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JOURNAL  
AND  
VOTES  
OF THE  
HOUSE of ASSEMBLY  
FOR THE  
Province of *Nova-Scotia.*

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Tuesday, *October 10, 1769.*

A Message came from His Excellency the Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber; accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency, and being return'd, Mr. Speaker reported, That his Excellency was pleas'd to make the following Speech to both Houses :

House met.

' *Gentlemen of the COUNCIL and HOUSE of*  
' *ASSEMBLY.*

' YOUR meeting at this Time being necessary, and the Season of the Year convenient, I make no doubt that the Result of your Deliberations will produce those Advantages and Benefits, which our present Condition and Circumstances require.

His Excellency's  
Speech.

' I am satisfied that it would be needless to recommend to your Attention the Provincial Revenues; an Object of so much Concern cannot fail of having its due Weight with you. And I trust that the Means you will provide for supplying the Deficiencies, will be as proper and effectual, as the State and Condition of the Province  
' will

‘ will admit of. But among the several Matters  
 ‘ which demand your serious Consideration, none,  
 ‘ Gentlemen, is of more Importance, than to make  
 ‘ some Provision, whereby a Scarcity of Corn and  
 ‘ other Seed, in the most urgent Season, may be  
 ‘ prevented or supplied; such an Evil, altho’ not  
 ‘ uncommon, is not without Remedy; and to pro-  
 ‘ vide that Remedy, and effectually apply it, will  
 ‘ be a Precaution of such Wisdom and Prudence,  
 ‘ as will not only be much to your Advantage and  
 ‘ Profit, but will give you Credit and Reputation.

‘ I shall direct the proper Officers to lay before  
 ‘ you such Papers as are necessary for your Inspec-  
 ‘ tion; and I will communicate to you by Message,  
 ‘ such other Matters as may, during the Session, oc-  
 ‘ cur for your Consideration.

‘ I recommend to you, Gentlemen, Unanimity  
 ‘ and Dispatch, and assure you of my most earnest  
 ‘ Desire to forward and perfect every Measure,  
 ‘ which can tend to your Advantage, Welfare, and  
 ‘ Prosperity.’

*Order’d*, That Mr. *Hinschelwood* and Mr. *Bren-  
 ton* do prepare an Address in Answer to his Excel-  
 lency’s Speech.

Then the House adjourn’d till Tomorrow Morning Eleven  
 o’Clock.

Wednesday, *October 11*, 1769.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Ad-  
 dress in Answer to his Excellency the Governor’s  
 Speech, reported an Address prepared by them ac-  
 cordingly, which being read, was agreed to with  
 some Amendments.

*Order’d*, That it be engros’d.

The Treasurer of the Province, by Order of his  
 Excellency the Governor, presented to the House,

*A General State of the Provincial Funds.*

*An Account of Money paid at the Treasury since the 22d October, 1768, on Votes of the General Assembly, and for contingent Expences.*

*A Road Account.*

*An Account of Salaries paid.*

*An Account of Demands on the Treasury, amounting to £1485. 5. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$*

and the said Accounts were read.

*Order'd,* That they do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Thursday, October 12th, 1769.

Mr Speaker and the Members waited on his Excellency the Governor with their Address, which was presented, as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the RIGHT HONORABLE

**LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL,**

*Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, or Acadie in America, and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c.*

*The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.*

*May it please your Excellency,*

**W**E His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives for this Province, now met in General Assembly, return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech from the Chair, and for calling us together at a Season of the Year which will best admit of our Deliberations on the present State and Circumstances of the Province, from which we hope with your Excellency, to derive all possible Benefit and Advantage.

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We are sensible of the Urgency of applying our first Attention to the Provincial Funds, an Object we cannot fail to have much at Heart, whilst we contemplate it as the Basis upon which the Growth and Prosperity of this Province so greatly depend, and your Excellency may be assured we shall leave no Resource unattempted to make good the Deficiencies of the Revenues, to the utmost of our power and Abilities.

We heartily concur with your Excellency in Sentiment upon the Importance of adopting some Method to prevent the Scarcity of Corn, and other Seed Grain in the Country, at that Season when they are most needful; and shall exert our best Endeavours to discover and apply some effectual Remedy to an Evil which if not timely guarded against, must produce consequences of the most distressing Nature to the Husbandry of the Province.

To promote Unanimity and Dispatch in our Proceedings, we beg leave to assure your Excellency shall be our earnest Study; and we are particularly perswaded of your Excellency's Zeal and Desire to forward and perfect every Measure for the Public Welfare. On this Occasion we are sincerely happy in expressing to your Excellency our great Satisfaction in seeing the Roads in the Interior parts of this Province, and about the Capital under your Excellency's active and prudent Conduct, so greatly improved, from which we cannot but foresee the Advantages that must mutually be felt by the Inhabitants of the Town and Country, in an easier and safer Communication with each other than heretofore.

