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JOURNAL,  
AND  
PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
Of the PROVINCE of  
NOVA-SCOTIA.

Thursday, 8th, June 1786.

THE Return of the Writ for two Members for the County of Sydney, one Member for the County of Cumberland, and one Member for the Town of Amherst, being received by the House, it appeared that J. M. Freke Bulkeley and James Putnam Esqrs; were duly elected for the County of Sydney, Mr. Philip Marchinton, duly Elect-ed for the County of Cumberland, and Mr. Charles Hill for the Town of Amherst, and they having taken the usual Oaths before a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and there being then present Eleven Mem-bers and the Speaker, the House met, and a Message was sent to ac-quaint His Excellency the Governor, therewith.

House met and new Members Sworn in.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor re-quiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber,

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

The Speaker and the House attended accordingly, and having re-turned, the Speaker reported to the House, that His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech.

House attend His Excellency.

*Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly,*

“ AT the Close of the last Session several Matters then before  
“ you were left undetermined and were deferred for further  
“ consideration, and Resolutions in a future Session.

His Excellency's Speech.

“ I have therefore called you together thus early that you may re-  
“ sume the Consideration of those Matters, and form such Conclufi-  
“ ons on them as shall appear prudent and necessary, giving them  
“ the Deliberation due to Matters of such importance.

“ The Laws which will expire at the end of this Year, and should  
“ be re-enacted will necessarily come under your Observation, toge-  
“ ther with those which require Addition, Amendment or Explana-  
“ tion.

“ You will receive from the proper Officers all Papers necessary  
“ for your Information, and I recommend to you Dispatch and  
“ Unanimity.

Address Ordered,

Ordered that the Solicitor General, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Putnam*, be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech.

The House then Adjourned to Saturday at 11 o'Clock.

Saturday, 10th, June 1786.

Member for *Digby* takes the Oaths and his Seat.

*Thomas Milage* Esqr; returned Member for the Town of *Digby* took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Address reported,

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech reported the following Draft, which being twice Read, was Unanimously agreed to, and Ordered to be engrossed.

To His Excellency JOHN PARR, Esqr, Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of *Nova-Scotia*, the Islands of *St. John* and *Cape Breton*, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the House of Representatives in *General Assembly*.

*May it please your Excellency,*

“ WE his Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects met in *General Assembly*, return you our sincere Thanks for your Speech at opening the Session, and from the Experience which we have already had of your Prudent and just Administration, we are happy to be again assembled under your Government.

“ We shall consider the several Matters which you have been pleased to recommend to us, and we beg leave to assure you, that we will use our utmost Diligence to determine the same, together with all other Matters which may come before us in such way as shall appear to us to be most for the Honor and Advantage of His Majesty's Government and the true Interests of the Province.

“ We thank your Excellency for having been pleased to direct the proper Officers to lay before us all Papers necessary for our information, in the Consideration of which, and all other Public business we shall endeavour to preserve that unanimity and to use that Dispatch which you have been pleased to Recommend.

(Signed)

S. S. BLOWERS,  
Speaker,

*David Seabury* Esqr; returned Member for the County of *Annapolis*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Member for the County of *Annapolis* takes the Oaths and Seat.

The *Solicitor General* informed the House on the part of *Alexander How*

*Howe* Esqr; that he objects to the return of *Mr. Seabury*, as being unduly elected, and that *Mr. Howe*, intends to Petition this House against his admission.

Return of Member for *Annapolis* objected to.

The Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech being engrossed, the Speaker and the House waited on His Excellency therewith.

House wait on His Excellency with their address.

The House being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and on Motion, *ordered*, that no Petitions of a private nature be received by the House after Saturday the 17th Instant.

The House then adjourned to Monday at 11 o'Clock.

Monday, 12th, June 1786.

*Mr. Pyke* delivered to the House the Accounts from the Treasurer of the Province, which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Treasurers Accounts received by the House.

The Solicitor General prayed leave to read a Petition from *Alexander Howe*, Esqr; complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Annapolis*, which being allowed and read, the House thereupon *ordered* the same to be taken into Consideration in a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next at Ten o'Clock.

Petition from *Alex. Howe* Esqr; Read.

The Speaker communicated to the House a Letter from *Richard Cumberland*, Esqr; addressed to him in Answer to the One which inclosed the Vote of thanks from this House.

Letters from *Rich. Cumberland* Esqr; received by the House,

*Mr. Pyke* laid before the House a Letter from the same Gentleman addressed to the Committee of Correspondance.

The Speaker also communicated to the House a Letter addressed to him from *Amos Botsford*, Esqr; Speaker of the *House of Assembly* at *New-Brunswick*; which several Letters were *ordered* to lie on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

Letter from a *Botsford* Esqr; communicated to the House.

*Mr. Archibald* moved for leave to bring in a Bill, entitled, " An Act to relieve certain conscientious Persons from being obliged to take the Oaths in the usual Forms;" which being allowed, the Bill was read a first Time.

Bill to relieve certain conscientious Persons from taking Oaths, &c. read a first Time.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Wallace*, *Mr. James*, *Mr. Schwartz*, *Mr. Fillis*, and *Mr. Dight* be a Committee of the House, to join a Committee of the Council for the purpose of examining the public Accounts, and reporting thereon.

Committee appointed to examine public Accounts.

*Ordered*, That the Petitions presented to this House in their last Sessions, and referred over, will be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

On Motion of the Solicitor General *ordered*, That himself, *Mr. Pyke* and *Mr. Marchinton* do wait on His Excellency the Governor, to request he would be pleased to inform the House, whether he has received

Request to His Excellency the Governor, relative to the Law for mak-

ing Lands, &c.  
liable for Payment  
of Debts &c.

received any, and what Advice, relative to the Royal Approbation or Disapprobation of the Act of the *General Assembly*, entitled, " An Act for more effectually making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of Debts, &c. As well as relative to such other Acts, as have been sent home for the Royal Approbation."

The House then Adjourned until Ten o'Clock To-morrow.

Tuesday, 13th June 1786.

Petition of *Christopher Fejen*, Esqrs read, and Resolution thereon.

The House took in Consideration the Petition of *Christopher Fejen*, Esqrs; praying for the sum of £68. 7. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ . to be re-imbursed him from the Treasury, for the like Sum of public Monies plundered from him by the Enemy during the late War, and which had been by his Agent paid into the Treasury, and thereupon *Resolved*, That he be repaid the above Sum of £68. 7. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ . from the Treasury agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

Petition of Mrs. *Mercow*, read.

The Petition of *Elizabeth Moreaw*, Widow, praying for some pecuniary Allowance in Consideration of her late Husbands public Services, and her Necessities was read, and considered, and thereupon Mr. *Monagle* moved, That Thirty Pounds be granted for her Relief, which being seconded, and put, passed in the Negative.

Petition of Mrs. *M'Namara*, read.

The Petition of *Margaret M'Namara* was read, and the Consideration thereof deferred to a future Day.

Petition of Doctor *Almond* read,

The Petition of Doctor *W. J. Almond*, superintendant Physician of the Poor House was Read, and the Solicitor General moved, that a Committee be appointed to consider the Prayer of said Petition, and also to enquire into the State of the Poor House, and report thereon; Col. *Tonge*, Mr. *Hill*, the Solicitor General, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Aplin*, were appointed for that Purpose.

Petition of *John Cannel*, read,

The Petition of *John Cannel* was read, and dismissed.

Petition of Reverend Mr. *Panton* read

The Petition of the Reverend Mr. *Panton* was read, and dismissed.

Petitions of *Robert Collins* and *John Wisdom* read

The Petitions of *Robert Collins*, and *John Wisdom* being read, it was thereupon *orderrd*, that the Consideration thereof be referred to a Committee of five, to examine and report thereon, Mr. *Marchinton*, Mr. *Putnam*, Mr. *Schwartz*, Major *Milage*, and Mr. *Wallace*, were appointed for that Purpose.

Committee ordered to meet, Committee of Council on public accounts,

The Council having appointed a Committee, to meet a Committee of this House on the public accounts, and requested, that the Committee should meet at Ten o'Clock to-Morrow in the Council Chamber, the Members named by this House are *ordered* to meet accordingly.

Leave given to bring in a bill to continue laws to 1st July 1787.

The Solicitor General gave Notice, that he intended To-Morrow to bring in a bill, to continue to the First Day of July 1787 the several Laws now in Force, which expire at the End of the present Year 1786;  
Leave given accordingly. The

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of certain conscientious Persons from being obliged to take Oaths in the usual Forms, " was read a second time, and Ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time To-Morrow.

Bill to relieve certain conscientious Persons read a second time.

Mr. Day presented a Petition from the Freeholders of the Township of Newport, praying a Repeal of the Turnpike Law, which was Ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition from Freeholders of Newport presented.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Wednesday, 14th June 1786.

The Petition of Thomas Watson, Esqr; praying to be allowed to take his Seat as a Member for the County of Cumberland, was received and read, and the House thereupon resolved to take the same into Consideration in a Committee of the whole House.

Petition of Thomas Watson Read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House and Mr. Fillis's having taken the Chair.

House resolve itself into a Committee.

Mr. Watson was called on, and examined before the Committee, as also the Secretary of the Province, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it appearing to this Committee that in the Writ which was issued at the Request of the House of Assembly, for a Member for the County of Cumberland, in the Room of Christopher Harper, Esqr; the Words two Members had been erroneously inserted by a Clerk in the Secretary's Office, instead of the Words one Member, and that Thomas Watson the Petitioner had been elected and returned under such Mistake (the County of Cumberland being fully represented by John Butler Dight, Esqr; and Mr. Philip Marchinton) the said Thomas Watson cannot be received as a Member for that County in Consequence of such Election.

Report of that Committee,

Resolved, That Mr. Watson be allowed a reasonable Compensation for the Expences incurred by him in Consequence of such Election.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Fillis, Chairman of the Committee reported the above Proceedings of said Committee, which were agreed to unanimously by the House.

Agreed to by the House.

A Petition from Henry Folger, in Behalf of several distressed Families from Nantucket, was presented to the House and read, and thereupon ordered, that a Committee of three Members be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor, to request he would be pleased to make Application to Major General Campbell to allow the several Families mentioned in the above Petition to be accommodated in some of the vacant Military Buildings belonging to Government, until they can be better provided for; Mr. Leckie, the Solicitor General, and Mr. Marchinton, were appointed for that Purpose.

Petition from Henry Folger Read,

The Solicitor General acquainted the House, that Mr. Pyke and Mr. Marchintoy and himself had waited on His Excellency the

Governor

Report to the House relative to the Act for making Lands and Tenements liable to Payment of Debts,

Governor to know, if he had received any Advice whether the Royal Approbation was given to the Act entitled, *An Act for more effectually making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of Debts, &c.* And that His Excellency acquainted them he had received no Advice whatever, relating to it; and also recommended to the House to make Application to their Agent *Richard Cumberland, Esqr;* on the Subject.

