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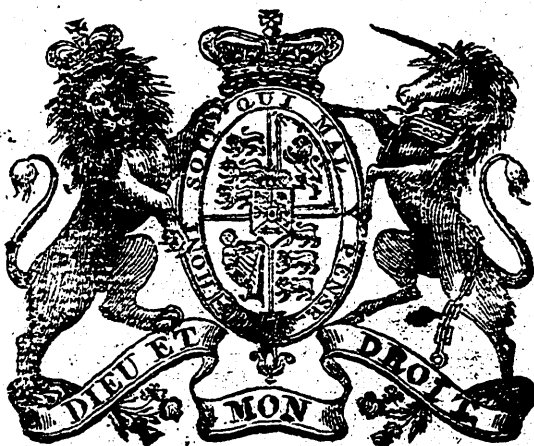
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HARRIS WILLIAM HAILES, Esquire, President.

F R E D E R I C T O N,

TUESDAY, the 4th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

THIS Honor the PRESIDENT having been pleased by his Proclamation, bearing date the twentieth day of July last, to dissolve the late General Assembly; and Writs having been issued from the Chancery for electing Members to form a House of Assembly to meet in General Assembly on the third Tuesday in October last, and the same having been (by several Proclamations hereto prefixed) prorogued to this day. The Clerk of the Crown delivered to the Clerk of the Assembly, a Roll containing the Names of the several Members returned by the Sheriffs to have been duly elected, which are as follow, to wit :---

HUGH JOHNSTON, JOHN WARD, THOMAS MILLIDGE, CRAVEN CALVERLY, for the County of Saint John.

WILLIAM BOTSFORD, JAMES EASTERBROOKS, JOHN CHAPMAN, RUFUS SMITH, for the County of Westmorland.

COLIN CAMPBELL, HUGH MACKAY, ROBERT PAGAN, JOSEPH PORTER, for the County of Charlotte.

JAMES FRASER, RICHARD SIMONDS, for the County of Northumberland.

JAMES BRITTAIN, DAVID B. WETMORE, for King's County.

SAMUEL SCOVIL, RICHARD YEAMANS, for Queen's County.

PETER FRASER, JOHN ALLEN, STAIR AGNEW, JOHN DOW, for the County of York.

ELIJAH MILES WILLIAM WILMOT, for the County of Sunbury.

STEPHEN HUMBERT HARRY PETERS, for the City of Saint John.

A Commission under the Great Seal, appointing the Honorable *Jonathan Bliss, John Saunders, Ward Chapman and John Murray Bliss*, Esquires, or any one or more of them Commissioners for the purpose of administering the oaths prescribed by Law being produced, when the Honorable Mr. *Justice Bliss*, one of the Commissioners named therein, attending, the following Members took the oaths and subscribed the declaration, to wit, *William Botsford, James Easterbrooks, John Chapman, Rufus Smith, Hugh Mackay, Robert Pagan, Joseph Porter, James Brittain, David B. Wetmore, Samuel Scovil, Richard Yeamans, Peter Fraser,*

Fraser, John Allen, Stair Agnew, John Dow, Elijah Miles, William Wilnot, and Harry Peters, who took their seats.

Xenophon Jouett, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, delivers the following Message:---

“ His Honor the PRESIDENT commands the attendance of this Honorable House immediately in the Council Chamber.”

The House accordingly attended His Honor the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber when the Honorable *Jonathan Bliss*, Esquire, Chief Justice, spoke as follows, to wit:---

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, and
Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ I am commanded by His Honor the PRESIDENT to acquaint you that he doth not think fit to declare the causes of calling this General Assembly till there shall be a Speaker of the House of Assembly.

“ It is therefore His Honor's pleasure, that you Gentlemen of the Assembly, do immediately repair to the place where the Assembly usually sit, and there choose a fit Person to be your Speaker, and that you present the Person chosen to His Honor here to-morrow at 12 o'Clock.”

The House having returned, Captain *Stair Agnew*, a member for York, rose and addressing himself to the Clerk, said,

“ Mr. *Wetmore*, His Honor the PRESIDENT, having directed the House to proceed immediately to the choice of a Speaker, I would on this occasion remark that the Speaker of the late House had hardly made his appearance on the floor of it, before he put on the character of an old member, and that the same accomplished understanding accompanied him to the Chair. Mr. *Robinson* then was an exception to the rule I would lay down for myself, that is, that the Speaker of the House ought to be (whenever a proper choice can be made) a professional man. So intimately connected are our political and civil constitutions, that were it otherwise, the House might be embarrassed in the management of the forms of its procedure.---The Speaker, Sir, ought to be a man of integrity, of talents, and of private independence of fortune, and with these impressions I move, that, *William Botsford*, Esquire, be Speaker of this House.”

Which motion being seconded by Mr. *P. Fraser*, and the House appearing to be unanimous, Mr. *Botsford* was taken from his seat and conducted to the Chair, and when on the step, he expressed “ the high sense he entertained of the confidence reposed in him by the House, but trusted, that upon further consideration, they would elect a Member of more experience and ability;” but the House persisting in their choice, Mr. *Botsford* claimed their indulgence and support, submitted himself to their command, and took the Chair *nem. con.*

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

WEDNESDAY the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker elect took the Chair.

On motion ordered that *John Ward*, and *Thomas Millidge*, two of the members returned for the County of Saint John. *Stephen Humbert*, a member returned for the City of Saint John. *Richard Simonds*, a member returned for the County of Northumberland, and *Colin Campbell*, a member returned for the County of Charlotte, now attending and praying to be admitted to their seats (when duly qualified by taking the oaths required) be admitted to take their seats accordingly: and that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Smith* attend the Commission-

er with those Gentlemen and see them qualified : Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Smith*, attended the Commissioner, and being returned, reported that *John Ward*, *Thomas Millidge*, *Stephen Humbert*, *Richard Simonds* and *Colin Campbell*, had taken the oaths prescribed by Law, upon which, those Gentlemen took their seats.

A Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber---whereupon, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, attended His Honor the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported that he had addressed his Honor the PRESIDENT, in the words following:

“*May it please your Honor,*

“The House of Assembly of this Province, in obedience to your Honor’s command, and according to their acknowledged right, have proceeded to the choice of their Speaker, and now humbly attend to present me to your Honor, as the person elected; but knowing my own inexperience, and inability to perform the duties attached to so important and arduous a station, I trust that your Honor will be induced to disapprove of their choice, and command them to elect another more capable.”

Whereupon the Honorable Mr. Chief Justice *Bliss*, spoke as follows:

“*William Botsford*, Esquire,

“I am commanded by His Honor the PRESIDENT, to acquaint you that he hath so good an opinion of your integrity, diligence and sufficiency for executing the important office into which you are elected, that His Honor is perfectly satisfied with the choice which the House of Assembly have made, and doth allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.”

That the Speaker, then said, “Since your Honor has been pleased to approve of the choice the House has made of me, for their Speaker, I have in their name and on their behalf, to claim all their ancient privileges, particularly that they may enjoy liberty of speech, and have free access to your Honor’s person whenever occasion shall require.”

To which the Honorable Chief Justice replied as follows:---

“Mr. Speaker,

“The PRESIDENT, hath the greatest confidence in the duty and affection of this House of Assembly to His MAJESTY’s person and Government, and and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings; and His Honor doth readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges, in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time been granted and allowed.”

And that then His Honor the PRESIDENT, made a Speech to both Houses, of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz:

“*Gentlemen of the Council, and*

“*Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“Having been, by the departure of Major-General SMYTH, unexpectedly called to the temporary administration of this Government, I shall, in discharging the important duty which has thus devolved upon me, suggest for your deliberation such subjects only as the Public interests seem immediately to require: The principal of these, after the Revenue, and the ordinary exigencies of the Public service, is a continuation of the system begun at the last Session, for improving the means of communication between the different parts of the Province, with such alterations and amendments as experience may dictate, so as to give the fullest effect to a measure, not only of general utility and convenience, but which must greatly contribute to increase the wealth and prosperity of the province. The encouragement also of Agriculture, which is the surest source of permanent benefit to every country, ought

not to be forgotten, and, by the aid of bounties from the public Treasury, judiciously bestowed, this important object may be materially promoted, and, by exciting among the people a spirit of emulation in those exertions of steady industry, and habits of economy, which are so essential to their own welfare and success, contribute most effectually to the real strength and importance of the Province.

“Gentlemen of the Assembly,

“The Treasurer’s Accounts and such other papers as may be necessary for your information, shall be laid before you; by these you will perceive that, although the Revenue has been sufficiently productive, yet the delay of payment of the duties into the Treasury has been such as to preclude the issuing of many of the sums appropriated at the last Session, and thus to prevent the liberality of the Legislature from having its due effect; for this inconvenience your wisdom and experience will, I have no doubt, provide a proper remedy.

“Gentlemen of the Council, and

“Gentlemen of the Assembly,

“Having been an inhabitant of the Province of New-Brunswick from its first formation, I cannot but feel very solicitous for its welfare, and if, during the short period, as short it must be, of my administration. I shall be able, in any degree, to contribute to this desirable end, it will be the highest gratification to my ambition.

“In the mean time, interested as we all are in whatever concerns the Mother Country, I cannot forbear congratulating with you on the late splendid victory obtained, under the command of Lord Exmouth, at Algiers---a victory to be commemorated, not only as having added to the renown of the British Nation, by the gallantry and skill with which it was achieved, but, it is to be hoped, for the annihilation of a system of piratical warfare in which the whole Christian world may be considered as interested.”

Read a first time “a Bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of Forgery.”

On motion of Mr. Agnew, resolved that an address be presented to His Honor the PRESIDENT, in answer to his Speech, and ordered that Mr. Agnew, Mr. Pagan, and Mr. P. Fraser, be a Committee to prepare the same.

On motion of Mr. P. Fraser, resolved that the Rev. James Somerville be appointed Chaplain to this House.

The Clerk informed the Speaker that he had nominated Gabriel De Veber, Esquire, to be his Clerk assistant. The Speaker acquainted the House with the nomination, to which the House agreed. Mr. De Veber after taking the necessary oath took the seat assigned him at the Clerk’s Table.

On motion ordered that Mr. Pagan, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Millidge, be a standing Committee to examine, liquidate, and report on all public and private accounts, and that Mr. Humbert, Mr. Peters and Mr. Simonds be a Committee to examine what laws have or are near expiring.

Mr. Campbell moves for leave to bring in a Bill, to alter and amend an Act, intituled “An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province.

Ordered that the Journal of this House be daily, or as soon as a copy of the same can be prepared by the Clerk, printed by the King’s Printer, and that he furnish sixty copies thereof for the use of the Legislature.

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

THURSDAY the 6th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. P. Fraser presents a petition of William Peters complaining of an undue election for Queen’s County.

Ordered

Ordered that the said petition be received and that the Petitioner furnish the Sheriff of Queen's with a copy of his petition, and another copy to the sitting Members of the County; and further ordered that the Petitioner be heard by his Counsel at the bar of this House, on Tuesday the eleventh day of February, instant.

On motion further ordered that *Nathaniel Hubbard De Veber*, Esq. and *Mr. Oliver Akerly* do then attend at the bar of this House to testify what they and each of them know as to matters depending on the said petition, of which order the said witnesses on being notified will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Mr. Pagan presents a petition of *Christopher Scott*, praying for relief, by exonerating him from the payment of the interest upon a Bond given by the Petitioner and *James Douglas*, for the payment of *six hundred and twelve pounds* for duties due the Province by *Peter Stubbs, & Co.* for reasons stated therein: Ordered that the petition be received, and be referred to the Committee of supply.

Mr. Wetmore presents a petition of sundry inhabitants on the south-east side of the Long Reach, in King's County, praying for aid in the alteration of the Road from *Knutton's Bluff* to *Dunham's Mill Brook*, and also for aid on the road from *Bostwick's* through to Kingston, and also a Petition of sundry inhabitants in and about Hampton wood praying for aid towards repairing the road to Shepperdy between *Tabor's* and *John Sherwood's*, and the bridges thereon. Ordered that the said Petitions be received, and lie on the Table.

Mr. Agnew from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Honor the PRESIDENT'S Speech, reported a draught thereof, which he read in his place, and the same being delivered in and read, was on motion committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Campbell took the Chair of the Committee.

The House in Committee went into consideration of the Address in answer to his Honor the PRESIDENT'S Speech, and having gone through the same paragraph by paragraph, the Chairman left the Chair of the Committee.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Address, which was read, and is as follows:

“ To His Honor HARRIS WILLIAM HAILES, Esquire, President, and
Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c.
&c. &c.

The Humble Address of the House of Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR,

“ The House are sensible of the importance of calling together the General Assembly at this conjuncture, and of suggesting to their deliberations such subjects as the public interests seem now to require.

“ They will readily provide for the ordinary exigencies of the public service, and pay every attention in their power to the Revenue of the Province, so as to continue, as far as may depend on them, the system of the last Session, for improving the means of communication throughout the Province, with such alterations and amendments as experience may dictate, and they are anxious to give the fullest effect to this measure, for the reasons assigned by your Honor.

“ The House feel it their duty to encourage the agriculture of the Province, and at this distressful moment, occasioned by the failure of the last crop, they will adopt every means in their power to alleviate the effect of it.

“ The House will pay every attention to the Treasurer's Accounts, and such other papers as by your Honor's direction may be laid before them, and they are highly gratified to learn that the Revenue has been sufficiently productive.

“ The delay of payment of the duties into the Treasury, so as to preclude the issuing of many of the sums appropriated at the last Session, might have been expected; and they trust, can only be a temporary inconvenience, for which they hope to be able to provide a proper remedy.

“ The long residence of your Honor in the Province, affords an opportunity to be acquainted with its inhabitants and wants, and here, the House have so full a reliance on the benevolence and wisdom of your Honor’s administration, as to make it totally unnecessary for them to anticipate the shortness of its duration.

“ The concerns of the Mother Country must, always, be of the first importance to this Colony. The House therefore beg leave to reciprocate the congratulations of your Honor on the splendid victory achieved by Lord EXMOUTH over Algiers, by which, the power of the British nation has (it is to be hoped) annihilated the piratical warfare of this State, and thereby, emancipated the Christian world from its influence.”

Thereupon resolved, unanimously, that the same be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to His Honor the PRESIDENT by the whole House.

Ordered, that Mr. *Mackay* and Mr. *Miles*, wait on His Honor the PRESIDENT, to know when he will be pleased to receive the House with their Address.

Mr. *Mackay*, from the Committee appointed to wait on His Honor the PRESIDENT, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with their Address, reported, that His Honor directed him to inform the House that he would receive the same to-morrow, at twelve of the Clock, in the Council Chamber.

The House in Committee---Mr. *P. Fraser* in the Chair, went into consideration of His Honor the PRESIDENT’S Speech. The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of His Honor the PRESIDENT’S Speech, and that it was the opinion of the Committee, that committees should be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what further sums are wanted for improving and repairing the Great Roads of Communication in this Province, and for ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in the same---thereupon ordered, that Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Simonds*, Mr. *Yeamans*, Mr. *Wetmore*, Mr. *Allan* and Mr. *Miles*, be a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what further sums are wanted for improving and repairing the Great Roads of Communication in this Province: And also,

Ordered that Mr. *P. Fraser*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Humbert*, Mr. *Scovil*, Mr. *Brittain*, Mr. *Wilmot* and Mr. *Agnew*, be a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

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

FRIDAY, the 7th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The House waited upon His Honor the PRESIDENT with their Address in answer to His Honor’s Speech, and being returned, the Speaker reported that the House had presented their Address, and that His Honor was pleased to make the following reply,---to wit,

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ I thank you for this Address and for the assurances of your ready attention to the objects which have been recommended to your deliberation.”

Mr.

Mr. *Campbell* presents a Petition of *John Dustin Woodberry*, praying for aid to assist him in settling himself on that part of the Road between Saint Andrews and Saint John, lying between the two branches of the Little Pocologon River in the County of Charlotte: Also,

A Petition of *James Hewson*, praying for the like aid to assist him to form an establishment on that part of the Road between Saint Andrews and Saint John lying about six miles to the westward of the settlement at Musquash. Ordered that the Petitions be received and referred to the Committee of Great Roads.

Mr. *Humbert* presents a Petition of *William Reynolds*, praying that directions might be given to the Province Treasurer, to cancel the Bond given by him for the payment of transient duties for reasons therein stated. Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of supply.

Mr. *Humbert* from the Committee appointed to inquire what Laws have expired or are near expiring, reported, that

An Act made and passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for raising a Revenue in this Province," and also an Act in amendment thereof, made and passed in the fiftieth year of His Majesty's Reign entitled, "An Act to continue and amend an Act, entitled 'An Act for raising a Revenue in this Province,'" and also another Act in amendment of the said two Acts made and passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act to continue and amend the Act for raising a Revenue in this Province, and the Act in amendment thereof," and also an Act made and passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province," and also an Act made and passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to give full effect to, and to prevent the evasion of an Act entitled, 'An Act for the further increase of the Revenue of this Province,'" and also another Act made and passed in the same year, entitled, "An Act for laying additional duties on certain articles imported into this Province," will expire on the first day of April, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, by "An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province." Passed the 16th day of March, 1816.

Mr. *Simonds* moves for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the number of Representatives for the County of Northumberland in General Assembly.--- Leave granted.

The House in Committee---Mr. *P. Fraser* in the Chair, went into further consideration of His Honor the PRESIDENT'S Speech.

Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, delivers the Message.

"Mr. Speaker,

"I am directed by His Honor the PRESIDENT, to lay before this Honorable House, the Treasurer's Accounts;" and then Mr. Secretary withdrew.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, the Chairman of the Committee, reported, that it was the opinion of the Committee, that a Committee, consisting of a Member from each County, should be appointed to inquire into the necessities of the inhabitants of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop, which report was received, and thereupon ordered, that Mr. *Agnew*, Mr. *Easterbrooks*, Mr. *Porter*, Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Scovil*, Mr. *Wetmore*, Mr. *Simonds*, Mr. *Miles*, be a Committee to carry the same report into effect.

Ordered, that Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Simonds*, Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts.

Mr. *Brittain* presents a Petition of the Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Greenwich, and others, praying aid to repair and complete the Church in the same Parish. Ordered, that the Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

SATURDAY the 8th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Campbell* presents a Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Parish of St. Stephens, in the County of Charlotte, praying for aid towards blowing and removing Rocks in, and clearing the Channel of the St. Croix or Chiputnéc-ticook River. Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Millidge* presents a Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Island of Grand Manan, praying that some regulations might be made for the regulation of the Grand Manan Fishery. Ordered, that the Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Millidge* moves for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Grand Manan Fishery. Leave Granted.

On motion of Mr. *Pagan*, ordered, that this House do go into Committee of supply on Monday next.

Mr. *Mackay* presents a Petition from sundry inhabitants of the Parish of St. George, in the County of Charlotte, praying for aid to assist in blowing and removing Rocks between M'Dougall's Falls, so called, and the Forks of the Magagaudavic Rivers. Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of supply.

On motion of Mr. *Agnew*, made and seconded, resolved that the Rules and Regulations made and established on the 10th January, 1786, as the standing Rules of the House, have been always considered to be, and are the standing Rules for the Government of this House.

And that it be a standing Rule of this House, that the Speaker cannot, in future, take the Chair for the purpose of proceeding in any deliberations, or doing any business whatever, except it be to receive the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, or a Message from the Council, or to enforce the attendance of absent Members, unless at least thirteen Members including Mr. Speaker be present; but for the three purposes before mentioned, any number exceeding four, including Mr. Speaker, shall be deemed sufficient, after the hour has arrived to which the House may be adjourned.

Mr. *Mackay* presents a Petition of the Rev. Duncan M'Coll and his Congregation, praying for aid to assist in finishing their Meeting House. Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of supply.

On motion of Mr. *Pagan*, resolved, that upon the hearing of any complaint made before this House, of any undue election of Members to serve in General Assembly; this House will not enter upon a scrutiny of the Votes polled at Such election, in any case, where a scrutiny was not duly demanded of the Sheriff.

On motion, ordered, that Solomon Perly and William Perly, do attend at the Bar of this House on Tuesday the 11th day of February instant, at eleven of the Clock, in the forenoon of the same day, to testify (on the part of the sitting Members for Queen's County) all and singular what they or either of them know relating to the Petition of William Peters, complaining of an undue election for the same County.

Mr. *Millidge* presents a Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Portland, in the County of St. John, praying for aid for the support of the

Poor thereof. Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of supply.

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

MONDAY the 10th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The House pursuant to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pagan took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that in the Committee the following Resolution was moved and seconded :

Resolved that the sum of *fifty pounds* be allowed to the Speaker of the House of Assembly: on which Resolution the Committee divided as follows :
so wit :---

YEAS.

Mr. Humbert,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Scovil,
Mr. Simonds,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Miles,
Mr. Allen,

NAYS.

Mr. Easterbrooks,
Mr. Porter,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Yeamans,
Mr. Agnew,
Mr. Wetmore,
Mr. Brittain,
Mr. Wilmot,
Mr. Mackay,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Dow,
Mr. Fraser,

and it therefore passed in the Negative: also, that the Committee had come to the following Resolutions, to wit,

Resolved, that the following sums be allowed and paid out of the Province Treasury to the following persons, to wit,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To the Tide-surveyor of the City of Saint John, the sum of *one hundred pounds*, for his services and expences, from the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, to the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

To *Thomas Bonnor*, Esquire, for his services as Agent for the Province, for the years one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the sum of *two hundred pounds* sterling.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT and Commander in Chief, for defraying the contingent expences of the Province, a sum not exceeding *three hundred pounds*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

To the Adjutants of the Militia of the different Counties in this Province, a sum not exceeding *one hundred and ninety pounds*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, agreeable to a Law of this Province.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT or Commander in Chief for the time being, the sum of *fifty pounds* sterling, for the purpose of paying a Missionary to the Indians, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen;

And asked leave to sit again---which report was accepted.