WILLIAM NESBITT,

12th October, 1769.

Speaker.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer :

GENTLEMEN,

**I**T affords me great Pleasure and Satisfaction, that you so readily concur with me in Sentiment regarding the Provincial Funds, and the adopting some Method of guarding against future Dearth's of Grain, Objects worthy of your most serious Attention; and I am happy if my Endeavours in improving the Roads, shall add to the future Prosperity of the Inhabitants of this Province.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, October 13th, 1769.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Publick Accounts, and after some Time spent therein, Resolved and Ordered, That Mr. Butler, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Brenton, do examine the same, and report thereon.

Public Accounts taken into Consideration.

A Message came from His Majesty's Council to desire a Conference by Committee, on the Consideration of that Part of His Excellency the Governor's Speech which relates to the making Provision to prevent a Scarcity of Corn and other Seed Grain,

Message from the Council.

Order'd, That Mr. Butler and Mr. Burbidge be a Committee of this House for the said Conference; and the Committees having met accordingly Mr. Burbidge reported from the said Committee, that Heads of a Bill had been prepared by the Committee of Council, which they apprehended would answer the intended Purpose, and which they desired might be taken into Consideration by this House, and the same were read.

Committee appointed.

Report.

*Resolved,*

*Resolv'd*, that this House will on Monday next take the said Matter into Consideration.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Saturday, *October 14*, 1769.

The House met and adjourn'd till Monday Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Monday, *October 16th*, 1769.

Letter from *Richard Cumberland, Esq;*

A Letter from *Richard Cumberland, Esq;* dated London, the *5th April*, 1769, directed to Mr. *Speaker*, was read, setting forth, that he readily accepts the Appointment of this House as Agent to the Province.

Read.

Petition from the Commissioners of Sewers for *Horton*.

A Petition from the Subscribers, Commissioners of Sewers for the Township of *Horton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that whereas a very considerable Part of the Dyked Lands in said Township are owned or held by absentees or non-resident Proprietors, who neither by themselves, their Attorneys, Agents or Factors appear to pay the frequent Charges and Expences of making and repairing the Dykes, and that the Petitioners meet with great Difficulty in Leasing the Lands of such Non-residents for defraying those Charges according to the present Powers given by the Acts of this Province, as no Person will appear to take a Lease of such deficient Lands, unless for a very long Term, by which means the Petitioners have it not in their Power to pay off the Charges already arisen or which may arise for such Labour, to the great Damage of the Persons who perform the said Labour; and praying that the Legislature of the Province will take the said Matter into Consideration, and afford the Petitioners Relief therein.

Upon

Upon Consideration of which, *Resolved*, that a Bill be prepared for the Purposes contain'd in the Prayer of the said Petition.

Order thereon.

*Order'd*, that Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Morris*, and Mr. *Burbidge*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to take into Consideration the Measures necessary for preventing a Scarcity of Grain in this Province; and the House having taken the same into Consideration;

Consideration of the Measures necessary for preventing Scarcity of Grain.

*Resolved*, That this House cannot agree to the Method proposed by the Committee of his Majesty's Council, and that in lieu thereof, a Bill be prepared for preventing the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal, or Pease, until the First of May, 1770.

*Henry Denny Denson, Esq;* return'd a Member of this House for the Township of *Newport*, took the Oaths and his Seat.

Upon a Motion, leave was given to Mr. *Brenton* to bring in a Bill in further Amendment of the Act concerning Bail, and the said Bill having been presented accordingly, the same was read a First Time.

Bill in Amendment to the Act concerning Bail.

*Order'd*, that it be read a Second Time To-morrow.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tuesday, *October 17*, 1769.

According to Order, a Bill intituled "An Act to prevent, for a limited Time, the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal, and Pease from this Province," was presented to the House, and the same being read, was taken into Consideration, and agreed to with Amendments.

Bill to prevent Exportation of Grain &c.

*Order'd*,

*Order'd*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed, and the same having been ingrossed accordingly, was read and agreed to by the House.

*Order'd*, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council; with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

Bill concerning Bail  
read a second Time.

Read a Second Time, the Bill intituled "An Act in further Amendment of the Act made in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act concerning Bail."

*Resolv'd*, That this House doth agree to the same.

*Order'd*, That the said Bill be Ingrossed.

Bill for County  
Charges presented.

A Bill intituled "An Act in further Addition to an Act made in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned," was presented to the House and read.

*Resolv'd*, That this House doth agree to the same.

*Order'd*, That the said Bill be ingross'd.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Wednesday, *October* 18, 1769,

Bill concerning Bail  
and Bill for County  
Charges passed.

