

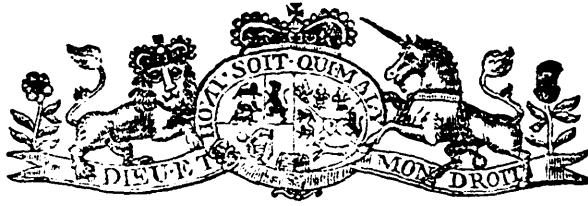




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# PROCLAMATION

*For dissolving the present GENERAL ASSEMBLY of NOVA-SCOTIA, and calling a new one.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D.**



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

**J. WENTWORTH.**

**W**HEREAS I have thought fit, by, and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to dissolve the present General Assembly, which now stands prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-eight Day of February next. I do for that End publish this Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said General Assembly accordingly.

And the Members of His Majesty's Council, and the Representatives of the several Counties and Towns within this Province, are discharged from their Meeting and Attendance on that Day.

And I do hereby further declare, that, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, I have this Day given Order, to issue out Writs, in due Form, for calling a New General Assembly; which Writs are to bear Teste on Tuesday the Twenty-second Day of January instant, and to be returnable on Tuesday the Fifth Day of March next.

*GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Halifax, this 22th Day of January; in the 33d year of His Majesty's Reign.*

By His Excellency's Command,

**I. M. FREKE BULKELEY.**

*GOD save the KING.*

# PROCLAMATION

*For enlarging the Return of the WRITS, for the Meeting of the new GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D.**



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

**J. WENTWORTH.**

**W**HEREAS by the Writs issued on Tuesday the Twenty second Day of January last past, for dissolving the late General Assembly, and calling a new one, the same were made returnable on Tuesday the Fifth Day of March next. AND WHEREAS, it has been represented to me, and there is reason to apprehend, that the Sheriffs in certain of the Counties in this Province, may not be able to make due returns thereof, within the time aforesaid; I have thought fit, by, and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to enlarge the time for returning the said Writs, generally, throughout the Province. And I do hereby declare that the same is so enlarged, to Wednesday the Twentieth Day of the said Month of March. At which time, and not on the said Tuesday the Fifth of the said Month, last mentioned, the same are to be returnable, of which the several Sheriffs throughout the Province, and all Persons who shall be Elested under the said Writs, are hereby required to take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

*GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Halifax, this 19th Day of February; in the 33d year of His Majesty's Reign.*

By his Excellency's Command,

**I. M. FREKE BULKELEY.**

*GOD save the KING.*

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Of the *House of Assembly* of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, begun and held at *Halifax*, on Wednesday the 20th Day of March, in the Thirty third Year of the Reign, of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, having, by his two several Proclamations (hereunto annexed) dated the 22d *January*, and 19th *February* last, dissolved the last *General Assembly*, and called a new one, and appointed the same to meet and sit at *Halifax* this Day, being the Twentieth Day of *March*, 1793; the following are the Names of the Members returned by the Sheriffs, for the several Counties and Towns within this Province, to represent the same, in the said *General-Assembly*, summoned to meet as before mentioned, viz.

COUNTY of HALIFAX.		TOWN of TRURO.
<i>Jonathan Sterns,</i>	}	<i>Mr. Matthew Archibald.</i>
<i>James Michael Freke Bulkeley,</i>		TOWN of ONSLOW.
<i>Lawrence Harborne,</i>		<i>Charles Dickson, Esq.</i>
<i>Michael Wallace</i>		TOWN of LONDONDERRY.
COUNTY of CUMBERLAND.		<i>Mr. Robert McElbinney.</i>
<i>William Freeman, Esq;</i>	}	TOWN of AMHERST.
<i>Mr. Samuel Embrie,</i>		<i>Mr. Thomas Lushy.</i>
COUNTY of LUNENBURG.		TOWN of LUNENBURG.
<i>John William Schwartz, Esq.</i>	}	<i>Mr. John Bolman.</i>
<i>Mr. Edward James.</i>		TOWN of ANNAPOLIS.
COUNTY of ANNAPOLIS.		<i>Thomas Barclay, Esq.</i>
<i>Thomas Millidge, Esq.</i>	}	TOWN of GRANVILLE.
<i>Mr. James Moody.</i>		<i>Alexander Howe, Esq.</i>
QUEEN'S COUNTY.		TOWN of DICBY.
<i>Simeon Perkins,</i>	}	<i>Mr. Henry Rutherford.</i>
<i>Benajah Collins,</i>		TOWN of LIVERPOOL.
COUNTY of SHELBURNE.		<i>Mr. Samuel Hart.</i>
<i>Stephen Skinner, Esq.</i>	}	TOWN of SHELBURNE.
<i>Mr. James Humphrys.</i>		<i>Colin Campbell, Esq.</i>
COUNTY of HANTS.		TOWN of BARRINGTON.
<i>Hector Maclean,</i>	}	<i>Mr. John Sargeant.</i>
<i>William Cotnam Tonge,</i>		TOWN of WINDSOR.
KING'S COUNTY.		<i>John McMonagle, Esq.</i>
<i>Jonathan Crane,</i>	}	TOWN of FALMOUTH.
<i>Elisha Dewolf,</i>		<i>Jeremiah Northup, Esq.</i>
COUNTY of SYDNEY.		TOWN of NEWPORT.
}	}	<i>Shubael Dimock, Esq.</i>
		TOWN of HORTON.
TOWN of HALIFAX.		<i>Samuel Leonard, Esq.</i>
<i>John George Pyke,</i>	}	TOWN of CORNWALLIS.
<i>William Cochran,</i>		<i>Mr. William Baxter.</i>
		YARMOUTH.

