thereon ; that the Committee consider the undertaking to which the Petition refers, as one which they trust will ever claim the favourable protection of the House ; but when the Committee consider the finances of the Province ; the disposition evinced to make a beginning to reduce the public Debt, and the Sum already granted as an encouragement to the work ; they do not consider that in this Session, they can recommend the Loan being made.

On motion, *ordered,* That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to enable the Proprietors of the Belle Isle New-Diked Marsh in the Township of Granville, to appoint Supervisors to take charge of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned; also, the Bill to prevent Persons from riding or driving Animals and Carriages upon and along the side-paths of the Roads of a part of the Township of Annapolis; and also, the Bill to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other articles exported to Foreign Countries; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill relating to Special Juries; also, a Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the support of a Light-House on Cranberry Island; and also, the Bill in amendment of the Act for admitting Depositions de bene esse, of witnesses, aged, infirm, and otherwise unable to travel, and of Witnesses departing from the Province, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively,—that the Committee had also under consideration the Bill in addition to an Act, passed in the fifty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing, and maintaining, an Academy, at Pictou, in this Province, and that the Committee had recommended that the House should come to a Resolution on the subject-matter thereof as followeth, viz. *Resolved*, That the House are desirous of making a more permanent support than heretofore for the Pictou-Academy; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, and the said Resolution, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

The Resolution, as reported by the Committee, was read by the Clerk, and thereupon, Mr. Smith moved, that the House do agree to the said Resolution, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Fifteen; against it, twelve:

For the Motion,

Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Uniacke,  
Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Fairbanks,  
Mr. Kavanagh,

Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. T. Rouch,  
Mr. Wells,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Gesner,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Flemming,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. W. H. Roach,  
Mr. Blair,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Wier.

Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. Crowell,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. B. Dewolf,  
Mr. Church,

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will to-morrow take into consideration the Bill to authorize the establishment of a Bank at Halifax.

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

*Wednesday, 30th March, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ruggles, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the incorporation of a Company for working Mines of Iron, and manufacturing Iron Ore, in the County of Annapolis; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the more convenient Division of this Province into Counties; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the establishment of Townships throughout the Province; and the same was read a first time. *Resolved,*



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

On motion of Mr. Hartthorne, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain, and report to the House, what measures are proper to be adopted for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province for the present year.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hartthorne, Mr. Kavanagh, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bingay and Mr. J. R. De-wolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

An engrossed Bill to prevent Persons from riding or driving Animals and Carriages upon and along the Side Paths of the roads of a part of the Township of Annapolis, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to prevent Persons from riding or driving Animals or Carriages upon and along the side paths of a part of the Township of Annapolis.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act for admitting Depositions de bene esse of Witnesses aged, infirm, and otherwise unable to travel, and of Witnesses departing from the Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to and amendment of an Act, passed in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, An Act for admitting Depositions de bene esse, of Witnesses, aged, infirm, and otherwise unable to travel, and of Witnesses departing from the Province.

An engrossed Bill relating to Special Juries, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relating to Special Juries.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the support of a Light-House on Cranberry Island; was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and continue the several Acts relating to the Light House erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River.

An engrossed Bill to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour and other Articles exported to Foreign Countries, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other articles exported to Foreign Countries.

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

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to authorize the establishment of a Bank at Halifax.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to them referred to this day three months; and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, and thereupon,

Mr. Smith moved, that the report of the Committee be not agreed to by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, Fourteen; against it, twenty;

## For the Motion,

Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. Fairbanks,  
Mr. Church,  
Mr. Albro,  
Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Crowell,  
Mr. Kavanagh,

Mr. Blair,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Sargent.

## Against the Motion,

Mr. Fleming,  
Mr. Bishop,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. M'Kinnon,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. W. H. Roach,  
Mr. B. Dewolf,

Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. Young,  
Mr. Gesner,  
Mr. Wells,  
Mr. T. Roach,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Uniacke,  
Mr. Wier,  
Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. R. Dickson.

So it passed in the negative.

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

Thursday, 31st March, 1825.

## PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Proprietors of the Belle Isle New Diked Marsh in the Township of Granville, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors to take charge of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to enable the Proprietors of the Belle Isle new Diked Marsh in Granville, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors to take charge of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

A Bill for the more convenient Division of this Province into Counties, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Smith moved that the consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—for the motion, Twenty-five; against it, Six:

## For the Motion,

Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. Wells,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Fraser,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Gesner,  
Mr. Heckman,  
Mr. James,

Mr. T. Roach,  
Mr. W. H. Roach,  
Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Uniacke,  
Mr. B. Dewolf,  
Mr. R. Dickson,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Church,  
Mr. M'Kinnon,

## Against the Motion,

Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. Kavanagh,  
Mr. Wier,  
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

Mr. Blair,  
Mr. Crowell,  
Mr. Morse,  
Mr. Fairbanks,  
Mr. Fleming,  
Mr. Bishop,

So it passed in the affirmative.

A Bill for the establishment of Townships throughout the Province, was read a second time; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. J. R. Dewolf, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

A Bill for the incorporation of a Company for working Mines of Iron, and manufacturing Iron Ore, in the County of Annapolis, was read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Cornwallis Bridge Bill, the Cranberry Island Light-House Bill, and the Bill for allowing a Drawback on Foreign Flour, &c. And

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Fairbanks, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

*Resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the last Conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

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

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

Mr. Hartshorne, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent the cruel treatment of Horses, Sheep or other Cattle, by Persons owning, or having the charge of, the same; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and continue the several Acts to provide for the greater security of this Province by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, amend and continue, the Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the manufacture of Refined Sugars within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise; and to prevent frauds in the collection of the Provincial Revenue; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the eighteenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax; and also, the Act now in force in addition thereto; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to repeal several Acts of the General Assembly, passed to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing; also,

A Bill entitled, An Act to continue an Act, in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages; and also,

A Bill entitled, An Act relating to Special Juries, severally without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to alter and amend an Act, passed in the 28th year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the establishment of Fees as regulated by the Governor and Council, at the request of the House of Assembly; the Bill in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas within the County of Cape-Breton; the Bill to render the manner of levying Town, County and Poor Rates, more easy and certain; the Bill imposing a Tax on Dogs; and also, a Bill to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for working Mines of Iron, and manufacturing Iron Ore, in the County of Annapolis; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had deferred the consideration of the Bill to alter and amend an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly; also, the Bill relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, to this day three months; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill to explain and amend an Act for consolidating and reducing into one Act, all the Acts heretofore made relating to Trespasses, and had made two amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Mr. Uniacke moved that the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the Bill to alter and amend an Act for the establishment of Fees, as regulated by the Governor and Council, at the request of the House of Assembly, be not agreed to by the House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen; against it, eleven;

For the Motion,		Against the Motion,	
Mr. Uniacke,	Mr. R. Dickson,	Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bingay,	Mr. Kavanagh,	Mr. Albro,
Mr. Bishop,	Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Church,	Mr. Blair.
Mr. B. Dewolf,	Mr. M'Kinnon,	Mr. W. H. Roach,	
Mr. T. Dickson,	Mr. Sargent,	Mr. Gesner,	
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Morse,	Mr. Poole,	
Mr. Crowell,	Mr. Fairbanks,	Mr. Heckman,	
Mr. T. Roach,	Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Ruggles,	
Mr. James,			

So it passed in the affirmative.

The amendment to the Trespass Bill, marked No. 1, as reported by the Committee, was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The amendment to the said Bill, marked No. 2, relating to the erection of Fences upon Lands adjoining Rivers and Creeks, was read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereupon, not agreed to by the House; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the first amendment, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the Bills reported without any amendment be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Blair, *resolved*, that the Bill to alter the place of holding the Supreme Court in the County of Cumberland, be read a second time on Monday next.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School at Halifax was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, passed in the twentieth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for establishing a Public School at Halifax.

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

Then

Then the House adjourned until Saturday, at Twelve of the Clock, the morrow being Good-Friday.

*Saturday, 2d April, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to render the manner of levying Town, County and Poor Rates, more easy and certain, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to render the manner of levying Town, County and Poor Rates, more easy and certain.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas within the County of Cape Breton, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas within the County of Cape Breton; and to fix and establish the times and places for holding of the said Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in and for the said County.

An engrossed Bill to explain and amend the Act for consolidating into one Act, all the Acts heretofore made relating to Trespasses, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to explain and amend an Act for consolidating and reducing into one Act, all the Acts heretofore made relating to Trespasses.

An engrossed Bill for the Incorporation of a Company for working Mines of Iron, and for manufacturing of Iron, in the County of Annapolis, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the Incorporation of a Company for working Mines of Iron, and manufacturing Iron, in the County of Annapolis.