On Motion *ordered*, That Mrs. *M<sup>rs</sup> Namara* be heard by her Counsel on Friday next.

Bill for relief of certain conscientious Persons, read a third time.

The Bill entitled, " An Act for the Relief of certain conscientious Persons from being obliged to take Oaths in the usual Forms," was Read a third time, and *Ordered* to be sent to the Council by a Member.

Sent to the Council.

Mr. *Pyke* who was sent with the above Bill reported, that he delivered it.

Petition from Merchants Read,

A Petition signed by upwards of Forty Merchants and Traders of the Town of *Halifax*, complaining of the Sunk Duty Law was received, read, and *ordered* to lie on the Table.

And on Motion of the Solicitor General, *ordered*, that the Clerk of this House do furnish the Collectors of Impost and Excise with a List of the Names to the Petition, that the Collectors may be enabled to inform the House what Sums have been paid by the Signers on Account of the Sunk Duties for the last Twelve Months.

Petition from Mr. *Jessen* sent to the Council,

The Petition of *Christopher Jessen, Esqr;* with the resolve of the House, relative thereto were sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

On Motion *ordered*, that the Petition of the Merchants and Traders be heard by their Counsel on Saturday next.

The House then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

### Thursday, 15th, June 1786.

Report respecting Mr. *Folger's* Petition.

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor, respecting the Petition of *Henry Folger*, and others, reported, that they had waited on His Excellency agreeable to the Directions of the House, and that he informed them he had already made Application to General *Campbell* in Behalf of the above Persons, which he hoped would Answer the Purpose.

House resolve itself into a Committee,

According to the Order of the Day the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. *Fillis* took the Chair,

The Petition of *Alexander Howe, Esq;* complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Annapolis* was read, together with the Return of the Writ for said County, and the Petitioner, with the Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* having also been called on, and fully heard before the Committee,

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The Attorney General moved, that the House should be cleared while the Question was debated, which being put, and the Committee dividing thereon, passed in the Negative.

The Solicitor General moved, that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that *David Seabury*, Esq; has been unduly returned by the Sheriff as a Member of this House for the County of *Annapolis*, which being put and the House dividing, there appeared for the Motion Thirteen; against it Ten.

The Solicitor General also moved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Sheriff for the County of *Annapolis*, ought to have returned *Alexander Howe* Esq; as the Member of *Assembly* for that County, which being put, and the House dividing, there appeared for the Motion Thirteen, against it Ten.

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Mr. *Fillis* Chairman of the Committee, reported, the Proceedings of the Committee, which being agreed to by the House.

The Solicitor General then moved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* do insert the name of *Alexander Howe*, Esq; on the Writ for that County, as the Member duly elected; in the Room of *David Seabury*, Esq; which being seconded, was put, and passed in the affirmative.

The Sheriff of the County of *Annapolis* having inserted the Name of *Alexander Howe*, Esq; on the Writ as Member for that County.

Mr. *Howe* then took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

The House then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

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Friday, 16th June, 1786.

On Motion ordered, that the hearing of Mrs. *M'Namara's* Petition be (at her request) deferred until Monday next.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition from Mr. *Wm. Sabatier* and *Gilbert Stuart*, praying to be exempted from paying Impost Duties in certain Cases.

Petition from the Freeholders of *Newport*, praying enquiry to be made, why a Sum of Money voted to them in 1781 for the Repair of Roads has not been paid.

Petition from *William Black* and others, praying for a Grant of Money to be voted them for the purpose of opening a Road, from *Amberst* to the settlement of *Remsbeg*.

Petition from *John Anderson*, Carpenter, praying to be reimbursed the Sum of £57. 13. 10. for Work done by him on the Governor's Garden, in the Year 1782, agreeable to Contract entered into with *Winkworth Tonge*, Esq; at that Period.

Petition from *Richard Seamark*, praying to be relieved from a Penalty of Fifty Pounds inflicted on him by the *Supreme Court* for a Breach of the Revenue Laws.

Report of the Committee agreed to by the House.

Mr. *Howe* declared duly elected for *Annapolis*.

Take the Oaths and his seat.

Petitions received and Read,

Petition from *Wm. Sabatier* and *Gilbert Stewart*,

Petition from the Freeholders of *Newport*.

Petition from *Wm. Black* and others.

Petition from *John Anderson*,

Petition from *Richard Seamark*.

Petition



Petition from *Samuel Avery*.

Petition from *Samuel Avery*, praying to be exempted from paying certain Impost Duties, as related in the Petition.

Petition from *James Green* and others.

Petition from *James Green* and other Inhabitants of *Lunenburg*, and *Chester*, complaining of the Naval Office Fees at those Places, and praying Relief.

Petition of *John Sargent*.

Petition from *John Sargent*, Landwaiter and Guager at *Shelburne*, praying some Allowances for his Services for the present Year 1786.

Petition from *John Tobin*, and others.

Petition from *John Tobin*, and the Butchers of the Town of *Halifax* praying that the Rent of the Stalls in the Market House may be reduced.

Petition from *Thomas O'Brien*.

Petition from *Thomas O'Brien*, Land waiter for the Impost and Excise Office at *Shelburne*, praying some Allowance for his Services in that Office.

Petition from *Anthony Stewart*.

A Petition from *Anthony Stewart*, Esq; complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Sydney* was received, read and dismissed.

On Motion ordered, that the Consideration of the Petition from the Freeholders of *Newport*, relating to Money Voted for the Repair of their Roads, be deferred to Tuesday next.

Order for *Major Barclay*, to attend the House.

The Solicitor General desired, that the Copy of the Letter alledged to be Written by *Major Barclay*, and referred to by *Capt. Howe* in his Petition should be read, which being done, he thereupon moved, that *Thomas Barclay*, Esq; Member for the County of *Annapolis* be directed to attend this House immediately, ordered accordingly.

The Committee appointed to Examine into the State and Condition of the Poor House, reported their proceedings, which being read, were ordered to lie on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

On Motion ordered, that the House on Tuesday next will take into Consideration such further Instructions as may be necessary for the regulating of the Election of Members to serve in *General Assembly*.

Petitions received and Read.

The following Petitions recommended by His Excellency the Governor were received, read, and ordered, to lie on the Table.

Petition from *David Archibald*.

A Petition from *David Archibald* of *Piñou*, praying to be allowed the Sum of £13. 7. incurred by him for the Support of *John Grant* a transient Poor Person.

Petition from *Gregory Springall*.

A Petition from *Gregory Springall* Merchant at *Shelburne*, praying to be exempted from paying certain Duties as stated in his Petition.

Petition from the overseers of the Poor at *Truro*.

A Petition from the Overseers of the Poor at *Truro*, praying to be re-imbursed certain Expences incurred by them for the Support of two transient Paupers.

The House then Adjourned until 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday 17th June, 1786.

The following Petitions were received, read, and ordered to lie on Table.

Petitions received and read.

Petition from *David Archibald*, complaining of exorbitant Demands made on him by the Sheriff of *Halifax*, and praying to be redressed.

Petition from *David Archibald*.

Petition from *Geo. Wm. Sberlock* and other Merchants at *Halifax*, praying a Law may be enacted for the regulating of Auctioneers.

Petition from *Geo. Wm. Sberlock*.

Petition from *Richard Kidstone* and others, praying that additional Regulations may be enacted, respecting the Gauging of Casks, &c.

Petition from *Richard Kidstone*.

Petition from *George Bayer* and others, praying a certain Sum may be allowed them for opening Roads between the Rivers *Pit Piffaquit* and *Musquedoboit*.

Petition from *George Bayer* and others.

Petition from *Joseph Tinkham*, Sheriff of *Queen's County*, praying to be allowed the Sum of Fourteen Pounds for Expences incurred by him in attending a *Special Court of Oyer and Terminer*, held at *Shelburne* in November 1784.

Petition from *Joseph Tinkham*.

The House according to the Order of the Day proceeded to take into Consideration the Petition from the Merchants and Traders complaining of the Sunk Duty Law, and having fully heard *Mr. Sterns*, who appeared as their Counsel in Support of the Petition, together with a Committee of the Merchants, the House agreed to defer a further Consideration of the same to a future Day.

Petition from the Merchants heard by their Counsel and consideration thereof deferred.

*Benajab Collin*, Member for the County of *Liverpool* took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

Member for the County of *Liverpool* takes the Oaths and his Seat.

The following Petitions recommended by His Excellency the Governor to the Consideration of the House were received, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Petitions received, and read,

Petition from the Inhabitants of *Yarmouth*, *Barrington* and *Argyle*, complaining of heavy Charges imposed on them by the Custom House and Naval Office, and praying to be relieved from paying the same.

Petition from the Inhabitants of *Yarmouth*, *Barrington* and *Argyle*.

Petition of *William Lee*, Carpenter, praying to be re-imbursed the Sum of £584. 16. being for Monies advanced by him for the Purpose of making certain Improvements, &c. in the Year 1783 on the North Farm belonging to Government.

Petition from *Wm. Lee*.

Petition from *Noah Bowen*, praying to be allowed the Sum of £40. 16. 8. being a Ballance due him for making a Piece of public Road between the Township of *Cornwallis* and *Annapolis Royal*.

Petition from *Noah Bowen*.

The House then Adjourned until 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Monday 19th June, 1786.

The Order of the day being called for,

The Petition of *Margaret M'Namara* praying to be relieved from an Execution issued against her for a Sum of Money due by her to Government for certain Duties, was read, and the House having heard *Mr. Sterns* her Counsel in support of the Petition.

Petition from *Margaret M'Namara* considered.

Order thereon.

The Solicitor General moved, that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the facts stated in said Petition ; *ordered* accordingly ; and Mr. *Fillis*, Mr. *Day*, and Mr. *M'Monagle* were appointed for that purpose.

Message from the Council with a

A Message from the Council was received with the following Bills and Petitions,

Bill for regulating Postage of Letters.

A Bill intituled " an Act for the better carrying into Execution the " purposes of the several Acts of Parliament for Establishing a Post " Office."

Bill for relieving Roman Catholic Subjects, &c.

A Bill Intituled an Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed on them by An Act of the *General Assembly*. of this Province made in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Intituled " an " Act concerning Schools and School Masters."

The above Bills were read a first time.

Petition from the Trustees of *St. Peter's* chapel.

A Petition from the Trustees of *St. Peter's Chapel* in *Halifax*, praying the Repeal of certain Laws relating to the *Roman Catholics* in this Province.

Petition from the Inhabitants of *Sydney*.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the County of *Sydney*, praying for the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds to be granted them for the purpose of opening Public Roads in that District.

Message from the Governor respecting the State of the Revenue.

A Message was also received from His Excellency the Governor by the Secretary of the Province, setting forth,

" That the Revenue proposed to be raised by the Acts of the last " Session for the Services of this Year, having become considerably " deficient ; the Governor desires the *House of Assembly* will take the " same into Consideration, and make such Provision as shall appear ex- " pedient and necessary for the Purposes intended."

