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HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.



PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, L.L.D.



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

J. WENTWORTH.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province, stands prorogued unto Monday the 23^d instant.

I have therefore thought fit further to Prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY unto Thursday the Twelfth Day of March next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business, of which all Persons concerned, are hereby required to Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 14th Day of February 1795, in the 35th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

I. M. FREKE BULKELEY.

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OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 12th March, 1795.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*,

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House, went up to attend his Excellency.

And being returned,

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

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council;

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly;

IN a Country like ours it is of great Importance to leave the Seasons of Agriculture as little incumbered by public avocations as possible: I have therefore called you together, at an earlier time of the Year, than has been usual of late, that the necessary Business of the Assembly, might be transacted, without interrupting the useful Labours of the Husbandman.

Having nothing particular in Command from his Majesty to recommend to your Consideration; and there being reason to suppose the Provincial Revenue will, without the Imposition of further Duties, prove adequate to the existing Exigencies of the Government: I have little to propose to you, except a Continuance of the Laws near expiring, with such Amendments, as Experience has pointed out to be useful and necessary.

It gives me great Pleasure to have it in my Power to repeat my Congratulations to you on the encreasing Prosperity of the Country, and on the pleasing Prospect there is of extinguishing the Public Debt of the Province, a considerable Reduction of which, has already been effected.

Considering this state of our Affairs, I cannot omit to suggest, that Agriculture, being obviously the great Basis on which the Prosperity of this People may be extended, including in its Result the best Support of our Trade and Fisheries, it will be worthy of the Care of the Legislature to afford some Encouragement to aid and expedite its Progress.

Relying on your Dispositions to conduct the Affairs of the Session, with mutual Candour, and good Will, I trust the Community will always experience the Benefit of Dispatch, and Moderation, and Harmony, in your Proceedings.

I shall direct the public Accounts, with other necessary Papers to be laid before you; and you may always depend on my ready Concurrence with you, in such Measures as may appear to be conducive to his Majesty's Service, and beneficial to the Province.

On Motion *ordered*, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tenge*, and Mr. *Millidge* be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellency's Speech.

Resolved, That no Petition of a private Nature, be received after Monday the 23d Instant.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cochran*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Sterns*, and Mr. *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 for reporting thereon, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

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

Friday, 13th March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

A Message was received from the Council, informing the House they had appointed a Committee, to join a Committee of this House, to examine and report on the public Accounts; and that their Committee would be ready to meet the Committee of this House, in the Committee Room of the Council, on the said Business whenever they may be notified for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the Committee do attend, and give due notice to the Committee of the Council accordingly.

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee appointed Yesterday, to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, 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 the same was read; and is as follows.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D.

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

The ADDRESS of the House of Representatives, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's faithful Subjects the Commons of *Nova-Scotia* in *General Assembly* convened; return your Excellency our sincere Thanks, for your Speech at the opening of the present Session, and gratefully acknowledge your Excellency's good Intention in calling us together at a Season of the Year, which you deemed most convenient to those of us, who are engaged in the Pursuits of Agriculture.

It is with great Satisfaction, we receive your Excellency's Assurance, that the present Revenue, is not only sufficient to answer all the current Expences of the Government, but affords such a Surplus, as to effect a considerable Reduction of the public Debt of the Province, and we contemplate with great Satisfaction, the pleasing Prospect, of a final Extinguishment of it, at no very distant Period.

Such Laws as are near expiring, and such as shall appear to require Revision and Amendment, shall be the first Objects of our Attention.

Convinced

Convinced that our Commerce, and every other Branch of Industry ultimately depend on the Labours of the Husbandman, we shall chearfully give every Aid, and Encouragement to the Agriculture of the Province, which the limited Means in our Power will admit.

Your Excellency may be assured of every Disposition on our part to conduct the Business of the Session with Candour, Moderation, and Dispatch; and we have the fullest Confidence in your Excellency's ready Concurrence in every Measure, that may be conducive to his Majesty's Service, and the Advancement of the Interest of the Province.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, do wait on his Excellency, to know his Pleasure, when he will be attended by this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee to report what Laws are near expiring.

Mr. *Sterns*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to prevent the harbouring Deserters from his Majesty's Army, and the Sale of Arms, Accoutrements and Clothing, belonging to his Majesty; and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill be 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 said Bill,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the Amendments were read throughout, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Saturday, 14th March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, to prevent the harbouring Deserters from his Majesty's Army, and the Sale of Arms, Accoutrements, and Clothing, belonging to his Majesty, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *An Act to prevent the harbouring Deserters, from his Majesty's Army, and the Sale of Arms, Accoutrements, and Clothing belonging to his Majesty.*

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

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, reported to the House, that his Excellency, having been

waited on, pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, to know when he would be pleased to be attended by this House ; had been pleased to appoint Monday, at One o'Clock, at the Government House.

On Motion of Mr. *Pyke*, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know whether any, and what steps, have been taken by the Attorney General, on the subject of *Francis Green's* Petition, pursuant to the Resolution, and request of this House, to his Excellency, in the last Session.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Sterns*, and Mr. *McMonagle*, be a Committee, for the above purpose.

Then the House adjourned until Monday at One o'Clock.

Monday, 16th *March*, 1795.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Excellency with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of Saturday last,

And being returned,

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

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

YOUR obliging Address demands my grateful Acknowledgements, which are presented, in the fullest Confidence, that public Benefit and general Convenience will be promoted in the present Sessions ; being persuaded, that these are the laudable Intentions, which guide your Endeavours.

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

Tuesday, 17th *March*, 1795.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Sterns*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to raise a Sum of Money, not exceeding £.2000, by Lottery, for the purpose of Building Bridges, and repairing and amending Roads, within this Province ; and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. *Belcher* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for the better Regulating of the Militia, in this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the above Bills be read a second Time.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for the better regulating of Elections, and repealing the several Laws now in Force respecting the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Campbell*, and Mr. *Pyke*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

. A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *to prevent Harboursing Deserters from his Majesty's Army, and the Sale of Arms, Accoutrements and Clothing belonging to his Majesty, with some Amendments*, to which the Council desire the Concurrence of this House,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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The House proceeded to take the Amendments proposed by the Council, to the above Bill, into Consideration; and the said Amendments, being read a first and second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House hath agreed to the Amendments, made by them.

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

Wednesday, 18th March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Andrew Belcher*, of *Halifax*, Merchant, was presented by *Mr. Hartshorne*, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner, is Agent to the Contractor, for Victualling his Majesty's Ships of War and Careening-Yard, in this Province. That by an Act passed in the Year 1793, for granting to his Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Rum, &c. it was Enacted, that if any Merchant or other Person, should supply his Majesty's Navy or Careening-Yard, with any Rum, or other distilled Spirituous Liquors, for which the Duties laid by the Act, may have been paid or secured, such Person should be intitled to have credit, or be repaid the said Duties. That the Petitioner did accordingly receive by virtue of the said Act, a Repayment of, or Credit for, all such Duties as he had paid or secured, for, and on Account of Rum, supplied by him, for the Use of his Majesty's Navy and Careening-Yard, aforesaid. That in the last Year, an Act was passed in Amendment of the before mentioned Act, by which it was Enacted, that no Merchant or other Person, should be thereafter entitled to have Credit for, or be repaid, the Duties on any Spirituous Liquors so supplied as aforesaid, unless the same were immediately upon the Importation or Manufacture thereof, stored under the Inspection of the Collector of Imposit and Excise, and the Inspector and Searcher, in the manner therein set forth. That since the passing of the said Act, the Petitioner, had in Store, a Quantity of Rum, intended by him for mercantile Sale; that no Importation of that Article having taken Place by the Petitioner, and his Majesty's Service requiring an immediate Supply thereof, the Petitioner was under the Necessity of appropriating the said Rum, together with a larger Quantity purchased by him to the Use of his Majesty's Navy aforesaid, as will appear by the Certificates annexed. That the Petitioner did in Consequence thereof, make application to the Commissioners of the Revenue, for Drawback of the Duties, on the Rum so supplied as aforesaid; but was informed by them, that they could not allow a Return of the said Duties, but referred the Petitioner, to the Justice of this honorable House; and praying the House, will be pleased to take his Case into Consideration, and allow him a Return, of the said Duties, agreeably to the Act first before mentioned.

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

A Bill to raise a Sum of Money, not exceeding £.2000, by Lottery, for the Purpose of building Bridges, and repairing and amending Roads, within this Province, and also,

A Bill, for the better regulating of the Militia, in this Province; were severally read a second Time.

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

Mr. Tonge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to amend an Act, passed in the first Year of his Majesty's Reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges, &c. in this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, *resolved*, That this House will To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, for the better regulating of the Militia, in this Province.

A Petition of *Amelia Elizabeth Jennison*, was presented by Mr. *Tonge*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, is the only Daughter of the late *Jonathan Belcher*, Esq; his Majesty's Chief Justice of this Province, deceased. That the Petitioner being left an Orphan, by the decease of her said Father, and from the unfortunate Situation of his Affairs, no source of Support appearing to her, she had become destitute of Subsistence. That in the Year 1781, the *General Assembly*, from a Regard to the Memory of the Petitioners deceased Father, and a Conviction of the many Services rendered by him to the Province, was pleased, voluntarily and unsolicited, to grant her an annual Pension, of Fifty Pounds Sterling, during her Life, as will appear by a Copy of the said Act, hereto annexed. That since the grant of the said Pension, the Petitioner has been married, and previous, and subsequent to her Marriage, has without Intermision, until the last Session of the *General Assembly*, annually received the said Pension. That during the last Session of the *General Assembly*, Provision for the Payment of the said Pension, was omitted, to be made in the Estimate, and the Petitioner by that Means, was deprived of the Benefit thereof; and praying, that the House will take the before mentioned Act of the Legislature into Consideration; and grant her the Payment of her Pension, in the next Estimate.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Thursday, 19th March, 1795.