An engrossed Bill for imposing a tax on Dogs, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for imposing a Tax on Dogs.

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

A Bill to prevent the cruel treatment of Horses, Sheep and other Cattle, by Persons owning, or having the charge of, the same, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors; and the same was read a first time.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to relinquish to Jacob Shaffroth the right of way which the public have, or claim to have, between that part of the Five Acre Lot, in the North Division of Five Acre Lots on the Peninsula of Halifax, formerly purchased from one Godfrey Jacobs, by the said Jacob Shaffroth, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have appointed Mr. Justice Stewart and Mr. Justice Haliburton to be a Committee to join the Committee of this House to carry into effect the Resolution of the House of Assembly, passed on the 10th of March last, on the subject of the Laws of the Prov.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

Mr. Hartshorne reported from the Committee appointed to ascertain and report what measures are proper to be adopted for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have carefully considered the subject, and are unanimously of opinion—that the measures adopted by the Legislature of New-Brunswick, by offering Bounties on the tonnage of all Vessels of Thirty Tons and upwards, which shall fit out for the Fisheries in that Province, and return with the produce thereof to their ports, will have the effect of inducing very many of our Fishermen to resort thither for their Supplies, and will withdraw from this country a large portion of its staple export : from this cause, the Committee deem it absolutely necessary that the House should offer Bounties to counteract the injurious effects on our trade and revenue; anticipated from the present policy of the Government of New-Brunswick. In pronouncing, however, on the most effectual means of giving the necessary encouragement to the Fisheries, with a due regard to the funds of the Province, the Committee have differed in opinion, and have therefore resolved to submit the following statement, shewing what they consider would be the probable amount required, should either of the modes heretofore adopted for granting bounty on tonnage, on each Quintal of Fish, or on Salt, be again resorted to by the House.

FIRST—Tonnage of Vessels of Fifteen Tons, and upwards, employed in the Fisheries, estimated at 8000 Tons.

SECOND—Quintals of Cod Fish, taken in Boats and Vessels of all sizes, estimated by the Exports of last year at 138,000 Quintals.

THIRD—Salt consumed in the Fisheries estimated at 20,000 Hogsheads.

Under the circumstances above mentioned, the Committee consider the following rates of Bounties as the lowest which would be available, viz.

FIRST—On Tonnage, Fifteen Shillings per ton.

SECOND—On the Quintal of Cod Fish, One Shilling.

THIRD—On the Hogshead of Salt, Two Shillings and Six Pence. All which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Report do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Four Hundred and Seventy-Six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Nine Pence should be granted and paid to the Persons claiming Bounties for Salt supplied for the Fisheries, agreeably to the Abstract now before the House : Provided the said Claims are duly certified by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be placed annually, for the three next years, at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable him to co-operate with the Government of Lower Canada, in the Establishment of Steam-Boats to run between Quebec and Halifax.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum Five Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to Charles Morris, James Foreman and William Lawson, Esquires, in full for the services

services performed by them as Commissioners for signing, cancelling and endorsing, Treasury Notes, since the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and to this date.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Sixty Eight Pounds Five Shillings and Nine Pence, should be granted and paid to Lieutenant Colonel McKay, for a Balance due him for expenses incurred in repairing the Arms of the Pictou and Colchester Battalions of Militia, as certified by Lieutenant-Colonel Wodehouse, Inspecting Field-Officer of the Militia.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Eleven Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ninepence should be granted and paid to Benjamin Dewolf, Esq. for the repairs of the Arms of the First Battalion of the Hants County Militia, as certified by Lieutenant-Colonel Wodehouse, Inspecting Field-Officer of the Militia.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Dickson, to defray the expense of cleaning the Arms of the Second Battalion of the Colchester Militia, per account.

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

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

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

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

*Monday, 4th April, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors; and also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to relinquish to Jacob Shaffroth the right of way which the Public have, or claim to have, between that part of the Five Acre Lot in the North Division of Five Acre Lots on the Peninsula of Halifax, formerly purchased from one Godfrey Jacobs, by the said Jacob Shaffroth; were severally read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River; also,

A Bill to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, passed in the twentieth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and continue the several Acts relating to the Light House erected on Strawberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canlo; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas within the County of Cape-Breton, and to fix and establish the times and places for holding of the said Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in and for the said County, severally without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent Persons from riding or driving Animals and Carriages upon and along the side paths of part of the Township of Annapolis; and also,

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A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, An Act for admitting Depositions de bene esse, of Witnesses, aged, infirm, and otherwise unable to travel, and of Witnesses departing from the Province.