Petition of *John Anderson*, referred to the Committee.

On Motion *ordered*, that the Petition of *John Anderson* be referred to the Committee appointed by this House for the purpose of examining Mr. *Wisdom* and Mr. *Collin's* Accounts.

Motion of Colonel *Tonge* respecting the expenditure of public monies.

Moved by Col. *Tonge* and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to examine the Expenditure of the public Money on Roads, &c. during the Time he acted as Superintendent of the public Works, *ordered* accordingly, and Mr. *Day*, Mr. *Northup*, Mr. *M'Monagle*, Capt. *Howe* and Mr. *Jessen*, were appointed for that purpose.

Petition of *Richard Seamark* dismissed.

The Petition of *Richard Seamark*, was considered and dismissed.

Petition of *Samuel Avery* considered.

The Petition of *Samuel Avery*, being read, and the House having fully considered the same.

Resolve thereon.

The Solicitor General moved, that the Collectors of Impost and Excise do stay the Collection on the Bond given by the Petitioner for the Impost Duty on Thirty four Hogheads of Rum and five Hogheads of Sugar, for Twelve Months, to afford him the Opportunity of procuring the Certificates required by Law, *ordered* accordingly.

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The Petition of *William Lee*, being read and considered.

*Resolved*, That the Petition be dismissed ; the Subject matter of it having been fully considered and decided in a former House,

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Tuesday 20th June, 1786.

According to Order,

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Newport* relative to Money Voted them in the Year 1781, by the late *House of Assembly*, for the Repair of Roads, being read, and considered,

Petition from the Inhabitants of *Newport* considered.

On Motion of *Col. Tonge*, *resolved*, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, be granted for the Repair of the Road, leading from the *Windsor* Road to the Township of *Newport*, which in Addition to the One Hundred Pounds granted them last Session completes the Sum voted for that purpose in the Year 1781, and not paid ; the above Sum to be laid out and expended by such Commissioners as His Excellency the Governor may think proper to appoint for that Purpose.

Resolution thereon.

The Petition from *William Black* and others, praying for a Sum of Money to be allowed for the purpose of opening a Road from *Remshug* to *Amberst*, was read, and *Mr. Watson* one of the Petitioners being heard in support of the Petition, the further consideration of the same was deferred to a future Day.

Petition of *Wm. Black* read,

*Mr. Wilkins*, moved that in Consideration of the Scarcity of live Cattle at *Shelburne*, and the difficulty of procuring them from the old settled Towns in the Province, this House should address His Excellency the Governor, requesting, that he would be pleased to authorise by Proclamation the Importation of Cattle into the district of *Shelburne* from the *United States* for a limited time conformable to the Royal Proclamation, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon passed in the Negative.

Motion respecting importation of live Cattle into the district of *Shelburne*.

For the Motion.

- Col. Tonge,*
- Major Millidge,*
- Mr. Collins,*
- Mr. Leckie,*
- Mr. Wallace,*
- Mr. Fillis,*
- Mr. James,*
- Mr. Putnam,*
- Mr. Aplin,*
- Col. Lawrence,*
- Mr. Wilkins,*

Against it.

- Solicitor General,*
- Mr. Hill,*
- Mr. Pyke,*
- Mr. Cochran,*
- Mr. M<sup>o</sup> Monagle,*
- Capt. Howe,*
- Mr. Jessen,*
- Mr. Northup,*
- Mr. Schwartz,*
- Mr. Dight,*
- Mr. Marchinton,*
- Mr. Dennison,*
- Major Crane,*
- Mr. Archibald,*
- Mr. Day.*

The House then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

Wednesday

Wednesday, 21st June 1786.

Bill for relieving Roman Catholic Subjects, &c.

The Bill Intituled, an Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties, and Difabilities imposed on them by an Act of the *General Assembly* of this Province made in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign Intituled, " an Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters."

Also a Bill for regulating the Postage of Letters, read a second time.

And also the Bill Intituled " an Act for the better carrying into Execution the purposes of the several Acts of Parliament for Establishing a " Post Office" being read a second time,

House resolve itself into a Committee on those Bills.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the Consideration of those Bills.

Proceedings of that Committee,

Mr. *Fillis*, took the Chair,

The Bill Intituled an Act for relieving of His Majesty's *Roman Catholic* Subjects, &c. having been debated Paragraph by Paragraph, the further consideration of the same was adjourned until to-Morrow.

The Bill for regulating the postage of Letters, &c. being also read, and debated, the Consideration thereof was deferred to a future Day.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fillis*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the above proceedings of the Committee, which were agreed to by the House.

Committee appointed to confer with Committee of Council on Bill for the relief of Roman Catholic Subjects.

On Motion of the Solicitor General *ordered*, that Col. *Tonge*, Mr. *James*, and Mr. *Uniacke* be a Committee to confer with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, on the subject of the Bill sent down from the Council for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects.

The Report of the Committee appointed to Examine into the State of Mrs. *McNamara's* Petition was received, and *ordered* to lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, That the House will on Friday next take into their Consideration the State of the Revenue Laws.

Petition from the Butchers at *Halifax* considered.

The Petition from the Butchers of *Halifax* being considered, *ordered* that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Bill for the purpose of fixing the Rent of the Stalls in the Market House at *Halifax*, and also for making such other regulations relative to Markets in the other Towns in this Province, as may be necessary, Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Aplin* and Mr. *Howe*, were appointed for that purpose.

Petition from the overseers of Poor at *Truro* considered.

The Petition from the Overseers of the Poor at *Truro* with an Account annexed amounting to £49. 15. for the support of transient Poor was considered, and the further consideration of the same deferred together with all other Applications relative to transient Poor, until the report of the Committee on that subject shall be considered.

The House then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

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Thursday

Thursday June 22, 1786.

On Motion of Mr. *Bulkely*, Leave given to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act of the *General Assembly*, passed in the Twelfth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, "Declaring what shall be deemed Merchant-able Timber for Exportation to *Great-Britain*."

Bill to repeal an Act relative to the Exportation of Lumber to *Great Britain*

The Bill thereupon read a first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time To-Morrow.

Read a first Time.

On Motion of Mr. *Archibald*, leave given to bring in a Bill for regulating the Fisheries and the Building of Saw Mills; Mr. *Aplin*, Mr. *Archibald*, and Major *Crane* appointed to prepare the same.

The Committee of His Majesty's Council, and *House of Assembly* appointed to examine the public Accounts laid before the *General Assembly* by Order of His Excellency the Governor, Report that they have examined the Accounts and find them as follows viz.

Report of the Committee appointed to examine the public accounts.

The Treasurer's Accounts to the 1st, June, are exact, well stated and properly Vouched.

Treasurers Accounts

The Accounts of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, to the 31st March are exact, vouched, and well Stated.

Collectors for *Halifax*.

The Accounts of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Lunenburg*, to the 31st March last, are exact and regular.

Collector for *Lunenburg*.

The Treasurer reported to the Committee, that no Account has been rendered by the Collector of Impost and Excise at *Liverpool* since the 30th June last, but that he has remitted £14.

Collector for *Liverpool*.

The Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of *Sbelburne* has rendered an Account to the 31st of March last, but not agreeable to form, nor has he remitted the ballance of £181. 3. 5. tho' collected.

Collector for *Sbelburne*.

The Accounts from the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of *Yarmouth* to the 17th of October 1785, appear correct; but no Account has been rendered since that period.

Collector for *Yarmouth*.

The Accounts from the Collector of Impost and Excise for the district of *Annapolis* to the 31st March appear correct and regular.

Collector for *Annapolis*.

The Treasurer reported to the Committee, that no Account has been rendered by the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of *King's County*, but that he has remitted £15.

Collector for *Kings County*.

The Accounts from the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of *Hants County* to the 31st March, are correct and regular.

Collector for *Hants County*.

The Treasurer reported to the Committee, that no Account has been rendered by the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of *Colchester*, nor has he made any Remittance.

Collector for *Colchester*.

The Treasurer also reported to the Committee, that no account has been rendered by the Collector of Impost and Excise for the district of *Cumberland* of any Collections by him made.

Collector for *Cumberland*.

The Account of the Collector of the Duty on licensed Houses for the District of *Halifax* to the 1st May last appears regular and correct, but he has paid no Money into the Treasury on Account except £47. 9. 9. for last Year.

Collector of licence Duty

**Dr. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA being a general Account to the 1st June, Cr.**

1786 To Amount of the Sum due on Interest; }  
 Treasurer's Notes and Loan Warrants, } £.8470. 16. 8½.  
 Demands on the Treasury. } 3149. 2. 7½.  
 Due the School Lottery Fund from the }  
 Impost and Excise. } 514. 7. 6.  
 Balance General Account of Impost, }  
 Excise, and Sunk Duty. } 50. 0. 2.

1786. By Balance of Sunk Duty Account to 31st  
 March, on Bonds, £.398. 16. 1.  
 Amount of Bonds in the Hands  
 of the Attorney General, 544. 14. 11½.

Outstanding Debts per Treasurer's Accounts, 943. 11. 0½.  
 Balance Sinking Fund Account per Ditto. 618. 1. 7.  
 Balance due from Collectors of Impost and  
 Excise to 31st March. 271. 9. 5.  
 Balance on the Licence Duty Fund per Treas-  
 urer's Accounts. 154. 14. 1½.  
 Balance Licence Duty Account to the 31st  
 May in the Hands of the Collectors to be  
 paid into the Treasury, 20. 2. 6.  
 Amount of School Lottery Money in the  
 Treasury being the proceeds of £750. 396. 10. 3.  
 Balance due from the Collector at Annapolis  
 including Bonds, 614. 8. 6.  
 Balance due from the Collector at Shelburne, 121. 18. 11.  
 181. 3. 5.

£.12,184. 7. 0.

ALEXANDER BRYMER,  
 ISAAC DESCHAMPS,  
 THOMAS COCHRAN, }  
 Committee of  
 Council.

By Balance . . . . . £3321. 19. 9½.  
 8862. 7. 2½.  
 £12,184. 7. 0.

JOHN FILLIS,  
 MICHAEL WALLACE,  
 JOHN WILL. SCHWARTZ, }  
 J. B. DIGHT,  
 BENJAMIN JAMES, }  
 Committee of the  
 House.

The Council having appointed a Committee to join a Committee of the House on the Subject of the Bill for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects, the Members of that Committee are ordered to meet them accordingly.

Report of the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Roman Catholic Bill.

The above Committee of the House having returned, reported, that they had conferred with the Committee of the Council and communicated to them the Sentiments of the House on the Subject of the above Bill, for the Relief of the Roman Catholics, &c. and that the Committee had engaged to inform the Council thereof.

Petitions respecting Custom House and Naval Office Fees, considered.

The Petition from *James Green* and others, also the Petition from the Inhabitants of *Yarmouth, Barrington* and *Argyle*, complaining of the heavy Custom House, and Naval Office Fees as now taken, being fully considered by the House,

Order thereon.