PRAYERS,

A Bill to amend an Act, passed in the first year of his Majesty's Reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges, &c. in this Province, was read a second Time; and thereupon Mr. *Hartshorne*, *moved*, that the Bill be dismissed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereupon, there appeared for the Motion Fifteen, against the Motion Eight.

For the Motion.

<i>Mr. Hartshorne,</i>	<i>Mr. Dickson,</i>
<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>	<i>Mr. Cochran,</i>
<i>Mr. Moody,</i>	<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>
<i>Mr. Belcher,</i>	<i>Mr. Sterns,</i>
<i>Mr. Northup,</i>	<i>Mr. Millidge,</i>
<i>Mr. McElbinny,</i>	<i>Mr. Humphrys,</i>
<i>Mr. Leonard,</i>	<i>Mr. Skinner,</i>
<i>Mr. James,</i>	

Against the Motion.

<i>Mr. Embrie,</i>
<i>Mr. Tonge,</i>
<i>Mr. Rutherford,</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>
<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>
<i>Mr. McMonagle,</i>
<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>
<i>Mr. Dewolf.</i>

So it passed in the Affirmative.

The Order of the Day being read; Mr. *McMonagle*, thereupon *moved*, that the said Order be discharged, and that the further Consideration of the Bill for the better Regulating of the Militia in this Province, be deferred to the next Session; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, nine, against the Motion Fourteen.

For the Motion.

Mr. McMonagle,
 Mr. McElbinny,
 Mr. Dewolf,
 Mr. Dickson,
 Mr. Cochran,
 Mr. Freeman,
 Mr. Sterns,
 Mr. Humpbrys,
 Mr. Northup,

So it passed in the Negative.

Against the Motion.

Mr. Archibald, Mr. Dimock,
 Mr. Embrie, Mr. Leonard,
 Mr. Pyke, Mr. Moody,
 Mr. Tonge, Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Belcher, Mr. Hartsborne;
 Mr. Rutherford,
 Mr. Millidge,
 Mr. Skinner,
 Mr. James.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the better regulating of the Militia, in this Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

Friday, 20th March, 1795.

PRAYERS,

A Petition from Benjamin Knaut, Sheriff of the County of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Hartsborne, and read; setting forth, that some Time in the Month of June last past, the Brigantine *Falmouth* put into the Harbour of Lunenburg, aforesaid, having on board, one *William Corran*, charged with the Murder of *Joseph Porter*, a Passenger on board the said Brig: That the Petitioner was under the Necessity, as Sheriff of the said County, to take the said *Corran* in his Custody; that some short Time after he received Orders from his Majesty's Attorney General, to remove the said *Corran*, and the Crew of the aforesaid Brig to *Halifax*, that the said *Corran*, might there receive his Trial: That in obeying the said Order, the Petitioner expended the Sum of £11. 10. as will appear by an Account annexed. That the Petitioner has made Application to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for the Payment of the same but without Effect; and praying the House will take his Claim into Consideration, and grant him Payment.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the Bill, for the better regulating of the Militia, in this Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move, for

leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same, and also on the several Bills which stood committed ; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Saturday, 21st March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *George Bell*, was presented by Mr. *Moody*, and read ; setting forth, that in the Month of *December* 1793, the Collectors of Impost and Excise, entered the Store of the Petitioner, and seized Twenty-four Gallons of Brandy upon the Ground of the Petitioner, not having obtained a Permit, for the Removal of it, from the Shop of one *John Peoples*, of whom the Petitioner had purchased the same. That an Information was filed in his Majesty's *Supreme Court*, against the Petitioner, for having removed the said Brandy, without a Permit as aforesaid, and a Penalty of £50, was recovered of the Petitioner, besides Costs of Suit, to the Amount of £24, which sums the Petitioner has paid into the Hands of the Sheriff. That the Petitioner, in omitting to procure the aforesaid Permit had no Intention whatsoever of deceiving the Officers of the Revenue, or defrauding Government of its Duties ; as the Petitioner was perfectly ignorant, of every Circumstance attending the Importation of the said Brandy, into the Province : That it has for two or three Years last past, been the Custom of Merchants and Traders of *Halifax*, to remove the dutiable Articles from one Store to another, without the Formality of a Permit, of which Practice, the Revenue Officers, were not ignorant : And praying the House will be pleased to consider the Severity of the Sentence he has suffered, and so far relieve him, as to grant him a return of the Penalty recovered as aforesaid, or such other Relief as to them may seem meet.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, intituled, *an Act, to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions, heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax* ; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger Withdrew,

The said Bill was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Sterns*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned ; 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 further Consideration of the several Bills, which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

A Petition of *Richard Hall, Isaac Bonnel, Isaac Hatfield*, and others in behalf of themselves, and the Inhabitants of *Digby* and *Clements*, in the County of *Annapolis* was presented by Mr. *Millidge*, and read ; setting forth, that the Inhabitants of those Townships, and the public at large, suffer much Inconvenience for the want of a Bridge over *Bear River* ; which crosses the great Post-Road, leading from *Digby* to *Annapolis*; and praying the House will grant a Sum of Money, to enable them to erect the said Bridge, as they have not the Means to effect it, although they are ready to give every Assistance their Circumstances will admit towards the same.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until Monday at Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, 23d March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *James Clarke*, late Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Sterns*, and read ; setting forth, that in the Year 1791, by Order of the late Governor *Parr*, the Petitioner took an Account of the Inhabitants in the several Towns within the said County, distinguishing in his Return, the Heads of Families, and all Males above and under Sixteen Years of Age ; that the Execution of this Order was attended with great Difficulty and Expence, and employed of the Petitioners Time above three Months, as the Number of the Inhabitants then amounted to 8961, and praying the House will take his Case into Consideration, and grant him such Compensation for his Services, as to them shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill, to prevent the monopolizing and forestalling of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax* ; and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled an *Act, to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions, heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax* ; was read a second Time.

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

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*.

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill following, viz.

An Act to prevent harbouring Deserters from his Majesty's Army, and the Sale of Arms, Accoutrements and Clothing, belonging to his Majesty.

A Petition of *Alexander Cocken*, keeper of the Light-House on *McNutt's Island*, was presented by Mr. *Skinner* and read ; setting forth, that the House appropriated for the Accommodation of the Petitioner, consists of two small Rooms, without a Kitchen or Cellar, nor is there a Storehouse for depositing the Oil required for the Supply

Supply of the Light-House, from which Circumstances, the Situation of the Petitioner, is rendered very uncomfortable.

That the only landing Place on the Island, is at the Distance of three Miles from the Light-House, over a Tract of Land almost impassable even for Foot Passengers, from whence the Oil and every other Necessary, required for the Light-House, as well as the Petitioner, can only be conveyed upon Mens backs at a great Expence ; that the Expence of making a Road passable for Carts will be about £20 ; and praying the House will take his Case into Consideration, and grant a Sum of Money for the Purpose of Building a Kitchen, Cellar, and Store-House, and making a Road as abovementioned ; or such other Relief, in the Premises as to them shall seem meet.

A Petition of *Jonathan Tremain*, Junr. was presented by Mr. *Hartshorne*, and read ; setting forth, that the Petitioner has in his Possession, and is the Proprietor of three Province Notes of Twenty Shillings each, dated in the Years 1764 and 1765, bearing Interest, Part of which Interest, has been paid at the Provincial Treasury ; that to the best of the Petitioner's Knowledge and Belief, the said Notes were out of the Province, during the late Publication for funding or paying off Notes of the like Description, and praying the House will take the same into Consideration, and order Payment of the same, together with the Interest, that may appear to be due thereon.

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

On Motion, the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the several Bills, which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill *for the better Regulating of the Militia in this Province*, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the Bill, with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the several Bills, which stood committed ; which Report the House agreed to.

The Amendments to the Bill, above-mentioned were then read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Tuesday, 24th March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, *for the better regulating of the Militia, in this Province*, was read the third Time ; and thereupon, Mr. *McMonagle*, moved, that the said Bill do not pass, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Seven, against it Eighteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Monagle,
Mr. Humphrys,
Mr. Northup,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. McElbinney,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Dewolf,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Embrie,
Mr. Dickson,	Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Belcher,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Bulkeley,	Mr. Tonge,
Mr. Skinner,	Mr. Moody,
Mr. Leonard,	Mr. Sterns,
Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. James,	Mr. Howe.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title, be an *Act*, for the better regulating of the Militia, in this Province.

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

Mr. Howe, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to repeal an Act, passed in the last Session, for making, repairing, laying out and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges, &c. within the County of *Annapolis*, and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. Tonge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to amend the *Act*, which enables the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province, (*Halifax* excepted) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands, within the same, to pay a Dividend of any County or Town Charge, &c. And the same, was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the above Bills, be read a second Time.

A Bill, to prevent the Monopolizing and forestalling of Cord Wood, in the Town of *Halifax*; was read a second Time, and thereupon, Mr. Tonge, moved, that the Bill be dismissed; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Sixteen, against it Eight.