A Committee of His Majesty's Council, came about One o'Clock into the House, where the Members of the *House of Assembly*, usually sit, and the several following Members who appeared, took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration in their presence, viz.

COUNTY of HALIFAX :	{ <i>Jonathan Sterns,</i> <i>James Michael Freke Bulkeley,</i> <i>Lawrence Hartshorne,</i> <i>Michael Wallace,</i>	} Esqrs.
COUNTY of CUMBERLAND :	{ <i>William Freeman,</i> <i>Samuel Embrie,</i>	} Esqrs.
COUNTY of LUNENBURG :	<i>John William Schwartz,</i>	Esqr.
COUNTY of ANNAPOLIS :	{ <i>Thomas Millidge,</i> <i>James Moody,</i>	} Esqrs.
COUNTY of HANTS :	{ <i>Hector Maclean,</i> <i>William Coinam Tonge,</i>	} Esqrs.
KING's COUNTY :	{ <i>Jonathan Crane,</i> <i>Elisha Dewolf,</i>	} Esqrs.
TOWN of HALIFAX :	{ <i>John George Pyke,</i> <i>William Cochran,</i>	} Esqrs.
TOWN of TRURO :	<i>Matthew Archibald,</i>	} Esqrs.
TOWN of ONSLOW :	<i>Charles Dickson,</i>	
TOWN of LONDONDERRY :	<i>Robert McElbinney,</i>	
TOWN of AMHERST :	<i>Thomas Lushby,</i>	
TOWN of ANNAPOLIS :	<i>Thomas Barclay,</i>	
TOWN of LIVERPOOL :	<i>Samuel Hart,</i>	
TOWN of FALMOUTH :	<i>Jeremiah Northup,</i>	
TOWN of WINDSOR :	<i>John M<sup>o</sup> Monagle,</i>	
TOWN of NEWPORT :	<i>Shubael Dimock,</i>	
TOWN of GRANVILLE :	<i>Alexander Howe,</i>	
TOWN of DIGBY :	<i>Henry Rutherford,</i>	
TOWN of HORTON :	<i>Samuel Leonard,</i>	
TOWN of CORNWALLIS :	<i>William Baxter,</i>	

After which, a Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, commanding the immediate Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly the House went up to attend His Excellency, when the President of his Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's Direction, said,

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to command me, that it is his Pleasure, that you do immediately repair to the Place where the *House of Assembly* of *Nova-Scotia*, usually sit, and there chuse a fit Person to be your Speaker, and that you do inform His Excellency of your Proceedings hereon.

And the House being returned,

*Thomas Barclay* and *Jonathan Sterns*, Esquires, were proposed Candidates for the Chair.

The Members present, unanimously expressed their entire Approbation of the Merits and Abilities of both Gentlemen, but as their Wishes for both, could not be gratified, Mr. *Wallace*, Member for the County of *Halifax* hoped, that one or other of the Gentlemen would withdraw, and save the Members the pain of Balloting; upon which Mr. *Sterns* declared, that the high Respect and Esteem he had for Mr. *Barclay*,

*Barclay*, added to the Experience he knew he possessed of Parliamentary business, were Inducements sufficient for him to relinquish any Pretensions to the Chair, and requested, that Mr. *Barclay* might be the object of their Choice, in Consequence of which, Mr. *Wallace* then proposed to the House, for their Speaker, the said *Thomas Barclay*, Esq; in which he was seconded by Mr. *Pyke*.

The House then calling *Thomas Barclay*, Esq; to the Chair, he stood up in his Place, and expressing the sense he had of the Honor proposed to be conferred on him, submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling *Thomas Barclay*, Esq; to the Chair, he was taken out of his Place by the said *Michael Wallace*, and *John George Pyke*, Esquires, and conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

A Message was delivered to his Excellency, by a Committee of the House, informing his Excellency, that the House had chosen a Speaker in Obedience to his Excellency's Commands.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, commanding the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Elect, was presented to his Excellency by Mr. *Pyke*, upon which the President of the Council, by His Excellency's Command, declared the Choice the House had made, was approved of by His Excellency.

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

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had been in the Council-Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the Choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he had spoken to the following Effect;

*May it please your Excellency,*

Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the Choice of the *House of Assembly*, in electing me their Speaker, merits my warmest Thanks, which I most humbly intreat you to accept. When I consider the important Office I am called on to fill, and how unequal my Abilities are to the Task, I experience the painful Sensations of Diffidence, and Fear. In your Benevolence, and Candour I however trust for a favourable Construction of my Conduct, and if at any time I may be found guilty of an Error in Judgement, that your Excellency will attribute it to human Frailty rather than Design. I am directed by the *House of Assembly*, to request of your Excellency, as the Privileges of this House, that the Members thereof during their Sessions, may be freed from all Molestation, that they may have Freedom of Speech in their Debates, that they may have the Power of punishing their own Members, and have free and favourable Access to your Excellency as His Majesty's immediate Representative, on all Occasions.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that his Excellency in reply said, He would grant to the *House of Assembly*, all the Rights and Privileges he was authorised to do, by Virtue of His Commission and Instructions from His Majesty.