On Motion ordered, that *Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Schwartz* and *Mr. Marchinton* be a Committee to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the Subject of those Fees, and especially as they respect the Coasting and Fishing Vessels within the Province.

Petition from *David Archibald* considered.

The Petition from *David Archibald, Esq;* was considered, and referred to the Grand Committee of Justice.

Petition from *Geo. Wm. Sberlock &c.* considered. Order thereon,

The Petition from *Geo. Wm. Sberlock* and others, relative to Auctioneers being considered, ordered, that *Mr. Wallace, Mr. Leckie* and *Mr. Day* be a Committee to prepare the Heads of a Bill for regulating the same.

Petition from *Richard Kidstone &c.* dismissed.

The Petition from *Richard Kidstone* and others, respecting the guaging of Casks, &c. was dismissed; the Laws and Practice now in Use having sufficiently provided for the same.

Petition from *Joseph Tinkham* dismissed.

The Petition from *Joseph Tinkham* Sheriff of *Queen's County* was dismissed; the Prayer of the same having been fully considered and decided on last Session.

The House then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday, 23d June, 1786.

Agreeable to Order of the House, Major *Barclay* appeared this Day in the House, and

Major *Barclay* appears in the House,

*Mr. Day* moved, That the House should proceed on the Consideration of the Letter said to be written by *Major Barclay*, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

The Solicitor General then moved, that the said Letter be read, which being done, is as follows,

Major *Barclay's* letter read,

GENTLEMEN,



HALIFAX, 8th December, 1785:

GENTLEMEN;

' I conceive it my Duty to give you every Information in my  
 ' Power, and am very sorry it is at present on so disagreeable a subject ;  
 ' A Committee of the House have this Day set aside the Election held  
 ' at *Annapolis*, so far as it related to Mr. *Seabury*, and a new writ for  
 ' the Election of a Member will be issued immediately. It is unneces-  
 ' sary for me to observe the proceeding was irregular and unpreceden-  
 ' ted, every Thing that could be said in our favour was urged by the  
 ' Attorney General Mr. *Blowers*, but really the Majority of Members  
 ' appeared to have come determined right or wrong to vacate the  
 ' Election, and with every argument that could be offered to suspend  
 ' their opinion until, the Sheriff was called up and heard in his Defence,  
 ' the Measure was carried against us ; Matters being thus circumstan-  
 ' ced it calls forth all your Exertions to support our Interest, and we  
 ' shall deserve our Fate if we permit Capt. *Howe*, to carry his Electi-  
 ' on ; I hope and am positive your Zeal will animate you to step for-  
 ' ward, and in Defiance of labour and trouble strain every Nerve to ac-  
 ' complish the returning of Mr. *Seabury* again. I am not frightened,  
 ' at this Rebuff, but hope in the course of a few Days we shall carry a  
 ' decided Majority in this House at least if I can judge from appear-  
 ' ances, and I have the Vanity to think, that had the Question been  
 ' put off a few days we would not have met with this Mortification.  
 ' However let us not brood on the past but push forward to the future.  
 ' Colonel *Delancy* must again revisit *Digby*, and every Man that has  
 ' Interest there, Mr. *St. Croix* and the Mr. *Ruggles's* must attend to  
 ' *Wilmot* and send word to Col. and Lieutenant *Robinson* to have the  
 ' Mountain people down. I wish I could be with you to partake of  
 ' the Fatigue, but I must again call on you to strain every Nerve and  
 ' shew yourselves Men of Resolution.

' What a Shame will it be to lose our Election, and how great a  
 ' Right will the Province at large have to ground their Opinion on,  
 ' if Capt. *Howe* should be returned!

' Call a public and a general Meeting, and let your Measures be  
 ' speedy and animated ; any thing in my Power either in a Private or  
 ' public Capacity, I beg you will command.

' I have the Honor to be, Gentlemen, with sincere Regard and  
 ' Esteem,

' Your most obedient Servant,

THOMAS BARCLAY.

To Messers *Totten*, *Diskson*, *St. Croix*, *Col. Delancy*, *Col. Lovett*, *Prince*,  
*Mr. Pineo*, &c. &c. and the Gentlemen at *Digby* and *Bear River*,  
 &c. with Capt. *Cornwall* and Capt. *Thorne*, &c.

And Major *Barclay*, being also called on to avow or disavow the  
 foregoing Letter and to explain his Motives in writing such Letter and  
 having avowed it, and explained his motives in Writing it.

Major *Barclay*  
 avows writing the  
 Letter.

Mr.

Mr. *Wilkins* thereupon *moved*, that the said Letter be dismissed, and that the House proceed no further in the Consideration of the same which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared.

Mr. *Wilkins* motion for the dismissal of the letter not agreed to.

For the Motion.

- Col. Lawrence,*
- Mr. James,*
- Mr. Aplin,*
- Mr. Wilkins,*
- Mr. Marchinton,*
- Mr. Leckie,*
- Mr. Wallace,*
- Mr. Dight,*
- Major Millidge,*
- Mr. Putnam,*

Against it.

- Solicitor General,*
- Col. Tonge,*
- Capt. Howe,*
- Mr. Archibald,*
- Mr. Collins,*
- Mr. Day.*
- Mr. Dennison,*
- Major Crane,*
- Mr. Northup,*
- Mr. Cochran,*
- Mr. Belcher,*
- Mr. Hill,*
- Mr. McMonagle,*
- Mr. Jessen,*
- Mr. Bulkeley,*
- Mr. Schwartz,*
- Mr. Fillis,*
- Mr. Pyke,*

The Solicitor General then *moved*, That Major *Barclay's* Conduct in writing the Letter, having giving Offence to the House he therefore be directed to make such Apology to the House as may be thought sufficient, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

And Major *Barclay* standing in his Place, thereupon made the following Apology, that he had no Intention of giving Offence to the House in writing the Letter, and he was sorry it had ever been made public.

Major *Barclay's* makes an Apology to the House,

Which Apology was accepted by the House.

The Committee appointed to examine into the Expenditure of public Monies during the Time Colonel *Tonge* acted as Superintendent of public Works, reported their Proceedings, which the House agreed to, and are as follows :

The Committee appointed to examine it to the expenditure of public Monies, report their proceedings.

“ We the Committee having examined the several Papers and Accounts submitted to us by Colonel *Tonge*, as well as the Treasurer's Accounts given in last Sessions, do report.

That the Sums of Money *voted* for the Repair of several Roads in the Year 1781, were not immediately appropriated to the Purposes the *House of Assembly* voted them for, appears to have arisen from the Deficiency in the Duty on Auctions, notwithstanding Colonel *Tonge*, used his utmost Endeavours, to procure the said Sums in Order to lay out the same, agreeable to the Votes of the *General Assembly*.

“ It further appears, that the several Sums of Money paid to Colonel *Tonge*, during the Year 1781, and afterwards on Account of Roads ;

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were

were faithfully disposed of and fully accounted for, as follows. On *Cobequid Road*, £250, on *Annapolis Road* £100. on *Horton Road* £63. and the Remainder on the Road leading from *Halifax to Windsor*, for all which Expenditures Colonel *Tonge* has produced to us sufficient Vouchers.

*D. C. Jeffen,*  
*John McMonagle,*  
*Feremiah Northrup,*  
*John Day,*  
*Alexander Howe,*

Bill altering the times of holding Inferior Courts and General Sessions in the County of *Hants*, read a first time.

The Bill intituled, “ an Act for altering the Time appointed for holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas* and *General Sessions of the Peace* in the Connty of *Hants* in the Spring of the Year,” read a first Time.

Bill for repealing an Act relative to Timber exported to *Great Britain*, read a second time.

Also the Bill intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act made in the Twelfth Year of his present Majesty's Reign* intituled, “ an Act what shall be deemed merchantable Timber for Exportation to *Great Britain*,” was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time on Monday.

Thanks of the House voted to the Agent *Richard Cumberland, Esqr;*

On Motion of *Capt. Howe* resolved, That the Thanks of this House be given to *Richard Cumberland, Esq;* Agent of the Province for his Attention to the religious Establishments in this Country, and,

That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to request he would make Application to Government for a sum of Two Thousand Pounds to be granted for the purposes of erecting Churches in the Province.

The House then Adjourned until 11 o'Clock on Monday.

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Monday 26th June, 1786.

According to Order,

House resolve itself into a Committee on Revenue Laws.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of the Revenue Laws.

*Col. Tonge* took the Chair,

The Attorney-General moved, that it is the Sense of this Committee, that the Sunk Duty Law shall not be re-enacted after the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1786, which being seconded, was put, and the Committee dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Twelve, against it Fifteen.

The Solicitor General moved as the Sense of the Committee, that the Excise and Imposit Acts, the Turnpike and Licence Duty Acts, and the other Revenue Acts now in Force, should be continued to the first *January*, 1787, with such Amendments as may be found necessary, which was agreed to.

The Solicitor General also moved, That it is the Sense of the Committee, that a Duty of two and a half per cent. should be laid on all Goods imported by Non-resident Merchants, for the Support of transient

transient Poor, which being seconded, and put, passed in the affirmative.

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Col. *Tonge*, Chairman of the Committee reported the above Proceedings of the Committee.

Report of the Committee.

And on Motion ordered, That the Consideration of the same be deferred until To-morrow.

The Bill intituled, *an Act to repeal an Act of the General-Assembly passed in the Twelfth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, declaring what shall be deemed merchantable Timber for Exportation to Great-Britain*, read a third Time, and ordered to be sent to the Council.

Bill for repealing an Act relative to Timber exported to Great-Britain, read a third time.

The Bill intituled, *an Act for altering the Time appointed for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Hants in the Spring of the Year*, read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time To-morrow.

Bill altering the time of holding Inferior Court and General Sessions of the peace in the County of Hants read a second time.

The House then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

## Tuesday 27th June, 1786.

According to Order,

The House took into Consideration the report of the Committee on the Revenue Laws,

House take into their consideration the report of the Committee on Revenue Laws:

And having considered that Part of the Report, relating to the Sunk Duty Law.

Leave was given to bring in a Bill for amending and continuing the same from the time of its expiration to the 31 December 1787.

Leave given to bring in a Bill for continuing the Sunk Duty Law.

The House having also taken into Consideration the Excise law.

The Solicitor General moved, That the Excise on Wine and Rum should be augmented to Six Pence per Gallon, in Lieu of the Three Pence now paid, which being seconded, and put, passed in the affirmative.

Resolution for augmenting the Excise on Wine and Rum.

Mr. *Belcher*, moved, That an additional Excise be paid of Four Pence per lb. on Hyson and Souchong, and other fine Teas, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Leave was then given to bring in a Bill for continuing the Excise Law to the 31st December 1787 subject to the above Alterations and Amendments, and also to bring in Bills for continuing to the 31st December 1787, the Impost Act, Turnpike Act, and Licence Duty Act.