For the Motion.

Mr. Tonge,	Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Archibald,	Mr. McElbinney,
Mr. Dickson,	Mr. Leonard,
Mr. Embrie,	Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Sterns,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Moody,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Dimock,	Mr. James,

Against the Motion.

Mr. Howe,
Mr. Humphrys,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Belcher,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Hartshorne.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

A Bill, for raising Money by Presentment, on the several Counties in this Province, for defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned, was read a second Time, and thereupon, Mr. Pyke, moved, that the Bill be Dismissed, which being seconded and put; passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next; the 27th Instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration, the several private Petitions, now before the House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill, from the Council, intituled an Act, to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions, heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and agreed to the same, without Amendment; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the Bill, at the Clerk's Table; the Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill, to raise a Sum of Money, not exceeding £2000. by Lottery, for the purpose of building Bridges, and repairing and amending Roads, within this Province; and that they had directed him to move, for leave to sit again on the further consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

And the said Bill was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House have agreed to the same, without any Amendment.

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

Wednesday, 25th March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Sterns, reported from the Committee appointed to report what Laws are near expiring, and presented a Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Bill to amend the Act which enables the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province (Halifax excepted) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands within the same to pay a Dividend of any County or Town Charge, &c. was read a second Time.

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

A Bill to repeal an Act passed in the last Session for making, repairing, laying out and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges, &c. within the County of Annapolis, was read a second Time, and thereupon Mr. Hartshorne, moved, that the Bill be dismissed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Twelve, against it Eleven.

For the Motion.

Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Humphrys,
Mr. Millidge, Mr. Sterns,
Mr. Skinner, Mr. Belcher,
Mr. Archibald, Mr. Leonard,
Mr. Embrie, Mr. Moody,
Mr. Campbell, Mr. Freeman,

Against the Motion.

Mr. Bulkeley, Mr. James,
Mr. Pyke, Mr. McElbinny,
Mr. Northup, Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Dimock, Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Howe, Mr. MacMonagle,
Mr. Tonge,

So it passed in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Belcher, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman reported, from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move

for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Thursday, 26th March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a second Time *Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Treasurer pursuant to Order, presented to the House an Account of all Monies received by him into, and Payments made from the Provincial Treasury from 6th August 1794, to 20th Instant.

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

Mr. *McMonagle*, pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill*, in Addition to, an *Act*, passed in the last Session, for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, &c. within the County of *Annapolis*, &c. and to extend the Provisions and Operation of the said *Act*, throughout the Province; and the same was read a first Time, and thereupon Mr. *Cochran* moved, that the *Bill* be dismissed, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the several Bills, which stood committed;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the *Bill* to raise a Sum of Money, not exceeding £2000 by Lottery, for the purpose of building Bridges, &c. and also, through the *Bill*, to amend the act, which enables the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province, (*Halifax* excepted) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands, within the same, to pay a Dividend of any County or Town Charge, &c. and had made several Amendments thereunto respectively; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, together with the said Bills and the Amendments. The Chairman also acquainted the House, the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills, which stood committed: and thereupon Mr. *Cochran*, moved; That the Report of the Committee, so far as it relates to the *Bill* to amend the *Act*, which enables the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province, (*Halifax* excepted) to cause any Absent Proprietor of Lands, within the same, to pay a Dividend of any County or Town Charge, &c. be not agreed to by this House; and that the said *Bill* be rejected, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Twelve, against it Eleven.

For the Motion,

Mr. *Cochran*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *Belcher*,
Mr. *McMonagle*,
Mr. *Sterns*,
Mr. *Campbell*,
Mr. *Leonard*,
Mr. *Moody*,
Mr. *Embrie*,
Mr. *Howe*,
Mr. *Humphrys*,
Mr. *Freeman*,

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Tonge*,
Mr. *Pyke*,
Mr. *Derwolf*,
Mr. *James*,
Mr. *Hartshorne*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *Archibald*,
Mr. *Northup*,
Mr. *Rutherford*,
Mr. *McElhinny*,
Mr. *Dickson*,

The

The Amendments to the Bill to raise a Sum of Money not exceeding £2000. by Lottery, &c. were then read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Friday, 27th March, 1795.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill, to raise a Sum of Money, not exceeding £2000. by Lottery, for the purpose of building Bridges and repairing and amending Roads, within this Province; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act, to raise a Sum of Money, not exceeding £2000. by Lottery, for the Purpose of building Bridges, and repairing and amending Roads, within this Province.*

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

The Order of the Day being read,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred; and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was also read, and is as follows:

The Petition of *Benjamin Knaut*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £11. 10. should be granted and paid to the Petitioner, agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

The Petition of *James Clarke*, was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Consideration of the said Petition should be deferred, until the Petitioner, do present to the House, an Account of the actual Expences incurred in taking a Census of the Inhabitants within the County of *Halifax*, as set forth in his Petition.

The Petition of *Andrew Belcher*, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition should be dismissed, it appearing to the Committee, that upwards of 34,000 Gallons of Rum, having been imported into the Port of *Halifax*, between the 9th of July, and 23d September, 1794, the Petitioner had it in his Power to have complied with the requisitions of the Law.

The Petition of *George Bell*, was read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that notwithstanding it appears to them, the Petitioner had no Intention whatever of defrauding the Revenue of the Province, but had been led into an Error, from a past Practice of not obtaining Permits, on the Removal of dutiable Articles from one Place to another, in the Town of *Halifax*, still the Prayer of the Petitioner cannot be granted, it being out of the Power of the Committee, to dispense with the Law.

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The Petition of *Jonathan Tremain, jun.* was read, and considered ; and thereupon *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £8, 12. 5. should be granted and paid to the Petitioner, in full for the Principal and Interest due on the three Treasurer's Notes in his Possession, agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

The Petition of *Alexander Cocken*, and the Petition of *Richard Hill, Isaac Bonnell, Isaac Hatfield* and others, were by leave of the Committee, severally withdrawn.

The Petition of *Amelia Elizabeth Jennison*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, the said Petition should be dismissed.

The above Report, being again read, *Mr. Tonge*, thereupon moved, that the House do not agree to the same, so far as it relates to the dismissing of the Petition of *Amelia Elizabeth Jennison*, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eight, against it Fourteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Tonge,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Howe.

Against the Motion,

<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>	<i>Mr. Millidge,</i>
<i>Mr. Embrie,</i>	<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>
<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>
<i>Mr. Humpbrys,</i>	<i>Mr. Northup,</i>
<i>Mr. Rutherford,</i>	<i>Mr. McElbinney,</i>
<i>Mr. Leonard,</i>	<i>Mr. Belcher,</i>
<i>Mr. Moody,</i>	<i>Mr. James,</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

The said Report and Resolutions, were then upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

Ordered, That the Clerk, do carry the Resolutions for granting Money to *Benjamin Knaut*, and *Jonathan Tremain, Junr.* to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

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

Saturday, 28th March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Howe, pursuant to leave given, presented, a *Bill for quartering and billeting his Majesty's Forces, when marching from one District to another* ; and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion of *Mr. Millidge*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; to request he will be pleased to inform this House, what has been done, respecting the Prosecutions requested by this House, in their last Sessions, to be instituted against all Persons, who have been guilty of any Breaches of the Revenue Laws.

Ordered, That *Mr. Millidge, Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Sterns*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. Sterns pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to amend, and render more effectual, an Act, passed in the 18th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, to prevent*

prevent the forestalling regulating and monopolizing of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

The Committee of his Majesty's Council, and House of Assembly upon the public Accounts, report;

Treasury Accounts.	That the late joint Treasurer's Accounts have been received properly stated and correct, and vouchers for all their Charges and Discharges, and the Balance of the public Monies in their Hands on the 6th Day of August last, paid to the present Treasurer.	£.479 19 54
	The Treasurer's Accounts are correct, properly vouched and brought up to the 20th of March instant, the Balance then in his hands arising from the various Duties and Taxes paid into the Treasury	2,338 7 9½
	Their Accounts have been received up to 31st December last; they have paid into the Treasury from their Collections, and from the Balance due upon their Accounts rendered to this House the 31st March 1794, in which is included the Ten per Cent Tax	£5165 13 8
Collectors of Impost and Excise, HALIFAX.	The Balance in Securities in their Hands on the 31st December last, great Part of which will be drawn back for Goods export'd	21,585 19 4
	Since which time they have collected and paid into the Treasury	£1280 0 0
	It appears they have taken Credit for Commissions of four per Cent. on £4802 9 7, being the Amount of Drawbacks allowed by the Commissioners during that Period.	
Collector of HANTS.	His Accounts have been received up to the 31st December last, are correct and properly stated; he has paid into the Treasury since 31st March 1794.	£28 11 6½
	No Balance remained in his Hands at that Time.	
Collector of KING'S COUNTY.	His Accounts have been rendered up to the 31st December last, he has paid into the Treasury since 31st March 1794,	£.122 19 9½
	which includes £.22 19 9½ for Seizures, and there remains in his Hands by his own Statement.	£125 2 2
Collector of LUNENBURG.	His Accounts rendered up to the 31st December last, are correct, he has paid into the Treasury since the 31st March 1794,	£153 18 6.
	being the Amount of his Collections to that period.	
Collector of COLCHESTER.	His Accounts received up to the 31st December last, he has paid into the Treasury since the 31st March, 1794,	£72 12 7.
	and there remains in his Hands	44 12 6
	No Accounts received since the 31st March 1794, at which Period, there were Securities remaining in his Hands, to be collected, to the Amount of	
Collector of LIVERPOOL.	£455 2 3. Since which it appears, he has remitted to the Treasury	£174 0 0
	There remains as Balance due on his Account to the 31st March 1794:	281 2 3
		His.