Mr. *Campbell* presents a Petition of sundry Magistrates for the County of Charlotte, praying for an allowance to be made to defray expences incurred by them in a prosecution commenced and carried on by *William Vance* against them, in consequence of proceedings had before them in their judicial character; for reasons stated in the Petition. Also,

A Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Patrick, in the County of Charlotte, praying for aid towards removing Rocks from the Channel of the Digdiguash River, above the Mills. Ordered, that the Petitions be received and referred to the Committee of supply.

Mr. *Simonds* presents a Petition from sundry Scotch emigrants into the County of Northumberland, praying aid to assist them in forming a settlement on the River Napan. Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of supply.

Mr. *Wetmore* presents a Petition of sundry inhabitants on the north-west side of Kennebeckacis Bay, praying aid towards repairing the Road from the settlement opposite the lower end of Long Island, to *Gidney's Tavern*. Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee, for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye-roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Read a first and second time, "A Bill to increase the number of Members to represent the County of Northumberland in General Assembly." On motion, ordered, that the Bill be committed on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Campbell* presents a Petition of *John Pendlebury*, praying for an allowance to defray the expence of a Packet between Saint John and Saint Andrews. Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of supply.

Mr. *Smith* moves for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expences of Trials in the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Leave granted.

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

TUESDAY the 11th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A message from His Honor the PRESIDENT.

Mr. Secretary *Odell* delivers the Message, as follows :--

"Mr. Speaker,

"I am directed by His Honor the PRESIDENT to lay before this Honorable

ble House, sundry Accounts of Persons intrusted with the expenditure of money on Roads."

And then Mr. Secretary withdrew.

Mr. *P. Fraser* moved a resolution that the order of the day for hearing of Counsel on the petition of *William Peters*, complaining of an undue election in Queen's County, be postponed until Friday next; which being seconded, the House divided, and it passed in the negative.

The House then went into the consideration of the said Petition, and heard Counsel on the part of the Petitioner; and also on the part of the sitting Members.

The Counsel for the Petitioner waved that part of the petition which prayed for a scrutiny into the votes given for Mr. *Scovil*.

The Counsel withdrew from the Bar.

Ordered that the further hearing of that part of the said petition which complains of the want of a qualification of Mr. *Yeamans*, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

WEDNESDAY the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *Humbert*, resolved, that no Petition be received or Bill brought in after the twentieth day of February instant, except by order of the House.

Mr. *Campbell* presents a Petition of *George Thompson*, praying that the sum of £22 15 6 duties, demanded from and paid by him as a transient person, to the Deputy Treasurer of Charlotte, may be refunded for reasons stated therein. Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of supply.

The House, pursuant to the order of the day for the further hearing of that part of the Petition of *William Peters*, complaining of an undue election for Queen's County, which relates to the want of a qualification of Mr. *Yeamans*, one of the sitting members for the same County, went into consideration thereof.

After hearing of Counsel as well on the part of the Petitioner as on the part of the sitting member: and the Counsel being withdrawn from the Bar.

On the question whether the allegations contained in the same part of the Petition were supported--

Resolved that it is the opinion of this House that *Richard Yeamans*, Esquire, one of the sitting members for Queen's County, does not possess the qualification required by the third Section of the Act of the General Assembly of this Province, intituled, "An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province:" And that the election of the said *Richard Yeamans*, be, and the same is hereby determined to be void.

On motion, the House went into Committee upon "A Bill to increase the number of Members to represent the County of Northumberland in General Assembly."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Allen*, the Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill and directed him to report the same.

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

On motion, resolved that the House will go into Committee on Monday next, on the report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws have expired or are near expiring.

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On motion resolved that the Speaker issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to issue a new Writ directed to the Sheriff of Queen's County, commanding him to warn and assemble all the legal Voters of the said County, to meet at the usual place of holding Elections, and to cause one able and discreet person, qualified as the Law directs, to be chosen to represent the said County in General Assembly, in the place of *Richard Yeomans*, Esquire, whose election has been determined to be void.

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

THURSDAY the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read as engrossed, "A Bill to increase the number of Members to represent the County of Northumberland in General Assembly."

Ordered thereupon that the Bill do pass; and that Mr. *Agnew*, and Mr. *Peters* carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read a first time a Bill to alter and amend an Act intituled "An Act for regulating elections of Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province."

Read a second time "A Bill for the more effectual preventing, and further punishment of Forgery."

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Read a first time "A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expences of trials in the same and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The House resolved itself into Committee on the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, which he read in his place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as follow:

Resolved that there be granted to the Clerk of the Council for defraying the expences of an Assistant Clerk, during the present Session of the Legislature, the sum of *twenty-five pounds*.

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Honor the PRESIDENT, towards defraying the expences of a Courier between Fredericton and New-Castle, in the County of Northumberland, for the year 1817, the sum of *one hundred pounds*.

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Honor the PRESIDENT, towards defraying the expenses of a Courier between Fredericton and Saint Andrews, for the year 1817, the sum of *one hundred pounds*.

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Honor the PRESIDENT, towards defraying the expences of a Courier between Saint John and Saint Andrews, for the year 1817, the sum of *one hundred pounds*.

To the Commissioner to be appointed by His Honor the PRESIDENT to defray the expences of bringing over the mail weekly from the American Post Office at Robinstown, to Saint Andrews, for the year 1817, the sum of *fifteen pounds*.

To *Christopher Scott* the interest amounting to *one hundred and twenty-eight pounds five shillings and eight pence*, on a bond given by him in May 1812, for *six hundred and twenty-three pounds eleven shillings*, for duties due the Province.

To *William Reynolds*, being the amount of a bond given by him for the tran-

sient duty on sundry articles imported into the Province in May 1816, the sum of *twenty-one pounds nine shillings and eight pence*.

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

Ordered that the said report be accepted and leave granted,

A Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT.

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK,
“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

“ 13th FEBRUARY, 1817.

“ H. W. HAILES.

“ The PRESIDENT directs to be laid before the House of Assembly, a Letter addressed to him by the Secretary of the Province, with an Account for services performed by him in preparing copies of the Laws of the last Session, to be transmitted to England as required by the Royal Instructions, and recommends to the House the making of provision for payment of the same.”

“ H. W. H.”

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

FRIDAY, the 14th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time “ A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expences of Trials in the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

Ordered that the said Bill be committed on Monday the seventeenth day of February, instant.

Mr. *Peters* presented a petition of *William Flood* in behalf of himself and forty other black people brought into this Province by order of His Majesty’s Government, in the year 1815, praying aid to assist them in forming a Settlement at Loch Lomond.

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

Mr. *Agnew* reported from the Committee appointed to enquire into the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop : and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk’s Table, where it was read, and is as followeth :

“ The Committee of the House appointed to inquire into the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province occasioned by the failure of the last Crop, beg leave to report, that the Committee have attended to the business referred to them, and from a careful examination of the subject, are of opinion that Legislative aid will be required to alleviate the same. They therefore submit to the House the following sums as necessary to relieve the wants of the several Counties :---

City and County of Saint John,	£1000
Charlotte County,	750
York,	1000
Northumberland,	1000
Sunbury,	500
Queen’s,	300
King’s,	750
Westmorland,	500
	£5,800

And thereupon, on motion, ordered that the House do go into Committee on the said Report to-morrow.

Mr. *Humbert* moved for leave to bring in a Bill to give effect to and to prevent the evasion of an Act intituled "An Act for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province."

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Millidge* moved for leave to bring in a Bill to explain an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province."

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Allen* pursuant to leave presented "A Bill to prevent the exportation of Provisions from this Province for a limited time."

And the same was read a first time.

Mr. *Mackay* presented a Petition of *John Mackay* praying for relief in his present distressed situation for reasons stated in the Petition.

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

Mr. *Allen* presented a Petition of *John Davidson*, praying for aid to assist him in forming an establishment about a mile to the North-east of the Piskahagan River, between the Block-house and the Half-way-house, on the Road between Fredericton and Saint Andrews.

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

Mr. *Speaker* presented several Letters and other Papers from *Nathaniel Atchison*, Esquire, and the *Province Agent*, which were ordered to lie on the Table.

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

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SATURDAY the 15th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time "A Bill to prevent the exportation of Provisions out of this Province for a limited time."

Ordered that the Bill be now committed.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fraser* from the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made several amendments thereunto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and that the Bill with the amendments, be engrossed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Mackay* from the Committee reported, that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, had made progress therein: 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.

Read an engrossed Bill "to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes, out of this Province for a limited time."

Resolved that the Bill pass.

Ordered that Mr. *Ward*, and Mr. *Smith*, carry the Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence to the same.

Mr. *Humbert* presented a petition of sundry inhabitants, owners of Land, in  
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the neighborhood of Loch Lomond, in the County of Saint John, praying aid towards opening the communication between Frog-Pond and the lower end of the French Lake.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr. *Mackay* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill in amendment of an Act for regulating, laying out, and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Allen* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill to amend and explain an Act, intituled An Act to impose a duty on Horses, Horned Cattle and Sheep, imported into this Province from the United States."

Leave was granted.

Read a first time "A Bill to regulate the Grand Manan Fishery."

Mr. *Simonds* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill to alter and amend an Act intituled, an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Humbert* moved for leave, to bring in "A Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act intituled an Act against the profanation of the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday."

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Wetmore* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill to alter and amend an Act intituled, an Act to encourage the establishment of Schools." Passed the 10th March, 1816.

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Agnew* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill to prevent cruelty to Animals."

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Millidge* presented a petition of sundry Proprietors of Lands at Red Head, in the County of Saint John, praying aid towards improving the road between that place and the city of Saint John.

Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr. *P. Fraser* presented a Petition of two of the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Fredericton, praying aid for the support of the Poor thereof.

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

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

MONDAY the 17th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon "A Bill for the more effectual preventing and further punishment of Forgery."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

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

Which report the House agreed to.

Read a second time, "A Bill to regulate the Grand Manan Fishery."

On motion, ordered that the Bill be committed.

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Read a first time, "A Bill to give effect to and prevent the evasion of an Act intituled an Act for the organization of the Militia of this Province."

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon "A Bill to regulate the Grand Manan Fishery."

A MESSAGE from the COUNCIL.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Justice Bliss* delivered the Message.

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"The Council have agreed to the Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes out of this Province for a limited time."

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew* from the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made several amendments thereunto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read.

Ordered that the report be accepted; and that the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

On motion, resolved that the order of the day for taking into consideration the report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws have expired or are near expiring, be discharged, and that the House will go into consideration of the said Report on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Humbert* by leave, presented a Petition of *Henry Smith* and *Jedediah Slason*, of Fredericton, in the County of York; and also a Petition of sundry freeholders of the County of York, and Electors of Representatives for the same County in General Assembly, complaining of an undue election for the same County.

Ordered that the Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT.

"NEW-BRUNSWICK,  
"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

"14th FEBRUARY, 1817.

"H. W. HAILES.

"The PRESIDENT taking into consideration the great augmentation of public business before His Majesty's Council, arising from the numerous applications made to them by individuals from all parts of the Province, and by various duties imposed on them by Acts of the General Assembly; and impressed with the necessity, in order to promote the general interests of the Province, of disposing of such business with all possible dispatch, and considering that no recompence whatever is made to the Members attending for these important purposes, recommends to the consideration of the House of Assembly the making of a suitable provision for a Quorum of the Council, in order to enable him, with the more confidence, to call upon those gentlemen to give their time and attention to those highly important provincial duties, the discharge of which, must otherwise necessarily be greatly impeded and delayed."

"H. W. H."

Mr. Secretary *Odell*, by order of His Honor the PRESIDENT, delivered to the House a Report of the Commissioners for building the Secretary's and Surveyor General's Offices; also a Report of the Committee appointed to carry into effect the Grant of £1000, for introducing Settlers into the Province, with sundry papers relating to the same.

Ordered that the two Reports and other Papers lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

A MESSAGE from His Honor the PRESIDENT, by *Xenophon Jouett*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of  
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the House in the Council Chamber---whereupon, Mr. *Speaker*, with the House, attended His Honor the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, and being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* reported, that His Honor the PRESIDENT was pleased to give his assent to the following Bill, to wit,

“ A Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes out of the Province for a limited time.”

Mr. *Speaker* presented a Letter from the Attorney General.

Ordered, that the Letter lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for going into Committee on “ A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expences of Trials in the same; and for other purposes therein mentioned,” be discharged; and that the House will go into Committee on the said Bill to-morrow.

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

TUESDAY the 18th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time “ A Bill to give effect to and to prevent the evasion of an Act intituled an Act for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province.”

Ordered that the same Bill be committed to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the “ Bill for the more effectual preventing and further punishment of Forgery.”

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

the *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Humbert* from the Committee, reported that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the Bill to them referred, under its title, and had made several amendments thereunto;

Which report was ordered to be received, and the Bill as amended, to be engrossed.

The House in Committee.

Mr. *Millidge* in the Chair. Went into consideration of “ A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expenses of Trials in the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* from the Committee, reported that they had entered into consideration of the Bill to them referred, had made some progress therein, and he was instructed to move for leave to sit again.

Which report the House agreed to.

Mr. *Pagan* moved for leave to bring in “ A Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating Pilots.”

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Wetmore* presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of a back settlement on the South-east side of the Kennebeckcasis River : And also,

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of King’s County and others, praying aid towards improving the Road from Gondola Point to Saint John.

Which Petitions were ordered to be received and referred to the Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr. *Humbert* presented a Petition of *Nehemiah Merritt* and *Robert James*, praying for a drawback on four Puncheons of Rum shipped by them for exportation.

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

Mr. *Allen* presented a Petition of *William Bailey*, Esquire, praying compensation for damages sustained by him.

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

Mr. *Peters* presented a Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Saint John, praying that the Firemen in the said City may be exempted from the ordinary duties of Jurors and in the Militia. And also

Another Petition from the said Mayor and Corporation, praying that Provision may be made to authorize the Firewards of the City of Saint John to pull down buildings during a fire in the City of Saint John to prevent the extension of the flames, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered that the said Petitions be received and lie on the table.

Mr. *Millidge* presented a Petition of *Zalmon Wheeler*, praying an allowance to be made to him for a drawback on one Pipe of Gin and one Pipe of Brandy exported by him in January, 1816. And also

A Petition of *William Pagan & Co.* praying that the sum of £12 0 8 may be repaid to them, being the sum overpaid by them for the transient duty on articles imported into the Province in December 1814, by Messrs. *Hughes* and *Duncan* of Liverpool, (England) and consigned to the Petitioners.

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

Mr. *Scovil* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill in addition to an Act, intituled, an Act for assessing, collecting and levying County Rates." And also "A Bill to regulate Pedlars."

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Peters* presented a Petition of sundry Proprietors of Marsh in the vicinity of the City of Saint John, praying aid towards improving the Road through the Marsh to the City of Saint John.

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

Mr. *Wetmore* presented a Petition of the Rector and Wardens of the Church in the Parish of Sussex, in King's County, praying aid towards completing their Church.

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

Mr. *Smith* presented a Petition of *Toler Thompson* praying aid towards cutting Canals through the Marsh between Point Migic and the Road leading to Halifax.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY the 19th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Peters* presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of the City and County of Saint John, praying aid towards completing the Road opened through the Marsh in the vicinity of the City of Saint John, leading from the Dyke or aboideau to the head of the said Marsh, and thence to communicate with the Road on the Kennebeckacis, leading to Gondola Point, and also with the Cumberland Road.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what further sums are wanted for improving and repairing the Great Roads of Communication in this Province.

A Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT.

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## "NEW-BRUNSWICK.

## "MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

"19th FEBRUARY, 1817.

"H. W. HAILES.

"The PRESIDENT directs to be laid before the House of Assembly a report of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the repairs of the Government House, by which it will appear that the expence already incurred exceeds the sum granted at the last Session, and that much yet remains to be done: And as the expediency of putting the same into thorough repair must be obvious, he recommends to the House to make adequate provision for this important object. A further expence amounting to about *twenty pounds*, has been incurred for Fuel for the purpose of making occasional Fires in the House; a measure highly necessary for the preservation of the Building, for which he also recommends it to the House to make provision. "H. W. H."

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

Ordered that the Bill be committed on Thursday next.

Mr. *Wetmore* presented a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Parishes of Greenwich and Westfield, in King's County, praying aid to assist them to open and improve a Road leading from Jones' Mill on the Long Reach, to the Settlement now forming in the rear of Kemble's Manor.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr. *Humbert* presented a Petition of William H. Smith, praying for remuneration for Medical and Surgical advice and attendance by him performed for sundry Foreigners and Poor in the City and County of Saint John.

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

Mr. *Mackay* presented a Petition of James Brittain, late a Lieutenant-Colonel of the King's County Militia, praying remuneration for expences incurred by him while in the execution of the duties of his office.

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

Mr. *Humbert* presented a Petition of the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John praying for an allowance to be made to them towards defraying the expences of the support of sundry transient Poor and Black Refugees in the said City and County.

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

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the "Bill to give effect to and to prevent the evasion of an Act, intituled "An Act for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Which report the House agreed to.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee appointed to inquire what Laws have expired or near expiring.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Laws now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province, be continued for one year.

On which resolution, the Committee divided as follows, to wit,

YEAS.

Mr. *P. Fraser*,  
 Mr. *Dow*,  
 Mr. *Campbell*,  
 Mr. *Speaker*,  
 Mr. *Mackay*,  
 Mr. *Allen*,  
 Mr. *Miles*,  
 Mr. *Brittain*,  
 Mr. *Wetmore*,  
 Mr. *Agnew*,  
 Mr. *Chapman*,  
 Mr. *Smith*,  
 Mr. *Porter*,  
 Mr. *Easterbrooks*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Millidge*,  
 Mr. *Simonds*,  
 Mr. *Scovil*,  
 Mr. *Ward*,  
 Mr. *Humbert*,  
 Mr. *Pagan*,  
 Mr. *Peters*.

And it therefore passed in the affirmative.

On motion, ordered that the House will to-morrow, go into consideration of the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, and of sundry Freeholders of the County of York, and Electors of Representatives for the same County in General Assembly, complaining of an undue Election for the same County.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary, praying that a Law may be enacted to enable them to pay Taxes on Property in the Parish of King's Clear, for the support of the Poor of the Parish of St. Mary.

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

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

THURSDAY the 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *P. Fraser* presented a Petition of John Barker, praying for compensation for the injury he has sustained by the alteration made by the Supervisor, in carrying the Great Road of Communication from Fredericton to St. John, through his Land.

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

Mr. *P. Fraser*, presented a Petition of Joseph Merceraule, Sen. of Queensbury, in the County of York, praying that a Public Ferry about to be established at Alexander Burgoyne's, and to cross over to his premises, may not take place.

Ordered that the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Porter* presented a Petition of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Stephen, praying for aid to enable them to complete their Church, together with an account of expences incurred in building the said Church.

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

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Mr. *Wetmore* presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Parish of Springfield, praying relief in their present distressed situation.

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

Mr. *Wetmore* also presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of Norton, King's County, respecting Schools.

Ordered that the Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. *Wetmore* presented a Petition of the Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Norton, in King's County, praying aid towards completing the Church in the said Parish. Also,

A Petition of Samuel Hallett and Samuel Fairweather, praying to be reimbursed in the sum of £10, being the sum they have expended over and above that which was granted for the purpose of building a Bridge over Studholme's Mill Stream.

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

Mr. *Wetmore* presented a Petition of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Hampton and Norton, in King's County, praying for aid to enable them to improve a Public Road laid out by the Hon. Judge Upham, from his Farm on Hammond River, to Joseph Guthries on the Kennebeckacis River. And also

A Petition of sundry Persons, inhabitants of the upper part of the Parish of Hampton, praying aid to enable them to improve the Road leading to Quaco, from the Finger-board near the Widow Smith's on Hammond River, to Tabor's.

Ordered that the said Petitions be received and referred to the Committee, for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr. *P. Fraser* moved for leave to bring in a "A Bill to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of York, and for the making of Rules and Regulations for the management of the same."

Leave was granted.

Mr. *Wilnot* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill to encourage the Agriculture of the Province."

Leave was granted.

Mr. *P. Fraser* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing Thefts and disorders at the time of Fire."

Leave was granted.

Ordered that Mr. *Fraser* and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee to bring in "A Bill to continue the Laws now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province."

Mr. *Allen* presented a Petition of the inhabitants of the Nashwalksis settlement, praying for aid towards completing a Road from the River Saint John to the settlement, and for clearing the Nashwalksis Creek.

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

Mr. *Simonds* presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Parish of Ludlow, County of Northumberland, praying aid to assist them in removing Rocks, &c. from the white, black and grey rapids, in the south-west branch of the River Miramichi.

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

Mr. *Scott* presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of Queen's County, praying aid towards completing the Road leading from the River Saint John, near Richard Gurry's, in Waterborough, across the tongue of intervalle to the thoroughfare leading from the Grand Lake to the Mequapit Lake.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr. *Millidge* presented a Petition of the Mayor of St. John and others, pray-

ing for aid towards establishing a Seminary at St. John for the education of young Ladies, with other papers accompanying the same. Also,

A Petition of William Hutchinson, praying to be reimbursed the sum of £91 14 1 being the sum over and above the amount of his contract for building a Bridge over Little River in the County of Saint John, including articles stolen from him while performing the Contract.