Leave given to bring in Bill for continuing Excise Law.

The Solicitor General moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the Support of the transient Poor, which being allowed.

Bill for Maintenance of transient Poor presented and read a first time.

The Bill presented, and read, a first Time, and ordered to be read a second time To-Morrow.

On Motion of Mr. *Jessen*, ordered, That a Committee of Four be appointed to prepare the Heads of Bills for taxing Batchelors, and Dogs. Mr. *Jessen*, Col. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Day*, and Mr. *Aplin* appointed for that Purpose.

Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for taxing Batchelors and Dogs.

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Bill respecting  
Schools and School-  
masters, also

The Bill Intituled, An Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Intituled, *An Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters.*

A Bill for relieving  
his Majesty's Roman  
Catholic Subjects,  
read a first time.

And also the Bill Intituled, An Act to explain and Amend an Act, passed in the Twenty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for relieving his Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed upon them by two Acts of the *General Assembly* of this Province made in the Thirty Second Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act conforming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions, and an Act for the establishment of religious public Worship in this Province, and suppressing Popery* having been altered and amended, were read a first time.

Bill for altering the  
time of holding In-  
ferior Courts and  
General Sessions of  
the Peace in the  
County of *Hants*,  
read a third time.

The Bill intituled, An Act for altering the Time appointed for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of *Hants* in the Spring of the Year, was read a third time, and ordered to be sent to the Council.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Wednesday, 28th June, 1786.

Bill respecting  
Schools and School-  
masters, also,

The Bill intituled, An Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled, *An Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters.*

Bill for relieving  
his Majesty's Ro-  
man Catholic Sub-  
jects, read a second  
time.

And also the Bill intituled, an Act to explain and amend an Act, passed in the Twenty first Year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled, an Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed upon them by two Acts of the *General Assembly* of this Province, made in the Thirty second Year of His late Majesty's Reign intituled, *An Act for the Establishment of religious public Worship in this Province, and for suppressing Popery*, were read a second Time, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The Petition from the Church Wardens at *Cornwallis*, praying the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds may be granted them, for the Purpose of finishing their Church, which was referred over from the last Session, was again read, and deferred for Consideration to the next Session.

The Bill for altering the Time of holding the *Inferior Court* in the County of *Hants*, And

The Bill for repealing the Law relative to Timber for Exportation to *Great-Britain*, were sent to the Council by Mr. *Bulkeley*, who reported he had delivered them.

Committee appoin-  
ted to prepare an  
Address to His  
Excellency the  
Governor respect-  
ing the Custom-  
House and Naval  
Office Fees report  
an Address,

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the Subject of the Custom House and Naval Office Fees, reported the following Address.

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To His Excellency JOHN PARR, Esq; Captain General, Governor, and commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia.

The Address of the Representatives of the Province of Nova-Scotia, in General Assembly convened.

“ May it please Your Excellency.

“ CERTAIN Petitions having been presented to us on the Subject of the Custom House and naval Office Fees, complaining of their Exorbitance, and of the Exaction of them from Fishing Vessels, and such small Boats and Coasting Vessels, as are daily employed in conveying the Produce of the Country to Market to the very great Disencouragement of the Agriculture of the Province; We beg leave to lay the same before your Excellency, and to request, that you would be pleased to regulate and ascertain the Fees of those two Offices, in such a way as may to yourself appear most expedient, and least oppressive, and to publish for the Information of all concerned such your Excellency's Regulations, to prevent in future all Mistakes and Impositions, and also, that your Excellency would take into your Consideration the subject of the fishing and coasting Vessels and Market Boats, and make such Regulations concerning them, as may effectually remedy the very heavy and destructive Grievances complained of.

S. S. BLOWERS,

Speaker.”

The above Address after being twice read, was agreed to by the House, and thereupon,

Agreed to by the House,

Ordered, That the Members of the Committee do wait on his Excellency the Governor therewith.

Ordered to be presented

On Motion of Mr. Bulkeley, leave given to bring in Heads of a Bill to regulate the Places for depositing of Gunpowder; the Property of the Inhabitants of Halifax,

Leave given to bring in a Bill for regulating the depositing of Gun-Powder.

Mr. Bulkeley, Mr. Schwartz, and Mr. Aplin appointed to prepare the same.

On Motion of Mr. Bulkeley, ordered, That Mr. Bulkeley, Mr. McMonagle, and Mr. Marchinton, be a Committee to take into Consideration the Repairs necessary to be immediately made to the Assembly House, and to lay an Estimate of such Repairs before the House.

Committee appointed to consider of the Repairs necessary to be made to Assembly House.

The Bill for the Relief of transient Poor, was read a second time, and the further Consideration thereof deferred to a future Day.

On Motion Ordered, that Mr. Pyke, Col. Lawrence, and Mr. McMonagle be a Committee to prepare Heads of a Bill for regulating the Table of Fees.

Committee appointed to prepare Heads of a Bill for regulating Fees.

Leave given to the Solicitor General to bring in Heads of a Bill for regulating and extending the Administration of Justice in the Province.

Leave given to bring in the Heads of Bill for regulating the Administration of Justice &c:

The House then Adjourned until 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Thursday 29th, June 1786.

According to Order,

Bill for relieving His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects.

The Bill "Intituled An Act to explain and amend an Act, passed in " the Twenty Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign," intitled, an *Act for relieving his Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed upon them by two Acts of the General Assembly of this Province made in the Third and Second Year of his late Majesty's Reign* intitled, *An Act confirming Titles to Lands and quieting Possessions*, and an *Act for the Establishment of Religious Public Worship in the Province and for suppressing Popery*.

Also Bill concerning Schools and Schoolmasters, read a third Time,

And also the Bill intitled, *an Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign* intitled, *an Act concerning Schools and Schoolmasters*, were read a third time, and

Ordered to be sent to the Council.

And sent to the Council.

Mr. Uniacke who went with the above Bills to the Council reported he had delivered them.

Bill for continuing the Act to raise Money for keeping in Repair the Roads from Halifax to Windsor, &c.

A Bill intitled, an Act for continuing and amending an Act intitled, *an Act to raise a Sum of Money towards keeping in Repair the Roads leading from Halifax to Windsor and the District of Colchester*.

Bill to alter and continue the Excise Laws.

A Bill intitled, an Act to alter, amend and continue an Act passed in the 24th Year of His Majesty's Reign, intitled, *an Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum, and certain other enumerated Articles*.

Also Bill for continuing an Act for more effectually raising a Revenue, &c. read a first time.

Also a Bill intitled, an Act for continuing and amending an Act intitled, *an Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government*, were presented and read a first Time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Bill for regulating the Trial of Causes, read a first time,

Leave having been given to Major Milage, to bring in a Bill intitled, *an Act regulating the Trial of Causes of Action where the Debt does not exceed the Value of three Pounds*, the same was presented, and read a first Time, and

Ordered to be read a second time on Monday.

Letter from Governor Carleton to His Excellency Governor Parr with a Memorial from the House of Assembly at New Brunswick, considered by the House.

A Letter from His Excellency Governor Carleton, addressed to His Excellency Governor Parr, (and by him recommended to the Consideration of the House) with a Memorial from the *House of Assembly at New Brunswick* to Governor Carleton, praying, that the Bonds and Securities which had been given to the Treasurer of *Nova-Scotia*, prior to the Division of this Province for the Payment of the Duties of Impost and Excise by Persons resident in *New Brunswick* should be assigned to the Treasurer of *New Brunswick*, being taken into Consideration, it was thereupon,

Resolution thereon.

*Resolved*, That a heavy Debt being left on the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, a considerable Part of which had been incurred by Services rendered to that Part of the Province now called *New Brunswick*, this House cannot see the Propriety of delivering over to the People of *New Brunswick* the Bonds and Securities requested, unless they will undertake to discharge an equitable Proportion of such Debt.

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The Bill for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects was sent down from the Council, and the following Message.

“ That they cannot receive any Bill for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects, except their own Bill, with such Amendments as the *House of Assembly* may propose.”

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to confer with the Council on the Subject of the above Bill, do have a further conference.

On Motion of the Solicitor General, *Ordered* that Mr. *Jessen*, Mr. *Uniacke*, and Capt. *Howe*, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Governor to request he would be pleased to take Measures for preventing Frauds in the Collection of the Revenue, and also to give the necessary Directions for prosecuting the delinquent Revenue Officers.

Moved by Mr. *Belcher*, and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of his opening the Ports : and to pray he would be pleased to make certain Alterations in the Proclamation lately issued by him for that purpose.

*Ordered* accordingly ; and the Solicitor General, Mr. *Belcher*, and Capt. *Howe*, were appointed for that Committee.

The House then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

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Friday 30th June, 1786.

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor with the Address respecting the Customs House and naval Office Fees ; *Reported*, that they had presented the same, and that His Excellency informed them he would give Directions to the Secretary of the Province, to lay before the House, for their Information, certain Minutes of His Majesty's Council relative to those Fees.

A Bill “ Intituled an Act for continuing the several acts mentioned therein, as also for altering the Impost Laws hereby continued was presented, and read a first and second time, and *Ordered* to be read a third time To-morrow.

The Bill intitled, an Act for continuing and amending an Act intitled, an Act to raise a Sum of Money towards keeping in Repair the Roads leading from Halifax to Windsor and the District of Colchester.

Also the Bill intitled, an Act to alter, amend, and continue an Act passed in the 24th Year of His Majesty's Reign, intitled, an Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum and certain other enumerated Articles.

And the Bill intitled, an Act for continuing and amending an Act intitled, an Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government, were read a second Time.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of the above Bills, and also the Bill “ intitled, “ an Act for continuing the several Acts mentioned therein, as also for altering the Impost Law hereby continued.”

Mr. *Fillis* took the Chair,

Bill for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects sent down from the Council.

Committee appointed to wait on the Governor to request he would take Measures for preventing Frauds in the Collection of the Revenue,

Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the Subject of his late Proclamation.

Report from the Committee appointed to present an Address to his Excellency the Governor on the Custom House and Naval Office Fees.

Bill for continuing the several Acts mentioned therein read a first time.

Bill for continuing the Act to raise Money for keeping in Repair the Roads from Halifax to Windsor, &c.

The Bill to alter, and continue the Excise Laws,

Also the Bill for continuing an Act for more effectually raising a Revenue &c. read a second Time.

House resolve into a Committee on the above Bills, &c.



Report of the Committee.

The several Bills being then read, and debated Paragraph by Paragraph, the same were approved of by the Committee, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That the said Laws be continued until the 31st December 1787.

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

Agreed to,

Mr. *Fillis* Chairman of the Committee, reported the above Proceedings of the Committee, which were agreed to,

*Ordered*, That the above Bills as reported by the Committee be engrossed, and read a Third time To-morrow.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of *Collins*, &c. report their Proceedings.

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of *Robert Collins*, *John Wisdom* and *John Anderson* reported their proceedings, which were read and,

*Ordered* to lie on the Table.