Collector of
 SHELBURNE. { His Accounts received up to 31st *December* last, properly stated and correct; there is included Five per Cent. on the Collections for the Gauger.
 He has remitted to the Treasury since 31st *March* 1794 - - - £330 8 10
 Securities in his Hands to be collected - - - 174 9 3

CUMBERLAND. { No Accounts from the Collector, but he has remitted to the Treasury - - - £15 2 6
 SYDNEY. { No Collector there at present, and no Accounts or Remittances.

Collector of
 ANNAPOLIS. { His Account received from 31st *March* 1794, to 31st *December* last properly stated, there is included five per Cent. on the Collection for the Gauger.
 He has remitted to the Treasury during that Period - - - £314 19 1½
 Securities remain in his Hands to be collected, a Return of which has not yet been received.

Balance to be remitted. £18 13 6

Capitation Tax,
received up to 20th
March 1795.

HALIFAX	-	-	-	£33	0	0
LUNENBURG	-	-	-	105	7	3½
HANTS	-	-	-	85	17	7
ANNAPOLIS	-	-	-	129	5	10½
KING'S COUNTY	-	-	-	33	5	8
CUMBERLAND	-	-	-	39	8	6
SHELBURNE	-	-	-	129	4	8
COLCHESTER DISTRICT	-	-	-	41	9	8½
SYDNEY, LIVERPOOL, YARMOUTH and ARGYLE				-	-	-

The Accounts have been received properly stated and correct from 1st *June* to 31st *December* last.
 The Amount of net Collections during that Period is £205 6 10 out of which is paid into the Treasury. - - - £195 0 0
 Remaining in the Hands of the Collector. - - - 10 6 8

SAMBRO
 LIGHT-HOUSE. { It appears by the several Accounts and Vouchers, that the necessary Repairs that have been made to the Light-House amount to £325 18 8. and that only the Sum of £100. has been drawn for and paid agreeable to the Vote of last Sessions, and there remains the sum of £225 18 8. due, the payment of which is to be provided for:

SHELBURNE
 LIGHT-HOUSE. { Accounts received from 31st *March* 1794 to 31st *December* last, correct, and the Sum collected during that Period is £34 16 4. which has been remitted to the Treasury.

GOVERNOR'S
 CONTINGENCIES. { The Sum voted for this Use being £150. has been drawn for.

Donations to
sufferers by Fire. { The Sum of £23 16 3. has been drawn for since the 31st *March* 1794, which is the whole of the Balance of the Sum voted for that Use by the *House of Assembly*.

Transient
Poor. { The Sum of £300 has been drawn for between the 31st *March* 1794, and 7th *January* last, which leaves a Balance of £400. yet to be drawn of the Sum of £1500. Voted in the appropriation Bill, in 1791.

Of the Council.

HENRY NEWTON,
 CHARLES MORRIS,
 S. S. BLOWERS,

WILLIAM COCHRAN,
 THOMAS MILLIDGE,
 ELISHA DEWOLF,
 JOHN McMONAGLE,
 JONATHAN STERNS.

Of the House of Assembly.

Dr.

Dr. A State of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA,

Cr.

To amount of Old Funded Debt due to the Creditors of the Province	17,622	3	4
To amount of New Funded Debt	4,634	17	5½
	<u>22,257</u>	0	9½
To three Months Interest due on the Old Funded Debt 31 <i>March</i> .	£263	16	7½
To Ditto on New Funded Debt	69	10	3
	<u>333</u>	6	10½
Demands on Government now due	250	0	0
Ditto which will be due for Salaries, &c. on the 31 st <i>March</i> .	750	0	0
	<u>£23,590</u>	7	8

By Balance due from the Estate of Benjamin Green, Esq; late Treasurer.	160	18	1
By Ditto in the Hands of the present Treasurer.	2,338	7	9½
By Securities in the Hands of the Collector s of the Impost and Excise for <i>Hali-fax</i> .	£21,585	19	4
Subject to Drawback upon exportation, but may produce.	7,000	0	0
By Ditto in the Hands of the Out Port Collectors	643	19	11
By Ditto that were in the Hands of the Attorney General last Sessions	£1021	6	3
From which has been Collected and paid	472	16	8
	<u>548</u>	9	7
Outstanding Debts £1,304, from which may be expected	10,691	15	4½
Balance.	900	0	0
	<u>11,998</u>	12	3½
	<u>£23,590</u>	7	8

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Committee of Public Accounts, HALIFAX, 26th *March*, 1795.

{ HENRY NEWTON,
CHARLES MORRIS,
S. S. BLOWERS.

Of the Council,

{ WILLIAM COCHRAN,
THOMAS MILLIDGE,
ELISHA DEWOLF,
JOHN MCMONAGLE,
JONATHAN STERNS,

Of the House of Assembly.

Ordered,

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

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*. *Ordered*, That the Committee of public Accounts, do require the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, to pay into the Treasury, the Sum of £192 11 1, being for Commissions by them charged on £4302 9 7. on Drawbacks allowed by the Commissioners of the Revenue, before the Money was paid into the Hands of the said Collectors.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act for the better regulating of the Militia, in this Province, with some Amendments*, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*.

The Council have passed a Bill, intituled *an Act, to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Acts made by the General Assembly, relating to the Office of Sheriffs*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill, was read a first Time.

Resolved, that the Bill be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House, in favour of *Benjamin Knaut*, and also,

The Resolve in favour of *Jonathan Tremain junr.*

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Then the House adjourned till Monday at Eleven of the o'Clock.

Monday, 30th *March*, 1795.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council; intituled *an Act, to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Acts made by the General Assembly, relative to the Office of Sheriffs*, also,

A Bill for quartering and billeting his Majesty's Forces, when marching from one district to another; and also,

A Bill, to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the 18th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to prevent the Forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax, were severally read a second Time.

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

The House proceeded to consider the Amendments proposed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled *an Act for the better regulating the Militia in this Province*; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a present Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the Amendments proposed by them to the said Bill; and that the Clerk do desire the same.

The Clerk reported, That the Council doth agree to a Conference, as desired by this House by Committee, in the Committee-Room of the Council,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Sterns*, and Mr. *Millidge*, and they went to the Conference;

And being returned.

Mr. *Tonge* reported, that they had been at the Conference, and made a progress therein, and that the Committee of the Council had agreed to meet the Committee of this House, again, on Wednesday next, on the said Business.

Ordered, That the Committee do attend accordingly.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee of public Accounts, that they had, pursuant to the Order of Yesterday required the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, to pay into the Treasury the Sum of £.192. 1. 11. retained by them, as Commissions on Drawbacks.

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

Tuesday, 31st of March, 1795.

PRAYERS,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ;

The Chairman reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for quartering and Billetting his Majesty's Forces, when marching from one District to another ; and had agreed to the same, without Amendment ; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerks Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills, which stood committed, which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *James* offered to the House, a Petition of *John Newton*, and *Hibbert Newton*, *Binney*, Collectors of Impost and Excise, of the District of *Halifax* ; which he said, was in Justification of their Conduct, for having charged a Commission, on certain Drawbacks allowed by the Commissioners of the Revenue, and which had been demanded of them, by Order of this House on Saturday last : and thereupon on Motion, the said Petition was received and read ; setting forth, that the Committee of public Accounts this day communicated to the Petitioners, a resolve, that had passed the House, disallowing their Commissions charged upon £4802 9 7. Drawbacks allowed by the Commissioners of the Revenue, before the Money was paid into the Hands of the said Petitioners. That the Petitioners beg leave to state, that the Money had been collected upon a great Part of those Bonds, and paid into the Treasury, from whence the Drawbacks should have been obtained by Warrants, but the Commissioners of the Revenue to ease the Merchants, desired the Drawbacks might be endorsed on any other Bonds the Claimants might have in the Office, by which Means it will clearly appear to this House, that the Petitioners are in justice intitled to their Commissions upon such Sums, directed by the Commissioners, to be endorsed off other Bonds that were not given for the Article, on which the specific Drawbacks were allowed. That the Petitioners beg leave further to state, that Commissions upon the whole Drawbacks is a charge, that has always been allowed, nor had any Notice been given to the Petitioners, that any Alteration would take place respecting the same ; of course they made the Charge as usual. That the Cash paid into the Treasury yearly, seldom exceeds £6000 ; the Commissions upon which, at four per Cent, is £240 only ; and deducting from that sum £100 for a Clerk, Office rent, Fuel,

Fuel, Stationary, Printing &c. leaves only the Sum of £70. for each of the Petitioners, which the House will perceive, is not more than the Allowance hitherto given to a Waiter, and by no means adequate to their Services, and praying the House will be pleased to consider the State of their Case, and grant such Relief therein, as to them shall seem meet, and thereupon,

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That the Reasons of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, contained in their Petition, for not obeying the Order of this House, on Saturday the Twenty Eighth instant; are not Satisfactory, and that they do immediately comply with that Order,

Ordered, That the Clerk do furnish the said Collectors, with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Wednesday, 1st April, 1795.