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

The House pursuant to the order of the day, went into consideration of the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, and of sundry Freeholders of the County of York and Electors of Representatives for the same County, in General Assembly, complaining of an undue election for the same County.

Ordered that the House do now go into Committee on consideration of the said Petitions.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee that the House do go into the hearing of the parties upon the said Petitions with all convenient dispatch.

Which report the House agreed to.

Mr. *Peters* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill to empower the Firewards in the City of Saint John to pull down Houses for the purpose of preventing the spreading of Fires in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owners of such Houses." Also

A Bill in further addition to an Act, intituled, "An Act for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the City of Saint John."

Leave was granted.

On motion ordered, that Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, do furnish George D. Berton, late Sheriff of the County of York, with a Copy of their Petition, and also of the Petition of sundry Freeholders of the said County, and Electors of Representatives for the same County in General Assembly, complaining of an undue Election for the same County: And another copy of each of the said Petitions to the sitting Members of the County.

And further ordered that the Petitioners be heard by their Counsel, at the bar of this House, on Monday the third day of March next, and that Ezekiel Sloom, Samuel Grosvenor, William Jackson, Garret Clopper, Esquire, Thomas Phillips, David Phillips, William C. Williams, Henry Cronkite, junior, John Howard, George Hilman, do then attend at the bar of this House to give evidence of what they and each of them know as to matters depending on the said Petitions.

On motion, ordered that the order of the day for going into committee on "A Bill to amend and explain an Act, intituled, an Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province." be discharged and that the House will go into Committee on the said Bill to-morrow.

Read an engrossed Bill "For preventing the destruction of Fish in the Fishery on the Coast of Grand Manan.

Ordered thereupon, that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. Mackay and Mr. Millidge do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

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

FRIDAY, the 21st day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

## PRAYERS.

On motion, ordered, that Mr. *Peters* be added to the Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what further sums are wanted for improving and repairing the Great Roads of Communication in this Province, in the room of Mr. *Yeamans* whose Election has been determined to be void.

A Bill "further to continue the several Acts now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province," being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose, was read a first time.

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on "A Bill to amend and explain an Act, intituled, an Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Which report the House agreed to.

Ordered that the Bill be engrossed.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts reported, that they had attended to that duty, and that the Account marked

No. 1, Is an Abstract of the Light-House duties collected at Saint John in the year 1816, amounting to £570 : 7 : 2 and is accompanied by an Account Current, with the Light-House; balance £432 : 17 : 2 which is carried to the Credit of the General Account Current marked K.

No. 2, Contains the particular account of the ordinary Provincial Duties on Articles imported into Saint John, between 1st January and 31st December, 1816, amounting to £18941 : 13 : 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

No. 3, Is an Account of the entries of Goods imported into Saint John by non-residents, subject to the duty of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. between 1st January and 31st December, 1816, amounting to £645 : 10 : 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

No. 4, Is an abstract of Accounts of duties received and due the Province on Sales at Auction in Saint John, amounting to £815 : 3 : 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

No. 5, Is an abstract of Warrants issued by His Honor the PRESIDENT, and paid at the Province Treasury in the year 1816, amounting to £38619 : 4 : 10.

No. 6, Is an abstract of 107 Cases of drawbacks on dutiable Articles exported, paid out of the Province Treasury in 1816, amounting to £3777 : 6 : 10.

The Accounts marked A and B have been rendered by the Deputy Treasurer at Miramichi, from which it appears that the dutiable Articles imported into that place between 21st November, 1815, and 1st December, 1816, together with the duties on Goods imported by non-residents, between those periods, have produced a Revenue (after deducting the Deputy Treasurer's commission) of £3011 : 16 : 4. And by the Account Current, mark C, rendered by the said Deputy Treasurer, there appears to be a balance on Bonds remaining in his Office, not yet due, of £933 : 1 : 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The Accounts marked D, have been rendered by the Deputy Treasurer of Charlotte County, from which it appears that the ordinary duties on Merchandize imported into that County in the year 1816, together with the duties on Goods imported by non-residents, the duties on Oxen, Horses and Timber and the duty on Sales at Auction, have produced a Revenue (after deducting the Deputy Treasurer's commission) of £3783 : 15 : 2. And by the Account Current rendered by the said Deputy Treasurer up to 31st December, 1816, it appears that there was then a balance in his hands in Cash, Bonds, &c.



of £3079 : 1 : 8  
 Besides a balance remaining unpaid on Bonds taken by the  
 late Deputy Treasurer, £2491 : 3 : 8  
£5570 : 5 : 4

E, Is an Account Current rendered by the Deputy Treasurer of Westmorland, from which it appears that the amount of duties, together with £78 : 19 : 1½ received by him from the Estate of the late Deputy Treasurer, between 26th July, 1815, and 31st December, 1816, amounts to £548 : 18 : 3½  
 Towards which there appears to have been paid into the Province Treasury £54 : 18 : 6, this, with a commission of £6 : 2 : 0 charged by the Deputy Treasurer amounts to 61 : 0 : 6

Balance to be accounted for £487 : 17 : 9½

F, Is the Account Current of the Deputy Treasurer of York County, with the Province Treasurer, between 23d December, 1815, and 24th December, 1816, by which it appears, that with the old balance of £101 : 12 : 8½ and £88 received by him for duties between those periods, there remains a balance of £41 : 4 : 0 to be accounted for.

G, Is an Account rendered by the Deputy Treasurer of the District of St. Peter's, of Articles imported into that District, between the 1st May and 1st December, 1815, the duty upon which is £78 : 7 : 4½ and the late Treasurer gives him Credit for £75 : 13 : 3 received on account thereof.

He has rendered no Account for 1816; but, by the Treasurer's General Account, it appears that he has paid into the Province Treasury £23 : 19 : 7 in that year.

The Accounts marked H, have been rendered by the Deputy Treasurer at Shediac, and by them, it appears, that the net amount of Provincial duties received by him in the year 1815, amounted to £124 : 16 : 3½  
 And the net amount of do. in 1816, 240 : 11 : 3½  
£365 : 7 : 7

And by the report of the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts last Session, it appears he had remitted to the Province Treasury £185 : 13 : 2

And in the Treasurer's General Statement marked K, he gives Credit for £155 : 10 : 6, received from said Deputy Treasurer, £155 : 10 : 6 £341 : 3 : 8

Balance to be accounted for £24 3 11

I, Is an abstract of accounts of contingent expences incurred in the Province Treasury in the year 1816, including an account for Blanks, Advertising and Stationary £20 : 6 : 3; and two several accounts by John Chaloner for Guaging, &c. in 1816, amounting to £143 : 9 : 6.

*Note.* In John Chaloner's Account marked No. 2, there are two errors in calculation, making an overcharge of £5 : 10.

K, Is the general state of the Public Accounts---The Treasurer with the Province up to 31st December, 1816; balance in the Chest in Cash, Bonds, Notes and Bills £20636 : 11 : 8.

The Treasurer produced to this Committee, the vouchers necessary to elucidate and establish his Accounts; they are accurate and correct in every respect, and methodically stated---all of which is respectfully submitted to this Honorable House.

*Thomas Millidge,  
 Richard Simonds,  
 Rufus Smith,*

Fredericton, 20th February, 1817.

On motion ordered that the House do now go again into Committee upon



“ A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expences of Trials in the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

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

On which Resolution the House divided as follows :---

YEAS.

Mr. *P. Fraser*,  
 Mr. *Dow*,  
 Mr. *Allen*,  
 Mr. *Wilmot*,  
 Mr. *Miles*,  
 Mr. *Simonds*,  
 Mr. *Scovil*,  
 Mr. *Peters*,  
 Mr. *Ward*,  
 Mr. *Humbert*,  
 Mr. *Porter*,  
 Mr. *Pagan*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Speaker*,  
 Mr. *Campbell*,  
 Mr. *Mackay*,  
 Mr. *Brittain*,  
 Mr. *Wetmore*,  
 Mr. *Agnew*,  
 Mr. *Chapman*,  
 Mr. *Easterbrooks*,  
 Mr. *Smith*,

And it therefore passed in the affirmative.

Which Report the House agreed to.

Read an engrossed Bill “ For the more effectual preventing and further punishment of Forgery.”

Ordered thereupon, that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Wilmot* carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion, ordered that the House do now go again into Committee of the whole House, upon consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Mackay* from the Committee reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolutions :

Resolved that the following sums will be necessary to relieve the wants of the Inhabitants of the several Counties in this Province, to wit,

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|------------------------------|-------|
| City and County of St. John, | £1000 |
| County of Charlotte,         | 750   |
| County of York.              | 1200  |
| County of Northumberland,    | 1000  |
| County of Sunbury,           | 500   |
| Queen's County,              | 300   |
| King's County,               | 750   |
| County of Westmorland,       | 500   |

£6000

And that it was the opinion of the Committee that a Bill be brought in to provide for the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province occasioned by the failure of the last crop.”

Which report the House received.

Ordered thereupon, that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Wetmore* be a Committee to bring in a Bill to that effect.

A Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT.

“ NEW-BRUNSWICK,  
“ MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

“ 19th FEBRUARY, 1817.

“ H. W. HAILES.

“ The PRESIDENT has observed, in the Journal of the last Session, a Reso-  
“ lution to make provision for defraying the expence of running the Boundary  
“ Lines between several Counties of this Province; and finds, upon enquiry,  
“ that not only the Boundary Lines in question, but the Boundaries of all the  
“ Counties and Parishes, as well as all the Grants of Land in the Province,  
“ have hitherto been uncertain and indefinite, from having been referred to  
“ the magnetic meridian, which is known to be subject to a gradual variation  
“ of different extent in different places.

“ He therefore recommends to the consideration of the House, the making  
“ of adequate provision for ascertaining the present amount of this variation  
“ in such parts of the Province as the case may be found to require, in order  
“ to remove, without further loss of time, and prevent the future recurrence  
“ of those doubts and uncertainties in which all public and private Boundaries  
“ are now involved; which can be done only by finding their position in re-  
“ ference to the true meridian.”

“ H. W. H.”

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

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SATURDAY the 22d day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read a second time, “ A Bill further to continue the several Acts now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province.”

Ordered that the Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house, upon “ A Bill further to continue the several Acts now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

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

Read a first time, “ A Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled an Act for regulating Pilots.

Ordered that the Bill be now read a second time---which being read,

Ordered that the Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon “ A Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act intituled an Act for regulating Pilots.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Mackay* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with an amendment, which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read.

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

Read a second time, “ A Bill to alter and amend an Act, intituled an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province.”

Ordered

Ordered that the Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill to alter and amend an Act, intituled "An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred; and had agreed to the same with amendments, which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table where the same were read.

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

Mr. *Millidge* moved for leave to bring in "A Bill to regulate the exportation of dutiable Articles from and out of this Province."

Leave was granted.

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

MONDAY the 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read an engrossed Bill "in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled an Act for regulating Pilots." Also,

A Bill "to amend and explain an Act, intituled an Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province."

Ordered thereupon that the said Bills do pass, and that Mr. *Humbert* and Mr. *Chapman*, carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read an engrossed Bill "further to continue the several Acts now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province."

Ordered thereupon that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Wetmore*, carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

A Bill "to provide for the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop," being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose, was read a first time.

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

A, Is Charles I. Peters and Nathaniel Golding's account, with vouchers and affidavit of expenditure of the sum of £1379 : 18 : 4 on the Road from Saint John, towards Westmorland to the Finger-board. They Credit the sum of £1333 : 6 : 8 received from the Treasurer, leaving a balance of £46 : 11 : 8 overpaid by them.

No report accompanies these Accounts.

B, Is George Harding's account with vouchers, as one of the Supervisors for the Road between Worden's Ferry and the Missequash, stating that a district of that Road was by agreement with his brother Supervisors, allotted to him. He furnishes a Journal of his proceedings and a statement of the contracts he has entered into, amounting to £1055 : 13 : 10 which with his charge of 66 days for his attendance, being £66, makes the amount £1121 : 13 : 10. He gives Credit for £888 : 17 : 10 received from the Treasury, making the sum of £232 : 16 more that he has received; an affidavit is annexed to his statement and account.

C, Is James M^cNabb, Joseph Saunders and John Henderson's account with vouchers, as Supervisors for the Road from Fredericton to Northumberland Court-House, amounting to £2433 : 15 : 6. They give Credit for £2666 : 13 : 4 received out of the Treasury, and for £295, monies granted in the year 1814, for improving the Road on the Nashwalk, both sums being £2961 : 13 : 4, leaving

leaving a balance in their hands of £527 : 17 : 10. Affidavit is made to this account.

No report accompanies these accounts.

D, Is Henry Nase's account with vouchers, as one of the Supervisors for the Road from Fredericton to St. John, for work done on that part of it from the Devil's back Creek to the City, amounting to £767 : 4 : 3. Credit is given for £888 : 17 : 9, leaving a balance of £124 : 3 : 6 in his hands. It states that some further Contracts are made. Affidavit is made to the account.

No report accompanies the account.

E, Is James Brittain's account with vouchers, as one of the Supervisors for the Road from Fredericton to Saint John, for work done on that part of it from one mile and an half below Gage Town to the Devil's back Creek--- amount £1458 : 14 : 6. Credit is given for £1333 : 6 : 8 out of the Treasury, and for £91 received from John Golding, Esq. one of the Bye-Road Commissioners for Queen's County, both sums amounting to £1424 : 6 : 8 leaving a balance due to the Supervisors of £34 : 7 : 10. An affidavit is made to this account; and a report accompanying it, stating the progress, alterations and improvements on the Road.

F, Is account with vouchers and affidavits of John Mount, Thomas Wyer, jun. and Moses Vernon, Supervisors for the Road from Saint John to Saint Andrews, for work done and contracted for on that Road; an account current states the amount of their accounts to be £2907 : 8 : 2, and they give Credit for £2000 out of the Public Treasury, and for £75, the sum appropriated in 1814 for the Road from Clinches to Penfield, both sums amounting to £2075, leaving a balance due to them of £832 : 8 : 2.

Accompanying these Accounts, is a lengthy and particular report of the proceedings of the Supervisors, stating the utter impracticability of opening the Road so as to pass in the neighbourhood of Little and Great Dipper Harbour, and the necessity of their communicating with Musquash, by leaving these settlements some distance from where the road comes opposite them, and they recommend, that the present Road from Dipper Harbour and its neighbourhood, which communicates with the main Road, about two miles to the westward of Musquash, be adopted by the Province, and assistance given to improve it for the convenience of communication with these important settlements.

They also state the great advantage that will be derived by establishing one or more settlers on that Road, and point out the places they think best calculated for their settlements.

They refer to a plan of the Road in which the distances are particularly marked, and the number and length of the Bridges, &c. stated.

G, Is account with vouchers and affidavits of C. Hatch, John Campbell and G. De Veber, Supervisors for the Road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, for work done and contracted for on that Road. One account is of expenditure by C. Hatch and J. Campbell, two of the Supervisors of the sum of £1492 : 12 : 10. They give Credit for £1487 : 13 : 4 received out of the Public Treasury, leaving a balance of £4 : 19 : 6 due to them; another account is that of G. De Veber, Esq. the other Supervisor, amounting to £1039 : 7 : 7 for expenditure and contracts made by him. He gives Credit for £231 received from Peter Fraser, Esq. and for £512 : 13 : 4 out of the Public Treasury, both sums being £743 : 13 : 4, leaving a balance due to him of £295 : 14 : 3.

Two lengthy and particular reports accompany the accounts of their proceedings, stating the number and description of Bridges erected, the extent of wilderness opened, and of Causeways, &c. made, the quality of the Land through which the Road passes, and the large improvements yet necessary on the Road.---The number of Cattle that have passed that Road last season are mentioned, and it is stated that thereby much injury was done to such parts of the Road as had been newly improved.

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They inform, that the contracts they have entered into for the necessary opening the Road, to enable a free communication, will exceed the whole amount of monies appropriated to the amount of £122:7:5, which they pray may be refunded to them.

They recommend that encouragement be given for one or two settlers on the Road.

H. Is a second account of Charles I. Peters and Nathaniel Golding, with vouchers of expenditures and contracts to the amount of £599:3:2, as Supervisors on the Road towards Westmorland to the Finger-board; in this sum is included £46:11:8 mentioned as overpaid in their first report. They Credit £666:13:4 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance remaining in their hands of £67:10:2.

A report accompanies these, stating that they have been obliged to make one alteration in the road of about two miles and a quarter, to avoid several very high and impassable hills, at the distance of about ten miles from the City, which their funds did not enable them to make perfectly good, and that about £250 will be required to complete the same for carriages. They further state, that they have been unable to do any thing on the Road between the Ferry at Wetmore's and the lower part of Joseph Baxter's Farm, a distance of near ten miles, and that in their opinion £500 will be required to make the same perfectly good.

Ordered that the House receive the Report.

The following Bills were read a first time:---

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

“A Bill in further addition to an Act, intituled, An Act for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the City of Saint John.”

“A Bill to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of York, and for the making of Rules and Regulations for the management of the same.”

“A Bill to alter and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts.”

On motion made and seconded, ordered, that Mr. Mackay, Mr. Agnew, and Mr. Campbell be a Committee to bring in a Bill “to prevent injury to Bridges and Public Buildings, erected within this Province, and to punish Persons who may be guilty of the same.”

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

TUESDAY the 25th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that the House do now go into Committee of the whole House, upon the consideration of the following Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT, to wit,

“NEW-BRUNSWICK.

“MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

“14th FEBRUARY, 1817.

“H. W. HAILES.

“The PRESIDENT taking into consideration the great augmentation of Public business before His Majesty's Council, arising from the numerous applications made to them by individuals from all parts of the Province, and by various duties imposed on them by Acts of the General Assembly; and impres-

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“ sed with the necessity in order to promote the general interests of the Province, of disposing of such business with all possible dispatch, and considering that no recompence whatever is made to the Members attending for these important purposes, recommends to the consideration of the House of Assembly, the making of a suitable provision for a quorum of the Council, in order to enable him with the more confidence, to call upon those gentlemen to give their time and attention to those highly important provincial duties, the discharge of which must otherwise necessarily be greatly impeded and delayed.”

“ H. W. H.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of His Honor's Message; and that in the Committee the following resolution was moved and seconded :---

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee, that His Honor's Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On which resolution the Committee divided, and it passed in the negative.

And that he was directed by the Committee to report that it was their opinion, that the further consideration of the said Message be postponed.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read an engrossed Bill “ to alter and amend an Act, intituled an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province.”

Ordered thereupon that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Wilnot* carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read a second time, a Bill “ to provide for the necessities of the inhabitants of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop.”

Ordered that the said Bill be committed to-morrow.

Read a second time, A Bill “ to alter and amend an Act, intituled an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts.”

Ordered thereupon that the said Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill “ to alter and amend an Act, intituled an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read a second time, a Bill “ in further addition to an Act, intituled an Act for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen within the City of St. John.”

Ordered thereupon that the Bill be now committed.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair,

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee to report the following resolution, to wit,

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk of the Peace for the County of York, do forthwith furnish a certified copy of the Poll-Book for the late Election, for the said County; for the information of the Members of this House.

Read

Read a second time, a Bill "to empower the Firewards in the City of Saint John to pull down houses, for the purpose of preventing the spreading of Fires in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or owners of such houses."

Ordered thereupon, that the said Bill be committed on Thursday next.

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

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WEDNESDAY the 26th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Mackay being reported sick, ordered that Mr. Campbell accompany Mr. Millidge to the Council, with "A Bill for preventing the destruction of Fish in the Fishery on the coast of Grand Manan."

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the public service.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pagan took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice Saunders delivered the Message.

"Mr. Speaker,

"The Council have agreed to the Bill further to continue the several Acts now in force, for raising a Revenue in this Province; and also,

"To the Bill to amend and explain an Act, intituled an Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province,

"And the Council have agreed to the Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled an Act for regulating Pilots," with amendments; and then Mr. Justice Saunders withdrew.

Mr. Pagan resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Pagan from the Committee, reported the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as follow :

Resolved that there be granted to the Commissioners for superintending the repairs of the Government House, the balance of an account exhibited by them being *eighteen pounds one shilling and tenpence.*

To the Commissioners for superintending the repairs of the Government House, the further sum of *two hundred and fifty pounds* to repair the same and the Out-buildings, and the further sum of *twenty pounds* for Fuel, consumed in airing the building.

To Thomas Wetmore, Esquire, the Attorney General for this Province, for past services, the sum of *one hundred pounds.*

To John Robinson, Esquire, Treasurer of the Province, for his services from the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, to the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the sum of *five hundred pounds.*

To Nathaniel Atcheson, Esquire, Secretary to the Society of British North American Merchants, and Agent for some of His Majesty's North American Colonies, for his services from February, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, to February, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the sum of *one hundred pounds sterling*, to be remitted by the committee of correspondence.

To such person as His Honor the PRESIDENT may appoint, a sum not exceeding the sum of *one hundred and fifty pounds* for the support of a Packet, to ply between Digby and Saint John for one year, to commence from the

fifth day of April next; provided a similar provision is made by the Legislature of the Province of Nova-Scotia, and no Packet is established at the exclusive expence of the General Post-Office for that purpose.

To John Pendlebury in full for past services, in keeping a Packet plying between Saint John and Saint Andrews, the sum of *fifty pounds*;

And resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the establishment of a Courier between those two places, will render such provincial aid in future unnecessary.