On Motion of Mr. *Jessen*, the Solicitor General and Mr. *Wallace* were added to the Committee appointed to prepare Heads of Bills for Taxing Batchelors and Dogs.

Bill to prevent the obstructing the Passage of Fish in the Rivers in this Province, Read a first Time.

A Bill intituled an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the third Year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled, *An Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Wares, and other Incumbrances obstructing the Passage of Fish in the Rivers of this Province*, was presented, and read a first Time.

The House adjourned to 10 o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday 1st July, 1786.

According to Order,

Bills read a third Time, and sent to Council.

The following Bills were read a third Time, and *ordered* to be sent to the Council,

Bill respecting the Repair of Roads, &c.

The Bill intituled, an Act for continuing and amending an Act intituled *An Act to raise a Sum of Money towards keeping in Repair the Roads leading from Halifax to Windfor*.

Bill to alter and continue the Excise Laws.

The Bill entitled, an Act to alter, amend and continue an Act passed in the Twenty fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled, *An Act for more effectually raising a duty on Wine, Rum, and certain enumerated Articles*.

Bill for continuing an Act, &c. and

The Bill intituled, an Act for continuing and amending an Act intituled *An Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government*.

Bill for continuing the several Acts therein mentioned &c.

And also the Bill intituled "an Act for continuing the several Acts mentioned therein, as also for altering the Impost Law hereby continued".

Bill for the better ascertaining and establishment of Fees, read a first Time.

Mr. *Uniacke*, who was sent with the above Bills to the Council reported, he had delivered them.

A Bill intituled, *an Act for the better ascertaining and Establishment of the fees lawful to be taken within this Province* presented and read a first Time.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor, report an Address.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the Subject of his Excellency's late Proclamation, reported the following Address.

To

To His Excellency JOHN PARR, Esq; Captain General and Governor,  
Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia,  
the Islands of St. John and Cape Breton, Vice Admiral of the same. &c.  
&c. &c.

The Humble Address of the House of Representatives in General Assembly.  
May it please Your Excellency.

**T**HE House of Assembly are sorry to inform you, that Your Excellency's Proclamation in Tuesday's Gazette has given them much uneasiness.

We in our last Session, joined with His Majesty's Council, in an Address to your Excellency, praying that you would be pleased to Stop the Importation of all Articles from the United States of America, save such as were enumerated in our joint Address; that was a Measure, which we took after mature Deliberation, and we were then fully convinced, as we now are, that this Province having a commercial intercourse with the United States, under the present Regulation, must be highly injured, not only by the Importation of Articles of which it does not stand in need but also by contraband Dealers, under Sanction of introducing Articles permitted in Your Excellency's Proclamation, importing all Kinds of Commodities to the Destruction of the Commerce carried on by the fair Trader, and to the ruin of his Credit, as this Province has nothing to give to the United States in return for such Articles, but Bills of Exchange, and money which ought to go to Great Britain instead of that Country.

We heartily thank your Excellency, for having so readily complied with the joint Request of His Majesty's Council, and House of Assembly, in their last Session; the good effects of stopping such ruinous Trade, have even in so short a Time been universally felt throughout the Province, and have given Spur to Industry, which languished before.

We have heard some Complaints from the County of Shelburne, that they stand in need of Milk Cows, and working Oxen, to stock their Farms; if such Complaints are well founded, they must arise from the Want of Roads to communicate with the old Settlements, not from a Scarcity of Cattle in the Country, but if the new Settlements think it will be a Benefit to them, to import their Stock from the United States, we would not wish that they should be restrained in doing so, but we beg that such Importation may be confined to those Settlements only.

We have used our utmost Endeavours, to encourage the Lumber Trade of this Province, which is one of its great Exports to the West Indies, and we are happy to inform your Excellency, that our Endeavours have been crowned with Success, the Number of Saw-Mills, have increased beyond our most sanguine Expectations, and the Quantities of Lumber now ready for Market, far exceed the shipping we have to transport the same, but should Lumber be permitted to be imported from the United States, it will immediately put an End to that Business in this Country, and leave many thousands of its Inhabitants without Employment; who now get a comfortable Livelihood in that way, and as for oats, Potatoes, Peas, Beans, &c. we hope when your Excellency considers the great quantity of these Articles now on the Farmers hands without a Market to consume the same; you will not think them necessary to be imported.

*From the experience which we have had of your Excellency's constant Endeavours, to promote the true Interest of this Country, and from the Confidence which all Discriptions of People have in you ; we hope and humbly beg on their behalf that you will take the Trade to the United States of America into your Consideration, and prevent the Evils we are apprehensive of.*

*In behalf of the House*

*of Assembly,*

S. S. BLOWERS,

Division of the House thereon,

Which Address being read, the Question was put, whether the same should be engrossed and presented to the Governor, and the House having divided thereon there appeared.

**For the Question**

- Mr. McMonagle,*
- Mr. Marchinton,*
- Mr. Belcher,*
- Mr. Wollenhaupt,*
- Mr. James,*
- Mr. Jessen,*
- Mr. Schwartz,*
- Mr. Pyke*
- Mr. Northup,*
- Mr. Uniacke,*
- Mr. Crane,*
- Mr. Denninson,*
- Mr. Tonge,*
- Mr. Archibald,*
- Mr. Day,*
- Capt. Howe,*
- Major Milledge,*
- Mr. Cochran,*
- Mr. Dickson,*
- Mr. Wallace,*

**Against it.**

- Mr. Fillis,*
- Mr Putnam,*
- Mr. Leckie,*
- Mr. Wilkins,*
- Mr. Aplin,*
- Col. Tonge,*
- Major M'Neal,*

Bill respecting the inferior court and sessions in the County of Hants agreed to by the Council,

Bill relative to Timber for Exportation to Great Britain sent down with amendments.

Message to know when the Governor would receive the Address of the House.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill Intituled, An Act for altering the time appointed for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace in the County of Hants in the spring of the year ; agreed to.

Also the Bill Intituled, An Act to repeal an Act made in the Twelfth Year of His Majesty's Reign intituled, an Act declaring what shall be deemed merchantable Timber for Exportation to Great Britain, sent down with amendments.

Mr. Uniacke then agreeable to the desire of the House waited on the the Secretary of the Province to know at what time His Excellency would be ready to receive the Address of the House, who acquainted him, that they should be informed of the Time as soon as he could know the Governor's Pleasure.

The Bill Intituled, an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act

Act made in the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign intituled an *Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Wares, and other Incumbrances obstructing the Passage of Fish in the Rivers in this Province*, was read a second Time.

Bill to prevent the obstructing the Passage of Fish in Rivers read a second Time.

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor with the request of the House relative to the delinquent Revenue Officers reported, that His Excellency was pleased to assure them he would immediately take the same into Consideration, and give such Directions as may be necessary.

Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor respecting the Revenue officers reports

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Monday 3d July, 1786,

His Excellency the Governor having signified to the House, that he would receive their Address at half past Eleven o'Clock, the House accordingly waited on him therewith.

The Bill intituled, an *Act for the better ascertaining and Establishment of the Fees lawful to be taken within this Province*.

Bill for regulating Fees &c.

Also the Bill intituled, an *Act for regulating the Trial of causes of Action where the Debt does not exceed the value of Three Pounds*, were read a second time.

Also a Bill for regulating the Trial of Actions not exceeding three Pounds, read a second Time.

And a Bill intituled, *An Act to raise a Revenue by a Tax on unmarried Men*.

Bill for Taxing Batchelors.

Also the Bill intituled *An Act to raise a Revenue by a tax upon such as own or keep Dogs within this Province*, were read a first and second Time.

Bill for taxing Dogs read a first and second Time.

The House then went into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of the above Bills.

House resolve itself into a Committee on the above Bills.

Mr. *Fillis* took the Chair,

The Bill intituled, *An Act to raise a Revenue by a Tax upon such as own or keep Dogs within this Province*, being read, and debated, the Committee approved of the same.

The Bill intituled, *An Act for the better ascertaining and Establishment of the Fees lawful to be taken within this Province*. The Bill intituled, *An Act for regulating the Trial of Causes of Actions where the debt does not exceed the Value of three Pounds*, and Also the Bill Intituled, *An Act to raise a Revenue by a Tax on unmarried Men*, being also read and debated.

The Committee agreed that the above Bill be deferred to the next Sessions.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fillis*, Chairman of the Committee reported the above Proceedings of the Committee, which were agreed to by the House.

Report of the Committee agreed to by the House.

A Bill intituled, *An Act to enable a single Justice of the Peace to issue compulsory Process in the first Instance in civil Causes, which are by Law triable before him*, was presented, and read a first Time.

Bill to enable a Justice of the Peace to issue Compulsory process in civil Causes &c.

And on Motion the same Bill was read a second Time.

read a first and second Time.

The Committee appointed to examine the State of the Assembly House, reported as follows,

Report of the Committee on the Assembly House.

That

“ That having examined the Building, they are of Opinion that the  
 “ Sum of Seventy Five Pounds should be granted to make Repairs  
 “ immediately necessary, and that the same be laid out under the Di-  
 “ rection of a Committee of this House.”

*J. M. Freke Bulkeley.*

*John McMonagle.*

*P. Marchinton.*

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

Tuesday July 4th, 1786.

The Bill to enable a Justice of the Peace to issue Compulsory Procefs in civil causes sent to the Council.

Leave given to bring in Heads of a Bill respecting mortgages &c.

Government Estimate for 1787 sent down from the Council.

Also with the Bill respecting the Road leading from Halifax to Windsor, &c. agreed to, And the bill for continuing the Acts mentioned therein.

Together with the Bill for continuing the Excise Laws sent down with Amendment.

The House resolved itself into a committee on the Fishery Bill.

The Bill intituled, *An Act to enable a single Justice to issue compulsory Procefs in the first Instance in civil Causes, which are by law triable before him*, was read a third time, and ordered to be sent to the Council by Mr. McMonagle, who reported he had delivered it.

Leave given to bring in Heads of a Bill to amend an Act intituled, *An Act for more effectually making Lands and Tenements liable for the Payment of Debts, also to enable the Holders of small Mortgages to sell the Premises mortgaged to them more speedily and at less expence than heretofore*, as also to repeal an Act made in the Thirty second Year of his late Majesty's Reign intituled, *An Act for making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of Debts*.

A Message was received from His Majesty's Council, with the Government Estimate for the Year 1787.

Also with the Bill intituled, an Act for continuing and amending *An Act to raise a Sum of Money towards keeping in Repair the Roads leading from Halifax to Windsor, and the District of Colchester*, agreed to by the Council.

And the Bill intituled, *An Act for continuing the several Acts mentioned therein, as also the Impost law continued thereby*, sent down with Amendments.

A Message was also received from the Council with the Bill intituled, an Act to alter, amend and continue an Act, passed in the twenty fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign intituled, *An Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum and certain other enumerated Articles*, sent down from the Council with Amendments; but the House adhering to their Bills, the same was sent back to the Council.