Read a Third Time and pass'd, the Bill in further Amendment of the Act concerning Bail, and the Bill in further addition to the Act for raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties, &c.

*Order'd*, That they be sent to His Majesty's Council; with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

A Bill, intituled " An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries," was presented to the House and read, and being taken into Consideration,

Bill for Ferries,  
presented.

*Resolv'd*, That this House do agree to the same.

*Order'd*, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Thursday, October 19, 1769.

A Bill for further regulating the Market in *Hampshire*, was presented to the House, and the said Bill was read, and agreed to.

Bill for further regulating the Market,  
presented.

*Order'd*, That the said Bill be sent to His Majesty's Council with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

His Majesty's Council sent down the Bill to prevent, for a limited Time, the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal, and Pease, from this Province, with Amendments; and the House having proceeded to take the said Amendments into Consideration,

Bill for preventing the Exportation of Wheat, &c.  
Sent down with Amendments.

The same were read, and, with an Amendment to one of them, were agreed to by the House.

*Order'd*, That a Message be sent to His Majesty's Council accordingly.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Friday, October 20th, 1769.

According to Order, a Bill in further Addition to and Amendment of *An Act made in the 33<sup>d</sup> Year*

Bill in further Addition, &c. to the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, presented.

Year of His late Majesty's Reign, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, was presented to the House and read, and the said Bill having been taken into Consideration, was agreed to with Amendments. *Order'd*, That the said Bill be ingross'd.

Message from the Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Bill, to prevent, for a limited Time, the Exportation of Wheat, &c. To the Bill in further Addition to the Act for raising Money by presentment on the several Counties, &c. And to the Bill for regulating Ferries.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, October 21, 1769.

Bill in further Addition, &c. to the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers,

The Bill in further Addition to, and Amendment of the *Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers*, was read a Third Time.

pass'd.

*Resolv'd*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Order'd*, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council, with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

Message from the Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they agree to the Bill in further Amendment of the *Act concerning Bail*.

His Majesty's Council sent down the Bill in further Addition to and Amendment of the *Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers*, with an Amendment; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

*Resolv'd*, That this House will on Monday next take the said Amendment into Consideration.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday

Monday, *October 22d, 1769.*

The Order of the Day being read, the House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments proposed by His Majesty's Council to the Bill in further Addition to and Amendment of the *Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers*; and agreed to the same.

Amendments to the Bill for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, consider'd.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tuesday, *October 24, 1769.*

Mr. *Salter*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Public Accounts, reported the proceedings of the said Committee therein, and the House having taken the said Report into Consideration, came to the following Resolutions:

Report of the Committee appointed to Examine the Public Accounts.

*Resolv'd*, That it appears to this House, that the Sum of £70. 1. 2. is due from *Benoni Danks*, Esq; Collector of the Duties of Impost and Excise at *Cumberland*, exclusive of Four Notes of Hand from different Persons, amounting to £43. 3. 3. transmitted by him to the Treasury as Payments, but which still remain unpaid, and that the said *Benoni Danks*, has not ~~submited~~ any Account for Duties collected since the 30th *April* last; that there likewise appears to be due by Mr. *Samuel Wethered*, of *Cumberland*, the Sum of £89. 14. for Duties of Impost and Excise, and License Money.

Resolutions thereon.

*under*

*Resolv'd*, That it appears to this House, that by the Accounts of *George Cottnam*, Esq; Collector of the Duties of Impost and Excise at *Louisbourg*, to *February 1768*, there has been collected there the Sum of £201. 7. of which there has been paid into the Treasury only £90. which, with the charge of £40. for Commissions, £40 for a Waiter and Guager, and £19. 0. 6 1/2 for sundry Expenses

Expences for the Court-House, Goal, &c. leaves a Ballance due by him to the Government of £12. 6. 5. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Besides which, it appears, there is also due by Sundry Persons at *Louisbourg*, for Duties, the Sum of £89. 16. 10.

*Resolv'd*, That the Charge made by the said Collector of £40. for a Waiter and Guager, and of £19. 0. 6. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> for sundry Expences, for a Court-House, Goal, &c. are not provided for by any Vote or Resolution of the *General Assembly*.

*Resolv'd*, That it does not appear to this House, that any Account has been rendered to the Treasury, of any Monies receiv'd for Duties of Impost and Excise, or Licenses, in *Queen's County* notwithstanding a Considerable Quantity of Spirituous Liquors are consumed there;

*Resolv'd*, That it appears to this House, that in the Account of the Collector of Impost and Excise Duties at *Lunenburg*, there is a charge of £4. for a Gauger, which charge is not provided for by any *Vote* or *Resolution* of the *General Assembly*.