To the Treasurer of the Province to defray expences incurred by him for Stationary, &c. for the year 1816, the sum of *twenty pounds six shillings and three pence*.

To John Chaloner for gauging and weighing in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, the sum of *one hundred and thirty-seven pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence*.

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

Ordered that the said report be accepted and leave granted: And

Further ordered that the said Resolutions together with the Resolutions of the 10th and 13th inst. be engrossed, and that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Ward* do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the further consideration of a Bill "to alter and amend an Act, intituled, an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

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

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon a Bill "to provide for the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province occasioned by the failure of the last crop."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Chipman* delivered the Message.

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"The Council have passed a Resolution that it is expedient that a joint Address be prepared by the Council and the House of Assembly, to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, on the subject of the Executive Administration of the Government in this Province, with the view that such alteration may be made relating thereto, as to His Royal Highness may seem meet, conformably to the original constitution of this Provincial Government."

"To which resolution the Council desire the concurrence of this Honorable House."

And then Mr. Justice *Chipman* withdrew.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read a second time "A Bill to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of York, and for the making of Rules and Regulations for the management of the same."

Ordered



Ordered that the said Bill be now committed.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

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

THURSDAY the 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Resolved, that the House do agree with the Council on the expediency of addressing His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT on the subject of the Executive Administration of the Government of this Province, and with the view that such alteration may be made relating thereto, as His Royal Highness may deem meet, and in conformity to the original constitution of the Provincial Government, and that this House will join the Council in preparing an Address for that important purpose.

Ordered thereupon, that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Fraser*, be a Committee to meet the Committee of the Council to prepare such Address, and that they acquaint the Council therewith.

The House, according to order, went into consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled an Act for regulating Pilots.

And the same were read and are as follow, to wit,

Section 1, At A insert "by the Wardens of the Ports respectively, where such Pilot shall have been approved and appointed."

At B dele "disqualify," and insert "to remove from his office."

At C dele "disqualification," and insert "removal."

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

Thereupon ordered, that Mr. *Humbert* and Mr. *Porter*, carry the Bill with the amendments to the Council.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. *Agnew*, that Donald Kennedy and Joseph Merceraule, do attend at the Bar of this House, on Monday the 3d day of March next, at 11 o'Clock in the forenoon of the same day, to testify on the part of the sitting Members for the County of York, all and singular what they or either of them know relating to the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, complaining of an undue Election for the same County.

Read an engrossed Bill "to alter and amend an Act, intituled an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

Ordered thereupon, that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. *Peters* and Mr. *Porter*, do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of a Bill "to provide for the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

title of a Bill "to provide for the relief of the Poor, and for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop."

Ordered that the report be accepted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill "to empower the Firewards in the City of Saint John, to pull down houses for the purpose of preventing the spreading of fires in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owners of said houses."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

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

On motion, ordered that John Bedell, James Upham and James York, Esqs. John D. Beardsley and Jacob Allan, do attend at the Bar of this House, on Monday the 3d March next, to give evidence of what they and each of them know as to matters depending on the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, and also the Petition of several others, Freeholders and Electors of Representatives in General Assembly, complaining of an undue Election for the same County.

Mr. *Wilmot*, by leave of the House, presented a Petition of William Segee, praying for compensation for damages sustained by him in consequence of an alteration made by the Supervisors of that part of the Great Road of Communication, leading from Fredericton to Saint John, of the Road leading through his Farm.

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

The following Bills were read a first time :---

"A Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled an Act against the profanation of the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday."

"A Bill to encourage the Agriculture of the Province."

"A Bill to regulate the exportation of dutiable Articles from and out of this Province."

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

FRIDAY, the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read an engrossed Bill "to provide for the relief of the Poor, and for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop."

Ordered thereupon, that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Millidge*, do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read a second time, a "Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled an Act against the profanation of the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday."

Ordered that the Bill be now committed.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read

Read a second time, a Bill "to encourage the Agriculture of the Province."

Ordered that the Bill be now committed.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* from the Committee, reported that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with amendments, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same, under the title of a "Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, on new Land in this Province."

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

A Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT.

" NEW-BRUNSWICK,  
" MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

" 26th FEBRUARY, 1817.

" H. W. HAILES.

" The PRESIDENT directs to be laid before the House of Assembly, an account amounting to £8 : 16 : 8 for preparing and registering the Deeds of Conveyance of the Government House, an account amounting to £1 : 19 : 4 expenses of a Copy of the Gypsum Law to be sent to Halifax at the last Session, and an account of the King's Printer for public Printing, amounting to £32 : 12, and recommends it to the House to make provision for payment of the same.

" H. W. H."

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

SATURDAY the 1st day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of a Bill "to give effect to and to prevent the evasion of an Act, intituled an Act for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Peters* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into further consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with amendments, and that he was directed by the Committee to report the same under the title of a Bill "to amend and render more effectual an Act, intituled "An Act for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province."

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

Read a first time, a Bill "in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."

Ordered that the said Bill be now read a second time; which being read, ordered that the same be now committed.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

Mr. *Pagan*, pursuant to leave, presented a Bill "in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act more effectually to prevent the incumbering or filling up of Harbours, and to authorise the appointment of Harbour-masters."

Ordered that the said Bill be read a first time.

The following Bills were read a first time, to wit,

A Bill "to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to impose a duty on certain articles imported into this Province."

A Bill "to regulate Pedlars."

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of a Bill "in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act against the profanation of the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into further consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with amendments; and that he was directed by the Committee to report the same under the title of a "Bill against profaning the Lord's day, called Sunday, and for suppressing vice and immorality."

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

Read a second time, a Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act more effectually to prevent the incumbering or filling up of Harbours, and to authorise the appointment of Harbour-masters."

Ordered that the said Bill be now committed.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted and the Bill be engrossed.

Read a first time, a Bill "to amend an Act, intituled an Act to impose a duty on certain Articles imported into this Province."

Ordered that the Bill be committed on Monday next.

Read a second time, a "Bill to regulate Pedlars."

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

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

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MONDAY the 3d day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read the following engrossed Bills:---

A Bill, "to amend and render more effectual an Act, intituled an Act for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province."

A Bill "to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Land."

A Bill "in amendment of an Act, intituled An Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province."

A Bill "to empower the Firewards in the City of Saint John to pull down Houses, for the purpose of preventing the spreading of Fires in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or owners of such Houses."

Ordered thereupon, that the same Bills do pass, and that Mr. *Mackay* and Mr. *Campbell* do carry them to the Council and desire their concurrence.

A Bill "to prevent injury to Bridges and other Public Buildings erected within this Province, and to punish persons who may be guilty of the same;"

Was presented by the Committee appointed for that purpose, and read a first time.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave of the House, presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of the County of Charlotte, praying that steps may be taken to remove the reservations on certain Lands in the same County.

Ordered

Ordered that the Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to impose a duty on certain Articles imported into this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew* from the Committee, reported that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with amendments; and that he was directed by the Committee to report the same under the title of a Bill "to impose a duty on neat Cattle, Horses, and certain other Articles imported into this Province."

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

On motion, ordered that the order of the day, for the hearing of the petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason and others, complaining of an undue Election for the County of York be discharged, and that the parties be heard by their Counsel at the Bar of this House to-morrow.

The Committee appointed to examine and liquidate public and private accounts reported as follows:---to wit,

No. 1, Is James Hay, Junr. and John Jordan's account with vouchers and affidavits of work done under their direction on the Loch Lomond Roads.--- Amount of expenditure £160:10. They give Credit for £175 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance in their hands of £14:10. They state the particulars and extent of improvements, and the want of further aid to build Bridges; and they request that vouchers No. 3 and 7, may be returned to them.

No. 2, Is account with vouchers of Daniel Shaw, one of the Commissioners for the Road between Joseph Wolverton's and Laurence Wiltsey's, of £75 expended by him on that Road. It appears he had received this sum out of the Treasury.

No. 3, Is Daniel Shaw's account with vouchers and affidavits of the sum of £50 laid out on a Bridge on Tearley's Creek. It appears he has received this sum out of the Treasury. He states that the money has been expended in framing and raising the Bridge, that covering is still wanted for it, and labor required for sloping the hills at each end of the Bridge; and that £75 will be yet required to complete that work and pay sundry small balances still due, which balances he states to be £14:13:9.

No. 4, Is Handford Bostwick's account with vouchers and affidavit of the expenditure of £25 on the Road from Handford Bostwick's to Bates's Mills. He acknowledges receipt of this sum out of the Treasury.

No. 5, Is Aaron Esty's account with vouchers of the sum of £42:2:9 expended in clearing the Channel of the Nashwalksis stream. It appears that he has received £40 out of the Treasury, leaving a balance due him of £2:2:9.

No. 6, Is David Wetmore's account with vouchers and affidavit, as Commissioner for improving the Road from Gidney's to Palmer's, amounting to £114:4:9. He gives Credit for £100 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance due to him of £14:4:9. He submits a blank charge of 5 days for his services in the business.

No. 7, Is John Mullin's account with vouchers and affidavit, as Commissioner on the Road between Belisle and Washademoac, of expenditure of £100 on that Road. He gives Credit for that amount received from the Treasury.

No. 8, Is William Tylor, Commissioner's account with vouchers and affidavit of the sum of £50 expended on the Road from Sherman's to the North River. He gives Credit for this sum received out of the Treasury.

No. 9, Is a Letter from Calvin L. Hatheway, to William F. Odell, Esq. accompanied by an account amounting to £65:3 expended by him on the

Road in Gage-Town. He acknowledges that a balance of £34:17 remains in his hands. No affidavit accompanies this account.

No. 10, Is James Donald, Senr. Commissioner's account of the expenditure of £187:1 on the Forks of Kean's River to the Elm Tree. He acknowledges receipt of £230. Charges £26:6 delivered to Joseph Saunders, Esq. and also the sum of £16:18:6 "for superintending the whole and going to Fredericton," which balances the account.

No. 11, Is Alexander Humphrey's account with vouchers of the expenditure by him as Commissioner on the Road from Maguagadavic to Digdeguash Rivers, of the sum of 149:14:6. He Credits the amount of £150 received out of the Treasury, leaving a balance of 5s. 6d. in his hands. No affidavit is annexed to this account.

No. 12, Is James Easterbrook's account with vouchers and affidavit, of the expenditure of the sum of £125 received from the Treasury, on the Road from the Head of the Mill Pond to Beech Ridge.

No. 13, Is report of William Pagan and Thomas Wyer, Junr. Commissioners for establishing a Courier from Saint John to Saint Andrews, stating their having paid the said Courier (regularly) quarterly,---That the service has been faithfully performed, and a regular communication kept up weekly, whereby Letters have been conveyed not only from Saint John to Saint Andrews, but also to and from the United States. They acknowledge receipt of £100 from the Public Treasury in January last, to defray the expences of a Courier.

No. 14, Is William Pagan's report as Commissioner for establishing a Courier from Saint John to the Finger-board, stating that a Courier has been established, and the communication regularly kept up every fortnight, and the Courier paid quarterly. He acknowledges receipt of £50 last January out of the Treasury, to defray the expence of a Courier.

No. 15, Is Charles I. Peters's account as Commissioner for the Road between the eight mile Lake and the Hammond River. It states in the Debit, the sum of £382:4:6 being amount of account furnished and reported on in a former Session---charges £12:10 paid Nathaniel Golding per receipt accompanying the account; and also the sum of L.5:15:6 as compensations for services and expences in expending the sum of L.400 on that Road. He Credits the sum of L.400 appropriated in 1812, and received by him.

No. 16, Is Colin Campbell's account with vouchers, as one of the Commissioners (with John Watson) for the Road from Cheputnecticook Ridge to St. Stephen; the Road from Bass-wood Ridge to St. Stephen, and for Causewaying the long swamp between these Ridges, for which the sum of L.150 was appropriated. The expenditure amounts to L.143:10 leaving a balance of L.6:10 in the hands of the Commissioners to be further expended.

No. 17, Is James Cowperthwait's account with vouchers and affidavit, as Commissioner for the Crossway in Waterborough. The expenditure amounts to L.88:5, and he gives Credit for L.100 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of L.21:15 remaining in his hands.

No. 18, Is Richard Earle's account with vouchers and affidavit of the sum of £61:13 expended by him as Commissioner for the Road from St. John River to the Thoroughfare. He credits the sum of £110 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of £48:7 in his hands, which he states could not be properly expended, owing to the lateness of the season.

No. 19, Is John Charter's Account with vouchers and affidavit of the sum of £192:5 expended by him on the Road from Peticodiac to Shediac. No mention is made of Money received by him out of the Treasury.

No. 20, Is Thomas G. Cunliffe's account with vouchers and affidavit of the sum of £50 laid out by him between Richmond and the River Saint John: Accompanying these is an account of his, amount, £12, for services in superintending and inspection of the work.---This sum is not included in the account

account of £50 exhibited. Credit is given for £50 received from the Treasury.

No. 21, Is William Golder's account with vouchers and affidavit, of the sum of £102 : 17 : 3 laid out by him on the Road between Moncton and Kiswick. Credit is given for £100 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance due to him of £2 : 17 : 3.

No. 22, Is Stair Agnew's account with vouchers of the sum of £64 : 5 expended by him on the Road from Nashwalk to the upper line of Sunbury County. He gives credit of £100 received from the Treasury, and charges the sum of £35 : 15 paid over by him to John Sterling, the other Commissioner for that Road, which balances the account.

No. 23, Is John Sterling's account with vouchers and affidavit of the sum of £40 : 5 expended by him (as one of the Commissioners with Stair Agnew) on the Road from Nashwalk to Sunbury line. In this account is included £7 charged by him for work, (surveying.) He gives credit for L.35 : 15 received from Stair Agnew, leaving a balance due to him of L.4 : 10.

No. 24, Is John Kellor and John Chapman's account with vouchers, of the sum of L.197 : 4 expended on the Road from M<sup>c</sup>Eachran's Bridge to Shediac. In this account is included L.10 charged by the Commissioners for laying out and overseeing said Road. They give credit for L.200 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of L.2 : 16 in their hands. No affidavit accompanies this account.

No. 25, Is John De Veber's account with a voucher and affidavit of the expenditure of L.23 on the Causeway leading from the back Road to Samuel Munroe's. He gives credit for L.25 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of L.2 remaining in his hands.

No. 26, Is John De Veber's account with vouchers and affidavit of the expenditure of L.29 : 16 : 3 on the Road from the County of York into the County of Sunbury. He credits the sum of L.30 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of 3s. 9d. in his hands. Accompanying Mr. De Veber's account are particulars of his charge for attendance and overseeing work on the Causeway and Sunbury Road, amounting to L.5 which is not included in any other of his accounts.

No. 27, Is Samuel Smith's account with vouchers and affidavit of L.24 : 10 laid out by him on the Road from Samuel Smith's in Hampton to I. Smith's Mill in Norton, he gives credit for L.25 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of 10s. in his hands.

No. 28, Is Samuel Upton, junr's. account with affidavit of the expenditure of L.76 : 11 : 10 on the Road from Oak Point to the Mills on Little River. He gives credit for L.75 received from the Treasury, leaving the sum of L.1 : 11 : 10 due to him. No vouchers accompany this account.

No. 29, Is George Henry Hazen's accounts with vouchers and affidavit of expenditure by him of L.25 on the Road from Hopewell to Martin's Head. He gives credit for L.25 received from the Treasury.

No. 30, Is Phineas Davidson's account of money expended on the Road from Caul's Cove to Patrick Taylor's, amounting to L.48 : 7 : 6. No voucher except an affidavit accompanies this account, and no credit is given for any money received.

No. 31, Is William F. Odell's account stating the payment by him to W. Miller, Esq. of L.50 received out of the Treasury, to be laid out on the Road from Fredericton to Maryland. Mr. Miller's receipt accompanies this account.

No. 32, Is Martin Chapman's account with vouchers of money expended on the Road leading from Dorchester Island to the Main, amounting to L.20. He gives credit for this sum received from the Treasury. No affidavit accompanies this account.



No. 33, Is Nathan Niblock's account with vouchers and affidavit of the sum of L.50 expended on the Road from Digdeguash to Pleasant Ridge. Credit is given for this sum received from the Treasury.

No. 34, Is James Price's account with vouchers and affidavit of the expenditure of L.52 : 2 : 1 on the Road from New Canaan to the Butternut Ridge. He gives credit for L.100 received from the Treasury, leaving in his hands a balance of L.47 : 17 : 11.

No. 35, Is Joshua Upham's account with vouchers and affidavit of the sum of L.140 laid out by him on the Road between Tabor's and Quaco. He credits L.150 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of L.10 in his hands, which he states he purposes to lay out next summer.

No. 36, Is Andrew Joslin's account with vouchers and affidavit of the sum of L.100 expended on the Road from Kelley's Farm to Jacob Ellegood's, and L.50 for a Bridge over Kelley's Creek. He acknowledges receipt of L.150 from the Treasury. A particular journal of his proceedings accompanies his account.

No. 37, Is Peter Hume's account with affidavit of the sum of L.66 : 7 : 6 expended on the Road from Oak-point to the Mills on Little River. He gives Credit for L.75 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of L.8 : 12 : 6 in his hands. No voucher, except the affidavit accompanies this account.

No. 38, Is James Tilley's account with vouchers and affidavit of L.29 : 16 : 6 expended on Loder's Creek. He Credits L.50 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of L.20 : 3 : 6 in his hands, which he proposes expending in the Spring.

No. 39, Is Lewis Pickett's account with affidavit of the expenditure of L.36 : 1 : 3 on the Road between Kingston and Guthrie's. He Credits the sum of L.37 : 10 received from the Treasury. No vouchers, except the affidavit, accompany this account.

No. 40, Is Henry A. Scovil's account with vouchers and affidavit of the expenditure of L.37 : 10 on the Kingston and Guthrie Road. He gives Credit for this sum received out of the Treasury.

A Message from the Council.

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

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to a Bill " to provide for the relief of the Poor and for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop, with amendments;" and then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the consideration of the Bill " to regulate Pedlars."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

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

TUESDAY the 4th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read the following engrossed Bills:---

A Bill " in amendment of an Act, intituled " An Act more effectually to prevent the incumbering or filling up of harbours, and to authorise the appointment of Harbour-masters."



A Bill "against profaning the Lord's day, called Sunday, and for suppressing vice and immorality."

Ordered thereupon, that the same Bills do pass, and that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Ward*, do carry them up to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The order of the day being read,

The following order was moved by Mr. *Humbert*, and seconded, to wit,

Ordered, that the order of the day, for the hearing of the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, and another Petition of sundry Freeholders and Electors of Representatives in General Assembly, complaining of an undue Election for the County of York, be discharged, owing to two material evidences being absent; and that the Parties be heard by their Counsel at the Bar of this House to-morrow---

Upon which the question was put, and it passed in the negative.

The House then went into the hearing of the Parties, upon the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, as far as relates to the charge against Stair Agnew, Esq. for bribery and corruption. Counsel for the sitting Members was admitted as well as Counsel for the Petitioner.

After some time spent in argument by the Counsel, they were ordered to withdraw.

The Counsel were ordered to be re-admitted; and were again ordered to withdraw.

The Counsel were again ordered to be admitted, and were ordered to withdraw.

And on motion, ordered that the further hearing of the Parties be postponed until to-morrow.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of a Bill "to regulate Pedlars."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion, resolved that the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled, a Bill "to provide for the relief of the Poor, and for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop," are a direct interference with the privileges of this House, as they alter the manner of disposing of the monies therein granted.

Ordered thereupon, that the said Bill with the amendments, be rejected.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

WEDNESDAY the 5th day of MARCH, 1817.

Read an engrossed Bill "to impose a duty on neat Cattle, Horses, and certain other articles imported into this Province."

Ordered thereupon, that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. *Humbert* and Mr. *Chapman*, do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read a second time a Bill "to prevent injury to Bridges and other Public Buildings erected within this Province, and to punish persons who may be guilty of the same."

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

On motion, ordered that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Humbert*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the relief of the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop.

It appearing to the House, that Henry Cronkite, Junr. and Thomas Phillips, two of the witnesses that were named in the order of the House of the 20th February, to give evidence on the Petitions complaining of an undue Election for York County, will be material witnesses on the hearing of the said Petitions. ---thereupon ordered, that the said Henry Cronkite, Junr. and Thomas Phillips do, without delay, appear at the Bar of this House, to give evidence of what they, and each of them know, as touching the allegations in the said Petitions.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the further consideration of the Bill "to regulate Pedlars."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* from the Committee, reported that they had made further progress in the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion, ordered, that the order of the day for the hearing of the parties upon the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, and another Petition of sundry Freeholders and Electors of Representatives in General Assembly, complaining of an undue Election for the County of York, be discharged, and that the Parties be heard by their Counsel, at the Bar of this House to-morrow.

On motion, ordered that Mr. *Peters* and Mr. *Wetmore*, be a Committee of this House to examine John Howard, as to what he knows of matters depending on the Petitions of Henry Smith, Esquire, and Jedediah Slason, complaining of undue Election for the County of York, and that the Clerk of the House do attend the same.

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

THURSDAY the 6th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Bill "to provide for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop," being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Ordered that it be now read a first time.

The House in Committee.

Mr. *Millidge* in the Chair,

Went into consideration of a Bill "to prevent injury to Bridges and other Public buildings erected within this Province, and to punish persons who may be guilty of the same."