After which Mr. Speaker said his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly,*

**I**N a Constitution of Government, analogous to that of *Great-Britain*, there are Occasions, when it is peculiarly desirable, to have convened a new, and complete Representation of the People. In this view, I have particular Satisfaction in the present Opportunity of meeting you in *General-Assembly*, and of advising with you

on the means best adapted to advance the public Weal; and I am very happy that in meeting a new elected *House of Assembly*, it is in my power to commence our intercourse with cordial Congratulations on the general Prosperity, and Harmony, that prevail throughout the Province: From whence we may expect to derive additional respect, with the increase of Public Credit, and its consequent Benefits.

The prosperity of the Country, being thus happily rooted by mutual Confidence, and love of our King and Country, I rely on your Wisdom, Loyalty, and Patriotism, to cultivate and establish it. While a great portion of Europe, is agitated by Distractions, in which Great-Britain may eventually, not remain wholly unconcerned, it is our pride to rejoice, in our Attachment to His Majesty's Person, and Government, under which we enjoy the best Fruits of a Free Constitution, Peace and Security, undisturbed by any Animosities, or differences, whatever.

*Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

The state of the Public Revenue will be laid before you, and I trust, you will provide for a due Support of the Public Credit, and of the annual Provincial Establishment. You may rely on my ready co-operation in every measure of Public Utility; as I shall on your Moderation, Candour, and Liberality in the discussion of the Public Business; and in making such Dispatch as the nature of it will admit.

The Papers which may be necessary for your Information shall be laid before you; and I shall communicate with you, by message, during the Session, as occasion may require.

On Motion, *ordered*, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Howe*, be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. *Wallace*, *moved*, That an humble and dutiful Address to His Majesty, should be prepared and transmitted from this House, by the *Portland Packet*, expressive of the continued steady loyalty, and affection of the good People of this Province, to His Majesty's Sacred Person, and Government, and of their unalterable Attachment to our present happy Constitution, which was unanimously *resolved*, and the following Gentlemen were immediately appointed a Committee to confer with His Majesty's Council, and to request them to unite with this House, in a joint Address, viz. Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Tonge*.

The House then proceeded to the Choice of Officers, when

Mr. *James Boutineau Francklin* was chosen Clerk.

The Reverend *Joshua Wingate Weeks*, Chaplain.

Mr. *Adolphus Viet*, Serjeant at Arms, and

Mr. *Peter Eiter*, Senior, Messenger.

The Clerk took the usual Oaths.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Dewolf*, Mr. *Maclean*, Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *McMonagle* and Mr. *Schwartz*, be a grand Committee of Justice.

A Motion being made for a Committee of Five, to be appointed in the usual Mode by Nomination, for the Purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and reporting thereon, Mr. *Tonge*, thereupon *moved*, that the said Committee be now chosen by Ballot, which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eleven, against it Sixteen.



## For the Motion,

Mr. Tonge,  
 M. Dewolf,  
 Mr. Crane,  
 Mr. Leonard,  
 Mr. Dimock,  
 Mr. Freeman,  
 Mr. Lufby,  
 Mr. Maclean,  
 Mr. Northup,  
 Mr. McElbinney,  
 Mr. Archibald,

## Against the Motion.

Mr. Wallace,  
 Mr. Pyke,  
 Mr. Bulkeley,  
 Mr. Hartshorne,  
 Mr. Cochran,  
 Mr. Sterns,  
 Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Monagle,  
 Mr. Embrie,  
 Mr. Schwartz,  
 Mr. Rutherford,  
 Mr. Howe,  
 Mr. Hart,  
 Mr. Baxter,  
 Mr. Dickson,  
 Mr. Millidge,  
 Mr. Moody.

So it passed in the negative and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wallace, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Hart and Mr. Millidge, be a Committee accordingly, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

*Resolved*, That this House will on Sunday next, attend Divine Service, at St. PAUL'S Church, and that Mr. Speaker, do acquaint the Right Reverend Father in God, the Bishop of *Nova-Scotia*, with the same.

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

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1793.

## PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Benjamin Belcher*, Esqr, was presented by Mr. Baxter, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner at the late Election, for *King's-County*, was nominated one of the Candidates, to represent the said County in the present *General-Assembly*; that in consequence of *Jonathan Crane*, Esqr; one of the sitting Members for the said County, having taken as the Petitioner conceives, undue means to qualify Electors at the said Election, to vote in his behalf, the Petitioner was not returned for the said County, and therefore prays, such Relief, in the Premises, as to the House shall seem meet.

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

Mr. Sterns, reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare an Address, in Answer to His Excellency's Speech, and presented an Address, accordingly, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, which was again read by the Clerk, and upon the Question put thereupon, unanimously agreed to, and is as follows.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D.

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

The Humble ADDRESS of the COMMONS of NOVA-SCOTIA in *General Assembly*.

WE His Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Commons of His Loyal Province of *Nova-Scotia*, beg leave to return Your Excellency, our sincere Thanks for Your Speech, at the opening of this Session of the *General-Assembly*.

Frequent

Frequent Opportunities of exercising the Right of electing the Members of that constituent Branch of our Government, which is peculiarly popular, has been by the Wisdom of our Ancestors, considered as highly favourable to the Liberty, Happiness, and good Government of the People; and we gratefully acknowledge Your Excellency's Wisdom, in conforming the Measures of our Colonial Government, in that Respect, to the Rules adopted by our Parent Country, to which our Constitution is analagous.