PRAYERS

An engrossed Bill for quartering and billeting his Majesty's Forces when marching from one District to another, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be *an Act, for quartering and billeting his Majesty's Forces when marching from one District to another within the Province*.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to amend and render more effectual, *an Act passed in the 18th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and Monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax*; also the engrossed Bill from the Council to amend and reduce into one Act the several Acts made by the *General Assembly*, relating to the Office of Sheriffs; and had agreed to the same severally with Amendments, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills, which stood committed; which Report the House agreed to.

The Amendments to the Bills were then read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend and render more effectual the *Act to prevent the forestalling of Cord Wood, &c.* with the Amendments be engrossed;

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Council, relating to the Office of Sheriffs, be read a third Time To-morrow.

Mr. *Tonge*, *reported*, from the Committee appointed to confer with the Council on the subject of the Bill for the better regulating of the Militia in this Province, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, 2d April, 1795.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled an Act, to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Acts made by the General Assembly, relating to the Office of Sheriffs, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the same with some Amendments.

An engrossed Bill to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax.

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

Mr. Tonge pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for exempting the County of Hants, from any Particular Contribution or Tax, for the Repair of the Bridge or Bridges, intended to be erected over the River Avon, or its Branches; and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. Sterns, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 34th Year of his Present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and also to revive, amend and render more effectual, an Act passed in the same 33d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government, &c. and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly.

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

On Motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to request his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, will be pleased to Order the Returns and Statements of the Assessments and Collections of the Poll Tax, directed by the Act passed in the last Session of General Assembly, to be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Revenue at Halifax, on or before the first Day of April in this present Year, to be laid before this House.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to request his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor will be pleased to direct the Secretary of the Province, to lay before this House the Names of the Securities of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of Halifax, and the Date of their Bonds.

Ordered, That Mr. Millidge, Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Sterns, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. Secretary Bulkeley, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor presented to the House,

An Account of Expences incurred in the Trial and Execution of *William Corran*, late Master of the Brig *Falmouth*, for Murder on the high Seas, also

An Account of *John Stewart* for sundry Mason's Work at the Government House, amounting to £20. 15. 0.

Ordered, That the Accounts do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Suits directed to be instituted against Persons guilty of Breaches of the Revenue Laws ; and also on the subject of the Resolutions, passed this Day ; that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and was pleased to say, he would give immediate Direction for the necessary Information to be laid before this House.

Mr. *Millidge*, offered to the House a Petition signed by himself, *James Moody* and *Henry Rutherford*, Esq. in behalf of themselves, and other Grantees of the Township of *Digby*, the Substance of which he stated to the House, and thereupon, on Motion the said Petition was received, and read, setting forth, That in the Year 1765, a Tract of Land in the County of *Annapolis* containing 125,000 Acres, situate, lying and being on the Basin of *Annapolis*, and called by the Name of *Conway*, was granted to *Alexander Mc Nutt* and others, which Grant was never Registered in the Office of the Register of Grants in this Province. That the said *Alexander Mc Nutt* never made any Improvement on the said Tract, nor did any of the Grantees named in the said Grant, or their Assigns make any Improvements thereon, except the Assigns of *Zebastian Zouberbubler*, one of the said Grantees. That afterwards, to wit, in the Year 1784, a Grants passed of 100,000 Acres, Part of the said Tract of 125000 Acres to three Hundred and one Persons, without any Escheat having been had of the first Grant. That *Amos Botsford*, Esq. was afterwards appointed by the then Governor of the Province to assign to each Grantee in the last mentioned Grant, their respective Proportions of the said 100,000 Acres with Instructions not to interfere with the Rights of any Persons, who had made Improvements under the Assignees of the said *Zebastian Zouberbubler*. That afterwards other Agents, to wit, *Edward Brudnell*, *John Stump*, and *John Hill*, were by the said Governor appointed for the same purpose, who assigned to many of the said Grantees and others not named in the said Grant, Portions of the said Tract with no Formality, Precision or Boundary, but merely the Number of the Lot. That many of the said Grantees last mentioned, have left this Province, have gone into Foreign Countries, and have made no Improvements on the Lots so assigned them. That the said Grantees, who have settled on the said Lands under those Assignments have laid out all their Property, and made large Improvements on the Lots so assigned to them. That those not named in the said Grant, have no Sort of Title to the Places, on which they have set down and made Improvements, which must injure the Settlement and prosperity of the said Township, and must continue to be productive of great litigation and Expence to the Settlers in the same: And praying the House will take their Case into Consideration, and pass a Law empowering Commissioners to enquire and report upon the several Facts as above stated, or in any other way they may deem proper ; and that the Expences attending the Enquiry may be assessed, levied and collected upon, and from the Inhabitants of the said Township, in the same Manner and Form as Taxes are raised for the Support of the Poor, or otherwise, as shall seem most expedient, and thereupon

Mr. *Millidge*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to quiet the Possession of Lands within the Township of *Digby*, which being seconded, and put, was agreed to.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,
Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present further Conference on the Bill *for the better regulating of the Militia in this Province*, by Committee in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to meet the Council, at a present further Conference, as they desire ;

And the Messenger was again called in,

And Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that the House had considered his Message, and agree to meet the Council at a Conference, as they do desire,

Ordered, That the Managers, who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly,

And being returned,

Mr. *Tonge*, reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, *intituled an Act, for the quartering and billeting his Majesty's Forces, when marching from one District to another within this Province*, without any Amendment,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the House adjourned till Saturday at Ten of the Clock, the Morrow being Good Friday.

Saturday, 4th April, 1795.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill to quiet the Possession of Lands within the Township of *Digby*, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Bill for exempting the County of *Hants* from any particular Contribution or Tax for the Repair of the Bridge or Bridges, intended to be erected over the River *Avon*, or its Branches, was read a second Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of the Acts, passed in the Thirty third Year of his Majesty's Reign, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, &c. and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Bills, which stood committed, which Report the House agreed to.

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The Amendments to the Bill were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House,
Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,
 Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present Conference on the subject of the Amendments made by this House, to the Bill intituled *an Act, to reduce into one Act, the several Acts made by the General Assembly, relating to the Office of Sheriffs*; by Committee in the Committee Room of the Council,

And the the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That the House doth agree to meet the Council at a Conference, as they do desire.

And the Messenger was again called in,

And Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that the House had considered his Message, and agree to meet the Council at a Conference, as they do desire,

And then the Messenger again withdrew,

Resolved, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the Bill for the regulating the Militia of this Province, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

The Clerk *Reported*, that the Council had agreed to the Conference, as desired by by this House.

Ordered, That the Managers, who managed the last Conference, do manage the Conferences abovementioned, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,
 Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act, to raise a Sum of Money not exceeding £2000 by Lottery, for the Purpose of building Bridges and amending and repairing Roads within this Province*; without any Amendment,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Tonge*, *Reported*, from the Committee of Conference with the Council, that they had been at the Conference, and also stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That this House will on Monday next, the 6th Instant 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.

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

Monday, 6th April, 1795.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to quiet the Possession of Lands within the Township of Digby, was read a second Time.

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

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request he will be pleased to direct the Attorney-General to prosecute without delay *John Thomas*, Esq; Collector of the District of *Liverpool*, for not rendering his Accounts to the Commissioners of the Revenue according to Law, and for not paying into the Treasury of the Province the Sum of £543. 14. 5. by him acknowledged due, and owing, agreeable to his Accounts

counts to the 30th September last; and also that he will be pleased to give Directions to the Attorney-General, to call on the Administratrix or Sureties of *Benjamin Green*, Esq; Deceased, the late Treasurer, for Payment of the Debt due from his Estate to the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Belcher*, and Mr. *Hartshorne*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred the Consideration of the Bill to quiet the Possession of Lands within the Township of *Digby* to the next Session. And that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the several Bills which stood committed; which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon

Mr. *Millidge*, moved, for leave to bring in a Bill to quiet and confirm the Possession of Lands within the Township of *Digby*, which the House agreed to.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor laid before the House the following Answers to the several Applications made by them to his Excellency, viz.

Respecting the Prosecutions instituted against all Persons who had been guilty of any Breaches of the Revenue Laws.

That Suits have been brought by the Attorney General in all Cases, where Informations had been given him by the Officers of Impost and Excise.

That in Consequence of Directions from his Excellency to the Attorney-General he had consulted with the Solicitor-General, and Mr. *Sterns*, on a Mode of prosecuting for Penalties incurred, or Duties subtracted, which they understood particularly to respect Messrs. *Brymer* and *Belcher*, and it was by them agreed, that the draft of a Bill of Discovery, should be prepared by the Solicitor-General from the Facts which had been communicated to him, and submitted for their further Consideration, and that the said Draft was not yet perfected.

With respect to the Message, relative to the Sureties of the Collectors of Impost, and Excise at *Halifax*, and the date of their Bonds.

That of *John Newton*, Esq; was put into the Hands of the Attorney-General to be sued, and Actions pending thereon, against the Honorable *Henry Newton*; who was one of the Sureties, and the Administrators of the Estate of the late *John Fells*, who was the other. That the Penalty was £2000. and the Bond bore Date the 2d of *August* 1791. Mr. *Binney's* Bond was dated the 17th *January* 1792, the Sureties were *Stephen Hall Binney*, and *John Slayter*, and the Penalty £2000.

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to quiet and confirm the Possession of Lands within the Township of *Digby*, and the same was read a first Time.