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Millidge* from the Committee, reported they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under the title of a Bill "to prevent injury to Bridges and other Public works, and Buildings erected within this Province, and to punish persons who may be guilty of the same," with amendments;" which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read.

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

The House in Committee.

Mr. *Allen* took the Chair of the Committee, went into further consideration of a Bill "to regulate Pedlars."

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message.

" Mr.

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread-corn on new Lands; and also to the Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled “ An Act more effectually to prevent the incumbering or filling up of Harbours, and to authorise the appointment of Harbour-masters,” with amendments; and also to a Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled “ An Act to encourage the establishment of Schools in this Province,” with amendments; and then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Allen* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under the title of a Bill to regulate Hawkers and Pedlars; which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, which was read.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill “ in amendment of the Act to encourage the establishment of Schools,” which amendments being read, are as follow, viz :

Amendments to the Bill in amendment of the Act “ to encourage the establishment of Schools.”

Sec. I. At A dele “ nor more than *one hundred and fifty pounds* for one year,” and insert “ as provided in the second section of the said herein-before recited Act; but that the sum may be increased to the sum of *one hundred and fifty pounds* and no more, instead of the sum of *ninety pounds* limited in the same section, any thing in the same Act to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Sec. II. Dele this section and insert “ and whereas in and by the ninth section of the said herein-before recited Act, it is provided that no larger sum than *sixty pounds* shall be paid out of the Treasury of the Province to the Schools in any one Town or Parish in any one year: *Be it further enacted*, That the said sum may be increased to the sum of *one hundred pounds*, any thing in the same Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. III. Dele this section and insert “ and whereas in and by the eleventh section of the said Act, it is enacted that at the several Schools so to be established, when the same shall be provided for, and supported by assessment upon the inhabitants, the Scholars shall be taught free from all expence whatsoever, other than their own Books and Stationary, and individual proportion of Fuel: *Be it further enacted*, That in cases of Children being sent to the same Schools by any person not included in the same assessment, such person shall pay such Tuition money as shall be required by the Trustees of such School or Schools.

Sec. IV. Dele the section and insert “ *Provided always, and be it further enacted*, That no assessment shall be made under and by virtue of this or of the said herein-before recited Act, in the City of Saint John, or in the Towns of Fredericton or Saint Andrew.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5th March, 1817.

Read and agreed to, and sent down for concurrence.

WM. F. ODELL, Clerk.

And the said amendments being severally read, and the question severally put thereupon; were not concurred in by the House.

The House, according to order, went into consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill in amendment of an Act “ to prevent the incumbering and filling up of Harbours;” and the same were read, and are as follow:

Amendments to the Bill in amendment of the Act “ to prevent the incumbering and filling up of Harbours.”

Preamble.

Preamble. At A insert "made perpetual by an Act made and passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign."

Sec. I. At A insert "in case two Justices shall not be found residing at or within ten miles of the place where such offence shall be committed."

At B dele the remainder of the Bill and insert "II. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall continue and be in force for two years and no longer.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 6th March, 1817.

Read and agreed to, and sent down for concurrence.

WM. F. ODELL, Clerk.

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

Ordered, that Mr. Mackay and Mr. Wilmot, do carry the Bill with the amendments to the Council.

Read a second time, a Bill "to provide for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late Crop."

Ordered that the Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill "to provide for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late Crop."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Smith from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with an amendment; which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read.

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

A Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Prishes in this Province." being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Ordered that it be now read a first time.

The Committee appointed to examine and liquidate Public and Private accounts further reported that they had attended to that duty, and that

I, Is account with vouchers and affidavit of D. Morehouse, Thomas C. Lee, and George D. Berton, Supervisors of the Road from Fredericton towards Canada. The amount of monies paid and contracts made is £3007 : 12 : 6.--- They give Credit for £55 received from W. F. Odell, Esq. and Warrants on the Treasury for £3000, which, when paid, will leave a balance in their hands of L 47 : 7 : 2.

A lengthy and particular report accompanies the accounts, stating the progress they have made; the difficulties they have met with in following the directions proposed for the Road, and the necessity they found of making some alterations. That in the course of the Road, they found it necessary to interfere with some improved Lands; and that in one instance, a verdict of a jury, judged the damage at L.300, which they thought themselves not justified in paying, and state, that beside this, a large sum will be claimed for passing with the Road in the same route; and submit their situation to the Legislature for advice and direction. They state the great expence of building a Bridge over the large stream Maduxwawick in Woodstock, and propose a floating Bridge there.

They refer to two plans which accompany their report, and state, that owing to the very uneven situation of the Ground, through which the Road goes, together with the many streams, &c. over which it passes, a large sum of money will be required to keep up the communication.

K, Is Edward W. Miller's account with affidavit, as one of the Supervisors of the Road from Fredericton to St. John, stating expenditure and contracts to the amount of L.1514 : 1 : 4, and giving Credit for L.1333 : 6 : 8, leaving a balance due to him of L.180 : 14 : 8. No vouchers accompany the account.

A particular report accompanies this account, stating the necessity the Commissioners found of making an alteration in the Road, the progress made by building Bridges and other improvements; representing the necessity of building a Bridge over Baker's Creek, the cost estimated at *L.300*, and of mending the Road between Burpe's Mill and Gage-Town, the cost estimated at *L.200*, and that a considerable sum will also be wanted to improve the Road at Swan and Little Swan Creek, and likewise about *L.120* to finish the Bridge across Mr. Street's Meadow. He requests that the balance of *L.180:14:8* may be paid him to make good his contracts.

*L.* Is Benjamin Wilson's account with vouchers and affidavit, as one of the Supervisors for the Road from Fredericton to Westmorland, between Worden's Ferry and the Misseguash, stating the expenditure by him of *L.989:5:2* on that part of the Road from the Bend to the Misseguash. He Credits *L.888:17:9* received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of *L.100:7:5* due to him.

A distinct and particular report accompanies the account, stating the allotment to each Supervisor of separate parts of the Road, after they had together examined the whole rout. That they found it necessary to agree on various alterations in the Road,—the manner in which he has carried on the improvements in his District are related, and the alterations from the former Road noted and explained. He states, that beside the balance advanced, he is in arrears above *L.100* for labor performed. That only two thirds of the monies allotted, have been received by him and his Brother Supervisors, and that very considerable sums of money will be further wanted to complete said Road.

An estimate is also furnished of the various improvements wanted, amounting to *L.1475*; and a further statement is made by Mr. Wilson, that in his opinion, the Road between Worden's Ferry to the Head of the Belisle Bay, a distance of 16 or 17 miles, will require from *L.6000* to *L.10,000* to make it a complete Carriage Road; and that the old Road from the Jemseg to the Belisle, can be made a good Road for *L.2000*, and will save the distance of at least 15 miles.

Ordered that the House accept the report.

Ordered, that the order of the day for the hearing of the parties on the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, and another Petition of sundry Freeholders and Electors of Representatives in General Assembly, complaining of an undue Election for the County of York, be discharged.

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

FRIDAY, the 7th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The Committee appointed to take the examination of John Howard, relating to the matters contained in the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason and others, Freeholders and Electors of Representatives in General Assembly, complaining of an undue Election for the County of York; having attended to that duty, reported the examination in writing to the House.

Mr. *P. Fraser* by leave presented a Bill, "to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Mary owning any Island or Islands, or any part or parts of any Island or Islands in Kingsclear, to pay taxes assessed for the same to the support of the Parish in which they reside."

Ordered that the Bill be now read a first time.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the consideration of the report of the Committee appointed to examine and liquidate public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message.

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ His Majesty’s Council have agreed to a Bill ‘to impose a duty on neat Cattle, Horses, and certain other articles imported into this Province,’ with amendments, to which the Council desire the concurrence of this Honorable House;” and then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk of the Peace for the County of York, does forthwith attend at the Bar of this House, with the original Poll Book of the late Election for the said County, on the hearing of that part of the allegations contained in the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, which relates to the charge against Stair Agnew, Esquire, for bribery and corruption.

The House, according to the order of the day, went into consideration of that part of the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, complaining of an undue Election for the County of York, which relates to the charge against Stair Agnew, Esquire, for bribery and corruption.

Counsel was admitted as well on the part of the Petitioners, as on the part of the sitting Members.

The Counsel were ordered to withdraw.

The Counsel were re-admitted.

The Counsel were ordered to withdraw.

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

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SATURDAY the 8th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read an engrossed Bill “to prevent injury to Bridges and other Public works, and buildings erected within this Province, and to punish persons who may be guilty of the same.”

Ordered thereupon, that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. *Mackay* and Mr. *Brittain*, do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House went into the further hearing of the parties upon that part of the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, complaining of an undue Election for the County of York, which relates to the charge of the said Henry Smith, against Stair Agnew, Esquire, for bribery and corruption.

The Counsel were ordered to be re-admitted as well on the part of the Petitioner as on the part of the sitting Member.

The Counsel were ordered to withdraw.

After which the following resolution was moved and seconded:

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the said allegations contained in the same part of the Petition, are not supported, and that they appear to this House frivolous and vexatious.

And it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered thereupon, that the said Stair Agnew, take his seat accordingly.

On motion, ordered that the expences incurred by the attendance of Witnesses on the hearing of that part of the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, complaining of an undue Election for the County of York, which relates to the allegations of Henry Smith, against Stair Agnew, Esquire for bribery

bribery and corruption, be defrayed by the said Henry Smith, with the usual costs.

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

MONDAY the 10th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read the following engrossed Bills:

A Bill "to provide for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late Crop."

A Bill "to regulate Hawkers and Pedlars."

Ordered thereupon, that the same Bills do pass; and that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Ward*, carry the same Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read a second time, a Bill "in amendment of an Act, intituled An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes in the Province."

Ordered that the same Bills be committed.

Read a second time, a Bill "to enable the inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary, owning any Island or Islands or any part or parts of any Island or Islands in Kingsclear, to pay Taxes assessed for the same, to the support of the Parish in which they reside.

Ordered that the same be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the consideration of a Bill "to enable the inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary, owning any Island or Islands, or any part or parts of any Island or Islands in Kingsclear, to pay Taxes assessed for the same, to the support of the Parish in which they reside."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. *P. Fraser*, by leave, presented a Bill "for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and punishing Thefts and disorders at the time of Fire."

Ordered that the same be now read a first time, which being done, ordered that the same Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered thereupon, that the said Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill "for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and punishing Thefts and disorders at the time of Fire."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" His Majesty's Council have agreed to the Bill 'to provide for the necessities of the Province occasioned by the failure of the late Crop':

" And the Council have agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation sent up by the Assembly on the 28th of February, excepting the sum of £128: 5: 8 to Christopher Scott, the Interest on a Bond given by him for Duties."

And then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Humbert* from the Committee reported that they had gone through the Bill to them referred and had agreed to the same with amendments; and that he was directed by the Committee to report the same under the title of a Bill "for appointing Firewards in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews, and ascertaining their power and duty; and more effectually to prevent Fires in the said Towns."

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*,

Resolved, that the Council be requested to appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of this House for the purpose of preparing an humble Petition to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, praying that the restrictions may be removed from certain reserves of hard Wood Land in the County of Charlotte in order that the said Land may be granted to His MAJESTY'S Subjects.

Ordered, thereupon, that Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Mackay* do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Agnew* from the joint Committee of the Council and this House, appointed to prepare an Address to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, on the subject of the Executive Administration of the Government in this Province, Reported the same, which was read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *P. Fraser* do acquaint the Council that the House have agreed to the joint Address proposed by the Committee of the Council and Assembly; and also that His Honor the PRESIDENT be requested to transmit the same to be laid before His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

TUESDAY the 11th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Pagan* from the Committee appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what further sums are wanted for improving and repairing the great Roads of Communication in this Province, reported as follows, to wit,

The Committee beg leave to recommend that the sum of £850 be allowed for further improving the Road from Fredericton to Saint John.

That the sum of £1500 be allowed for further improving the Road from Fredericton to Westmorland; and that £100 of this sum be appropriated towards cutting a Canal from Mud Creek to the nearest Lake at point Migic, provided the proprietors of the Marsh complete the same.

They recommend an alteration in the route of part of this Road, viz. to take the Road from Jemseg to Washademoac, as formerly laid out, from thence to the Bull-Moose-Hill Road (so called) at the head of the Belisle, thence by the said Road as now laid out, to Studholm's Mill Stream, near Eulis Haney's, and from thence to the main Road near Samuel Hallet's, Sussex Vale,---they are persuaded, that by this alteration, the Road will be shortened at least 20 miles, and a great many steep hills, with much uneven and difficult ground avoided---they further advise, that a contemplated alteration from G. Harding's to the Bridge near Gillis's be abandoned.

That the sum of £1150 be allowed for further improving the Road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews.

They recommend that three Settlers be established on the wilderness part of this Road at the expence of the Province, at proper distances, under direction of the Supervisors, exclusive of the appropriation recommended; also, that the

the Supervisors obtain allotments and grants of Land for them, free of expence.

That the sum of £1150 be allowed for further improving the Road from Fredericton to the Canada Line.

That the sum of £1150 be allowed for further improving the Road from Fredericton to Northumberland Court-House.

They recommend that an additional Settler be established between William Harris's and the Nashwalk, on that Road under direction of the Supervisors, at the expence of the Province, exclusive of the allotment recommended; and that the Supervisors obtain for him an allotment and grant of Land, free of expence.

That the sum of £1150 be allowed for further improving the Road from Saint John to Saint Andrews.

They recommend that the Supervisors allot a part of this sum to enable the Settlers at Dipper Harbour and its neighbourhood, to improve their present Road, leading from thence to the great Road of Communication, and that the principal part of what remains, be laid out on the wilderness part of the Road from Mount's to Vernon's.

They further recommend that the prayers of the Petitions of Dustin Woodbery and James Hewson, be complied with, and that they be encouraged at the expence of the Province, to settle at the respective places proposed under the direction of the Supervisors.

Also, that out of the allotment recommended, the Supervisors incur the expence of obtaining these Lands, and pay the expence of the Grant.

That the sum of £1000 be allowed for further improving the Road from Saint John towards Westmorland, and that £300 of this sum be expended on that part of the Road above Hampton Ferry.

The Committee think it their duty to propose that no material alteration attended with much additional expence be made by any Supervisor on their respective line of Roads, without consent of all the three Supervisors.

And also, that Mile-boards (with Finger-boards where deemed necessary) be put up under direction of the Supervisors, where the courses have been taken, and the distances measured, so as to enable the establishment of this convenient improvement.

The Committee do not think themselves competent to give any opinion in answer to the references relating either to extravagant or insufficient allowances made by Juries, conceiving that the Act for establishing the great Roads of Communication, provides the legal remedy in such cases---all which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, ordered that Mr. *Peters*, Mr. *Wetmore* and Mr. *Simonds*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to carry into effect that part of the Report of the Committee appointed to ascertain what further sums are wanted for improving and repairing the great Roads of Communication in this Province, as far as relates to the alteration in the route from Fredericton to Westmorland.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the Public service.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* from the Committee, reported the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as follow:

Resolved that there be granted to His Honor the PRESIDENT, a sum not exceeding *three thousand pounds*, to be paid in bounties, for the encouragement of the Cod Fisheries of this Province, (agreeable to the Law of this Province) for the year 1817.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT for the encouragement of Schools, agreeable to the Law of this Province, the sum of *three thousand pounds* for the year 1817.

To the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province, for executing Writs of Election and returning the Members to serve in General Assembly, the following sums, to wit,

To the Sheriff of the County of York, the sum of *twenty pounds*.

To the Sheriff of the County of Sunbury, the sum of *twenty pounds*.

To the Sheriff of the County of Westmorland, the sum of *twenty-two pounds ten shillings*.

To the Sheriff of the County of Charlotte, the sum of *twenty-five pounds*.

To the Sheriff of Queen's County, the sum of *twenty pounds*.

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, the sum of *twenty-five pounds*.

To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, the sum of *twenty-five pounds*.

To the Sheriff of King's County, the sum of *twenty-one pounds*.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of *eight hundred and fifty pounds*, towards the further improving that part of the great Road of Communication leading from Fredericton to Saint John.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of *eleven hundred and fifty pounds*, for the further improving that part of the great Road of Communication leading from Fredericton to Saint Andrews.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of *eleven hundred and fifty pounds*, for the further improving that part of the great Road of Communication leading from Fredericton to the Canada Line.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of *eleven hundred and fifty pounds*, towards further improving that part of the great Road of Communication leading from Fredericton to the Northumberland Court-House.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of *eleven hundred and fifty pounds*, for the further improving that part of the great Road of Communication leading from Saint John to Saint Andrews.

And resolved, that the Supervisors allot a part of this sum to enable the settlers at Dipper Harbour and its neighbourhood, to improve their present Road leading from thence to the great Road of Communication; and that the principal part of the remaining sum be expended on that part of the great Road leading through the wilderness, and between Mount's and Vernon's.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of *one thousand pounds* for further improving that part of the great Road of Communication leading from the City of Saint John towards Westmorland, which lies between Saint John and the Finger-board.

And resolved, that the sum of *three hundred pounds*, part of the said sum of *one thousand pounds*, be expended on that part of the Road between Hampton Ferry and the Finger-board.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of *ninety pounds* per annum, for three years, for the purpose of establishing three Settlers, at the rate of *thirty pounds* each for that period, on that part of the great Road of Communication, leading from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, which lies between the Block-House at the Oromocto, and the Block-House at the Magaguadavic River; one where he is now placed at Shin Creek, one at the half-way House lately built, and a third at such place, between that and the Magaguadavic, as the Supervisors of that Road may point out,---the sum for the first year to be paid to the said Settlers on their becoming bound to His Majesty with sureties, to be approved of by the Justices of the Peace for the County of Sunbury or Charlotte in General or Special Sessions assembled, that each of them will clear five acres of the land appropriated for them, and will also reside thereon for a term of five years.

To John Dustin Woodberry, the sum of *fifty pounds* to assist him in making an establishment on the great Road from Saint John to Saint Andrews, near the Pocologon River, and the further sum of *thirty pounds* per annum for three years, for his further encouragement; and to

James Hewson, the sum of *fifty pounds* to assist him in making an establishment on the same Road about six miles west of Musquash, and the further sum of *thirty pounds* per annum for three years, for his further encouragement---the said first-mentioned sums to be paid to the said Settlers on their becoming bound to His Majesty with two sureties, to be approved of by the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte or Saint John in General or Special Sessions assembled, that they will clear five acres each of the Land that may be appropriated to them, and will also build and reside thereon for a term of five years from the period of their entering on said Lands, under the direction of the Supervisors.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of *fifty pounds* for the encouragement of a Settler on that part of the great Road of Communication, leading from Fredericton to the Northumberland Court-House, which lies between the Nashwalk and William Harris's; and the further sum of *thirty pounds* per annum for three years, for the further encouragement of such Settler; the said first-mentioned sum to be paid to the said Settler on his becoming bound to His Majesty with two sureties, to be approved of by the Justices of the Peace for the County of York in General or Special Sessions assembled, that he will clear five acres of Land that may be appropriated to him, and will also build and reside thereon for a term of five years from the period of his entering on said Lands, under the direction of the Supervisors.

To John M'Dougal, the Settler at Shin Creek, the sum of *twenty pounds* to relieve him from his present distress, occasioned by the loss of his provisions in transporting them to Shin Creek.

To the Governor and Trustees of the College of New-Brunswick, the sum of *two hundred and fifty pounds* for the year 1817, conformable to the provisions of two Acts of the General Assembly.

To the President and Directors of Saint John Grammar School, for the year 1817, the sum of *two hundred and fifty pounds*, agreeable to the provisions of the two Acts of the General Assembly.

To Zalmon Wheeler, the sum of *eighteen pounds eleven shillings and two-pence* for drawbacks on one Pipe of Gin and one Pipe of Brandy by him exported to Nova-Scotia; it appearing that he was not able to obtain the same at the time of exportation owing to the illness of the late Treasurer.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted, and leave granted.

Mr. Campbell, by leave, presented a Bill "to exonerate and discharge Christopher Scott from the payment of interest, due upon a Bond signed by him as surety for duties due this Province, by Peter Stubs & Co.; which, according to order, was read a first time.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

WEDNESDAY the 12th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read an engrossed Bill "for appointing Firewards in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews, and ascertaining their power and duty, and more effectually to prevent Fires in the said Towns."

Ordered

Ordered thereupon; that it pass, and that Mr. *P. Fraser* and Mr. *Wilmot*, carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

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

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of a Bill "to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Mary, owning any Island or Islands, or any part or parts of any Island or Islands in Kingsclear to pay Taxes assessed for the same, to the support of the Parish in which they reside."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Humbert* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into the further consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee to report the following Resolution, to wit,

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read a second time, a Bill "to regulate the exportation of dutiable articles from and out of this Province."

Ordered that the Bill be committed.

Mr. *P. Fraser* from the Committee, appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province, reported as follows, to wit,

The Committee are of opinion, that the following sums (in addition to those heretofore granted and which remain unexpended) should be appropriated for the improvement of the Bye Roads and Bridges, to wit,

For the County of York,	£1025
„ „ County of Sunbury,	350
For Queen's County,	750
For King's County	800
„ „ County of Saint John,	925
„ „ County of Charlotte,	985
„ „ County of Westmorland,	1170
„ „ County of Northumberland,	1000
	<u>£7005</u>

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of a Bill "to regulate the exportation of dutiable articles from and out of this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

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

Read

Read a second time, a Bill "to exonerate and discharge Christopher Scott from the payment of interest due upon a Bond signed by him as surety for duties due this Province, by Peter Stubs & Co."