*Resolv'd*, That it appears to this House, that the Charge for Stationary to the different Offices amounts to £103. 16. 1. which exceeds, by £53. 16. 1. the Sums allowed for that Purpose, by Votes or Resolutions of the *General Assembly*;

*Resolv'd*, That it appears to this House, that there has been paid the Sum of £56. 17. 6. as a Salary to the first Justice of the Inferior Court at *Halifax*, and that there is a further Demand of £34. 12. 6. for the same Purpose, neither of which are provided for by any Vote or Resolution of the *General Assembly*;

*Resolv'd*, That it appears to this House, that the Sum of £25. has been paid to *Joseph Woodmass*, Esq; as Keeper of the Light-house, and Assistants for one Quarter, which Payment is not provided

vided for by any Vote or Resolution of the General Assembly;

*Resolv'd*, That it does not appear to this House, that Return has been made into the Treasury for the Government's Part of the Fines and Forfeitures following, viz.

<i>Malachy Salter,</i>	-	-	-	£50.
<i>Maurice Cavenaugh,</i>	-	-	-	50.
<i>Joseph Clegg,</i>	-	-	-	25.
<i>Thomas Marston,</i>	-	-	-	50.
<i>William Welch,</i>	-	-	-	50.

nor of any Monies arising from the Produce of Spirituous Liquors seized and forfeited, notwithstanding it is well known, that the Government's Part therein must have amounted to a considerable Sum.

*Resolv'd*, That it appears to this House, that there is a Demand made of £175. by *Joseph Pierpont*, for Work done on the Governor's Farm, which has already been disallow'd by this House.

*Resolv'd*, That it appears to this House, that the following Demands are also made on the Government, viz.

By *Terence Fitzpatrick*, for Work done on the Governor's House, - £83. 0. 3.

By *John Jones* for Work at the Pilot-Boat, - - - 85. 9. 9.

By the Heirs of the late *Joseph Rous*, deceased, as Keeper of the *Light-House*, 185. 0. 0.

£353. 10. 0.

neither of which are provided for by any Vote or Resolution of the *General Assembly*.

*Resolv'd*,

*Resolv'd,* That it appears to this House, from the Report of the Committee, that in the Course of their Examination of the Public Accounts, many Difficulties arose in stating them, owing to the several Offices making up their Accounts at different Periods, that therefore it be humbly request- ed of His Excellency the Governor, that the several Officers of Government may be directed to make up their respective Accounts to a certain Day in each Year.

*Resolv'd,* That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor setting forth, that on examining the Public Accounts, this House find many Things respecting the Revenues of the Province, which call for immediate Relief, and to request that his Excellency will be pleas'd to take such Measures as may tend to a Redress thereof.

*Order'd,* That Mr. Butler, Mr. Hinsbetwood, and Mr. Burbidge, do prepare an Address accordingly.

*Resolv'd,* That a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions be also presented to his Excellency.

*Reliev'd*, That the following State of the Province Debt be inserted in the Journal of this House.

Dr. *The Province of Nova-Scotia.*

Cr.

1769.  
October

To so much advanced by the  
Treasurer, } £. - 4 17 2 1/2

To Notes and Warrants on  
Interest, } 21148 11 4

To so much due for Interest to  
31<sup>st</sup> December next, } 778 15

( 15 )  
To Amount of Demands on the  
Treasury, which are agree-  
able to Votes and Resolutions  
of the General Assembly, } 1194 7 9

To the Sum voted for Repairs  
to the Governor's House } 147 12 9

Amount of sundry Salaries to  
30<sup>th</sup> September last. } 253 2

£23527 6 0

Due from the Outports of the  
Province, } £305. 11 5

Outstanding Debts, for Im-  
post and Excise Duties at  
Halifax, supposed to be good, } 400

Province Notes in the Hands  
of the Treasurer, } 118 1

The Province Debt will then be 22820 6 6  
£23527 6 0

His

Messge from the Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Messge, that they agree to the Bill in further Addition to and Amendment of the *Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.*

To Morrow being the Anniverfary of His Majesty's Accession to the Throne, The House adjourn'd till Thursday Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thursday, October 26, 1769.

Messge from the Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Messge, that they agree to the Bill for further regulating the Market at *Halifax.*

Representation concerning Fees taken by the Provost-Marshal.

It having been represented to the House, that the Fees taken by the *Provost Marshal*, on lévying Executions are very grievous, and the House having taken the same into Consideration,

*Order'd*, that a Bill be prepared to explain and amend the Act for the Establishment of Fees.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, October 27th, 1769.

Address reported.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House an Address prepared by them accordingly; and the same was read and agreed to, as follows:

Address.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the RIGHT HONORABLE Lord WILLIAM CAMPBELL, *Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, or Acadie in America, and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c.*

The humble Address of the House of Assembly.

*May it please your Excellency,*

THE House of Assembly, on examining the Public Accounts, find many Things respecting

ing the Revenues of the Province, which call for immediate Relief.