On Motion, ordered, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Millidge*; Mr. *Howe*, M. *Rutherford* and Mr. *Pyke*, who are to examine into the Merits of the same, and report thereon to this House, in their next Session.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered to the House, an Estimate of the Charge towards the Support of the Government of *Nova-Scotia*, and other Expences, from the first of *July* 1795, to the first of *July* 1796.

Ordered;

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

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the Thirty fourth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act in Addition to an Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the Public Debt of this Province, and also to revive, amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the same Thirty third Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government, &c. was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title, be an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty fourth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar; for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of the Province, and also to revive, amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the same Thirty third Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province; by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of this Province.

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

On Motion of Mr. Belcher, *ordered*, that the Clerk do wait on the Attorney-General to know in what state the Actions commenced against John Newton, Esq; Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, and his Sureties remain; and if Executions have been issued, the reason why the same have not been satisfied, and the Amount thereof paid into the Treasury of the Province.

The Order of the Day being read.

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. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from Mr. Gautier, as follows; viz.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present further Conference on the subject of the Bill, for the better regulating the Militia; and also, on the Bill respecting Sheriffs; in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to meet the Council at a present further Conference, as the Council do desire;

And the Messenger was again called in,

And Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that the House had considered his Message, and agree to meet the Council at a Conference as they do desire.

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers, who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly,

And being returned.

Mr. *Sterns* reported, That the Managers had been at a Conference, and stated the Substance of the Conference to the House.

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. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *ordered*, that the Clerk do wait on the Treasurer, to know, whether the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax* have paid the Sum of £192. 1. 11. into the Treasury, agreeable to the Order of this House, on Saturday the 29th *March* last.

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

Tuesday, 7th *April* 1795.

PRAYERS

Mr. *Sterns*, *reported* from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of *Francis Green's* Petition, that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and was pleased to give this Answer; viz. That the Attorney-General moved for, and obtained in *July* Term, a Rule of the *Supreme Court* on Messrs. *Uniacke*, *Pyke*, *Cochran*, and *Fillis*, to shew Cause, why an Information should not be allowed against them for their Interference with the Treasury Papers, and Removal of the Money Chest from the House of the late Treasurer *Benjamin Green*, on the Day of his Death. That the Defendants obtained an Enlargement of the Rule to *October* Term, and then severally answered by Affidavit, and after Counsel having been heard, the Court discharged the Rule with Costs.

The Clerk *reported*, that he had pursuant to the Order of Yesterday waited on the Attorney General on the Subject of the Actions commenced against *John Newton*, Esq. Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, and that the Attorney General had informed him, That a Judgement had been obtained against *John Newton*, Esq. for £813. upon which Execution issued, and had been extended on his Dwelling-House and Lands in *Halifax*; that the Premises were appraised at £800. That in Pursuance of the Vote of the *Assembly*, in the last Session, the Attorney General did bring separate Suits against *Henry Newton*, Esquire, and the Administrators of the late *John Fillis*, Esquire, who were Sureties for the said *John Newton*, and gave orders to the late Sheriff of *Halifax*, to sell the Estate taken in Execution, at public Auction, that if it proved to be deficient, he might obtain Judgment against the Sureties for the difference.

That on the 29th *December* last, the Attorney General did receive his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Warrant, stating that his Excellency had that Day accepted a Deed from the said *John Newton*, Esquire, of his real Estate, at the Appraisalment thereof £800. in Trust for the Province, and directing the Attorney General

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neral on the said *John Newton* paying the Balance remaining of the Judgment recovered against him, to enter up Satisfaction of that Judgement. That in a short Time after, the said Mr. *Newton*, did pay into the Attorney General's Hands, the Balance due on the Execution, the Receipt of which had been acknowledged by the Attorney General, on the Execution, which had been brought to him by the said Mr. *Newton*. That the real Estate remained unfold, and nothing had been paid into the Treasury, to the Attorney General's knowledge, and thereupon,

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request, that he will be pleased to direct the Attorney General to take without Delay the necessary Measures to bring to Sale the real Estate of *John Newton* Esquire, taken in Execution, to satisfy a Debt by him due to the Province, with Interest for the same, since the Recovery of the Judgment against him; and that he also proceed to such other Measures, as shall be necessary, to recover whatever shall be deficient, if any shall be, on such Sale. And that the Committee also request, that his Excellency will be pleased to direct, that the said *John Newton*, do find sufficient Security, as Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, agreeable to the Laws of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Hurtshorne* be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Sargent* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Governor to appoint Persons to solemnize Marriage in Places wherein no established Clergyman resides, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Clerk *reported*, that pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, he had waited on the Treasurer, to know whether the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, had paid the Sum of £192. 1. 11. into the Treasury, agreeable to the Order of the House on the 29th *March* last, and was informed by the Treasurer, that the Collectors had complied with the said Order on Saturday the 4th Instant.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole, House on the further Consideration of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*, as follows,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the 18th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax*, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the Supply, to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

Mr. *Sterns*, *reported* from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolution of this House, respecting *John Thomas*, Esq; Collector of Impost and Excise at *Liverpool*, and the Debt due to the Province from the late Treasurer *Benjamin Green*, Esq; Deceased: And also from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency, with the Resolution of this House, on the subject of the Debt due from *John Newton*, Esq; Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, &c. That his Excellency had been waited on accordingly; and was pleased to say, he would give Directions immediately, to the Attorney General, to carry into Effect, the several Requisitions of this House to his Excellency, as stated in the Resolutions above mentioned.

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

Wednesday, 8th April, 1795.

PRAYERS,

A Bill to enable the Governor, to appoint Persons to solemnize Marriages in Places, wherein no established Clergyman resides, was read a second Time,

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

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That the Clerk to the Commissioners of the Revenue, do render an Account of the net Produce of the several Branches of the Revenue, to be laid the first Day of each Session of the Assembly on the Clerk's Table, for the Information of the Members of this House.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration, the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, intitled *an Act, to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the 18th Year of his Majesty's Reign, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax*, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do not agree to the Amendments made by the Council to the said Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them, that this House adhere to their Bill as sent up for Concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, *resolved*, That an humble Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of his Excellency's Proclamation, permitting the Importation of certain Articles therein named from the United States of America, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare the same;

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Beleber*, and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee accordingly.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* 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 continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the several Bills, which stood committed; which Report the House agreed to,

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On Motion the House, *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the same; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Thursday, 9th April, 1795.

PRAYERS.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, on which they had framed a Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year 1795, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province; to be delivered to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the Bill at the Clerk's Table, where the Resolutions therein contained, were read one, by one, and thereupon,

Mr. *McMonagle*, moved, That the Resolution for granting the Sum of £100, to the President of the Agricultural Society at *Halifax*, for encouraging the Agriculture of this Country, be not agreed to by the House which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Seven against it Sixteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. *McMonagle*,

Mr. *Millidge*,

Mr. *Northrup*,

Mr. *Pyke*,

Mr. *Dimock*,

Mr. *James*,

Mr. *McElbinney*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Bulkeley*,

Mr. *Sargent*,

Mr. *Skinner*,

Mr. *Belcher*,

Mr. *Hartshorne*,

Mr. *Archibald*,

Mr. *Campbell*,

Mr. *Sterns*,

Mr. *Humphrys*,

Mr. *Rutherford*,

Mr. *Moody*,

Mr. *Embrie*,

Mr. *Dickson*,

Mr. *Freeman*,

Mr. *Leonard*,

Mr. *DeWolf*,

So it passed in the Negative.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On Motion, the Bill for applying certain Monies for the Service of the Year 1795, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly,

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned*,

An engrossed Bill, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year 1795, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws, or Acts of this Province; was read the 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 One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-five, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws, or Acts of the Province*.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said two Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee, appointed Yesterday to draw up an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly; 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.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D.

Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, in, and over his Majesty's Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, &c. &c. &c.

The ADDRESS of the *House of Representatives in General Assembly*.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's faithful Subjects the Commons of *Nova-Scotia*, beg leave in the most respectful Manner, to express to your Excellency, our extreme regret, that the Importation from the United State of America, of a Variety of Articles, which are produced in great Abundance in this Province, continues to be permitted, by your Excellency's Proclamation.

During the last Session of the *General Assembly*, from the fullest Conviction of the Correctness of our Information, we assured your Excellency, that this Province was fully able to supply its Inhabitants, with most of the Articles permitted to be introduced into it from those States; and it is with great Satisfaction, we can now say, that we have found by Experience since that Period, that this Country, is not only adequate to the Supply of its own Inhabitants with most of those Articles, but that it is fully able to answer all the Demands of his Majesty's Navy, and Army.

In Addition to every other Evidence of the Justness of our Opinion, on this Subject,

ject, we beg leave to state, that almost every Commodity enumerated in your Excellency's Proclamation, can be purchased cheaper in this Country, than in the neighbouring States; We further beg leave to state, that the Continuance of that Proclamation, cannot but be injurious to the Population of this Country, by the Means of Emigration from other Places, as it is not reasonable to expect, that many Persons from abroad will be hardy enough to attempt a Settlement for the Purpose of Agriculture in a Country, which, by the most public and solemn Acts of its Government, is pronounced to be in Distress for almost all the Necessaries of Life.