Ordered that the Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill "to exonerate and discharge Christopher Scott from the payment of interest due upon a Bond signed by him as surety for duties due this Province, by Peter Stubs & Co."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Chipman* delivered the Message as follows, to wit,

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"The Council request a conference with the Assembly, on the subject of their resolution requesting a joint Committee to be appointed to prepare an humble Petition to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, on the subject of reserves;" and then Mr. Justice *Chipman* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message as follows, to wit,

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"His MAJESTY'S Council have agreed to the joint Address, proposed by the joint Committee of the Council and Assembly; and have resolved that Mr. Justice *Bliss* be a Committee, with such Committee as the House shall appoint, to wait on His Honor the PRESIDENT, and request that he will be pleased to transmit the same, to be laid before His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT;" and then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

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

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the House, a letter received by him from George D. Berton, Esq. late Sheriff of the County of York, stating the reasons why he could not attend at the time appointed for the hearing of the Parties to the Petitions, complaining of an undue Election for the County of York.

The following resolution being moved and seconded, to wit,

Resolved that the further consideration of the Petitions, relating to the return of Members for the County of York be postponed sine die.

The House divided thereupon as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. *Pagan*,
Mr. *Porter*,
Mr. *Ward*,
Mr. *Peters*,
Mr. *Wetmore*,
Mr. *Brittain*,
Mr. *Simonds*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *M'Kay*,
Mr. *Campbell*,
Mr. *Easterbrooks*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Chapman*,
Mr. *Humbert*,
Mr. *Scovil*,
Mr. *Miles*,
Mr. *Wilmot*,

it therefore passed in the affirmative.

The House went into consideration of the Message from the Council, delivered this day by Mr. Justice *Chipman*.

On motion, resolved that the House do agree to the conference requested by the Council, on the subject matter of the resolution of the House, requesting a joint Committee of the Council, to be appointed to prepare an humble Petition to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, on the subject of reserves.

Ordered that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Campbell*, do acquaint the Council therewith, and be a Committee to manage the same on the part of the House.

The House went into consideration of the Message from the Council, delivered this day by Mr. Justice *Bliss*.

On motion, resolved that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *P. Fraser*, be a Committee, with the Committee of the Council, to wait upon His Honor the PRESIDENT and request that His Honor will be pleased to transmit their joint Address to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

Ordered that the said Committee of this House, do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Bill "to prevent disorderly galloping and racing Horses in any Town or Village within this Province," which was read a first time.

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

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* from the Committee reported that they had come to the following resolutions:

County of Saint John.

The sum of £75 for improving the Road from Saint John to Little River Bridge.

The sum of £100 for improving the road from Black River to Quaco.

The sum of £75 towards completing the Road from Frog Pond to Lower Loch Lomond.

The sum of £75 for continuing the road over the first thoroughfare to the third Lake.

The sum of £125 towards opening a road from the Westmorland road to the Middle Loch Lomond.

The sum of £50 from the bridge over Little River to Mispick River.

The sum of £100 from Taber's Farm on Hammond River to Quaco.

The sum of £25 from Dawson's Farm on the East side of Mace's Bay to the Settlement at Dipper Harbor

The sum of £10 from the Westmorland Road to Mark's Settlement.

The sum of £20 from the settlement at Musquash to Lawrence's Mills.

The sum of £250 towards completing the road from the Forks at the main Road on the Marsh in the vicinity of St. John, to Murphey's on the Kennebeckacis.

The sum of £20 from Hopewell road to Martin's Head.

County of York.

The sum of £75 towards completing the Road from the upper line of the County of Sunbury to the Ferry at the mouth of the Nashwalk.

The sum of £200 towards completing the road and bridges from the mouth of the Nashwalk to the mouth of the Keswick Creek, commencing where the improvements left off last year.

The sum of £75 towards repairing the road and bridges from the mouth of

of the Keswick Creek to the head of the Settlement.

The sum of £25 towards completing the road from Burgoyne's to Long's Creek.

The sum of £50 towards repairing the road from Long's Creek to George Jones's

The sum of £75 towards completing the road from from George Jones's to Jacob Ellegood's.

The sum of £50 towards repairing the road from Jacob Ellegood's to the Poquioch.

The sum of £75 towards making a road from the Poquioch to Eel River.

The sum of £50 towards making the road from Eel River to Rogers's.

The sum of £50 towards completing the road from Woodstock to the Richmond Settlement.

The sum of £50 towards completing a road from Jackston Settlement to the River Saint John.

The sum of £50 towards repairing the road from Joseph Wolverton's to Robert Phillips's.

The sum of £50 towards repairing the road from Robert Phillips's to Lawrence Wiltsey's.

The sum of £50 towards repairing the road from Lawrence Wiltsey's to Benjamin Stickney's.

The sum of £50 towards repairing the road from Benjamin Stickney's to Carney's Mill.

The sum of £50 to improve the Road cut out between Macdequack and Pennington's Bridge.

County of Sunbury.

The sum of £50 for further improving the passage over Thomas Hart's Stream, North Branch Oromocto.

The sum of £50 for making a bridge over the back creek on the South branch Oromocto.

The sum of £50 for making a bridge from Oak Point to Gilbert's Land, Sheffield.

The sum of £50 for making a bridge over the blind thoroughfare at the French Lake.

The sum of £50 for repairing the road leading to Calvin Camp's, Lincoln.

The sum of £50 for repairing the road from the County line at Mr. Morgan's to John Nason's, on the North Branch Rushagoannes.

The sum of £50 from New-Maryland to Mr. Morgan's on the North Branch of the Rushagoannes.

Queen's County.

The sum of £50 for the road from the Ferry at the Jemseg Point to the Ferry near Briggs's

The sum of £175 for the road from the River Saint John near Richard Currie's in Waterborough across the tongue of Intervale to the thoroughfare leading from the Grand Lake to the Maquapit Lake.

The sum of £175 for the road between the Grand and Washademoac Lakes a little above the Narrows.

The sum of £100 for the road leading from the New-Canaan Settlement to the Ferry near Briggs's.

The sum of £25 for the road leading from the same New-Canaan Settlement to the great road leading from St. John to Westmorland, at or near Studholm's Mill Stream.

The sum of L.15 for the road from the same Settlement to the Butternut Ridge.

The sum of L.50 for the road leading from the Ferry at Jemseg Point to the Ferry at James Henry's, near the mouth of the Washademoac Lake.

The

The sum of L.20 for the road from the County Line between Sunbury and Queen's, to the settlement on the Grand Lake.

The sum of L.10 for the road leading from the settlement back of Kembal's Grant, out to the great Road leading from Fredericton to Saint John near the Little River.

The sum of L.130 for the road on the south-east side of the Grand Lake, between the Widow Wiggins's and Cumberland Point.

King's County.

The sum of L.20 for the road from near Carlisle's, to the Saw-mill on Salmon River.

The sum of L.20 to repair the two roads, leading from Joseph Darling's and Benjamin Kierstead's or the Mill-stream, to Rouse's in Sussex.

The sum of L.12 for the road leading up Ward's Creek in Sussex.

The sum of L.15 for the road from the Mill-stream to Smith's Creek, near James Craft's.

The sum of L.100 to assist in completing the road from Gondola Point, to Murphy's in Hampton.

The sum of L.60 to assist in repairing the road (on the north-west side of the Kennebeckacis River) from Gidney's to the settlement back of Long Island.

The sum of L.20 to repair the road from Warren's to the main Road, near Salmon Creek in Hampton.

The sum of L.70 for repairing the road from Picket's Mill to the Kennebeckacis River in Kingston.

The sum of L.40 to repair the road from the Widow Smith's to Andrew Sherwood's Junr. in Hampton.

The sum of L.25 for the road from Andrew Sherwood's Junr. to Giddion Mallery's on the Shepody road in Hampton.

The sum of L.20 for the road from Gidney's to Kingston Church.

The sum of L.25 for the road from Lamb's Ferry to Golding's in Hampton.

The sum of L.25 for the road from Bostwick's to Bate's mill.

The sum of L.25 for the road from near Seely's Point to the Kennebeckacis River.

The sum of L.55 for the road from Lewis Pickett's to the head of Belisle.

The sum of L.40 to assist in repairing the road from Knutton's Bluff to the Mill-stream, near Dunham's on the south-east side of Long Reach.

The sum of L.20 for the winter road from Bates's Mill-pond to Gidney's.

The sum of L.20 for the road from near Judge Upham's Farm, (so called) to Guthrie's on the Kennebeckacis River.

The sum of L.20 for the road from the settlement on the north branch of Hammond River to the Kennebeckacis River near Joseph Baxter's.

The sum of L.40 for the road from Jones's Mill to the Wallis settlement, and from thence to the head of Kembal's Grant.

The sum of L.11 for the road from Gould Pickett's to Belisle.

The sum of L.12 for the road from near Capt. Whelply's on the Long Reach to the Kennebeckacis River.

The sum of L.15 for the road across the Belisle neck, by Chub-point.

The sum of L.40 for clearing the Channel of the Kennebeckacis River, from Smith's Rapid to Hallet's; it being at the particular request of the Inhabitants, who think they can reap equal benefit from money laid out there, as upon the Bye Roads.

The sum of L.20 to assist in repairing a road from Jerome Seely to the middle land settlement near Mabey's.

The sum of L.15 for making a new road in the settlement between Lanings and the Finger-board near Sherwood's Mill.

The sum of L.15 on the road from Knutton's Bluff, on the east side of the River

River Saint John, down toward the Grand Bay.

County of Charlotte.

The sum of L.30 for the road from Chiputnecticook Ridge to Raymond's Farm in St. Stephens. ✓

The sum of L.30 for the swamp between the Chiputnecticook and Bass-wood Ridges. ✓

The sum of L.30 for the road from Bass-wood Ridge to Donald Maxwell's Farm. ✓

The sum of L.100 towards building a Bridge over Dennis's Stream on the County road, from St. Stephen's to St. David's. *now*

The sum of L.75 towards the road from Porter's Mill in St. Stephen's to Alexander M'Alister's in St. David's. ✓

The sum of L.25 for the road from Tower-Hill to the head of Oak Bay. ✓

The sum of L.15 for the road and Bridge from Tristram Moore's Mill to the Oak Hill road. ✓

The sum of L.10 for the road from John Stretch's to the main road. — *now*

The sum of L.75 for the road on the western side of the River Digdeguash, commencing at the Bridge on the main road to St. John.

The sum of L.50 to re-build the Bridge over Digdeguash River, near M'Donald's.

The sum of L.75 for the road on the eastern side of said River, commencing at the above Bridge.

The sum of L.75 to assist in building a Bridge across the Cove at the head of the Bason, near Allenshaw's.

The sum of L.100 for the road from the second Falls at Maguagadavic River to the Fredericton road.

The sum of L.30 to remunerate Hugh M'Kay, Esq. for a balance due him for money overpaid for the road near Winder's Mill-stream, and for completing the same road.

The sum of L.25 for the road from John Dick's Farm to Gray's Lot at Letite.

The sum of L.15 to assist in causewaying the Swamp on the road from Wallace's to Low's, in the rear of Mr. Pagan's Mill. ✓

The sum of L.25 for the road on the east side of Maguagadavic River, between Sutherland's Farm and Millikin's near the Canal.

The sum of L.25 for the road from Benjamin Hanson's Farm to Wedderhold's Brook.

The sum of L.25 for the road from Spinny's at Letang, to Andrew Bullock's Lot on the road to the Portage.

The sum of L.25 for the road from Wallace's to the Town Plot of Saint George.

The sum of L.30 for opening a road from the Pennfield settlement near Hand's Farm to the great road leading to St. John. ✓

The sum of L.25 for a road from the Ferry at Park's to the County road in Pennfield.

The sum of L.25 from Beaver Harbour to Bucknam's Mill on the Pennfield road.

The sum of L.25 for the road from Mrs. Quinton's to Pagan's Mill-stream.

County of Westmorland.

The sum of L.75 from Sackville to Beaugogin.

The sum of L.60 from Stephen Ward's to half way house on Bay Verte road.

The sum of L.50 from Gaspereau Bridge to Cape Tormintine.

The sum of L.25 from half-way House to Bay Verte.

The sum of L.50 from Bay Verte to the Bridge on Gaspereau River.

The sum of L.50 from said Bridge to the settlement Shamogue.

The sum of L.32 from where the road turns from the Shamogue road to the little Shamogue.

The sum of L.20 from Bay Verte to Tignish.

The sum of L.15 from Tedish to Beaugogin.

The sum of L.40 from great Shamogue to Tedish.

The sum of L.50 from Westcock to Cape Maranguin.

The sum of L.150 from M'Eachern's to Shediac.

The sum of L.150 from the Bend to Shediac.

The sum of L.10 from Babcock's to the upper settlement on the Paulet River.

The sum of L.15 from the mouth of the Little River to the upper settlement on the same.

The sum of L.10 from Babcocks to Sinton's.

The sum of L.35 from Sinton's to Turtle Creek Bridge.

The sum of L.8 for repairing Turtle Creek Bridge.

The sum of L.30 from Turtle Creek Bridge to Peter Lutz's.

The sum of L.30 from Peter Lutz's to Stoney Creek.

The sum of L.50 from Widow Hamilton's to the Dutch Village.

The sum of L.50 from new Horton to Cape Enragè.

The sum of L.30 in aid of a Bridge over crooked Creek in Hopewell.

The sum of L.10 from Ebenezer Cole's to Finney's in Dorchester.

The sum of L.10 from Memramcook Island to the main.

The sum of L.15 from the great road in Sackville to the settlement back of the Mill-pond.

The sum of L.20 from Sherman's to the north branch of Peticudiac River.

The sum of L.40 from Jacob Wortman's to the Butter-nut ridge.

The sum of L.13 from Turtle Creek to the back settlement on the same.

The sum of L.12 from the road that crosses Wheldon's Creek in Hillsborough to back settlement on the same.

The sum of L.15 from the main road in Dorchester to Stephen Bhens.

County of Northumberland.

The sum of L.50 for improving the road through the reserved Lands from Barnaby's River to Malcolm's Farm.

The sum of L.75 to explore, lay out and open a road from the River Napan near the head of the tide, to the River Miramichi, near the Church in Chatham.

The sum of L.40 for erecting a Bridge over Black Brook.

The sum of L.20 towards repairing the Dyke, used as a public Highway at George Murdoch's farm.

The sum of L.20 towards improving the road from Napan to Black River.

The sum of L.20 to improve the road from Black River to Bay Du Vin River.

The sum of L.30 to open and repair the road from Bay Du Vin River to Dennis's Creek.

The sum of L.25 towards completing the Bridge over Dennis's Creek.

The sum of L.15 to open and repair the road from Dennis's Creek to the Village at lower Bay Du Vin.

The sum of L.250 to open and improve the Road from the River Miramichi to the River Nipisigwit.

The sum of L.20 for opening and repairing the road from the settlement on the River Bartabogue to the River Miramichi, near John English's.

The sum of L.30 to complete the Bridge at Thomas Purdie's Creek.

The sum of L.100 towards erecting a Bridge and improving the road near James Henderson's Mill.

The sum of L.20 towards improving the road from Bartabogue to Oak-point.

The sum of L.20 to improve the road from Burnt Church River to Tabisintack through Neguac Village.

The sum of L.35 to improve the road from Tabisintack to Pocmouche.

The sum of L.20 to improve the road from Pocmouche to Caraket.

The sum of L.160 to explore, lay out and open a road from the north side of the River Nepisigwit to the River Restigouche.

The sum of L.50 to complete the Bridge at Caul's Cove.

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

THURSDAY the 13th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The Committee appointed to prepare a "Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled an Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement of the great Roads of Communication throughout the Province," presented the same, which was read a first time.

On motion, ordered that the resolution of the 11th instant, granting to His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of £2000 for the purpose of encouraging emigrants from Great-Britain and Ireland be rescinded.

Mr. *Wetmore* gave notice that he should to-morrow move the House---that the expences incurred by the attendance of the Witnesses on the Petition of William Peters, complaining of the undue Election of Richard Yeamans for Queen's County, be defrayed by the said William Peters.

Read an engrossed Bill "to regulate the exportation of dutiable Articles from and out of this Province."

Ordered thereupon that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Simonds*, do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read a second time, a Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement of the great Roads of Communication throughout the Province."

Ordered that the same Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the consideration of the Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement of the great Roads of Communication throughout the Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Chipman* delivered the Message.

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"I am named by the Council, a Committee to manage the conference on "the subject matter of the Resolution of the Assembly respecting reserves;" and then Mr. Justice *Chipman* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Agnew* from the Committee, reported that he was directed by the Committee to report that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

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

Read a second time, a Bill "to prevent disorderly galloping and racing Horses in any Town or Village within this Province."

Ordered that the same Bill be now committed.

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

House, upon the consideration of the Bill "to prevent disorderly galloping and racing Horses in any Town or Village within this Province."

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Humbert* from the Committee, reported that he was directed by the Committee to report that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

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

The Committee appointed to manage the conference on the part of the House; on the subject matter of their resolution respecting reserves, reported that they had attended the conference, and met Mr. Justice *Chipman*, the Committee appointed to manage the same on the part of the Council, from whom they received the following resolution, to wit,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12th March, 1817.

Resolved, that the Committee of conference on the subject of the resolution of the Assembly, respecting reserves, be instructed to state to the Committee of the Assembly, that a Petition signed by a great number of the inhabitants of the County of Charlotte, has been presented to His Honor the PRESIDENT and the Council, praying that such steps may be taken as may be thought most expedient for removing the restrictions mentioned in the resolution of the Assembly, and that the Council are of opinion that it is advisable that a joint Address of the Council and Assembly, be presented to His Honor the PRESIDENT, requesting him to adopt such measures upon the subject matter of the said Petition, as to him may appear expedient.

WM. F. ODELL, Clerk.

Resolved, that this House do concur with the Council, that a joint Address of the Council and Assembly, be presented to His Honor the PRESIDENT, requesting him to adopt such measures upon the subject matter of the Petition of a number of the inhabitants of Charlotte County, as to His Honor may appear expedient.

Ordered, that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Campbell*, do acquaint the Council therewith, and also join such Committee as may be appointed by the Council.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of supply.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* took the Chair of the Committee, on the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the Public service.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* from the Committee, reported that he was directed to report that the Committee had come to the following resolutions:---

Resolved that the sum of £15 : 17 : 3 be granted to Nehemiah Merritt and Robert James, being amount of Drawbacks on 423 gallons of Rum exported by them in the Schooner *Perseverance* for Boston; it appearing that the proper papers could not be obtained at the time of the shipment, owing to the sickness of the late Treasurer.

To Ezekiel Barlow the sum of £24 : 7 : 6 for Drawbacks on 6 Puncheons of Rum, containing 650 gallons, by him exported to Nova-Scotia; it appearing that he was not able to obtain the same at the time of exportation, owing to the sickness of the late Treasurer.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

FRIDAY, the 14th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Read an engrossed Bill "to prevent disorderly galloping and racing Horses in any Town or Village within this Province."

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

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

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Campbell* from the Committee, reported that he was directed by the Committee to report that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

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

On motion, resolved that an humble Address be presented to His Honor the PRESIDENT, praying that he will be pleased to adopt such measures as to His Honor may appear expedient, for carrying into effect that part of the report made at the last Session of the General Assembly by the Committee appointed to enquire into the subject matter of the Sloop Brunswicker, as relates to the acceptance of the sum of *seven hundred and thirty pounds* currency, from Captain Brenton, for the damages sustained by reason of the non-performance of his agreement.

Ordered that Mr. *Pagan* and Mr. *Campbell*, do wait upon his Honor the PRESIDENT with the same.

The Committee appointed to examine and liquidate public and private accounts, further reported, that

No. 41, Is Hugh M'Kay's account with voucher and affidavit of the expenditure of £40, in blowing Rocks over the Mountain near Moses Wendar's Mill Stream. He Credits £25 received from the Treasurer, leaving a balance of £15 due to him.

No. 42, Is Harman Trueman's account, of work done by the rod and day, on the Road between Stephen Ward's and the half-way House on the Bay Verte Road, amounting to £114:7:3. He gives Credit for £100 out of the Treasury, leaving a balance of £14:7:3 due to him. No vouchers or affidavit accompanies this account; but the names of those employed by the rod and day, and the quantum of work done by each, is particularly mentioned.

No. 43, Is Stephen Peabody's account with voucher and affidavit of work done and contracted for, in building a Bridge over Peabody's Mill Stream, amounting to £121:18:6. He states that only £50 has been received by him out of the Treasury, leaving a balance due to him of £71:18:6. He states that the Bridge is still deficient of king posts and railing.

No. 44, Is Bill Chappel's account with vouchers, for work done on Shamogue Road, amounting to £100:4:6. He gives Credit for £100 received from the Treasury, leaving 4s. 6d. due to him. No affidavit accompanies this account.

No. 45, Is Gould Pickett's account with vouchers and affidavit, for work done from Kingston Court-House to the Westmorland Road, amounting to £108. He Credits £100 received from the Treasury, leaving a balance of £8 due, which sum, is the charge made by Mr. Pickett, for services as Commissioner.

On motion, resolved, that the House do not concur in the amendments proposed

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posed by the Council to the Bill "to impose a duty on neat Cattle, Horses and certain other articles imported into this Province;" because they infringe the privileges of this House.

Mr. *Campbell*, by leave, presented a Bill, "explanatory of an Act now in force, intituled, An Act to impose a duty on certain articles imported into this Province."

Which was read a first time.