“ The Resolutions of the House, herewith deliver'd your Excellency, (we presume) sufficiently set forth the Evils complain'd of, and present them with the fullest Confidence that your Excellency will' pursue every Measure that can tend to a Redress thereof.”

*Order'd*, That it be presented by Mr. *Butler*, Mr. *Burbidge*, Mr. *Salter*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Denfon*, Tomorrow Morning.

A Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to take off the Duty of Impost on Spirituous Liquors, and add 5d. per Gallon to the present Excise Duty, and after some Debate thereon,

A Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to take off Impost Duty on Spirits, and to add it to the Excise.

*Order'd*, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Denfon*, and Mr. *Brenton*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

A Message came from his Majesty's Council, that they have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House, in preparing Instructions to *Richard Cumberland*, Esq; as Agent to this Province, in *London*.

Message from the Council.

*Order'd*, That Mr. *Salter*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Butler*, be a Committee of this House for that Purpose.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, *October 28*, 1769.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Bill to take off the Duty of Impost on Spirituous Liquors, and add 5d. per Gallon to the present Excise Duty, reported a Bill prepared by them accordingly,

Bill to take off Duty of Impost on Spirits, and add it to the Excise. Presented.

And the said Bill was read.

Read.

And

And a Motion having been made, that it do lie on the Table till Monday ;

*Order'd*, That the said Bill do lie on the Table accordingly.

Bill to explain, &c.  
An Act for Establish-  
ment of Fees,

A Bill intituled *an Act to explain and amend Part of an Act made in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for the Establishment of Fees*, as regulated by the Governor and Council, at the Request of the House of Assembly, was presented to the House, and read.

presented.

Agreed to.

*Order'd*, That it be committed, and the said Bill having been committed accordingly, was reported agreed to with Amendments ; the said Bill was then read a second Time.

*Order'd*, That it be ingross'd.

Report of Com-  
mittee who present-  
ed Address to the  
Governor.

The Committee appointed to present the Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor, reported that they had presented the same accordingly, and that his Excellency was pleas'd to say that he would take the several Matters therein contained into Consideration.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Eleven o'Clock;

Monday, October 30, 1769.

Bill to explain and  
amend Part of the  
Act for Establish-  
ment of Fees,  
pass'd.

Read a third Time, and pass'd, the Bill to explain and amend Part of the *Act for the Establishment of Fees*, as regulated by the Governor and Council, at the Request of the House of Assembly.

*Order'd*, That it be sent to His Majesty's Council, with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same:

The Order of the Day being read.

Bill to amend Ex-  
cise Act, and repeal  
Part of Import Act,  
consider'd.

The House took into Consideration the Bill in Amendment of the *Act relating to the Duty of Excise on Spirituous Liquors, and for repealing so much*

*much of the Impost Act as relates to the Impost on Spirituous Liquors*; and after some Debate thereon, a Motion was made for committing the said Bill, and the Question being put, Whether the said Bill shall be committed? It pass'd in the Affirmative.

*Resolv'd*, That this House will Tomorrow Morning resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Bill.

Resolution thereon.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning, Eleven o'Clock.

Tuesday, *October 31*, 1769.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House, in a Committee of the whole House; proceeded to take into Consideration the Bill in Amendment of the *Act relating to the Duty of Excise on Spirituous Liquors, and to Repeal so much of the Impost Act as relates to the Impost on Spirituous Liquors*; and the said Bill was reported not agreed to.

Bill to amend the Excise Act, &c.

considered in a Committee.

A Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on all Rum and other Spirituous Liquors Distill'd in this Province, and a Debate arising in the House thereon,

A Motion was made; and the Question being put, Whether an additional Duty shall be laid on Spirituous Liquors? it was carried in the Negative.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor.

Message from the Governor.

THE Governor has had under Consideration the Resolves made by the House of Assembly the 24th of this Month, and assures them, that he will order a strict Enquiry to be made into the several Matters there pointed out, in order to recover such Sums of Money as are not

‘ not yet duly accounted for, and that the Management of the Revenues may be conducted in the most frugal Manner.

‘ In the mean time, the Governor recommends the Consideration of a further Provision for the Support and Maintenance of the *Light-House*; and as it is highly necessary that such Provision should arise from the Benefit and Advantages received by it, as is usual in other Places; he therefore thinks none so proper as an Addition to the present Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels, and the Imposition of a Duty, as far as is practicable on those now exempted; at the same Time, providing proper Means for the due Collection of it, for want of which that Revenue has greatly suffered.’

*Halifax, 31st October, 1769.*

A Motion was made, for leave to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on Melasses imported from the Continent, and a Debate arising in the House on the Expediency of laying such a Duty, and the Question being put, it was carried in the Negative.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wednesday, *November 1, 1769.*

The House proceeded to take into Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Message of Yesterday.