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill for imposing a Tax upon Dogs.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Albro, Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Bingay, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

On motion, a Bill to alter the place of holding the Supreme Court in the County of Cumberland, was read a second time ; also, the several Petitions on the subject matter of the said Bill, were read ; and the House having considered the same ; thereupon,

Mr. T. Roach moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Twenty-two ; against it, Twelve :

For the Motion,

Mr. Crowell,	Mr. Flemming,
Mr. Gesner,	Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. James,	Mr. Fuggles,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wells,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Wier,
Mr. Heckman,	Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Church,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. R. Dickson,
Mr. Bishop,	Mr. Sargent,
Mr. T. Roach,	Mr. T. Dickson.

Against the Motion,

Mr. Morse,	Mr. Albro.
Mr. Uniacke,	
Mr. M'Kinnon,	
Mr. Kavanagh,	
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	
Mr. Bingay,	
Mr. B. Dewolf,	
Mr. Blair,	
Mr. Fraser,	
Mr. Poole,	
Mr. Dennison,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow take into consideration the General State of the Province, in a Committee of the whole House.

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

Tuesday, 5th April, 1825.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Six Resolutions of this House, for granting the following Sums, viz.

£476	19	9	For claims for Salt Bounty.
£250			For Steam Boats to run between Quebec and Halifax.
£500			To Commissioners for signing Treasury Notes.
£68	5	9	To Lieut.-Colonel M'Kay.
£11	19	9	To Benjamin Dewolf.
£25			To Lieut.-Colonel R. Dickson.

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The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Incorporation of a Company for working Mines of Iron, and manufacturing Iron, in the County of Annapolis, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill above mentioned, and the same were read throughout a first and second time : and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to the first amendment.

*Resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee, on the subject matter of the second amendment, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Fairbanks, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Ruggles stated that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of the Council had informed them that the Council do not adhere to the second amendment made by them to the Bill ; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do take the said Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House do agree to the first amendment made by them to the same.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Fisheries should be encouraged by a Bounty upon all dried Cod Fish, caught and cured by the Inhabitants of the Province, of not less than One Shilling on each Quintal : to be paid and applied under the provisions and restrictions of such Bill as shall hereafter be agreed upon by the Legislature.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the General State of the Province : which the House agreed to.

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

*Ordered*, That the Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted

and paid to enable Nathaniel Atcheson, Esquire, to procure and send, for the use of the House of Assembly, and as far as that sum will permit, the Public Acts of the Imperial Parliament, and Reports of Parliamentary Committees, during the past and for the coming years of the reign of His Present Majesty.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Four Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Four Shillings and Two Pence should be granted and paid to defray the Accounts of Expenditure for, and work done to, the Government-House in the last year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Six Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence should be granted and paid to defray the accounts of Expenditure for, and work done to, the Province Building.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds, should be granted and paid to William Lawson, Esquire, as Commissioner, to enable him to complete the repairs of the Government House and the Province Building: the same to be drawn for, by him, as may be requisite, and the Expenditure to be accounted for, by him, to this House.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Six Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the first Adventurer or Adventurers, or Body Corporate, who shall erect a good and sufficient Furnace or Furnaces, Refinery and Forge, with proper Machinery, in this Province, at which there shall be manufactured and made, within Six years, One Hundred and fifty Tons of good Hollow Ware; and also, a further sum of Six Hundred Pounds to such Adventurer or Adventurers, or Body Corporate, when, by a Forge, established at or near to such Furnace, they shall have made and refined, from Ore of this Province, at the said Furnace, one hundred tons of Bar Iron, of a Merchantable quality.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to enable the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to avail himself of the services of a scientific Engineer, to ascertain the practicability of connecting the Waters of Bras d'or Lake with the Atlantic Ocean, at St. Peter's, in the County of Cape-Breton.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to repair the Bridge at Little Arichat, in the County of Cape-Breton.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Four Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to repair the Bridge over the River Avon, in the County of Hants.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted and paid to William Hill, Esquire, for his services in prosecuting Criminal Offenders in the Supreme Court at Amherst, Truro, Pictou and Antigonish, during the Circuits in May and September, in the last year, the same being certified by the Circuit Judges.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to Thomas Boggs, James Bain and George N. Ruffel, in full for past services as Commissioners for carrying into effect the Laws which granted a Bounty upon Merchantable Fish and Salt in the years 1823 and 1824; and also for examining and certifying the Accounts of those Persons now claiming the Bounty on Salt.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Ninety-seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence, should be granted and paid to James G. A. Creighton, being the amount of Duty paid into the Treasury on a quantity of Wheat imported from Hamburg in the month of May, in the last year, and sold for the use of His Majesty's Troops.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum of Seventy-nine Pounds Ten Shillings and Three Pence should be granted and paid to Cuthbert Vaux, being the amount of Duty paid into the Treasury on a quantity of Wheat, imported by him from Trieste, in the month of August, in the last year, and supplied for the use of His Majesty's Troops.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Ninety-four Pounds Ten Shillings and One Penny should be granted and paid to Joseph Austen, being the amount of Duty paid into