The House according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the public service.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" His Majesty's Council have agreed to the Bill for appointing Firewards in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews, and ascertaining their power and duty, and more effectually to prevent Fires in the said Towns, with an amendment, to which the Council desire the concurrence of this House; and the Council have directed me to inform this House, that Mr. Justice *Bliss* is appointed a Committee to join with the Committee of the Assembly in presenting a joint Address to His Honor the PRESIDENT, on the subject of the Petition from Charlotte County;" and then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to the Bill to regulate the exportation of dutiable articles from and out of this Province;" and then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* from the Committee, reported that he was directed to report that the Committee had come to the following further resolutions :---to wit,

Resolved that there be granted to Hugh Johnston and Company, the sum of £27 : 15 for drawbacks on 7 Puncheons of Rum, containing 740 Gallons, by them exported to Nova-Scotia, it appearing that they were not able to obtain the same at the time of exportation, owing to the sickness of the late Treasurer.

To Thomas Millidge the sum of £8 : 5, the amount of drawbacks on 221 Gallons of Rum, exported by him to Nova-Scotia, it appearing that he was not able to obtain the same at the time of exportation, owing to the sickness of the late Treasurer.

To John Webster the sum of £79 being a bounty on a Vessel of 79 Tons, employed by him four calendar months and nine days in the Cod Fishery without being so fortunate as to make up a complete fare of Fish.

To James Paul the sum of £59 : 15, being a bounty on a Vessel of 59 Tons and 73-94, employed by him for four calendar months and four days in the Cod Fishery, without being so fortunate as to make up a complete fare of Fish.

To the Overseers of the Poor for the City of Saint John, the sum of £388 : 16 : 4 to reimburse them for expences incurred towards defraying the expences of the support of a number of the transient Poor and Black Refugees lately brought into the Province, and who remained in the City of St. John.

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To William Howe Smith the sum of £58 : 7 : 6, being the amount of his account for services performed as a Surgeon and Physician to sundry transient Poor and distressed in the City and County of Saint John, certified by the Overseers of the Poor of the said City.

To Samuel Hallet and Samuel Fairweather the sum of £10, being the sum overpaid by them as Commissioners in building a Bridge over Studholm's Mill Stream.

To the Proprietors of the Marsh in the vicinity of the City of Saint John, the sum of £125 towards defraying the expences in part of the Aboideau across the Mill Creek, amounting in the whole to £450, which said sum of £125, together with the sum of £100 heretofore granted in the year 1814, are to defray one half of the expence of the said repairs.

To Toler Thompson the sum of £100, to assist him in cutting a Canal from Sackville River to Point Megic, which will be of great advantage to the Great Road of Communication, leading from Fredericton to Nova-Scotia.

To the Justices in Sessions for the County of Charlotte, the sum of £74 : 17 : 4 to reimburse sundry Magistrates for the expences of a prosecution commenced and carried on by William Vance against them, in consequence of proceedings had before them in their judicial character.

To James Brittain, late a Lieutenant-Colonel of the King's County Militia, the sum of £26 : 7 : 6, the balance of expences incurred in defending a prosecution commenced against him by the Flaglors, in the year 1809.

To John Mackay, an aged and infirm Soldier, the sum of £25 towards his future support.

To Francis M'Donald, a deserving old Soldier, who from his age and infirmities is rendered helpless and destitute, and has devoted the greater part of his life to the service of his country, the sum of £25.

And asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received.

Read a second time "a Bill, explanatory of an Act, intituled an Act to impose a duty on certain articles imported into this Province."

Ordered that the Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon consideration a Bill, explanatory of an Act, intituled "An Act to impose a duty on certain articles imported into this Province."

The *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

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

The House, according to order, went into consideration of the amendment made by the Council to the Bill "for appointing Firewards in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews, and ascertaining their power and duty, and more effectually to prevent Fires in the said Towns," which being read, is as follows:---to wit,

"After Sec. VI. add the following:

"VII. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force "for two years and no longer."

The said amendment being read a second time, was upon the question put thereupon---agreed to by the House.

Ordered that Mr. *P. Fraser* and Mr. *Dow*, carry the Bill with the amendment to the Council.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

SATURDAY the 15th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Pagan* from the Committee, appointed to wait upon His Honor the PRESIDENT with an humble Address, relating to the Brunswicker, reported that they had waited upon His Honor the PRESIDENT, and that His Honor was pleased to inform the Committee that he would take the necessary steps in the business.

On motion, ordered that Mr. *Humbert* and Mr. *Porter*, carry the resolutions of appropriations of the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth instant, to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read the following engrossed Bill, to wit,

A Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act for regulating, laying out and repairing Highways and Roads, and for appointing Commissioners and Surveyors of Highways within the several Towns and Parishes in this Province."

Ordered thereupon, that the Bill pass, and that Mr. *M'Kay* and Mr. *Milidge*, carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read an engrossed Bill, explanatory of an Act, intituled "An Act to impose a duty on certain articles imported into this Province."

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

Read an engrossed Bill "to exonerate and discharge Christopher Scott and others from the payment of interest due upon a Bond for duties due this Province by Peter Stubs and Company."

Ordered thereupon, that the Bill pass, and that Mr. *Simonds* and Mr. *Chapman*, carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house upon the consideration of further supplies to be granted for the public service.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message as follows, to wit,

"Mr. *Speaker*,

"His Majesty's Council have agreed to the Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province;" and then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* from the Committee, reported that they had come to the following resolutions:---to wit,

Resolved that there be granted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, the sum of *five hundred pounds*, in addition to the former grants, for the purpose of assisting to erect a Pier or Break-water at Battery Point.

To the Justices in Sessions for the County of Charlotte, towards finishing the Gaol in Saint Andrews, the sum of *two hundred pounds*.

To George D. Berton, Esquire, late Sheriff of the County of York, the sum of *fifteen pounds, four shillings*, to reimburse him for expences incurred in retaking Elnathan Mosely, an American, (who broke Gaol in Fredericton) and bringing him back a prisoner from Moose Island to Fredericton.

To Lieutenant Colonel Miles, commanding the Sunbury Militia, the sum of *sixty-three pounds, four shillings and eight-pence*, to reimburse him for expences

ces incurred, in consequence of a prosecution commenced and carried on by Ephraim Treadwell against him in 1809.

To such person as His Honor the PRESIDENT may appoint, in aid of individual exertions, the sum of *one hundred pounds*, to remove Rocks from the Channel of the Digdiguash River.

To such persons as His Honor the PRESIDENT may appoint, the sum of *one hundred pounds*, in aid of individual exertions, to remove Rocks and other obstructions to the navigation of the south-west branch of the River Miramichi.

To such persons as His Honor the PRESIDENT may appoint, the sum of *one hundred and fifty pounds*, to remove Rocks from the Channel of the Long Rapids above the second Falls of the River Magaguadavic and other places near M'Dougall's Falls.

To such persons as His Honor the PRESIDENT may appoint, the sum of *two hundred pounds*, in aid of individual exertions, to remove Rocks from the Channel of the River St. Croix, above the upper Mills on that River.

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Honor the PRESIDENT, the sum of *three hundred pounds*, in aid of individual subscriptions, to establish a Seminary at Saint John, for the education of young Ladies.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT the sum of *two thousand pounds*, to be expended in repairing and improving of the Great Road of Communication, leading from Fredericton to Westmoreland; *one hundred pounds* of which to be expended by the Supervisors in cutting a Canal from Mud Creek to the nearest Lake at the head of the Great Marsh in Sackville, provided the proprietors of the said Marsh do complete the same.

To the Trustees of the Saint Andrew's Grammar School, the sum of *sixty pounds* to aid them in completing the building.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT the sum of *one hundred pounds*, for the encouragement of two Settlers, at the rate of *fifty pounds* each, on the Road leading from the River Miramichi to the River Nipisigwit; and also the further sum of *thirty pounds* per annum for three years, as an additional encouragement to each of the said Settlers; one of them to settle about fifteen miles from the River Miramichi, and the other about fifteen miles from the River Nipisigwit; the said first mentioned sums to be paid to the said two Settlers, upon their becoming bound to His Majesty with two sureties, to be approved of by the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland in General or Special Sessions assembled, that they will clear five acres each, of the Land that may be appropriated and laid out for them, and will also build and reside thereon for a term of five years from the period of their entering on said Land.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT the sum of *forty pounds*, towards improving the Road leading from Peter Clements to the settlement on the Nashwalksis; and the sum of *twenty-five pounds* to improve the navigation of the Nashwalksis Creek.

To the Executrix of the late Donald M'Donald, Esquire, the sum of *ten pounds*, to refund that sum paid by Mr. M'Donald, while Deputy Treasurer of the County of Charlotte, for the apprehension of a Deserter, which sum was not sustained by the Treasurer, in consequence of the same sum having been paid by him for the same service to Major Drummond.

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Fredericton, the sum of *one hundred pounds* to reimburse in part the extraordinary expences incurred in the support of disbanded Soldiers, and the Widows and Families of deceased Soldiers.

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Portland in the County of Saint John, the sum of *sixty pounds*, to reimburse in part expences incurred by them in the support of numerous disbanded Soldiers in that Parish.

To His Honor the PRESIDENT the sum of *one hundred and sixty pounds*, to be vested in the hands of such persons as he may appoint, to enable sundry emigrants

emigrants from Scotland to form a settlement at the River Napan in the County of Northumberland.

To Joseph Yates, a disbanded Soldier from the King's Horse Guards, the sum of *twenty-five pounds*, to reimburse him in part, he being the first Settler on the Road to Loch Lomond, thereby affording accommodation, without compensation, to persons going out to look for Land.

To William F. Odell, Esquire, for preparing Copies of the Laws and affixing the Province Seal to the same with duplicates, the sum of *one hundred and six pounds, nineteen shillings and four-pence*.

To William F. Odell, Esquire, for issuing 214 Warrants at *five shillings* each, from 12th February, 1816, to the 26th January, 1817, the sum of *fifty-three pounds, ten shillings*.

To the Honorable George Sproule, Surveyor-General of the Province, the sum of *one hundred pounds*, for the purpose of enabling him to procure and instruct a Clerk, to be employed by him in his office, who in case of any accident to himself, to which, from his advanced years he is liable, will be ready to take charge of the many and important papers in the office, and to give the necessary information to a successor.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'Clock.

MONDAY the 17th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the consideration of the report of the Committee to examine and liquidate public and private accounts.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Simonds* from the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone into consideration of the business to them referred, and had directed him to report as follows, to wit,

No. 1. This account is correct, and there appears to be a balance of £14:10 due the Province from James Hay, Jun. and John Jordan.

No. 2. This account is correct and accompanied by the requisite vouchers.

No. 3. This account is correct, and it appears to this Committee, that there is a balance of £14:13:9 due Daniel Shaw, the Commissioner. Resolved that the same sum be paid to him out of monies granted this Session for the Bridge at Farley's Creek.

No. 4. This account is correct, it appearing that there is a balance of £2:2:9 due to Aaron Estey the Commissioner. Resolved that the same sum be paid to him out of monies granted this Session for the like purpose.

No. 5.

No. 6. This account is correct, it appearing to this Committee that there is a balance of £14:14:9 due to David B. Wetmore, the Commissioner.--- Resolved that the same sum be paid to him out of monies granted this Session for the Road from Gidney's to Palmer's.

Nos. 7. } These accounts are correct and accompanied by the requisite vouchers.
8. }

No. 9. Is a Letter from Calvin L. Hatheway to William F. Odell, Esquire, accompanied by an account amounting to £65:3, of monies to be expended on the Road to Gage-Town. He acknowledges a balance of £34:17 in his hands. Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee, that this is not satisfactory, and that the balance of £34:17 be paid to the Supervisor of the Great Road in that District, and that the said Calvin L. Hatheway, do account

count at the next Session of the General Assembly, for the expenditure of the money entrusted to him, and produce the vouchers therefor.

No 10. This account appears unsatisfactory to this Committee---requires explanation from James Donald, sen. and the sum of £16 : 18 : 6 for services performed, is in the opinion of this Committee inadmissible.

No. 11. This account is unsatisfactory for the want of an affidavit. Resolved that the affidavit be furnished at the next Session of the Legislature.

Nos. }
 12. }
 13. } These accounts are satisfactory.
 14. }

No. 15. This account is correct, except the charge of £5 : 15 : 6 for services, which in the opinion of this Committee, is inadmissible.

No. 16. This account is correct, it appearing to this Committee that there is a balance due to the Province. Resolved that the same be paid over to the Commissioners of the Road from Basswood Ridge to St. Stephen's.

Nos. } Resolved that the respective balances of £21 : 15 and £4 : 8 : 7
 17. }
 18. } be paid over to the Commissioners to be appointed to superintend the expenditure of monies granted towards improving the said respective Roads for the current year ; and resolved that Richard Curry, heretofore appointed a joint Commissioner, with James Cowperthwaite and Richard Earle for the above Roads, do forthwith account for the monies in his hands.

No. 19. This account appears correct, so far as the expenditure of £192 : 5. Resolved that the balance of £7 : 15 be paid over to the Commissioners appointed to superintend the said Road for the present year.

No. 20. This account is satisfactory---the accompanying account of £12 for services, is in the opinion of this Committee inadmissible.

No. 21. This account is satisfactory. Resolved that the balance of £2 : 17 : 3 due William Golder, be paid to him out of monies appropriated for the Road between Moncton and Keswick for the present year.

No. 22. This account is unsatisfactory and accompanied by the requisite vouchers.

No. 23. This account is correct, excepting the charge of £7 for surveying, which is in the opinion of this Committee inadmissible. Resolved that the balance of £2 : 10 : be paid by John Sterling to the Supervisor of that part of the Great Road of Communication for the present year.

No. 24. This account is incorrect for the want of affidavits. Resolved that the charge of L.10 is inadmissible, and that the balance of L.12 : 16 be paid over to the Commissioners for the Road from M'Échrán's Bridge to Shediac for the present year.

Nos. } These accounts are correct, excepting the charge of L.5 for ser-
 25. }
 26. } vices, which is in the opinion of this Committee, inadmissible.---
 Resolved that the several balances in the Commissioners hands of L.2 and 3s. 9d. be paid to the Supervisors of that district for the present year.

No. 27. This account is correct. Resolved that Samuel Smith pay the balance of 10s. in his hands to the Commissioners for that district for the present year.

No. 28. This account is incorrect for the want of vouchers, which it is expected that Samuel Upton, jun. will produce at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 29. This account is correct and accompanied by the requisite vouchers.

No. 30. This account is unsatisfactory and requires further explanation, which it is expected will be given at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 31. This account is satisfactory.

No. 32. This account is unsatisfactory for the want of an affidavit, which it is expected will be produced at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 33. This account is correct and accompanied by the requisite vouchers.

No. 34. This account is correct and accompanied by the requisite vouchers. Resolved that the balance of L.47 : 17 : 11 be paid by James Price, to the Commissioners to be appointed to superintend the same Road for the current year.

No. 35. This account is correct and accompanied by the requisite vouchers. Resolved that the balance of L.10 remaining in the hands of Joshua Upham, be paid by him to the Commissioners to be appointed to superintend the same Road for the current year.

No. 36. This account is correct and highly satisfactory.

No. 37. This account is unsatisfactory for the want of vouchers. Resolved that the balance of L.8 : 12 : 6 remaining in the hands of Peter Hume, be paid by him to Commissioners to be appointed to lay out money in that neighbourhood for the current year, and that it is expected that the vouchers for what has already been expended, will be produced at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 38. This account is correct and accompanied by the necessary vouchers. Resolved that the balance of L.29 : 3 : 6 remaining in the hands of James Tilley, be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 39. This account is correct, the necessary vouchers having been received since the report of the select Committee to examine and liquidate public and private accounts. Resolved that the balance of L.1 : 8 : 9 remaining in the hands of Lewis Picket, be paid to the Commissioners to be appointed to superintend the same Road for the current year.

No. 40. This account is correct and accompanied by the requisite vouchers.

No. 41. This account is correct and accompanied by the requisite vouchers. Resolved that the sum of L.15 due to Col. Hugh M'Kay, be paid to him out of monies appropriated this Session for the same purpose.

No. 42. This account is unsatisfactory for the want of the necessary vouchers, which are required to be furnished at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 43. This account is correct. Resolved that the sum of L.21 : 18 : 6 over and above L.50 to be drawn from the Treasury, be paid to Stephen Peabody.

No. 44. This account is unsatisfactory for want of the affidavit, which is required to be produced at the next Session of the General Assembly.

No. 45. This account is correct, except the charge of L.8 for services in superintending the Road, which is inadmissible.

A and H, Are Charles I. Peters and Nathaniel Golding's accounts, as Supervisors of Great Roads; these accounts are accompanied with affidavit, voucher and report, for the amount expended.

B, Is George Harding's account as one of the Supervisors of Great Roads; this account is accompanied by an affidavit, vouchers and report, for the amount expended.

C, Is James M'Nab, Joseph Saunders and John Henderson's account as Supervisors of Great Roads; this account is accompanied by an affidavit and voucher for the amount expended; but no report.

D, Is Henry Nase's account as one of the Commissioners for Great Roads; this account is accompanied by an affidavit and vouchers for the amount expended; but no report.

E, Is James Brittain's account as one of the Supervisors of Great Roads; a report, affidavit and vouchers accompany this account.

F, Is the account of John Mount, Thomas Wyer, Jun. and Moses Vernon's as Supervisors of Great Roads; a report, affidavit and vouchers accompany this account.

G, Is the account of C. Hatch, John Campbell and Gabriel De Veber as Supervisors

Supervisors of Great Roads; a report, affidavit and vouchers, accompany this account.

I, Is the account of D. Morehouse, Thomas C. Lee and George D. Berton as Supervisors of Great Roads; a report, affidavit and vouchers accompany this account.

K, Is the account of Edward W. Miller, as one of the Supervisors of Great Roads; this account is accompanied by a report and affidavit, but is incorrect for want of vouchers, which are required to be produced at the next Session of the General Assembly.

L, Is Benjamin Wilson's account as one of the Supervisors of Great Roads; a report, affidavit and vouchers accompany this account.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion, ordered that Mr. *Humbert* and Mr. *Chapman*, carry the resolutions of appropriation of the fourteenth and fifteenth instant to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to order, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the public service.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Pagan* from the Committee, reported that he was directed by the Committee to report the following resolutions:

Resolved that the sum of £21 : 81 : 6 be paid to Stephen Peabody, to reimburse him for expences incurred in building a Bridge over Peabody's Mill Stream in Lincoln, over and above the grant of the last Session.

The sum of £109 : 10 be allowed to George K. Lugin, being a balance due him for printing Journals, Laws, &c.

The sum of £30 be granted to William Harris, Sen. one of the Settlers on the Miramichi Portage, as a further encouragement for the year 1817.

The sum of £15 be allowed to Samuel Buchanan, for airing and taking care of the Province Hall for the year 1816.

The sum of £25 be granted to Doctor Woodford, for Medicine and advice to five distressed Families in the County of York and Sunbury.

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, the sum of £221 : 8 : 4 for Stationary, Fuel, and other expences of the present Session.

To George K. Lugin, the sum of £32 : 12 for his account of Printing.

On motion, resolved that an humble address be presented to his Honor the PRESIDENT, requesting that his Honor will be pleased to give directions (in consequence of the present high price of labour and materials) that no further steps be taken towards building an office for the Surveyor General.

Resolved that an humble address be presented to His Honor the PRESIDENT, requesting that he will be pleased to take such measures as His Honor may think expedient, for carrying into effect the resolution of the late House of Assembly, which granted the sum of *one hundred pounds* towards defraying the expences of revising and re-printing the Acts of the General Assembly, passed since the year 1805, and of framing and printing an Index thereto, to form a second volume to the Acts republished to that year inclusive.

Ordered that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *Allen*, do wait upon His Honor the PRESIDENT with the above resolutions.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'Clock.

TUESDAY the 18th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Ordered that Mr. *Humbert* and Mr. *Chapman*, do carry up to the Council the resolutions of yesterday and desire their concurrence.

On motion, ordered that Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Ward*, do attend the Honorable Mr. Justice *Bliss*, the Commissioner, to see Craven Calverly, Esq. a Member returned for the County of Saint John, duly qualified by taking the oath required.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee, appointed to attend the Honorable Mr. Justice *Bliss*, one of the Commissioners, to see Craven Calverly, Esq. a Member returned for the County of Saint John, qualified by taking the oaths required, reported that the Committee had attended the Honorable Mr. Justice *Bliss* on that duty, and that Craven Calverly, Esq. had taken the necessary oaths.

Mr. *Pagan*, Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Chapman*, have leave of absence on their private affairs.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message as follows, to wit,

Mr. *Speaker*,

“ The Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriations, dated 11th
“ March, 1817, sent up by the Assembly on the 15th, and that the Council
“ have agreed to the resolutions of appropriations for Bye Roads and Bridges,
“ sent up by the Assembly on the 15th March, excepting the following :

YORK.

Seventy-five pounds towards repairing the Road and Bridges from the mouth of Keswick Creek to the head of the settlement.

Fifty pounds from Woodstock to Richmond settlement.

Fifty pounds from Jackson settlement to the River St. John.

SUNBURY.

Fifty pounds for the passage over Hartt's Stream.

Fifty pounds for a Bridge over Back Creek, Oromocto.

Fifty pounds from Oak-point to Gilbert's Land.

Fifty pounds for a Bridge over the blind Thoroughfare, at French Lake.

QUEEN'S.