*Resolv'd*, That a Committee do wait on his Excellency to request, that he will please to order to be laid before this House an Account of the Money received for the *Light-House* Duty, during the Year past, and of the Expence attending the Maintenance of the *Light-House* for the same Time.

*Order'd*, That Mr. *Procter*, and Mr. *Smith*, be the Committee.

The Governor's  
Message consider'd.

Request to His Ex-  
cellency.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the State of the Provincial Revenues, and of Ways and Means to supply the Deficiencies thereof, and after some Time spent therein,

Consideration of the State of the Provincial Revenues.

*Resolv'd*, That this House will Tomorrow Morning further consider of the same.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thursday, *November 2d*, 1769.

The House proceeded on the further Consideration of the State of the Provincial Revenues, and after some Time spent therein,

*Resolv'd*, That this House will Tomorrow Morning further consider thereof.

A Memorial from *Malachy Salter, Joseph Gray, William Meany, and Richard Jacobs*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, " That the Memorialists were Overseers of the Poor for the Town of *Halifax*, from the 31st *November* 1765, to the 31st *October*, 1766, during which Time the Expences attending the Support of the Poor exceeded the Sums of Money they received for that Purpose £90. 6. 10. as appears by an Account annexed, and praying Relief; and the House having taken the same into Consideration,

Memorial from *Malachy Salter* and others.

*Voted*, That the Sum of £90. 6. 10. be paid to the said Overseers; as a Reimbursement of the Sum advanced by them as aforesaid.

Vote thereon.

*Order'd*, That this Vote be sent to His Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

A Memorial from *Jane Harris*, Widow to the late Keeper of the Work-house, was presented to the House and read, setting forth that, owing to a Mistake, there is still due to her £20. on the Sum of £255. 1. 5. voted to her late Husband in *November*

Memorial of *Jane Harris*.

ember 1763, and praying that the same may be paid her, and it appearing to this House, that the Prayer of the said Memorial is justly founded ;

Vote thereon. *Voted*, That there be paid to the said Widow *Harris*, the Sum of £20. due to her as aforesaid.

*Order'd*, That this Vote be sent to His Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

Vote to Dr. *Reeves*. *Voted*, That there be paid to Dr. *Reeves* the Sum of £60. for his Services and extraordinary Trouble in attending the Sick in the Poor House, and in the Town, from *July 1st*, 1768, to *July 1st*, 1769.

*Order'd*, That this Vote be sent to His Majesty's Council for Concurrence:

Petition from  
*Eleanor Fallon*.

A Petition from *Eleanor Fallon*, Midwife, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is constantly call'd upon at all Times and Seasons, to attend the poor Women in the Town of *Halifax*, who without her Assistance wou'd be distress'd in a very great degree ; that the Petitioner has greatly suffer'd by means thereof in her Health ; and praying some Allowance for her Services. And the House having taken the same into Consideration.

*Resolv'd*, That the State of the Province Funds do not admit of making her any Allowance.

Account of the  
Light-house Duty  
presented.

The Receiver of the *Light-House* Duty presented to the House, pursuant to their Request to his Excellency the Governor, an Account of Monies collected for the Maintenance of the *Light-House*, from the 19th *May*, 1768, to the 31st *October*, 1769 ; and also, an Account of the Disposal of the same.

*Order'd*, That Mr. *Procter*, Mr. *Salter*, and Mr. *Smith*, do examine the said Accounts, and report thereon to the House.

A Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Raw Hides, &c.*

Motion for Leave to bring in Bill to amend the Act concerning the Exportation of Hides, &c.

*Order'd*, That Mr. *Smith*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday, *November 3*, 1769.

Upon the Application of Mrs. *Bath*, the House having taken into Consideration her Services in the Care of the *Assembly-House*,

*Voted*, That the Allowance of £20. stipulated in the Estimate of the Expences of Government, for the Keeper of the *Assembly-House*, be paid to Mrs. *Bath*, for her Services from the 1st July, 1768, to the 1st July 1769.

Vote to the Keeper of the *Assembly-House*.

*Order'd*, That this Vote be sent to His Majesty's Council for Concurrence.

Upon a Motion, leave was given to bring in a Bill for laying an additional Duty of 2s. 6d. per Barrel on Beer imported, and a Duty of 2s. 6d. per Barrel on all Cyder imported; and accordingly a Bill intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty an additional Duty of Impost on Malt Beer, and a Duty of Impost on Cyder imported into this Province*, was presented to the House, and the said Bill was read.

Leave for Bill to lay an additional Duty on Beer, and a Duty on Cyder.

*Order'd*, That it be ingross'd.