The House then Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of the Bill intituled, an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the third Year Year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled, *An Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Wares and other Incumbrances obstructing the passage of Fish in the Rivers in this Province*.

Mr. Fillis took the Chair,

And the Committee having fully considered and debated the above Bill they agreed to the same with Amendments.

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fillis* Chairman of the Committee reported the above proceedings of the Committee, which the House agreed to.

Report of the Committee agreed to.

And the Bill with Amendments as reported by the Committee, was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending An Act for more effectually raising of a Revenue within this Province for the support of its Government* sent down with Amendments.

Bill for continuing and amending the act for raising a revenue &c. sent down from the Council with amendments.

A Message was sent back with the above Bill to the Council to inform them the House adheres to their Bill.

The House adjourned to 10 o'Clock To-morrow.

Wednesday 5th July, 1786.

The Bill Intituled *An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed on them by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign* intituled, *An Act concerning Schools and School masters* as sent down from the Council, was agreed to and sent back to the Council.

Bill for relieving his Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects agreed to by the House.

A Bill intituled *an Act to amend an Act* intituled, *An Act for more effectually making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of debts, also to enable the Holders of small Mortgages to sell the Premises mortgaged to them more speedily and at less Expence than heretofore*, as also to repeal *An Act made in the Thirty Second Year of his late Majesty's Reign, Intituled An Act for making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of Debts* was presented, and read a first Time.

Bill respecting mortgages &c. read a first Time.

Mr. *Day* moved, That the above Bill be read a second Time to-morrow, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Col. *Tonge* then moved for leave to bring in Heads of a Bill for repealing the Act Intituled, *An Act for more effectually making Lands and Tenements liable for the Payment of Debts, also to enable the Holders of small Mortgages to sell the Premises mortgaged to them, more speedily and at less Expence than heretofore*, as also to repeal *An Act made in the Thirty second Year of his Majesty's Reign, which Act is now expended before the King and Council for the Royal Assent.*

Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal a bill respecting mortgages &c.

The Solicitor General moved, That the House according to the Order of the Day should proceed to the Consideration of private Petitions, &c. which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Thereupon leave given to Col. *Tonge* to bring in Heads of a Bill accordingly.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill Intituled, *Act to amend, and continue an Act passed in the Twenty fourth Year of his Present Majesty's Reign* Intituled, *An Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum and certain other enumerated articles*, agreed to.

Bill for continuing Excise laws agreed to by the Council.

Bill to enable a Justice of the Peace to issue compulsory process in civil causes, &c. sent down with amendments. Also bill for continuing and amending the Act for raising a Revenue, &c. sent down with amendments.

Also with the Bill Intituled, *an Act to enable a single Justice of the Peace to issue compulsory Process in the first instance in civil Causes, which are by Law triable before him,* sent down with Amendments, which the House agreed to.

And the Bill, intituled, "An Act for continuing and amending an Act." intituled *an Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government,* sent down with Amendments, which Amendments the Council adhering to,

Upon Motion the above Bill was sent back to the Council, with a Request from the House, that they would signify in the usual Form, whether they would agree or disagree to the Bill as passed by the House.

The Solicitor General who went with the above Bill to the Council reported that they would consider the same.

House take into consideration the report of the committee on Collins and Wisdom's Accounts.

The House then proceeded to take into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Accounts of Robert Collins, and John Wisdom, and the same being read and fully considered.

Resolution thereon.

Mr. Day moved, that the above Report be accepted by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Twelve; against it Thirteen.

Report of the committee on John Anderson's Accounts agreed to.

The House also took into Consideration the report of the above Committee on the State of John Anderson's Account, and the same was agreed to by the House.

Bill for continuing the several laws mentioned therein, &c. and bill to enable one or more Justices to issue compulsory process in civil causes &c. agreed to by the Council.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill intituled, *An Act for continuing the several laws mentioned therein, as also the Impost Law continued thereby,* And also the Bill intituled, *an Act to enable one or more Justice of the Peace to issue Compulsory Process in the first Instance in civil Causes which are by law triable before them,* agreed to.

Bill for raising a revenue &c. not agreed to.

And the Bill intituled, *an Act for continuing and amending an Act* Intituled, *an Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the support of its government,* not agreed to.

Bill for raising a revenue and to enable persons to receive Drawback, &c. read a first Time.

A Bill intituled, *An Act to continue the act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this province for the support of its Government, and to enable Persons exporting certain Articles therein named to receive a Drawback on the export thereof, and for other purposes therein named,* was presented and read a first Time.

The House then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

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### Thursday 6th July, 1786.

Bill for raising a revenue and to enable persons to receive drawbacks, &c. read a second and third time.

The Bill intituled, "An Act to continue the Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government, and to enable Persons exporting certain Articles therein named to receive a Drawback on the Export thereof, and for other Purposes therein named," read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed,

The same being engrossed, was read third time, and Ordered to be sent to the Council. The

The Bill intituled, " An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the third Year of His present Majesty's Reign," intituled, *An Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Wares and other Incumbrances obstructing the Passage of Fish in the Rivers of this Province*, read a third Time, and

Also Bill to prevent the obstructing the passage of fish in the Rivers read a third time.

Ordered to be sent to the Council,

And sent to the Council.

The Solicitor General who went with the above Bills to the Council, reported he had delivered them.

A Message from the Council was received with a Bill intituled, an *Act in further Addition to an Act made in the Twenty Third Year of his late Majesty's Reign relating to Treasons and Felonies*, and the same was read a first and second Time, and thereupon,

Message from the Council with the bill intituled, an Act relating to the Treasons and felonies.

Ordered, That Mr. *Aplin*, the *Solicitor General* and Mr. *Wilkins* be a Committee to confer with the Council on the subject of the above Bill,

Committee appointed to confer with the Council on the subjects of the above Bill.

The House then proceeded to take into Consideration the Government Estimate for the Year 1787, and thereupon

House proceeded on the consideration of the Government estimate for 1787.

*Resolved*, That the sum of £400, be granted and paid to each of the Assistant Justices of the *Supreme Court* in Lieu of all Fees whatever for the year 1787. - - - - - £800. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £400. be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province for himself, Clerk and Office Rent for the Year 1787. - - - - - 400. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the sum of £100. be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Council in *General Assembly* for the year 1787. - - - - - 100. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £100 be granted and paid to the Clerk of the *House of Assembly* for the year 1787. - - - - - 100. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £30. be granted and paid for the Expences of Council in *General Assembly* for the year 1787. - - - - - 30. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £100. be granted and paid to the Speaker of the *House of Assembly* for the Year 1787. - - - - - 100. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £100. be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Crown for the Year 1787, provided he attends the *Supreme Court* in all their Sittings, - - - - - 100. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £100. be granted and paid to the Solicitor General for his Services for the year 1787. - - - - - 100. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £80. be granted and paid to the Printer for printing for the Government and *General Assembly* for the Year 1787. - - - - - 80. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be empowered to draw Money from the Treasury from Time to Time to defray the Expences of maintaining Prisoners committed to the Goal at *Halifax*, and not

chargeable.



chargeable to the County, the Expenditure of such Sums to be accounted for to the Committee of public Accounts at their next Sessions.

- Resolved*, That the Sum of £30. be granted and paid to the Keeper of the Council Chamber and *House of Assembly* for the year 1787. - - - 30. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That there be granted and paid for two Waiters for the Port of *Halifax*, provided they do not act as Clerks in the Collector's Office £70. each 140. 0. 0.  
As also for one Gauger, - - - 80. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor be empowered to draw by Warrant on the Treasury any Sum not exceeding £150. for contingentExpences for the Year 1787. - - - 150. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid for the Collection of the Impost and Excise Duties for the District of *Halifax* *six per Cent.* on the Amount of the Collections in lieu of all other Allowances whatever.
- Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid to the Collectors of the Impost and Excise Duties at the Out ports including *Shelburne*, *ten per cent.* on the amount of their Collections.
- Resolved*, That there be granted and paid to the Agent of the Province for the year 1787. - - - £100. Sterling.
- Resolved*, That there be granted and paid £100. to the Keeper of the Light House for the year 1787. 100. 0. 0.
- Resolved*, That the Sum of £50. Sterling be granted and paid to *Miss Elizabeth Belcher*, for the year 1787. provided that she resides in this Province.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-Morrow.

Friday 7th, July 1786.

Bill for raising a Revenue and to enable persons to receive drawbacks &c sent down from the Council, with Amendments.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill intituled, *An Act to continue the Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government, &c.* sent down with Amendments.

The above Bill was sent back to the Council, with a Message to inform them, the House adheres to their Bill.

Bill relating to mortgages &c.

A Bill intituled, *an Act for repealing an Act intituled, an Act for more effectually making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of Debts, as also to enable the Holders of small Mortgages to sell the Premises mortgaged to them more speedily, and at less Expence than heretofore, as also to repeal an Act made in the Twenty third Year of his late Majesty's Reign intituled, An Act for making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of Debts* was presented, and read a first Time.

Read a first time.

Col. *Tonge* then moved, that the same be read a second Time, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, and there appearing

appearing a Majority for the Motion ; the Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Read a second time

The Solicitor General *moved*, That the Title of the above Bill should be to alter and amend the Mortgage Act instead of repealing the same; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Amendment sixteen, against it Twelve.

Motion of the Solicitor General on the above Bill.

The House then *resolved* into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of the above Bill.

House resolve itself into Committee on the mortgage Bill.

Mr. *Fillis* took the Chair.

And the Bill intituled, *An Act to alter and amend an Act intituled, an Act for more effectually making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of Debts, as also to enable the Holders of small mortgages to sell the Premises mortgaged to them more speedily, and at less expence than heretofore, as also to repeal an Act made in the Thirty Second Year of his Majesty's Reign intituled, an Act for making Lands and Tenements liable to the Payment of Debts,* being read and debated by the Committee, they agreed to the same.

Proceedings of the Committee.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Fillis* Chairman of the Committee *reported* the above proceedings of the Committee, which the House agreed to.

Agreed to by the House,

And the Bill as reported by the Committee was *ordered* to be engrossed and sent to the Council To-morrow.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill intituled; *An Act to continue the Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the support of its Government, and to enable persons exporting articles therein named to receive a Drawback on the export thereof, and for other purposes therein named,* and also the Bill intituled, an act in addition to and amendment of an act made in the third year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled, *an Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Wares and other Incumbrances obstructing the Passage in the Rivers in this Province,* agreed to.

A Message from the Council with a bill for raising a Revenue and to enable persons to receive drawbacks &c. and also with the Bill to prevent the obstructing the passage of Fish in Rivers.

Agreed to.

The House then according to Order proceeded on the further Consideration of the Government Estimate and thereupon *Resolved*, That there be granted and paid the Sum of three Hundred Pounds for the Purpose of defraying the contingent Expences of the *General Assembly* during the present Session, the same to be drawn for by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief on the Certificates of the Speaker of the House of *Assembly* and Secretary of the Province - - - £300. 0. 0.