The perfect Harmony, that prevails throughout this Province, is the best Security for its Prosperity, Respectability, Credit, and all their consequent Benefits, the continuance of which, we have the fullest Confidence, will be ensured to us by your Excellency's just, mild, and prudent Administration.

While we view with extreme Concern, the distracted State of a Great Portion of Europe, in which we regret, that *Great Britain* may possibly be, in some Degree eventually involved, it is our Happiness to be sensible, and Pride to acknowledge, that our Freedom, Peace, and Security are derived from, and secured by our unalienable Attachment to our most Gracious Sovereign, and the excellent Constitution under which we live.

Sensible of the Importance of supporting the Public Credit, and the Necessity of providing for the annual Expences of the Provincial Government; we shall cheerfully grant the Supplies requisite for those Objects.

We confidently rely on your Excellency's ready Co-operation with us in every Measure of Public Utility, and beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we shall on our Part conduct the publick Business, which shall come before us, with Liberality, Candour, and all possible Dispatch, and shall duly attend to such future Communications, as your Excellency shall be pleased to make to us during the Session.

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

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

Mr. *Millidge* moved, That *Benjamin Belcher*, Esq; be heard by himself or Counsel on the Merits of his Petition, on Saturday next, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative, and thereupon

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Belcher*, be heard by himself or Counsel, on the Merits of his Petition, on Saturday next accordingly.

Mr. *Sterns* reported from the Committee, appointed to confer with His Majesty's Council, on the subject of a joint Address to His Majesty, that they had made known to the Council, the Resolution of this House thereon.

*Resolved*, That no Petition of a private Nature, be received after Monday, the 1st of *April* next.

A Message was received from the Council, to inform the House, they had appointed a Committee, to confer on the subject of a joint Address to His Majesty, and that the said Committee, would be ready to meet the Committee of this House at Twelve of the Clock on the above occasion.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of this House, do attend accordingly, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley* reported to the House, That His Excellency having been waited upon, pursuant to the Order of this Day, to know when he would be pleased

to be attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint, To-morrow at Twelve of the Clock, at the Government House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Sterns, and Mr. Maclean, be a Committee, to report what Laws will expire, on the 30th of June next.

The Commissioners of the Revenue, presented to the House, a General Statement of the public Accounts, of the Province, from the 26th of May 1792, to the 10th March 1793.

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

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

Friday, 22th March, 1793.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of *Alexander Haines*, an unfortunate Debtor was presented by Mr. Millidge, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner from His Attachment to his Majesty, during the late War in America, has been deprived of the greater Part of his Property, by Confiscation, which puts it out of his Power, to Discharge a certain Bond given by him in the Year 1766, to one *Daniel Woods*, an Inhabitant of the *United States*, that the said *Woods*, has obtained Judgment and Execution against the Petitioner, on the said Bond, and thrown him into Jail at *Annapolis*, (although he has offered to surrender all the Property he is now possessed of, with an Assurance to make full Satisfaction of the Debt, if hereafter in his Power;) where he has been confined a long time, in great Misery and Want, to the extreme Distress of an infirm Wife, and numerous Family, who depend upon his Labours for Support, and praying the House will grant him such Relief, in the Premises, as to them may seem meet.

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

Mr. Millidge, moved, That the Sheriff of *King's County*, at present in the Town of *Halifax*, be directed to wait the Commands of this House on the Subject of a Petition from *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, complaining of an undue Election for *King's County*, and praying Relief; which being seconded, and put, passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker, and the House, attended His Excellency, with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of Yesterday,

And being returned,

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

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

I Feel singular pleasure in your Address. The Kindness, Respect and Loyalty so generously declared, affects me with increased Sensibility, at this particular Time, and affords me the fullest Expectations that from such Sentiments, Prosperity will be derived to His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, which is eminently the Object of His Majesty's most Gracious Care, and of our best Duty.

Mr. Millidge, moved, That the Sheriff of *King's-County*, should be directed to make a report of his proceedings relating to a scrutiny, held on the Election of *Jonathan Crane* Esquire, one of the sitting Members for *King's County*; which being seconded, and put, passed in the affirmative.

The Sheriff, then by Order of the House, delivered in the said proceedings accordingly, and thereupon,

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

A Petition of *John Clarke* Esquire, was presented by Mr. *McMonagle*, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner was induced, at the request of a number of the Freeholders of *Hants County*, to offer himself a Candidate at the late General Election to represent the said County, in *General Assembly*; that the Petitioner, was opposed in such Election, by *William Cotnam Tonge* Esquire, the sitting Member for the said County; who at the close of the Poll, appearing to have a Majority of Twenty six Votes, in his favor, was returned duly elected, on said Majority; That the Petitioner since the making of such return, has discovered, that the said *William Cotnam Tonge* Esquire, used improper, and illegal measures to procure such Majority, and praying he may be heard by his Counsel, on the Return of the said *William Cotnam Tonge* Esquire, for *Hants County*.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *ordered*, that the Petition do lie on the Table.

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, *Resolved*, that the Petitioner be heard by himself, or Counsel, on Monday next, on the Merits of his Petition, and that the Parties have Notice thereof, accordingly.