Upon a Motion, leave was given to bring in a Bill for repealing the Act to prohibit the erecting of Distill Houses in the Town of *Halifax*.

Leave for Bill to repeal Act concerning Distill-Houses.

*Order'd*, That Mr. *Salter* do prepare and bring in the same.

Resolution on the Consideration of Ways and Means.

The House proceeded to consider further of Ways and Means for supplying the Deficiencies in the Provincial Revenues, and many Expedients were proposed, which the House having taken into Consideration,

*Resolv'd*, That it appears to this House, that under the present Circumstances of the People of this Province, they are not able to pay or bear any Tax:

Bill from the Council in Addition to the Act to prevent firing off Guns, &c.

His Majesty's Council, sent down a Bill intitled *an Act in Addition to an Act made in the 32d Year of His late Majesty's Reign, to prevent the unnecessary Firing off Guns, and other Fire Arms in the Town and Suburbs of Halifax.* With a Message that they desire the Concurrence of this House to the same.

And the said Bill was read.

*Order'd*, That it lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, *November 4*, 1769.

Bill to lay an additional Duty on Beer, and a Duty on Cyder,

The Bill for granting to His Majesty an Additional Duty of Impost on Malt Beer, and a Duty of Impost on Cyder imported into this Province, being ingross'd; was read a 3d Time,

Passed.

*Resolv'd*, That the said Bill do pass, and be sent to his Majesty's Council, with a Message that this House doth desire their concurrence to the same.

Bill in Addition to the Act to prevent firing off Guns,

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bill sent down Yesterday by his Majesty's Council, intitled, *An Act in Addition to the Act to prevent unnecessary Firing off Guns, &c.*

considered.

And agreed to the same, with some Amendments.

*Order'd*,

Order'd, That the said Bill be carried up to His Majesty's Council, with a Message, that this House doth agree to the same with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of His Majesty's Council.

Agreed to with Amendments.

According to Order, a Bill to amend the *Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Raw Hides, &c.* was presented to the House, and the same was read, and taken into Consideration.

Bill to amend Act for prohibiting Exportation of Hides, &c. presented.

According to Order, a Bill to repeal *An Act made in the 32d Year of His late Majesty's Reign, to prohibit the erecting of Distilling Houses within the Town of Halifax,* was presented to the House, and the same was read, and taken into Consideration, and agreed to with Amendments.

Bill to repeal Act to prohibit erecting Distill Houses, &c. presented.

The Committee appointed to examine the *Light-House* Accounts, reported to the House their proceedings therein. And the House having taken the same into Consideration,

Report of the Committee on the Light-house Accounts.

Order'd, That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor thereon.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, November 6, 1769.

Read a Third Time, and pass'd, the Bill to amend the *Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Raw Hides, &c.* And also the Bill to repeal the *Act to prohibit the erecting of Distill Houses in the Town of Halifax, &c.*

Bill to amend the Act for prohibiting the Exportation of Hides, &c. and Bill to repeal the Act to prohibit erecting Distill Houses, passed.

Order'd, That they be sent to his Majesty's Council with a Message, that this House doth desire their Concurrence to the same.

The Address of this House to be presented to his Excellency the Governor, on the present State of the *Light-House,* having been prepared, was read and agreed to as follows :

Address to the Governor, Agreed to.

To his EXCELLENCY the RIGHT HONORABLE

Lord WILLIAM CAMPBELL,

Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of *Nova-Scotia*, or *Acadie* in *America*, and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c.

The humble Address of the House of Assembly.

‘ May it please your Excellency,

Address.

‘ **T**HE House of Assembly having, agreeable  
 ‘ to your Excellency's Message of the 31<sup>st</sup> of  
 ‘ October, had under Consideration the present State  
 ‘ of the Light-house, find that the Dues established  
 ‘ are higher than any Duty of the like Nature in the  
 ‘ neighbouring Governments, and that increasing the  
 ‘ the same would have a Tendency to discourage  
 ‘ Trade; that all Merchant Vessels anchoring with-  
 ‘ in Mauger's Beach, tho' not coming to the Town,  
 ‘ are liable to pay Light-Money, which hitherto has  
 ‘ not been collected; That the late Collectors be-  
 ‘ ing unacquainted with the Tonnage of Shipping,  
 ‘ have not received in general more than three  
 ‘ Fourths of the Dues from the respective Masters  
 ‘ of Vessels at clearing out, that a Part of the  
 ‘ Money collected for this Purpose has been paid for  
 ‘ Supplies to the Pilot-boat, which the House appre-  
 ‘ hend ought not to have been done: and whereas by  
 ‘ the present Manner of collecting the Dues, and pur-  
 ‘ chasing Oyl, Wick, Candles, &c. the Light-house  
 ‘ is become a very considerable Burthen to the Pro-  
 ‘ vince, the House therefore humbly recommend that  
 ‘ the whole Business of the Light-house be farm'd  
 ‘ out on the best Terms, to some Person who shall  
 ‘ give good Security for the faithful performance of  
 ‘ the Trust, or that it be put on such a prudent  
 ‘ Footing, as that the Government may not be at  
 ‘ any Expence, as the House apprehend the Income  
 ‘ of

‘ of the said Light-house would support it, if con-  
‘ ducted with Frugality and Care.’