Under these Impressions, we hold it our indispensable Duty to our Constituents earnestly to request, that your Excellency will be pleased, after the Expiration of the Term limited by your Proclamation of the Twenty third of *March* last, to restrict the Articles to be imported into this Province, from the United States of *America*, to Wheat, Rye, Pease, Indian Corn, Flour, Bread, Rice, Boards, Plank, Scantling, Staves, and Heading, until it shall be found by a fair Experiment, whether this Country is able to supply itself with the other Articles heretofore permitted to be brought into this Country from the United States.

The said Address being read a second Time, was upon the Question put, thereupon agreed to by the House,

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by a Committee of this House,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *McMonagle*, and Mr. *Dimock*, be a Committee to present the said Address.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley* do wait on his Excellency to know his Pleasure, when he will receive the said Address.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being, relating to a Militia in this Province*, without any Amendment.

The Council have not agreed, to the Bill intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, &c.*

And then the Messenger withdrew,

The Prothonotary, having by Order, attended the House, and stated the Proceedings had in the *Supreme Court*, at the Suit of the King, against *John Newton*, Esq; Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, for the Recovery of Monies by him received as Collector as aforesaid, and not accounted for.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform him, that this House are extremely dissatisfied with the said Proceedings; and to state to him, that the Sum of £920. 2. 9⁴, is now really due as Principal and Interest from the said *John Newton*, to the Province, on the Judgement obtained against him in the said *Supreme Court*,

in *Michaelmas Term*, 1792 ; and to again repeat the Request of this House, that the most speedy and efficacious Measures may be taken to obtain Payment thereof, that the Amount may be applied in discharge of a Part of the Debt due by the Province ; and that unless the aforesaid Sum of £920. 2. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, is paid by the said *John Newton*, on or before the first Day of *June* next, that his Excellency will be pleased to remove him from his Office of Collector of Imposit and Excise, for the District of *Halifax* ; as it is in the Opinion of this House, both dangerous and improper, that a public Defaulter, should be continued in an Office, of such Trust and Importance,

Ordered, That *Mr. Sterns*, *Mr. Belcher*, *Mr. Millidge*, *Mr. McMonagle*, and *Mr. Dimock*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

On Motion of *Mr. Dimock*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Collection of the Light Duty in the Port of *Halifax*, from the Accounts rendered by the Collector thereof, from *July* last past,

Ordered, That *Mr. Sterns*, *Mr. Moody*, *Mr. Belcher*, *Mr. Cochran*, *Mr. McMonagle*, *Mr. Tonge* and *Mr. Sargent* be a Committee for the above Purpose, to meet To-morrow Morning, at nine of the Clock, in the Committee Room of this House ; and that the Collector of the said Duty, do attend the said Committee, at that Hour,

Ordered, That the Clerk do send to the Collector of the Light Duty, for the Port of *Halifax*, a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, to enable the Governor, to appoint Persons to solemnize Marriages, in Places wherein no established Clergyman Resides ; and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bills in with the Amendments, at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move, for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills, which stood committed ; which Report the House, agreed to,

The Amendments to the Bill, were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

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

Mr. Secretary Buikley, *reported* to the House, that his Excellency having been waited on, pursuant to the Order of this Day, to know when he would be pleased to be attended with the Address of this House, had been pleased to appoint To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock, at the Government House.

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

Friday, 10th April, 1795.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill, to enable the Governor to appoint Persons to solemnize Marriages, in Places wherein no established Clergyman resides, was read the third Time,

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the Title be, *an Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being to appoint Persons, to solemnize Marriages, in Places, wherein no established Clergyman resides.*

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

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of this House, that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly ; and was pleased to say, that the Power vested in him by the Act of Parliament, to authorize the Importation of certain Commodities from the United States of *America*, could not be by him exercised, without the Concurrence of his Majesty's Council ; That his Excellency was also pleased to say, he would lay the said Address before the Council, at the Expiration of the Time limited by the present Proclamation, and that he would be happy to be able with their Concurrence, to comply with the Wishes of this House.

Mr. *Sterns*, also reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency, with the Resolution of this House of Yesterday, respecting *John Newton, Esq.* Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax* ; that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly ; and was pleased to assure the Committee, that he would direct the most speedy, and efficacious Measures, to be taken, to carry into Effect the Request of this House, agreeable to the Purport of the said Resolution.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act, to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned*, and also

The Bill, intituled *an Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety five, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws, or Acts of the Province severally, without any Amendment*,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request, he will be pleased, to direct the Commissioners appointed by him, for laying out the Monies granted by this House in the last Session of the *General Assembly*, for making and repairing Roads and Bridges ; to lay their Accounts of the Expenditure of the said Sums, with proper Vouchers for the same, before the Committee of public Accounts, at the next Meeting of the *General Assembly*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Belcher*, and Mr. *Northup*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Sterns*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Amendment of an Act, made in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province ; and also to revive, amend, and render more effectual, an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled*

an Act, for the Support of his Majesty's Government, &c. and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second time, and the same was read accordingly.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill, for exempting the County of Hants, from any Particular Contribution, or Tax, for the Repair of the Bridge or Bridges, intended to be erected, over the River *Avon*, or its Branches, to the next Session. That the Committee had gone through the Bill in Amendment of the several Revenue Acts, &c. and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the said Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table. The House agreed to the said Report, and the Amendments to the Bill were read throughout, a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed,

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act, to enable the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Persons to solemnize Marriages, in Places wherein no Established Clergyman resides*; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments, made by the Council to the said Bill, into Consideration; and the said Amendments being read a first and second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

An engrossed Bill, in Amendment of an Act made in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, for granting to his Majesty, certain Duties, on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of the Province; and also to revive, amend and render more effectual, an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government, &c.* was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act in Amendment of an Act, made in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and also to revive, amend and render more effectual*

effectual, an Act, passed in the same 33^d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty, on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of this Province.

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

The Clerk of the Commissioners of the Revenue, pursuant to Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered to the House,

Returns of the several Assessments and Collections of the Poll Tax, in the Counties of *Hants*, and *Annapolis*, to the end of the Year 1794 : and also,

A Return of the several Assessments, and Collections of the said Tax, in the County of *Lunenburg*, to the End of the Year 1793.

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

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

Saturday, 11th April, 1795.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Sterns*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33^d Year of the Reign, of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light-House, on *Sambro*-Island, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly,

Resolved, That the Bill be now 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 said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment ; and he delivered the Bill in, at the Clerk's Table,

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to represent to his Excellency, that the House of Assembly, in their first Session, took the most unwearied Pains, so to modify, and amend the Act, which imposes the Capitation or Poll Tax on this Province, that the Burthens necessarily imposed on his Majesty's Subjects, should be equally borne by all alike : That finding the Act for that Purpose, did not contain sufficient Provisions for its due Execution, the House in the last Session of the *General Assembly*, proposed another Law, which was adopted by the Legislature, and amongst other Provisions, enacted, that complete annual Statements of the Assessments of the Capitation or Poll

Poll Tax, to the end of the Year 1794, should on or before the first Day of this present Month, be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Revenue, in *Halifax*: That by the Reports made to the House, by his Excellency's Order, it appears, that complete Returns have only been made by the Counties of *Hants*, and *Annapolis*, and a partial One to the end of the Year 1793, by the County of *Lunenburg*: That by Reason of the Deficiency of the required Returns, the House are utterly at a loss, to know by the Account of Payments into the Treasury, what Proportion of the Quota of this Tax, of the several Counties and Districts, in the Province, has been paid,

Resolved, That the Committee request of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that he will be pleased to direct Requisitions to be made to the several Counties, and Districts of the Province, which have not yet transmitted their Returns, and State-ments, of the Capitation Tax, that they make such Returns without delay, and that in Case such Requisitions shall not within a reasonable Time be complied with, that his Excellency will be pleased to order Informations to be filed, and Prosecutions commenced, against all Delinquents offending against the Laws, relating to the Capitation Tax.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Campbell*, and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee, appointed to enquire into the Collection of the Light Money, in the Port of *Halifax*, and read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in, at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz.

That the Committee have by the Assistance of the Naval Officers Returns, by him furnished them, discovered, that Forty eight Vessels of different Burthens have entered at the Naval Office, from the 1st *July* 1794, to 25th *March* last, from which the Collector of the Light House Duty, appears not to have collected the said Duty. That during that period, no more than seven Coasters appears to have paid the said Duty, and that the said Collector, hath not charged himself, with two Sums amounting to Seven Pounds and eight Pence, which he hath collected. It also appears to the Committee, that the said Collector has not collected any Light Duties, on Vessels brought into the Port of *Halifax* as Prizes, where the said Vessels were not condemned, although their Cargoes were, but it appears to the Committee, that in that Instance, he acted by the Advice of the Attorney General. That the Committee are of Opinion, that by proper Exertions, on the Part of the said Collector, it is probable, that a considerable Part of the Duties on the said Forty eight Vessels, and from many coasting Vessels, may yet be collected.

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

An engrossed Bill, intituled an *Act*, in Addition to, and Amendment of an *Act*, passed in the 33d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an *Act*, for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on *Sambrô-Island*; and in Addition to, and Amendment of an *Act*, passed in the 28th Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an *Act*, for regulating and maintaining a Light-House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That Bill do pass, and that the Title be an *Act*, in Addition to, and Amendment of an *Act*, passed in the 33d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an *Act*, for regulating and maintaining a Light-House on *Sambrô-Island*, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an *Act*, passed in the 28th Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an *Act*, for regulating and maintaining a Light-House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*.