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill*, to enable the several Counties, to raise Money for the Payment of their Representatives, and the same was read, a first Time.

On Motion, of Mr. *McMonagle*, *resolved*, That the said *Bill* be dismissed, and the same was dismissed, accordingly.

A Petition of *Matthew Pinnel*, was presented by Mr. *Sterns*, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner is Keeper of the Light House on *Sambró* Island, for which he is allowed one Hundred Pounds per *Annum*; that in Consequence of his Allowance, being paid in Treasury Warrants, he has for five Years past, suffered a Loss by Discount thereon, of Fifteen Pounds annually, which has caused him to fall in Debt for Provisions, &c. that he is also under the Necessity of hiring a Man, to assist him in his Duty, which, together with the Loss he has sustained as abovementioned, renders his present Income, inadequate to the Support of himself, and family; and praying the House will take his Case into Consideration, and allow him the Amount of his Loss by the Discount, on his Warrants, as also augment his Salary; or such other Relief, in the Premises, as to them may seem meet.

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

A Message was received from His Majesty's Council, to inform the House, their Committee was ready to meet the Committee of this House, on the subject of a joint Address to His Majesty, in the Council Chamber; and also, that the Council have appointed a Committee, to join the Committee of this House, to examine and report on the public Accounts, to meet at the same Place, on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the said Committees of this House, do attend accordingly.

Mr. *Wallace* reported from the Committee, the subject Matter of the Conference with the Committee of the Council, on a joint Address to His Majesty; and also delivered in at the Table, an Address, as prepared by the Committee of this House, together, with certain Alterations proposed by the Committee of the Council, to the same,

same, which were severally read, and on Motion, *ordered* to be recommitted to the Consideration of the said Committee of this House.

Mr. *Sterns* reported from the Committee, and read in his Place, the Address to His Majesty, with certain Amendments adopted by them, and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Committee do confer again with the Committee of the Council, on the subject Matter of the Address.

The Committee attended accordingly, and having returned, Mr. *Sterns*, reported the Substance of the Conference; also an Address, as agreed on jointly with the Committee of the Council, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, which was again read, by the Clerk, and upon the Question put thereupon, unanimously agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, by the President of His Majesty's Council, and the Speaker of this House, with a request, that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to His Majesty's Minister, to be by him presented to His Majesty.

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

Saturday, 23d March, 1793.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker, reported, That in pursuance of the Resolution of Yesterday; he had, with the President of His Majesty's Council, attended His Excellency, with the joint Address to His Majesty. That his Excellency, was pleased to express his Approbation of the ~~Address~~<sup>Address</sup>, and to say, he would mostly cheerfully transmit the same, by the *Portland Packet*.

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill*, for the enabling of Creditors to receive their respective Dues from absconding Debtors, which was read a first time, and thereupon, on Motion of Mr. *Wallace*,

*Ordered*, That the Bill do lie on the Table, and that six Copies of the said Bill, be prepared for the Use of the Members.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*; *ordered*, That Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Dewolf*, Mr. *Maclean*, Mr. *Sterns*, and Mr. *Millidge*, be a Committee, to enquire into the Merits of the Petition of *Alexander Haines*, an unfortunate Debtor, confined in the Jail of the County of *Annapolis*; and report thereon.

The Order of the Day being read,

On Motion, the Petition of *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire: complaining of an undue Election for *King's County* was read, and thereupon.

*Ordered*, That the Serjeant at Arms, do command the Sheriff of *King's County*, and his Deputy to attend this House.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Petition, of *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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The Treasurer, pursuant to Order, delivered in to the House his Accounts, as also the respective Accounts and Papers, of other public Officers, lodged with him, together with the several Vouchers attending the same.

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

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

Monday, 25th March, 1793.

PRAYERS.

*John Stuart*, Esquire, returned duly elected, for the County of *Sydney*.

*Edward James* Esquire, returned duly elected, for the County of *Lunenburg*.

*Simeon Perkins* Esquire, returned duly elected for *Queen's County*.

*Stephen Skinner*, and *James Humphreys*, Esquires, returned duly elected, for the County of *Shelburne*.

*Colin Campbell* Esquire, returned duly elected, for the Township of *Shelburne*.

*John Bolman* Esquire, returned duly elected, for the Township of *Lunenburg*, and

*John Sargant* Esquire, returned duly elected, for the Township of *Barrington*, severally took the usual Oaths, and their Seats.

*Mr. Sterns*, moved, That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the Petition of *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, complaining of an undue Election for *King's County*; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Eighteen, against it Fourteen. So it passed in the Affirmative.

The House, then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the said Petition.

*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair,

*Mr. Pyke*, took the Chair,

*Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that the Petition of *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, having been read, and Counsel appearing before the Committee, on his behalf; together with the Sheriff of *King's County*, and his Deputy; as likewise, Counsel on the part of the sitting Member, *Jonathan Crane* Esquire, and the Committee having heard the Parties, and it being admitted by the sitting Member, that he had executed Deeds, subsequent to the Teste of the Writ, under which certain Persons voted for him, at the Election, thereupon, the Committee had come to two Resolutions, which the Chairman read in his place, and after delivered in at the Table, where they were again read by the Clerk, and are as follows, viz.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Deeds executed subsequent to the Teste of the Writ, for electing Members to serve in *General Assembly*, are illegal, and insufficient, to entitle a Person to vote under such Deeds.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a select Committee should be appointed, to take into Consideration, the Merits of the contested Election, for *King's County*.