Order’d, That this Address be presented by Mr.  
Salter, Mr. Procter, and Mr. Smith.

His Majesty’s Council sent down,  
The Bill to repeal the *Act prohibiting the erecting*  
*Distill-Houses in the Town of Halifax;*

Bills return’d from  
the Council.

The Bill to amend the *Act for prohibiting the Ex-*  
*portation of Raw Hides, &c.*

And the Bill for granting to his Majesty *an Addi-*  
*tional Duty of Impost on Beer, and a Duty of Im-*  
*post on Cyder, imported into this Province;* not  
agreed to.

Then the House adjourn’d till Tomorrow Morning Ten  
o’Clock.

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Tuesday, November 7, 1769.

*A Message from His Excellency the Governor.*

‘ **T**HE Governor has consider’d the Repre-  
‘ sentation made Yesterday from the *House*  
‘ of *Assembly*, respecting the Expences of the  
‘ *Light-House*, and will direct proper Measures  
‘ to be taken for an exact Collection of the Duties,  
‘ and to put it on such frugal Establishment, that  
‘ the Government may be eas’d as far as the income  
‘ will admit, from any Exceeding.

Message from the  
Governor.

Then the House adjourn’d till Tomorrow Morning, Ten  
o’Clock.

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Wednesday, November 8, 1769.

*Resolv’d*, That Mr. Speaker do report to his  
Excellency the Governor, that the following Seats  
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in this House are, vacant, viz.

For the Township of *Londonderry*.

For the Township of *Cumberland*.

For the Township of *Sackville*.

For the Township of *Barrington*.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had agreed to the Amendments propos'd by this House to the Bill in Addition to the *Act to prevent the unnecessary Firing off Guns, &c.*

Message from the  
Council.

His Majesty's Council acquainted the House by Message, "That taking into Consideration that Part  
" of his Excellency's Speech at the opening of the  
" Session, respecting the Insufficiency of the present  
" Funds, for discharging the Debts due from Go-  
" vernment, and for Payment of Interest, Salary  
" Officers, and other necessary Expences, are of  
" Opinion, that some Expedient is necessary at this  
" Time to maintain the Faith and Credit of Go-  
" vernment, and therefore think it incumbent on  
" them to propose for the Purposes set forth in his  
" Excellency's Speech, a Tax on Real and Personal  
" Estate, with a Poll Tax, which they apprehend  
" would effectually answer those Ends."

Answer.

*Resolv'd*, That a Message in Answer to the same, be sent to His Majesty's Council, to acquaint them, that this House have already had under Consideration that Part of his Excellency's Speech, at the opening of this Session, respecting the Insufficiency of the present Funds for discharging the Debts due from Government, and are desirous of doing every Thing in their Power to support the Faith and Credit of the Province: But that it appears to the House, that under the present Circumstances of the People, they are not able to pay or bear any Tax, and the House is also of Opinion, that the present Revenue will be sufficient if managed with  
Frugality

Frugality and Care to discharge the Annual Expence of Government.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

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Thursday, November 9, 1769.

*Noted*, That the Sum of Six Pounds Eight Shillings be paid by the Treasurer of the Province, out of the Public Money in the Treasury, to Mr. *John Kent*, Messenger and Door-keeper of this House, for his Services to this Day inclusive, and Fuel supplied.

His Majesty's Council returned the Bill to explain and amend Part of the *Act for the Establishment of Fees*; not agreed to.

A Message came from his Excellency the Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber, accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House, went up to attend His Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills:

A Bill for establishing and regulating Ferries:

A Bill in further Addition to an Act made in the 5th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties in this Province, for the defraying certain County Charges therein mentioned.*

A Bill to prevent, for a limited Time, the Exportation of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Flour, Meal, and Pease from this Province.

A Bill in further Amendment of an Act made in the 6th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act concerning Bail.*

A Bill in further Addition to and Amendment of an Act made in the 33d Year of His late Majesty's

*jefty's Reign, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.*

A Bill for further regulating the Market in *Halifax*.

A Bill in Addition to an Act made in the 32<sup>d</sup> Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to prevent unnecessary Firing off Guns, and other Fire Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of Halifax.*

Then the Clerk of the Council, by His Excellency's Command, declared the *General-Assembly* prorogued to *Monday* the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of *April* next; and the same was prorogued accordingly.