into the Treasury on a quantity of Tobacco, imported from the United States of America, and afterwards exported (in Tobacco Stems) to the Port of Bremen; and also, for the amount of Duty paid as aforesaid on a quantity of Wheat, imported from the said Port of Bremen into the Port of Halifax, in the month of September, in the last year, and purchased with the proceeds of Articles the produce of the Province.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to prevent the cruel treatment of Horses, Sheep, and other Cattle, by Persons, owning or having charge of the same; and also, the Bill for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally to the House without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

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

*Wednesday, 6th April, 1825.*

#### PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An engrossed Bill to prevent the cruel treatment of Horses, Sheep and other Cattle, by Persons owning or having charge of the same, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to prevent the cruel treatment of Horses, Sheep and other Cattle, by Persons owning or having charge of the same.

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

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Hill acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Honor the President to this House, signed by His Honor, and he presented the said Message to the House, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows:

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

**O**BJECTIONS having arisen to the Clause in the Act of Assembly, passed in 1821, which extends the period for funding the Province Notes to three years from the date of the Issue, and as I view it of importance that the Public should continue perfectly satisfied with the security and utility of our present Paper Currency, I recommend it to the Assembly to consider whether it would not be advisable to amend the Act of 1821, by allowing the funding of all Notes that may hereafter be issued, to take place six months after their date; and also the funding of such Notes, already

already issued, that, by the said Act, cannot yet be funded, to take place within six months after the date of Amendment, provided there shall not be Gold or Silver in the Treasury to redeem them.

MICHAEL WALLACE.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution of this House for the encouragement of the Fisheries.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kavanagh, Mr. Bingay, and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Incorporation of a Company for working Mines of Iron, and manufacturing of Iron, in the County of Annapolis, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province, in full for his services to the present time, for signing, checking and issuing, Treasury Notes.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Six Pence should be granted and paid to Jared I. Chipman, Esquire, late Sheriff of the County of Halifax, to defray certain expences paid by him at the meeting of the Legislature in their three last Sessions.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be appropriated to each County and District in the Province, to be expended under the direction of such persons as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief shall appoint for that purpose ; and to be applied only to the education of Poor Children. And the further sum of One Hundred Pounds to the Trustees of the National School ; the like sum to the Trustees of the Acadian School, and the like sum to the Trustees of the Catholic School in Halifax, for the support of those Schools respectively.

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

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

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

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

*Thursday, 7th April, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter addressed to him by Mr. Blair, one of the sitting Members for the County of Cumberland, and the same was read, stating that he was about to return to England, and seeing no probability of his being able to resume his Duties, and being anxious to prevent his absence depriving the said County of its due number of Representatives in the Legislature, he had taken the liberty of addressing the Letter to Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of being laid before the House, in order to request their permission to resign his Seat at the present Session, and that the same may be declared vacant from that time; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the said Letter be referred to the Committee of Privileges who are to consider the subject matter thereof, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the Message of His Honor the President of yesterday, on the subject of Treasury Notes, was read, and considered by the House; and thereupon,

Mr. Frazer moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz,

*Resolved*, That this House deem it inexpedient at present, to make any alteration in the Acts relating to the Paper Currency of the Province, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Twenty-one; against it, Ten:

For the Motion,

Mr. Bishop,	Mr. Albro,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Fraser,
Mr. O'Brien,	Mr. W. H. Roach,
Mr. T. Roach,	Mr. Ruggles,
Mr. Wier,	Mr. B. Dewolf,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wells,	Mr. Gesner,
Mr. Jame,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bingay,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. J. R. Dewolf,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Sargent,	

Against the Motion,

Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. T. Dickson,
Mr. Fairbanks,
Mr. Kavanagh,
Mr. M. Kinnon,
Mr. Dennison,
Mr. Crowell,
Mr. Heckman,
Mr. Church,
Mr. Uniacke.