The said Report, and Resolutions of the Committee being again read, the House was moved, that the second Resolution only, be received; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, eight, against it Twenty six.

## For the Motion,

Mr. Dewolf,  
 Mr. Maclean,  
 Mr. Tonge,  
 Mr. McElbinney,  
 Mr. Cochran,  
 Mr. Leonard,  
 Mr. Dimock,  
 Mr. Howe,

## Against the Motion.

Mr. Millidge,  
 Mr. Stuart,  
 Mr. Campbell,  
 Mr. Bolman,  
 Mr. Sargent,  
 Mr. Northup,  
 Mr. Humphreys,  
 Mr. Hartshorne,  
 Mr. Moody,  
 Mr. Lusby,  
 Mr. Embrie,  
 Mr. Archibald,  
 Mr. Freeman,  
 Mr. Bulkeley,  
 Mr. Wallace,  
 Mr. Dickson,  
 Mr. M<sup>o</sup> Monagle,  
 Mr. Baxter,  
 Mr. Rutherford,  
 Mr. Perkins,  
 Mr. James,  
 Mr. Sterns,  
 Mr. Hart,  
 Mr. Schwartz,  
 Mr. Pyke,  
 Mr. Skinner,

So it passed in the negative; and the said two Resolutions, as reported from the Committee, were upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On Motion *Resolved*, That a select Committee of Fifteen, be chosen by Ballot, from all the Members attending this House, with leave for the Petitioner, *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, or his Counsel, and the sitting Member, *Jonathan Crane* Esquire, or his Counsel, to strike off from the said Number of Fifteen, alternately, (beginning on the part of the Petitioner,) to the Number of five; whom, together with a Nominee to be named on the Part of the Petitioner, by himself, or Counsel; as also, one on the Part of the sitting Member, are to compose the Committee, for the purpose of trying the Merits of the contested Election, for *King's County*, and reporting thereon, to this House.

The House then proceeded to the Balloting for the said Committee, as follows.

The Names of the Members present, being Thirty four in Number, (without Mr. Speaker) were written by the Clerk, on distinct pieces of Paper, being all as near as might be, of an equal Size, rolled up, and put into a Box, and shaken together, from whence they were taken out by a Member, one by one, and given by him to Mr. Speaker, who read the same to the House; and the Names of Fifteen Members then present, were drawn.

Two Lists of the Names of the Fifteen Members so drawn, having been prepared, by the Clerk, one of the said Lists, were delivered to the Counsel for the Petitioner, and the other of them, to the Counsel for the sitting Member, who were attending at the Bar; and the Counsel for the Petitioner, and the Counsel for the sitting Member, beginning on the part of the Petitioner, alternately, struck off one of the said Fifteen Members, contained in the said Lists, until the Number were reduced to five, and there was delivered in to the Clerk of the House, one of the said Lists, so

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struck.

struck, together with a new List, of the Names of the five Members; then remaining unstruck, which last mentioned list, was read, and is as follows; *Michael Wallace*, Esquire, *Matthew Archibald* Esquire, *Henry Ruberjord* Esquire, *James Humphreys* Esquire, and *Simeon Perkins*, Esquire

Mr. Speaker then called on the petitioner, to nominate one from amongst the Members then present, whose names had not been drawn, to be added to those chosen by Lot, to serve on the said Select Committee, as also on the sitting Member, to nominate one in like manner, on his Part; thereupon, the Petitioner named *Thomas Millidge* Esquire, and the sitting Member, *Alexander Howe*, Esquire.

The Names of the before mentioned five Members, and the Names of *Thomas Millidge*, and *Alexander Howe* Esquires, nominated as aforesaid, were called over, and being come to the Table, they were acquainted by Mr. Speaker, that they were a select Committee, appointed to try the Merits of the contested Election for *King's County*.

The said Petitioner, with the Counsel on both sides, were then directed to withdraw.

*Ordered*, That the select Committee, do meet To-morrow afternoon, at five of the Clock, in the Committee Room, and that they have Power, to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

Mr. *Howe*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to render and make valid, certain Marriages heretofore solemnized before Magistrates, and other lay Persons; and the same was read a first Time.

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

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of the Petition of *John Clarke* Esquire, complaining of an undue Election, for the *County of Hants*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that the Committee after hearing Counsel, on behalf of the Petitioner, in Support of his Petition; as also the sitting Member *William Cotnam Tonge* Esquire, in his Defence, had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read by the Clerk, and is as follows.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Clarke* Esquire, should be dismissed,

The said Report, and Resolution, being again read, were upon the Question, severally put thereupon, unanimously agreed to by the House.

On Motion of Mr. *Howe*, ordered, That the said Petition of *John Clarke* Esquire, complaining of an undue Election for the County of *Hants*, be dismissed, and the same was dismissed accordingly.

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

Tuesday, 26th March, 1793.

PRAYERS.

The Bill to render, and make valid certain Marriages, heretofore solemnized, before Magistrates, and other lay Persons, was read a second time.

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

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Mr. *Touge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to and Amendment of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reigr of his present Majesty, intituled " An Act " to enable the Inhabitants in the several Townships in this Province (*Halifax* except- " ed) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands within the same, to pay a Dividend or " Proportion of any County or Town Charge to be assessed according to Law, and to " bear their just Proportion in repairing Highways, Roads, and Bridges within the said " Townships respectively ;" and the same was read a first Time.