House proceed on the further consideration of the Estimate.

*Resolved*, That there be paid to the Reverend. *Wingate Weeks*, Chaplain to the *House of Assembly* for his Attendance during this Session. - - - 10. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That there be paid to *Peter Etler*, senr. Messenger to the *House of Assembly*, for his Attendance Twenty Eight Days at 5*l.* - - - 7. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the Bounties and Premiums heretofore granted by this House shall be continued to the End of the Year 1787, agreeable to the Resolves of the *General Assembly* in their last Session.

*Resolved*

*Resolved*, That *ten per Cent.* on all the Monies arising from the Duties of Impost and Excise paid into the Treasury, be appropriated to pay off and discharge, the Monies due on Government Securities, And also for paying the Interest due on such Warrants or other Government Securities as may be due the Creditors of the same.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £30. be granted and paid to Mrs. *Deborah Cotnam* for her past Services; as Keeper of the Council Chamber and *House of Assembly*. £30. 0. 0.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Sixty Pounds be granted and paid to *Doctor Almond* for his Services as Superintendent Physician to the Poor House in *Halifax*, 60. 0. 0.

And that there be paid and allowed to *Doctor Nicholai* the dispensing Apothecary and Surgeon of the Poor House for Account of Medicines furnished by him, and for his Attendance there, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, or so much thereof as he may not have already received by Warrant on the Treasury.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid to each of the Land Waiters and Guagers for the District of *Shelburne* at the Rate of Forty Pounds *Per Annum*, for the year 1786, and also at the rate of Fifty Pounds *Per Annum* for the Year 1787.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of seventy five Pounds be granted and paid for the Purpose of defraying the Expence of Repairs immediately necessary to be made to the *General Assembly House*, and that the same be laid out under the Direction of the Committee who reported on the same. £75. 0. 0.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday July 8th, 1786.

Petition of *Joseph Toler* dismissed.

The Petition of *Joseph Toler*, praying for some Allowances for his Services as Tide Waiter in the Year 1783, and referred over from last Session, was taken into Consideration and dismissed.

The Petition of *Arthur Gold* and *John Newton* Esqrs; and also the Petition of *John Selby* dismissed

The Petition of *John Newton*, and *Arthur Gold*, Esqrs; Collectors of the Impost and Excise Duties for the District of *Halifax*, and also the Petition of *John Selby*, Clerk and Waiter to the Impost and Excise Office, praying for some Allowance for their Services in that Department, and referred over from last Session, was read, considered, and dismissed; the House having provided for the same in the Estimate for the year 1787.

The Bill relative to Mortgages, &c. was sent to the Council by Mr. *Day*, who reported he had delivered it.

Petition of *Gregory Springal*, deferred.

The Petition of *Gregory Springal*, was deferred to future Consideration. Mr.

Mr. Belcher moved, That the Sum of Twenty eight Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and three Pence be paid to the Overseers of the Poor at *Cornwallis* for the Support of two transient Poor Persons, which being seconded and put, passed in the Negative.

Mr. Belcher motion relative to the overseers of the poor at *Cornwallis*.

The Solicitor General moved, That His Excellency the Governor should be requested to pay out of the contingent Money the Messenger who attends the Council, as well as to provide from the same Fund the necessary Stationary for the public Offices, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Motion respecting the payment of the Messenger of its Majesty's Council &c.

The House then took into Consideration the several Applications respecting Roads, and

Monies voted for the Repair of Roads &c.

On Motion of Capt. Howe resolved, That the Sum of five Hundred Pounds be granted for the Purpose of compleating the Road lately opened between *Annapolis Royal* and *Shelburne*, one Half thereof to be expended on the Road at the *Annapolis* Side, and the other Half on that part towards *Shelburne*.

Road between *Annapolis* and *Shelburne* £500.

On Motion of Mr. Aplin, resolved, That the Sum of two Hundred Pounds be granted for the Purpose of opening a Road from the Town of *Barrington* to the Town of *Shelburne*.

Road from *Barrington* to *Shelburne* £200.

On Motion of Mr. Hill, resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted for the Purpose of opening a Road from the Settlement of *Remfreg* to the Road leading from *Cumberland* to *Halifax*.

Road from *Remfreg* to *Cumberland* Road £100.

On Motion of Major Millidge, resolved, That the Sum of two Hundred Pounds be granted for the Purpose of opening a Road from the Township of *Digby* to the River *Scissabu*.

Road from *Digby* to River *Scissabu* £200.

On Motion of Mr. Archibold resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted for the Purpose of repairing the Road leading from *Onslow* to *Tatamagushe*.

Road from *Onslow* to *Tatamagushe* £100.

On Motion of Mr. Bulkeley Resolved, That the Sum of two Hundred and fifty Pounds be granted for the Purpose of opening a Road from *Country Harbour* in the County of *Sydney* towards *Pitou* by the Way of *Manchester* and *Antigonishe*, and that the above Sum be laid out and expended by Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor in the County of *Sydney*.

Road from *Country Harbour* towards *Pitou*.

On Motion of the Solicitor General resolved, That the Sum of Fifty Pounds be granted for the Purpose of compleating the Road leading from the Township of *Falmouth* to the *Half Way River* so called.

Road from *Falmouth* to the *Half Way River* £50.

Mr. Wilkins then moved, That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted and allowed for the Purpose of erecting a Light House for the safety of the Navigation, leading into the Harbour of *Shelburne*, to be paid and applied under the Direction of Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor for that Service, which being seconded, and put, passed in the affirmative.

£500 granted for erecting a Light House leading into *Shelburne* Harbour.

A Petition from *Hans Baker*, Sheriff of the County of *Cumberland* (recommended by His Excellency the Governor to the Consideration of the House) praying to be reimbursed the Sum of Thirty Pounds, Seventeen Shillings, and ten Pence half Penny, expences incurred by him for apprehending, securing, and subsisting one *John Clark* a Felon, was read, and dismissed, The

Petition of *Hans Baker* read and dismissed.

Petition from the Overseers of the Poor at Truro, dismissed:

Petition from David Seabury and others read.

Committee appointed to request His Excellency the Governor would appoint one Surgeon and dispensing Physician to the Poor House.

The Petition from the Overseers of the Poor at Truro, with the Accounts annexed, being considered by the House, the same was dismissed

A Petition from David Seabury and others respecting a Road leading from the Annapolis road to the Chester Road, was presented, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On Motion ordered, That the Solicitor General Mr. Aplin and Mr. Wilkins, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor to request, he would be pleased to appoint one fit Person, and no more to attend the Poor House as a Surgeon and dispensing Physician.

A Message was sent to the Secretary of the Province to acquaint him, the House will be ready to attend His Excellency the Governor at the Council Chamber on Monday next.

The House having gone through the Estimate for the Year 1787, it was thereupon ordered, that the draft of a Bill should be prepared and brought in conformable thereto.

Then House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock on Monday.

### Monday 10th July, 1786,

According to Order,

Bill for applying certain monies for the service for the Year 1787 &c.

read a first and second time.

read a third Time

And sent to the Council.

Message from the Council requesting £100 to be allowed John Newton Esqr; for extra services

Committee appointed to bring Heads of a Bill, for obtaining credit on landed security, &c.

A Bill Intituled, *An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven and for appropriating the supplies granted in this session of General Assembly,* was presented, and read a first, and second time, and ordered to be Engrossed.

The above Bill being engrossed, was read a third time, and ordered to be sent to the Council.

The Solicitor General who went with the Bill to the Council reported he had delivered it.

A Message was received from the Council requesting, that the House would allow to John Newton, Esqr; Collector of the Duties of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax the Sum of One Hundred Pounds for his extra Services in that Office, but the House conceiving they had made sufficient Provision for such Service in this Session therefore cannot agree to the Requisition made.

Capt. Howe moved, That a Committee be appointed to bring in the Heads of a Bill at the next Session for the Purpose of obtaining Credit on landed Security, for promoting Agriculture; and assisting the Farmer in his Exertions, which being seconded, and put, passed in the Affirmative, and Mr. Aplin, Capt. Howe and Mr. Dight appointed accordingly.

Then House adjourned to Twelve o'Clock To-morrow.

### Tuesday, 11th July 1786.

A Message was received from the Council with the Bill intitled, *an Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the Service of the year One Thousand*

*Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty Seven, and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly sent down with proposed Amendments.*

A Message was sent back to the Council to inform them the House adheres to their Bill, excepting the inserting the words Lieutenant Governor.

House adheres to their Bill.

On Motion Resolved, That the Sum of Eighty five Pounds seven Shillings shall be allowed and paid to defray the Expences incurred for repairs done to the Government House as per Account rendered up to the Year 1786.

A Message was received from the Council informing the House they adhere to their Amendments.

Message from the Council

And thereupon the Solicitor General, Mr. Applin and Major Milidge were appointed a Committee to confer with the Council on those Amendments.

Committee appointed to confer with the Council.

The Committee of the House having conferred with a Committee of the Council on the Amendments proposed by the Council, the House thereupon agreed, that the Clause which respected the Payment of a Pension of £. 50. Sterling to Miss Elizabeth Amelia Belcher, should be left out of the Bill altogether, and not be paid on the Vote or Grant of this House, and the Council agreeing thereto, the same was left out accordingly.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor requiring the Attendance of the House of Assembly in the Council Chamber.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

The Speaker with the House attended accordingly, when His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, viz.

House attend His Excellency.

An ACT to alter, amend and continue an Act, made and passed in the Twenty Fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign intituled, *An Act for more effectually raising a Duty of Excise on Wine, Rum, and certain other enumerated Articles, and for preventing frauds in the collection of the Revenue.*

Bills assented to.

An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the third Year of His present Majesty's Reign intituled, *An Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Warcs and other Incumbrances obstructing the Passage of Fish in the Rivers in this Province.*

An Act for continuing and amending *An Act* intituled, *An Act to raise a Sum of Money towards keeping in Repair the Roads leading from HALIFAX to WINDSOR, and the District of COLCHESTER.*

*An Act for continuing the several Laws mentioned therein, as also for altering the Impost Laws hereby continued.*

*An Act to enable one or more Justices of the Peace to issue compulsory Process in the first Instance in civil Causes, which are by Law triable before them.*

*An Act to continue the Act for more effectually raising a Revenue within this Province for the Support of its Government, and to enable Persons exporting certain Articles therein named to receive a Drawback on the export thereof, and other Purposes therein mentioned.*

An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed on them by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made in the sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign Intituled, *An Act concerning Schools and School Masters.*

*An Act for altering the Time appointed for holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Hants in the Spring of the Year.*

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year One Thousand seven Hundred and eighty seven, and the appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly.

Then the Secretary of the Province by his Excellency's Command declared the General Assembly prorogued to Friday the Fifth Day of September next, and the same was prorogued accordingly.