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on His Honor the President with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution in answer to His Honor's said Message.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Frazer, Mr. T. Roach and Mr. Albro, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Hartshorne, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee, on the subject of the Resolution for the encouragement of the Fisheries, and that the Clerk do request the same.

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

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

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

Mr. Frazer reported from the Committee appointed to wait on His Honor the President with the Resolution of the House in answer to His Honor's Message of yesterday, on the subject of funding the Province Notes, that the Committee had accordingly waited upon and delivered to His Honor the said Resolution; and that His Honor was pleased to express himself satisfied with the decision of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further Conference, by Committee, on the subject matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

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

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

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

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House for the encouragement of the Fisheries.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Uniacke and Mr. Hartshorne, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Monies remaining unexpended of the Agricultural Vote of the last year, should be applied and continued for the same services.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency Sir James Kempt, to enable him to  
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cause the best kinds of the Dishley Breed of Sheep to be imported from England, for the use of the thirty Agricultural Societies; equally to be divided between them.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid for the Salary of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Central Board of Agriculture, for the present year.

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

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

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

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

*Friday, 8th April, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds should be granted and paid to the Adjutant-General of the Militia, in full for his services, and the payment of his Clerk, Stationary and Postage, for the present year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to William Hill, Esquire, for his services as Deputy-Clerk of the Council in the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-five Pounds, should be granted and paid to John Whidden, Esquire, for his services in drafting and copying Bills for the Members of the House of Assembly in the present Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Thirty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to the Secretary of the Province, for his services, to be performed in making out Road Commissions, &c. and for making out Warrants for the said service, in the present year.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty Pounds-Five Shillings should be granted and paid to Messrs. Fairbanks and M'Nabb, for the Bounty claimed by them on a certain quantity of Salt used in the Fisheries last year. *Provided*, The said claim is duly certified by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds should be granted and paid, on the Certificate of the Speaker, towards defraying the expenses, under a former Resolution of the House, for providing the necessary Robes and Habilliments of the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to the Reverend Robert Willis, for his services as Chaplain to His Majesty's Council in the present Session.

*Resolved,*

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted and paid to the Rev. John Thomas Twining, for his services as Chaplain to the House of Assembly in the present Session.

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

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

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Fifteen Resolutions of this House for granting the following Sums, viz.

£50 For procuring Acts of the Imperial Parliament,

£437 4 2 For the repairs of the Government House.

£653 15 6 For the repairs of the Province Building.

£1000 For the Government-House and the Province Building.

£1200 For the manufacturing of Iron.

£50 For the Bras'dor Lake, Cape-Breton,

£100 For Arichat Bridge:

£400 For Avon Bridge.

£20 To William Hill.

£150 To the Commissioners of Fish and Salt Bounties.

£97 13 5 To James G. Creighton.

£79 10 3 To Cuthbert Vaux.

£94 10 1 To Joseph Austen.

£250 To the Treasurer of the Province.

£16 10 6 To J. I. Chipman.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of the House on the subject of Schools,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Roach, *resolved*, that the sum of Seventy Pounds, granted in the last Session of the General Assembly for the Main Road between Annapolis and Digby, and not yet drawn from the Treasury, be applied as follows, viz.

Thirty-five Pounds for the Road from Annapolis to Bear River Bridge, and

Thirty-five Pounds from Bear River Bridge to Digby, including the said Bridge.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds, granted in the last Session of the General Assembly, for the road from Little River to Petit Passage, in the Township of Digby, and not yet drawn from the Treasury, be applied for the Main Road from Trout Cove to Sandy Cove in the said Township, being on the same line of Road.