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

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to render, and make valid, certain Marriages heretofore solemnized before Magistrates and other lay Persons.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

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

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Wednesday, 27th *March*, 1793.

PRAYERS.

An ingrossed Bill to render and make valid, certain Marriages, heretofore solemnized before Magistrates, and other lay Persons ; was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to render and make valid certain Marriages, heretofore solemnized before Magistrates, and other lay Persons.

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

A Petition of *Joseph Durfee*, *David Thompson*, and *Stephen Skinner*, was presented by Mr. *Skinner*, and read ; setting forth, that the Petitioners were appointed with others, by his late Excellency Governor *Parr*, to contract for, and superintend the Building a Light House on *McNutt's Island* agreeable to an Act of the Legislature, in Consequence of which, they appointed Mr. *William Hale*, of the Town of *Sbelburne*, Merchant, their Treasurer, to whom there remains a Balance due of £.119. 7. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , as per Account annexed ; and praying the House, would take the same into Consideration, and be pleased to Order the above stated Balance to be paid, to prevent the said Petitioners, being sued by the Attorney of the said *William Hale*.

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

Mr. *Maclean*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Amendment of an Act, made in the Twenty ninth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled " An " Act, for the regulating of Elections," and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill, be read a second Time,

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for making, repairing, laying

laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, within the County of *Annapolis*; and for the more equal Appointment of the Work, and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County, to be performed, in, and about the same: And the Bill was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be referred to Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Perkins*, Mr. *Stinner*, Mr. *Muclean*, Mr. *Dewolf*, and Mr. *Stuart*, and that five Copies of the said Bill, be prepared for the Use of the Members.

Mr. *McMonagle*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for extending to the several Towns of *Windsor*, *Annapolis*, and *Lunenburg*, the Provisions of an Act, passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire," and also, the several Acts made in Addition to, or Amendment of the said Act, and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. *Wallace*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber, for Exportation to *Great-Britain*," and the same, was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the said two Bills, be read a second Time.

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

Thursday 28th *March*, 1793.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to enable the Deputy Surveyors of this Province, to Administer an Oath, or Affirmation, (if Quakers,) to such Persons as may be employed under them, as Chain Bearers, in measuring Lands: And the same was read a first Time.

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

A Petition of *Ebenezer Parker* Esquire, Sheriff of the County of *Shelburne*, was presented by Mr. *Skinner*, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner, received an Order from the Secretary's-Office, in the Year 1790, to take a general Census of the Inhabitants, which he accordingly did, and rendered the same in the Year 1791, with his Account of Charges for said Services, amounting to £20. that being informed the Sheriff of *Lunenburg*, had been paid by Order of the late Governor *Parr*, the Petitioner applied first to the Secretary's-Office, and then to His Excellency Governor *Wentworth*, by Memorial, for Payment of the same, and was directed to lay his Case before this House, for Redress; and praying Payment of the said Demand, accordingly.

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

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Annapolis*, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison stationed for the Time being, in the said Town of *Annapolis*, annually, to nominate and appoint Supervisors, to take Charge of the Commons appertaining to the said Town, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the same was read a first Time.

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

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That this House will go into a Committee of the whole House on Monday next, to take under Consideration the Merits of such private Petitions, as shall be received, on, or before that Day.

Mr. *Sterns*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend and render more effectual, an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, to raise a Revenue, for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the Funded Debt only excepted," and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be read a second Time.

A Bill in Amendment of an Act, made in the Twenty ninth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the better regulating Elections," was read a second Time.

On Motion *resolved*, that the said Bill be dismissed, and the same was dismissed accordingly.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Maclean*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Dewolf*, and Mr. *Howe*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the said Bill accordingly.

A Bill for extending to the several Towns of *Windsor*, *Annapolis*, and *Lunenburg*, the Provisions of an Act passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire." And also of the several Acts made in Addition to, or Amendment of the said Act; was read a second Time.

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

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee, upon the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House without any Amendment: And he delivered in the Bill at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be Engrossed.

A Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants in the several Townships in this Province (*Halifax* excepted) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands within the same, to pay a dividend or Proportion of any County or Town Charge, to be assessed according to Law, and to bear their just Proportion in repairing Highways, Roads and Bridges within the said Townships respectively," Also

A Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty's intituled, "An Act declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber, for Exportation to *Great-Britain*," were severally read a second Time.

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

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

Saturday, 30th *March*, 1793.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, for extending to the several Towns of *Windsor*, *Annapolis*, and *Lunenburg*, the provisions of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire, and also of the several Acts made in Addition to, or Amendment of the said Act," was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act, for extending to the several Towns of *Windsor*, *Annapolis*, and *Lunenburg*, the Provisions of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire," and also of the several Acts made in Addition to, or Amendment of the said Act.

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

A Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Annapolis*, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison, stationed for the Time being, in the said Town of *Annapolis*, annually, to nominate, and appoint Supervisors, to take Charge of the Commons, appertaining to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned ; also

A Bill to enable the Deputy Surveyors of this Province, to Administer an Oath, or Affirmation (if Quakers) to such Persons as may be employed under them, as Chain Bearers in measuring Lands, and also

A Bill to amend, and render more effectual, an Act passed in the Thirty first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day *July* next, the funded Debt only excepted," were severally read a second Time.