One hundred and seventy-five pounds for the Road over the Tongue of Intervale, from the River near Curries, to the Thoroughfare from Grand Lake to Maquapit.

One hundred and seventy-five pounds for the Road between Grand Lake and Washademoac, above the Narrows.

Fifteen pounds from New Canan to the Butter-nut Ridge.

Twenty pounds from the County Line, between Sunbury and Queens, to the settlement on the Grand Lake.

Ten pounds from the settlement back of Kemble's Grant to the Great Road.

One hundred and thirty pounds between Widow Wiggins's and Cumberland Point.

KING'S.

Twenty pounds from near Carlisle's to the Saw Mill on Salmon River.

Twenty pounds from Darling's and Kierstead's to Rouse's in Sussex.

Twelve pounds for the Road leading up Ward's Creek.

Fifteen pounds for the Road from the Mill Stream to Smith's Creek.

Twenty pounds from Warren's to the Main Road near Salmon Creek, Hamp-
ton.

Twenty pounds for the Road from Gidney's to Kingston Church.
Twenty-five pounds from Lamb's Ferry to Golding's.
Twenty-five pounds from Seely's to Kennebeckacis.
Forty pounds from Knutton's Bluff to the Mill Stream near Dunham's.
Twenty pounds from Judge Upham's to Guthrie's.
Twenty pounds from the settlement, North Branch of Hammond River, to Kennebeckacis near Joseph Baxter's.
Forty pounds from Jone's Mill to the Wallis settlement and thence to the head of Kimble's Grant.
Eleven pounds from Gould Picket's to Bellisle.
Twelve pounds from Whelpley's on Long Reach to Kennebeckacis.
Fifteen pounds across Bellisle Neck to Chub Point.
Twenty pounds from Jerome Sealey's to the middle land settlement.
Fifteen pounds for a new Road between Lanning's and the Finger-board.
Fifteen pounds from Knutton's Bluff on the east side of the River towards Grand Bay.

CHARLOTTE.

Thirty pounds from Chiputnecticook Ridge to Raymond's.
Thirty pounds for the Swamp between Chiputnecticook and Bass-wood Ridges.
Thirty pounds from Bass-wood Ridge to D. Maxwell's.
Seventy-five pounds from Porter's Mill to M'Allister's.
Twenty pounds for the Bridge near M'Allister's and the Road thence to Widow Moore's.
Twenty-five pounds from Tower Hill to the head of Oak Bay.
Fifteen pounds from Tristram Moore's Mill to Oak Hill Road.
Ten pounds from John Stretch's to the Main Road.
Seventy-five pounds on the Western side of the Digdeguash, commencing at the Bridge on the Main Road.
Fifty pounds to rebuild the Bridge over Digdeguash near M'Donald's.
Seventy-five pounds on the Eastern side of Digdeguash, commencing at the Bridge.
Seventy-five pounds Bridge across the Cove at the head of the Bason near Allenshaw's.
Twenty-five pounds from John Dick's Farm to Gray's Lot at Le Tete.
Fifteen pounds for causewaying the Swamp on the Road from Wallace's to Law's.
Twenty-five pounds East side Maguadavic, between Sutherland's and Millikins.
Twenty-five pounds from Benjamin Hanson's to Wedderhold's Brook.
Twenty-five pounds from Spinney's at Letang to Andrew Bullock's.
Twenty-five pounds from Wallace's to the Town Plat of St. George.
Twenty-five pounds from Beaver Harbour to Bucknam's Mill.
Twenty-five pounds from Mrs. Quinton's to Pagan's Mill Stream.

WESTMORLAND.

Fifty pounds from Gaspereaux Bridge to Shemogue.
Thirty-two pounds for the Road from where it turns from the Shemogue Road, to Little Shemogue.
Twenty pounds from Bay Verte to Tignish.
Fifteen pounds from Tedish to Beaujoggin.
Forty pounds from Great Shemogue to Tedish.
Fifty pounds from Westcock to Cape Maranguin.
Ten pounds from Babcock's to the upper settlement on Paulet's River.
Fifteen pounds from the mouth of Little River to the upper settlement.
Ten pounds from Babcock's to Sinton's.

- Thirty-five pounds* from Sinton's to Turtle Creek Bridge.
Eight pounds for repairing Turtle Creek Bridge.
Thirty pounds from Turtle Creek Bridge to Lutze's.
Thirty pounds from Peter Lutze's to Stoney Creek.
Fifty pounds from Widow Hamilton's to the Dutch Village.
Fifty pounds from New Horton to Cape Enragè.
Thirty pounds for Bridge over Crooked Creek.
Ten pounds from Eben Cole's to Finney's in Dorchester.
Fifteen pounds for the Great Road in Sackville to the settlement back of the Mill Pond.
Twenty pounds from Sherman's to the North Branch of Petticodiac River.
Forty pounds from Jacob Wortman's to the Butter-nut Ridge.
Thirteen pounds from Turtle Creek to the back settlement on the same.
Twelve pounds for the Road, from the Road that crosses Weldon's Creek to the back settlement.
Fifteen pounds for the Main Road in Dorchester to Stephen Behn's.
- NORTHUMBERLAND.
- Fifty pounds* through the reserved Land from Barnaby's River to Malcolm's.
Twenty pounds for the Dyke at George Murdoch's.
Twenty pounds from the settlement on Bartebog to the Miramichi near English's.
Thirty pounds for the Bridge at Thomas Purdie's.
One hundred pounds for Bridge and Road near James Henderson's Mill.
Twenty pounds from Bartabogue to Oak Point.
Twenty pounds from Burnt Church River to Tabasintac, through Neguac.
Thirty-five pounds from Tabasintac to Pockmouche.
- SAINT JOHN.
- Seventy-five pounds* from Frog Pond to Lower Loch Lomond.
Seventy-five pounds for continuing the Road over the first Thoroughfare to the third Lake.
One hundred and twenty-five pounds from the Westmorland Road to middle Loch Lomond.
Twenty-five pounds from Dawson's, East side of Mace's Bay, to the settlement at Dipper Harbour.
Ten pounds from Westmorland Road to Marks's settlement.
Twenty pounds from the settlement at Musquash to Lawrence's Mill.
Twenty pounds from the Hopewell Road to Martin's Head.

And then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

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

WEDNESDAY the 19th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

On motion, ordered that Mr. *Fraser* and Mr. *Dow*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads, erecting Bridges and for improving the Navigation of the several Rivers throughout this Province.

Mr. *Fraser* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads, erecting Bridges and for improving the Navigation of the several Rivers throughout this Province, reported the same, which he delivered at the Clerk's Table, and the same being read a first and second time, was ordered to be committed.

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

The *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved that the further consideration of this Bill be postponed for three months, on which resolution, the Committee divided as follows, to wit,

YEAS.

Mr. *Speaker*,
Mr. *Miles*,
Mr. *Brittain*,
Mr. *Scovil*,
Mr. *Humbert*,
Mr. *Chapman*,
Mr. *Porter*,
Mr. *Easterbrooks*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Fraser*,
Mr. *Dow*,
Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *M'Kay*,
Mr. *Wetmore*,
Mr. *Agnew*,
Mr. *Wilmot*,

And that it therefore passed in the affirmative.

On the question whether the report of the Committee should be accepted, the House divided and it passed in the affirmative.

On motion, made and seconded, ordered that Mr. *Agnew*, Mr. *Porter*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Humbert*, Mr. *Wetmore*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Scovil* and Mr. *Fraser*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to improve the Roads and Navigation of the several Rivers throughout this Province.

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

THURSDAY the 20th day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Agnew* from the Committee, appointed to bring in a Bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads, erecting Bridges and for improving the navigation of the several Rivers in this Province, reported a Bill for that purpose, which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and the same being read a first and second time, ordered that the said Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon consideration of the same.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message.

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" The Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriations of the 14th, 15th and 17th March, sent up yesterday by the House of Assembly, excepting the following:"

Seventy-nine pounds to John Webster and fifty-nine pounds, fifteen shillings to James Paul--bounties for Fishing.

Fifty-eight pounds, sixteen shillings and four-pence to William Howe Smith.

One hundred and twenty-five pounds to the Proprietors of the Marsh for the Aboideau across the Mill Creek.

Twenty-five pounds to Francis M'Donald, an old Soldier.

Five hundred pounds to the Mayor, &c. of St. John, for a Break-water.

Two hundred pounds to the Justices of Charlotte for a Gaol.

Fifteen pounds, four shillings to reimburse George D. Berton, for expences incurred in retaking E. Moseley.

Three hundred pounds for a Seminary at St. John for young Ladies.

Forty pounds for the Road to Nashwalksis settlement, and *twenty-five pounds* for the Creek.

One hundred and sixty pounds for Settlers on the River Napan.

Twenty-five pounds to Joseph Yates, the first settler on the Road to Loch Lomond.

Twenty-one pounds, eighteen shillings and sixpence to Stephen Peabody, for Bridge over Peabody's Mill Stream.

Twenty-five pounds to Doctor Woodforde.

“ And that the Council had come to the following resolutions:

Resolved that the resolutions granting aid to the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Saint John, and of the Parishes of Fredericton and Portland be agreed to, but that they be not considered as precedents for similar appropriations on any future occasion; and then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion, ordered that Mr. *Humbert* and Mr. *Smith* be a Committee to bring in a Bill to appropriate part of the public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.

On motion, resolved that a conference be requested with the Council on the subject of the resolutions of appropriation for Bye Roads and Bridges, not concurred in by the Council.

Ordered that Mr. *Agnew* and Mr. *McKay*, communicate this resolution to the Council.

A Bill to appropriate a part of the public Revenue for the services therein mentioned, being brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose, was according to order, read a first and second time. Ordered thereupon that the Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon a Bill to appropriate a part of the public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message as follows, to wit,

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am directed by His Majesty's Council to inform this Honorable House, “ that they cannot agree to the conference requested by the House of Assembly, on the subject of the resolutions of appropriation for Bye Roads and “ Bridges, not concurred in by the Council;” and then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wetmore* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee

mittee to report the same as agreed to.

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

Ordered that no person during the recess of the General Assembly, have access to the House of Assembly Room, without the permission of the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Ordered that 200 Copies of the Journals of the present Session of this House, be Printed without delay.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of a Bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads, erecting Bridges and for improving the Navigation of the several Rivers throughout the Province.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Wilmot* from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that in the Committee the following resolution was moved and seconded. Resolved that the further consideration of this Bill be postponed for three months; on which the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. *Speaker*,
Mr. *Miles*,
Mr. *Scovil*,
Mr. *Humbert*,
Mr. *Chapman*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Esterbrooks*,
Mr. *Porter*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Fraser*,
Mr. *Dow*,
Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *McKay*,
Mr. *Brittain*,
Mr. *Wetmore*,
Mr. *Agnew*.

and it therefore passed in the affirmative.

On the question whether the report of the Committee be accepted, the House divided and it passed in the Negative.

On the question whether the Bill be re-committed, the House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

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

FRIDAY the 21st day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Bliss* delivered the Message.

“ *Speaker*,

“ I am directed by His Majesty's Council to inform this Honorable House, that the Council have agreed to the resolutions of appropriation of the 17th, sent up this day for concurrence;” and then Mr. Justice *Bliss* withdrew.

Read an engrossed Bill to appropriate a part of the public Revenue for the services therein mentioned.

Ordered that the Bill pass, and that Mr. *Fraser* and Mr. *Allen* carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Council.

Mr. Justice *Saunders* delivered the Message.

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am directed by His Majesty's Council to inform this Honorable House that the Council have agreed to the Bill to appropriate a part of the public Revenue for the services therein mentioned;” and then Mr. Justice *Saunders* withdrew.

On motion, ordered that Henry Smith, the petitioner against Stair Agnew for bribery and corruption, in the late Election for the County of York, and whose

whose petition was declared frivolous and vexatious by this House, do without delay, pay to the said Stair Agnew the sum of *ten pounds* to defray his expences and costs incurred by him, by reason of the said petition.

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

SATURDAY the 22d day of MARCH, 1817.

PRAYERS.

A Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT, by *Xenophon Jouett*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows :

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ His Honor the PRESIDENT commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber.”

The House of Assembly accordingly, forthwith attended His Honor the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, when the *Speaker* addressed his Honor the PRESIDENT to the effect following :

“ *May it please your Honor*,

“ The House of Assembly, in the discharge of their public duty, have paid particular attention to the recommendation of your Honor, by affording encouragement to the Agriculture of the Province, and they trust that the Bounties offered by them upon Grain, to be raised upon newly cleared Land, will be the means of promoting so important an object.

“ Liberal provision has been made for the relief of those distresses, which have been occasioned by the failure of the late crop; and the House have the greatest confidence that the prompt measures adopted by your Honor for carrying it into effect, will be attended with the happiest effects.

“ A large sum has been appropriated for the encouragement of the Fisheries ---considerable Grants made for the further improvement of the Great Roads of Communication, and liberal supplies for other services; and the House cannot but hope that the continuance of the Revenue Laws now in force, will provide ample means for punctual payments at the Treasury.

“ The Bill to appropriate a part of the public Revenue for the services therein mentioned; the Bill to continue the Acts now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province, and a Bill to provide for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop, the House now tender for your Honor's acceptance, and praying your assent thereto; and the House have the fullest confidence that your Honor's judicious management will render these grants highly conducive to the public good.”

Which Bills as engrossed, Mr. *Speaker* then delivered to the Clerk of the Council.

His Honor the PRESIDENT was then pleased to give his assent to the several public and private Bills as follows, to wit,

A Bill to continue the several Acts now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province.

A Bill to amend and explain An Act, intituled “ An Act to encourage the Fisheries in this Province.”

A Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled “ An Act for regulating Pilots.”

A Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Land.

A Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled “ An Act more effectually to prevent the encumbering or filling up of Harbours, and to authorise the appointment of Harbour-masters.”

A Bill to provide for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop.

A Bill to regulate the exportation of Dutiable articles from and out of this Province.”

TREASURY, NEW-BRUNSWICK, 1816.

ENTRIES OF SHIPS and MERCHANDIZE, subject to the Ordinary PROVINCIAL DUTIES at SAINT JOHN,

Between the first day of January and the thirty-first day of December, 1816.

53	22	Brig Hazard,	John Richards,	Jamaica,	1	1898	30	9974	8	5000	18	1882	30	238	130	16	4
54	23	Brig Marquis of Wellington,	John Bell,	Barbadoes,	19	126	16	1338	3289	18	1882	30	238	130	16	19	10
55	24	Custom House Sales,															
56	27	Brig Hiram,	Micah Yeamans,	Quebec,	1	188	30	3332	357	10	127	2					
57	28	Ship Dorset	Andrew Scott,	Halifax,	6	4628	89	8951	3462	20	244	2					
58	29	Brig Miniam	John Woodworth,	Jamaica,													
59	30	Brig Dykes,	Robert Thomson,	Liverpool,													
60	31	Schooner Swift,	George McLean,	Demarara,	36												
61	25	Ship Castor,	Alexander Fotheringham,	London & Halifax,													
62	30	Brig Only Son,	John Bolcar,	Jamaica,	116	11718	116	11718	1068	61	5606	2					
63	31	Brig Angerona,	William Gilchrist,	Jamaica,	9	1002	23	2529	810	30	2605	24	264				
64	3	Schooner George,	William Dougall,	Trinidad,	64		64		6809	21	2042						
65	4	Brig Union,	Eli R. Patten,	Demarara,	44		60	6405	4614	15	1431	12	70				
66	5	Brig Malta,	John Robinson,	Grenada,	7	800	30	3211									
67	6	Brig Erato,	Isaac Garrison,	Jamaica,	12	925	50	5157									
68	7	Brig Alicia,	William Squire,	Barbadoes,	3	300	9	986									
69	8	Schooner Bianch,	Richard Baucher,	Halifax,	16	2035	34	3700									
70	9	Schooner Flying Fish,	George Williamson,	Halifax,	7	185	2	10									
71	10	Brig Jane,	Jacob Hollett,	Demarara,	2	185	1	10									
72	11	Brig Frances Ann,	Martin Stennis,	Demarara, exported,	2	185	20	2106									
73	12	Schooner Eliza,	William Grant,	Liverpool,	7	822	34	3700									
74	13	Brig Maria,	Francis Leavitt,	Demarara,	2	185	1	10									
75	14	Schooner Olive Branch,	John Hepburn,	London,	7	822	34	3700									
76	15	Ship Henry,	Thomas L. Deblois,	London,	2	185	1	10									
77	16	Ship Trial,	George Wood,	Barbadoes,	2	185	1	10									
78	17	Schooner Hero,	Wm. H. Shaw,	Liverpool,	2	185	1	10									
79	18	Brig Hannah,	Wm. D. Faulke,	Trinidad,	2	185	1	10									
80	19	Brig Dispatch,	Charles Hare,	Jamaica,	2	185	1	10									
81	20	Brig Minerva,	Gilbert Randall,	Demarara,	2	185	1	10									
82	21	Brig Charles,	John Bell,	Barbadoes & St. Vincent's	2	185	1	10									
83	25	Brig Marquis of Wellington,	John Bell,	Barbadoes & St. Vincent's	46	29050	46	68806	90889	60402	3888	210	762	1	7	18941	13

JOHN ROBINSON, P. Treasurer.

Province Treasury, St. John, New-Brunswick, December 31, 1816.

RECAPITULATION OF THE ABOVE ENTRIES.						
		£	s.	D.		
29050 Gallons WINE, BRANDY and GENEVA, - - -	at 1s. 6d.	2178	15			
268805 ditto RUM and SHRUB, - - - - -	" 10d.	11200	4	2		
90589 ditto ditto - - - - -	" 1s.	4529	9			
34335 Pounds COFFEE, - - - - -	" 1d.	143	1	3		
60402 Gallons MOLASSES, - - - - -	" 1d.	251	13	6		
3888 Cwt. 2 Qrs. 10 Lbs. SUGAR, - - - - -	" 2s. 6d.	486	15	³ / ₄		
762 Cwt. 1 Qr. 7 Lbs. ditto. - - - - -	" 4s.	152	9	3		
		18941	13	7 ³ / ₄		

TREASURY, NEW-BRUNSWICK, 1816.

Dr.

General State of the PUBLIC ACCOUNTS with JOHN ROBINSON, Treasurer.

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1816.		£	s.	D.	1816.		£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.
December 31.	To amount paid on one hundred and ninety-nine Warrants drawn by His Honor the President, between the 1st day of March and 31st day of December, 1816, as per Abstract and Vouchers No. 5.....	38,619	4	10	April 6.	By amount of Cash, Bonds, Notes and Bills received from the Executrix of the late William Hazen, Esq. being the balance of the Treasurer's Accounts for 1815.....				36,148	18	2
	To Amount of one hundred and seven Cases of Drawbacks paid at the Treasury in 1816, as per Abstract and Vouchers No. 6.....	3,777	9	6	December 31.	By balance of Light-House Account,.....No. 1.....				432	17	2
	To balance remaining in the Chest in Cash, Bonds, Notes and Bills.....	20,636	11	8		By amount of ordinary Duties at St. John, as per Abstract and 83 entries. No 2.....	1894	13	8 ¹ / ₄			
						By do. of non-resident Tax at ditto.....No. 3.....	645	10	11 ¹ / ₂	19,587	4	8 ¹ / ₄
						By ditto of Auction Duties at ditto.....No. 4.....				825	3	8 ¹ / ₄
						By ditto of Remittances from Thomas H. Peters, Esq. Deputy Treasurer at Miramichi.....	3,669	8	10 ¹ / ₂			
						By ditto of ditto from Thomas Wyer, Esq. Dy. Treasurer at Charlotte.....	1,241	4	2			
						By ditto of ditto from William Harrington, Esq. Dy. Treasurer at Shediac.....	155	10	6			
						By ditto of ditto from John Keillor, Esq. Dy. Treasurer at Westmoreland.....	54	18	3			
						By ditto of ditto from Wm. J. Munro, Esq. Dy. Treasurer at Nepisiquid.....	23	19	7			
						By ditto of ditto from Mr. Mark Neednam, Dy. Treasurer at York County.....	142	5	4 ¹ / ₂	5,287	6	9
						By Duties on 49 Oxen and 3 Horses at St. John.....	64					
						By Cash and Notes received from Lt. Col. Nase for fines in the 1st batt. King's County Militia, per Quarter Master Price.....	55	4	6			
						By Cash received from Neah Disbrow for spare Sails of Sloop Brunswicker.....	9					
						By Cash received for judgment obtained by the Attorney General against Christopher Scott, Esq.....	633	11		761	15	6
		63,033	6							63,033	6	

JOHN ROBINSON, P. Treasurer,

Province Treasury, St. John, New-Brunswick, December 31, 1816.

A Bill for appointing Firewards in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews, ascertaining their power and duty, and more effectually to prevent Fires in the said Towns.

A Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act for the establishment, regulation and improvement of the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province."

A Bill to appropriate a part of the public Revenue for the purposes therein mentioned.

After which His Honor was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses :

" Gentlemen of the Council, and

" Gentlemen of the Assembly,

" The business before you being now finished, it is not necessary longer to detain you from your private affairs; and, in closing the Session, I have only to express my hope that the measures which have been adopted to provide for the public exigencies may be crowned with complete success."

And afterwards the Honorable Chief Justice *Bliss* by His Honor's command, said,

" Gentlemen of the Council, and

" Gentlemen of the Assembly,

" It is His Honor the PRESIDENT'S will and pleasure that the General Assembly be prorogued to the third Tuesday in June next, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the third Tuesday in June next, to be then here holden."