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

Mr. Smith moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz. *Resolved*, That a Sum of Money be granted and placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, for the support of Grammar Schools throughout the Province, for the present year, to be paid agreeable to the Resolutions of an Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty, for the support of Grammar Schools throughout the Province : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the cruel treatment of Horses and Sheep



Sheep and other Cattle, by Persons owning or having the charge of the same, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to render the manner of levying Town, County and Poor Rates, more easy and certain ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to explain and amend the Act for consolidating and reducing into one Act, all the Acts heretofore made relating to Trespasses ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill on the subject of the Fisheries, and accordingly presented a Bill for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province, and the same was read a first time ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now read a second time ; and the same was read a second time accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

The amendments to the Bill were read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon,

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the Report of the Committee, whereby the Bill for the encouragement of the Fisheries is reported, with amendments, be not received : inasmuch as the bounties thereby to be granted, are not to be paid upon the exportation of Dried Fish, but upon the catch thereof ; and in consequence thereof, the object for which those bounties are desired will be unattainable : which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for motion, Eight ; against it, Nineteen :

For the Motion,

Mr. T. Roach,

Mr. James,

Mr. Fairbanks,

Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Abbro,

Mr. Hastshorne,

Mr. Heckman,

Mr. Kavanagh,

Mr. Bingay,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

Mr. Crowell,

Mr. Sargent,

Mr. O'Brien,

Mr. Dennison,

Mr. M'Kinnon,

Mr. Wells,

Against the Motion,

Mr. T. Dickson,

Mr. Chipman,

Mr. Gesner,

Mr. Blair,

Mr. W. H. Roach,

Mr. Morse,

Mr. Wier,

Mr. Uniacke.

Mr. Ruggles,

Mr. Smith,

Mr. Poole,

So it passed in the negative.

The amendments to the Bill were then put, and agreed to by the House.

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

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

*Saturday, 9th April, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province, was read a third time.

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*Resolved,*

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Ten Resolutions of this House for granting the following sums, viz

£450 For the importation of Sheep.

£200 For the Secretary of the Agricultural Society.

£20 5 To Messrs. Fairbanks and M'Nabb.

£60 For Robes, &c. to the Speaker and Clerk of the Assembly.

£35 To the Secretary of the Province.

£35 To John Whidden, Esq.

£25 To the Chaplain of the Assembly.

£25 To the Chaplain of the Council.

£35 To William Hill, Esq.

£150 To the Adjutant-General of Militia.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a Conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Bill for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Bingay and Mr. Poole, do manage the Conference.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

Mr. Hartshorne moved that a further Conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the last Conference, and that the Managers be instructed to state that this House will be disposed to pass a Bill for encouraging the Fisheries, by further guards, and by making the Bounty payable on the exportation of Fish, provided the Purchaser pay the same to the Fisherman; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seven; against it, twenty-six :

For the Motion,

Mr. Fairbanks,

Mr. Albro,

Mr. Hartshorne,

Mr. Heckman,

Mr. R. Dickson,

Mr. James,

Mr. Kavanagh,

Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Sargent,

Mr. T. Dickson,

Mr. Fleming,

Mr. Morse,

Mr. Crowell,

Mr. Uniacke,

Mr. Wier,

Mr. J. R. Dewolf,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Bishop,

Mr. Robertson,

Mr. Campbell,

Mr. M'Kinnon,

Mr. Bingay,

Mr. W. H. Roach,

Mr. Smith,

Mr. B. Dewolf,

Mr. O'Brien,

Mr. Poole,

Mr. T. Roach,

Mr. Chipman,

Mr. Dennison,

Mr. Gesner,

Mr. Ruggles,

Mr. Blair,

Mr. Wells,

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Chipman, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject matter of the last Conference, and that the Managers be instructed to state to the Committee of the Council that the House adhere to their Bill, as sent up for concurrence, and that the Clerk do request the said Conference.

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The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the Conference, as desired by the House.  
*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference.  
 And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Fairbanks reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that they had, on the Conference, communicated to the Committee of His Majesty's Council the Instructions received by them from the House, relative to the Bill for encouraging the Fisheries.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Two Resolutions of this House relative to Roads in the Township of Digby.