Ordered,

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

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to request, he will be pleased to direct, that all Monies hereafter received by the Attorney General, on the Recovery of Debts due the Province, be paid into the Treasury, to be applied as by Law directed,

Ordered, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Belcher*, and Mr. *Northup*, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Amendment of an Act, made in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province; and also to revive, amend, and render more effectual, an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty, on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province; without any Amendment.

The Council do desire a present Conference, on the Bill intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Sambrô Island. &c. in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to meet the Council at a Conference as the Council do desire.

And the Messenger was again called in,

An Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that the House had considered his Message and agree to meet the Council at a Conference as they do desire.

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed, to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *McMouagle*, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. *Sterns* reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*,

Mr. Speaker.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on Sambrô Island; and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of Shelburne; without any Amendment,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Tonge*, moved, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, stating to his Excellency; that the subject Matter of the Address of this House, relating to his Excellency's Proclamation, for the Importation of Articles from the United States of America, is of such Importance, to the Honor and Interests of this Country, and tends so much to dissipate the Uneasiness subsist-

ing in the Minds of his Majesty's faithful Subjects of this Province, on Account of the ill grounded Representations of the Distress of this Country, occasioned by the supposed Want of Articles, actually abounding in the Province, and cheaper here, than in the Countries from whence the Importation is allowed ; that this House most earnestly requests, that his Excellency will be pleased, before the Prorogation of this House, to take the Advice of his Majesty's Council, on this interesting Occasion, and allow the Representatives of the People, on returning to their Homes, to carry Satisfaction, and Content, to the Minds of their Constituents which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Nine, against it Fourteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Leonard,
Mr. Moody,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Tonge,
Mr. Northup,

So it passed in the Negative.

Against the Motion,

Mr. Bulkeley, *Mr. McElbinney,*
Mr. Belcher, *Mr. Collins,*
Mr. Humphrys, *Mr. Embrie,*
Mr. Campbell, *Mr. Freeman,*
Mr. Sterns, *Mr. Pyke,*
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Skinner,
Mr. James,

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

Monday, 13th *April*, 1795.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Tonge, reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolutions of this House, on the subject of the Capitation Tax, that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly ; and was pleased to say that he would direct the most speedy Measures to be taken, to carry into Effect the Wishes of this House.

Mr. Millidge, reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Resolution of this House, respecting Commissioners appointed to lay out Monies granted in the last Session for Roads, &c. that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly ; and was pleased to say, that he would direct the said Commissioners to lay their Accounts, before the Committee of public Accounts, at the next Meeting of the *General Assembly*.

The House having considered the Report of the Committee of Yesterday, on the Subject of the Collection of the Light Duties, for the Port of *Halifax* ; thereupon,

On Motion of *Mr. Millidge*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request he will be pleased, to direct the Naval Officer, to lay before the Commissioners of the Revenue, Quarterly, a Return of the Ships and Vessels, which may arrive in the Port of *Halifax* ; and that his Excellency be further pleased to Order the Collector of the Light Duties to deliver in Quarterly Accounts to the said Commissioners of the Revenue, of the Duties by him collected ; so that the said Commissioners, may be informed whether the said Duties are regularly and effectually collected ; and that in Case the said Duties shall not in future be regularly collected, that he will, on the Report of the said Commissioners of the Revenue, be pleased to appoint another Collector.

Ordered, 1

Ordered, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Belcher*, and Mr. *Northup*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the foregoing Resolution; and also from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency with the Resolution of this House, on Saturday last, respecting the Payment into the Treasury of all such Monies as shall hereafter be recovered by the Attorney General; that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, the subject Matter of the said two Resolutions should have his Attention, and that he would give such Directions thereupon, as may be necessary to comply with the Wishes of this House.

Mr. *Tonge*, moved, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; stating, that in addressing his Excellency once more on the subject of his Excellency's Proclamation for permitting the Importation of certain Articles from the United States of America, this House feel a degree of Reluctance, which nothing but the Importance of the Subject to the Honor and essential Interests of this Country could overcome. That having maturely considered the Answer given by his Excellency, to the Address of this House on the 9th Instant, This House with all due Deference to his Excellency's Judgement, respectfully, yet decidedly are of Opinion, that his Excellency, is not bound to consult with his privy Council, as to the Discontinuance of the Permission, for the Importation of the Articles, or any of them, allowed by the Act of the 28th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, to be imported from the States of *America*, into the British Colonies; because that Act, being prohibitory of all Intercourse, the Limitations apply only, to the Exceptions, and not to the general Prohibitions of the Law, so that this House conceive his Excellency is only bound to advise with his Privy Council, as to the Necessity of admitting any of the Articles, and not on the Expediency of discontinuing the Permission for the Introduction of either the whole, or a part of them. That respecting highly his Excellency's Judgement, and relying with the most unbounded Confidence on his Excellency's Disposition, to promote the Welfare of this Province, and to give general Satisfaction to its Inhabitants: This House most earnestly request, that his Excellency will be pleased to exercise that Judgement and indulge that Disposition; and that previous to the Prorogation of this House, his Excellency will be pleased to give this House, such an Answer to their Address, as may enable them to remove from the Minds of their Constituents, one of the greatest Sources of Uneasiness, and Discontent, that has ever existed in this Province which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the Motion, six, against it Nineteen.

For the motion

Mr. *Tonge*,
Mr. *Northup*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *McElbinny*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *McMonagle*,

Against the Motion

Mr. <i>Bulkeley</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leonard</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sargent</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hartshorne</i> ,
Mr. <i>Skinner</i> ,	Mr. <i>Pyke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sterns</i> ,	Mr. <i>Embrie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Belcher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Freeman</i> ,
Mr. <i>Humphreys</i>	Mr. <i>Rutherford</i> ,
Mr. <i>Moody</i> ,	Mr. <i>Archibald</i> ,
Mr. <i>James</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cochran</i> ,
Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Howe</i> ,	

So it passed in the Negative

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Balkley*.

Mr. Speaker.

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency, in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent, to the several Bills following, viz.

An Act, to prevent the harbouring Deserters from His Majesty's Army, and the Sale of Arms, Accoutrements and Clothing, belonging to his Majesty.

An Act, to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions, heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*.

An Act, to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being relating to a Militia in this Province.

An Act, to amend and reduce into one Act, the several Acts made by the *General Assembly*, relating to the Office of Sheriffs, and also for altering the Form of the Summons heretofore used.

An Act, to raise a Sum of Money, not exceeding £2000. by Lottery for the Purpose of building Bridges, and repairing and amending Roads within this Province.

An Act, for Quartering and Billetting his Majesty's Forces, when marching from one District to another within this Province.

An Act, to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act, to enable the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, to appoint Persons to solemnize Marriages in Places, wherein no established Clergyman resides.

An Act, in Amendment of an Act, made in the 34th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province; and also to revive and render more effectual an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province.

An Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intitled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambró-Island*, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 28th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light-House at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Sbelburne*.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows, viz.

May it please your Excellency,

IT is with peculiar Satisfaction the Commons of *Nova-Scotia*, observe the flourishing State of the Province, and its Revenue. The System of Finance practiced the two

preceding Years, while it enabled Government to preserve its Faith, has at the same Time, restored the public Credit in the most ample Manner, with these Impressions, and preferring Experience to Experiment, we have continued the Duties and Impositions the same, as established in the preceding Session, which we trust, will not only prove equal to the Exigencies of the present Year, but afford a very considerable Aid, in reducing the Debt of the Province. I have the Honor to present to your Excellency, the Bill for appropriating the Supplies now granted, to which I am directed by the *House of Assembly*, most humbly to entreat your Assent.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent, to the said Bill, following, viz. An Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Five; and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws, or Acts of the Province.

After which his Excellency was pleased, to make the following following Speech ; viz.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Council,
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I CANNOT close the Session without acknowledging the Diligence and Ability with which you have accomplished the Public Business, that has come under your Consideration.

It is with uncommon Pleasure, that I embrace the Opportunity afforded me of congratulating you on the Accounts received of the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES to the Princess of Brunswick; an event, that must give the greatest Satisfaction to his Majesty's Subjects of this Province, who, having experienced the Benificence and paternal Care of his Majesty's Government, have the strongest Reason to rejoice in a Measure, calculated to augment and establish the many Ties which already bind his loyal and faithful Subjects to their beloved Sovereign, and his august Family.

I am also happy to communicate to you the Information I have lately received, that his Majesty has concluded a Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, with the United States of *America*, in which, it has been his Majesty's Object to remove, as far as possible, all Grounds of Jealousy and Misunderstanding, and to improve an Intercourse beneficial to both.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

While the Empire is engaged in a War for Safety and Security against the unjustifiable Aggressions of an inveterate and cruel Foe, I earnestly recommend to you all, to impress on the Minds of your Constituents, at your Return to your several Homes, the Necessity there is of preserving a constant Readiness for Action, that if the same Spirit, which has led our Enemy to depredate the Defenceless Parts of his Majesty's remote Dominions, should induce them to visit our Coasts, we may not be found unprepared to acquit ourselves as Men, sensible of the Blessings they enjoy, and determined to exert their united Efforts in Defence of their Religion, of their civil Liberty, and of an excellent Constitution of Government.

And afterwards, the President of his Majesty's Council, by his Excellency's Command said.

GENTLEMEN,

It is his Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this *General Assembly* be Prorogued to the 10th Day of *July*, and this *General Assembly*, is accordingly prorogued to the 10th Day of *July* next.