The Council have not agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House, that, for the better preservation of the Treasury Notes against Forgery, a new Plate, more difficult of imitation, and better paper, should be procured, and that the present Notes in circulation should be called in, and new Notes on such better Paper, and printed with such new Plate, issued in their place, and that this House will provide for the expense of the same : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the Committee had framed a Bill for applying such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table ; and thereupon,

On motion, the said Bill was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

*Monday, 11th April, 1825.*

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-five, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the Letter of  
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Mr. Blair, Sitting Member for the County of Cumberland, requesting permission to resign his Seat at the end of the present Session ; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

That the Committee have duly considered the Letter to them referred—That they find, on examining the Proceedings of the House of Commons, no precedent of any Member having resigned his Seat, but, on the contrary, so far back as 1623, an agreement “that after he is chosen he cannot relinquish.” The cases are fully detailed in second Hatsel ; but many where they have, on the acceptance of certain situations, vacated their seats. That the Committee find a precedent on our own Journals of a Member having been allowed to resign from continued ill health ; and a request, similar to the one in question, whereon the House decided unfavorably ; and thereupon,

Mr. Uniacke moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That the Seat of Richard Blair, Esq. Member for the County of Cumberland, be declared vacant ; and that Mr. Speaker be directed, on the prorogation of the House, to apply in the usual manner for the issue of a new Writ : which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Three ; against it, Twenty-five :

For the Motion :

Mr. Church,  
Mr. Uniacke,  
Mr. J. R. Dewolf.

Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. Crowell,  
Mr. T. Dickson,  
Mr. Fairbanks,  
Mr. Dennison,  
Mr. M'Kinnon,  
Mr. Bingay,  
Mr. O'Brien,  
Mr. Flemming,

Against the Motion :

Mr. Albro,  
Mr. T. Roach,  
Mr. Wells,  
Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Wier,  
Mr. Kavanagh,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Poole,  
Mr. Ruggles,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Gesner,  
Mr. W. H. Roach,  
Mr. B. Dewolf,  
Mr. Chipman,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Bishop,

So it passed in the negative.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-five ; and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do inform His Honor the President that the convenience of the Members of the House will be promoted if the meeting of the General Assembly be appointed for some day between the Twentieth and last days of January ; and if the Public Accounts be prepared and laid on the Table the first day of the Session.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hill :

Mr. Speaker,

His Honor the President commands this House to attend His Honor immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Honor in the Council Chamber, where His Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following, viz.

An Act to allow a Drawback on Foreign Flour, and other Articles, exported to Foreign Countries.

An Act relating to the Terms of the Supreme Court at Halifax.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act more effectually to secure the payment of the Provincial Duties of Excise, and to prevent frauds in the collection of the Provincial Revenue.

An Act to authorise the Incorporation of a Company for erecting a Bridge across Cornwallis River.

An Act relating to Special Jurisdiction.

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An Act to authorize the Incorporation of a Company for working Mines of Iron, and manufacturing Iron, in the County of Annapolis.

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the fourth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas within the County of Cape-Breton; and to fix and establish the times and places for holding of the said Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace in and for the said County.

An Act to prevent the cruel treatment of Horses, Sheep or other Cattle, by Persons owning or having charge of the same.

An Act to continue an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, passed in the twentieth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

An Act for the relief of James Kidston, an Insolvent Debtor.

An Act to continue an Act in addition to an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for regulating the rates and prices of Carriages.

An Act to amend and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-eighth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the eighteenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing, of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax; and also the Act, now in force, in addition thereto.

An Act to alter and continue the several Acts relating to the Light-House erected on Cranberry Island, near the entrance of the Gut of Canso.

An Act to alter and continue the several Acts to provide for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force.

An Act to revive, amend and continue, the Act for granting a Drawback of the Duties on Brown or Raw Sugar, used in the Manufacture of Refined Sugars within the Province, and for regulating the mode of obtaining the same.

An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to repeal several Acts of the General Assembly, passed to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows:

*May it please your Honor,*

**I** BEG leave to present to your Honor, on behalf of His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Nova-Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in the present Session for the support of His Majesty's Government for the present year, and to request your Honor's Assent to the same.

His Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies, therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-five, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

His Honor was then pleased to make the following Speech:—

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

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

**T**HE assiduity, regularity and harmony, with which the business of the Session has been conducted, have afforded me the greatest satisfaction.

I THANK you for the liberal Supplies you have granted to His Majesty for the various Public Services I recommended; and you may be assured, so far as depends upon me, they shall be faithfully applied to the purposes for which they are intended.

I HAVE now the pleasure to release you from further attendance in Assembly; and have no doubt you will return to your homes deeply impressed with the blessings you enjoy in this quiet and improving Colony, and with every disposition to keep it in its present happy state.

Afterwards, the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Honor's Command, said,

*GENTLEMEN,*

**I**T is His Honor's Will and Pleasure that the General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday, the Seventh day of July next, to be then here held; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the Seventh day of July next.