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

A Petition of *William Thomson* Esquire, Prothonotary, and Clerk of the Crown, was presented by Mr. *Hartshorne*, and read ; setting forth, that the Petitioner in *May* 1787, was appointed Clerk of the Crown, for this Province, to which Office a Salary of £100. per Annum, had been usually voted in the Estimate, in the Words following, "And a further Sum of £100. to the Clerk of the Crown for his Attendance on the *Supreme-Court* in all its Sittings and not otherwise." That in Consequence of such Vote, he did attend the said Court, in all its Sittings, personally, or by his Deputies, with the Approbation of the late Lieutenant Governor *Parr*, and the Concurrence of the Justices of the said Court, without any Complaint ever being made of the Negligence, or Insufficiency of his Deputies, in said Duty, which Attendance he conceived to be within the Spirit of the Grant ; that he accordingly received the said Allowance, by Warrant, on the Treasury from the Year 1787, until the last Session, of the *General Assembly*, when it was struck out of the Estimate, and not voted by the House, on the Suggestion, of his not having complied with the Condition, on which it had been allowed. That the said Salary is almost the only Compensation for the Services done by the Clerk of the Crown, the Fees being extremely trifling ; that he had no Notice whatever, that any Objection would have been made by the late *House of Assembly*, to the grant of his Salary as Clerk of the Crown, nor was he called upon to explain his Conduct, or heard in his Defence, when the Vote passed for its Discontinuance ; and praying the House will reconsider his Case, and that he may from the peculiar Situation

of it, be allowed to receive his last Year's Salary, conformable to the Government Estimate, and the former Grants of the Assembly, and that the same may be in future continued to him, so long as he shall hold the Office of Clerk of the Crown, and perform, the Duties thereof, by himself and his sufficient Deputies.

A Petition of *Alexander Cocken*, was presented by Mr. *Campbell*, and read ; setting forth, that the Petitioner in the Year 1788, was appointed Keeper of the Light House, on Mc'Nutt's Island, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*, by the late Lieutenant Governor *Parr*, that he has constantly resided there with his Family, from the Time of his Appointment, and faithfully discharged the Duties of his Office ; that he has received the Sum of £115. only for his Services; whereby he has been under the Necessity of involving himself considerably in debt, for Provisions, and other necessary Supplies for his Family, which he is now totally unable to discharge ; and praying the House will take the peculiar hardship of his Case into Consideration, and grant a Compensation for his Services, or such other Relief in the Premises, as to them may seem meet.

A Petition of *Elisha Dewolf* Esquire, was presented by himself; and read ; setting forth, that the Petitioner was the late Sheriff for *King's County*, and received an Order from the Secretary's Office, in the Year 1790, to take a general Census of the Inhabitants of the said County, which he accordingly did; and made return thereof to the said Secretary's Office, for which Service he has received no Compensation ; and praying the House will take his Case into Consideration, and Order him such Payment for the said Service, as to them, in their Wisdom, shall seem reasonable.

A Petition of *Gregory Springall*, of *Shelburne*, Merchant, was presented by Mr. *Campbell*, and read ; setting forth; that the Petitioner, at the Evacuation of *New-York* removed to this Province, that he was then possessed of 119 Hogheads of Molasses, on which he paid an Impost Duty of £254. 11. 3. That he did in the Year 1786, and 1789, respectively, petition the late *General Assembly* for relief, to the last of which Application, he was encouraged by their having in their Session of 1788, allowed to certain other Applicants, a return of Duties, grounded on Claims, which he conceived were not more favorable than his, but that he was so unfortunate as to have his said Applications disallowed; and praying the House will reconsider his claim and grant him Relief in the Premises, by refunding the said Sum so paid by him, or such other Compensation as to them may seem meet.

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

Mr. *Dewolf*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province, to Administer an Oath, or Affirmation, (if Quakers) to such Person, or Persons, as he may have Occasion, to employ under him as appraisers, and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill, be read a second Time:

The select Committee, appointed for the Purpose of trying the Merits of the contested Election, for *King's County*; reported, that the said Committee, having heard the Petitioner *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire; and also the sitting Member, *Jonathan Crane* Esquire, by their respective counsel, and such Evidence as was produced, had come to the following resolutions :

That *Jonathan Crane* Esquire, is not duly elected a Representative, to serve in the present *House of Assembly*, for *King's County*:

That *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, the Petitioner, ought to have been returned a Representative, to serve in this present *House of Assembly*, for *King's County*.

That the said *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, is duly Elected a Representative to serve in this present *House of Assembly*, for the said County, of *King's County*.

Mr. Howe, moved, that the Report of the select Committee, be not received by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared, for the Motion Ten, against it Twenty-four.

## For the Motion,

Mr. Howe,  
Mr. Tonge,  
Mr. Maclan,  
Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Monagle,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Leonard,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. McElbinney,

## Against the Motion.

Mr. Baxter,  
Mr. Northrup,  
Mr. Pyke,  
Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Embrie,  
Mr. Bulkeley,  
Mr. Lushy,  
Mr. Moody.  
Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Stuart,  
Mr. Schwartz,  
Mr. Rutherford,  
Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Skinner,  
Mr. Wallace,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Sterns,  
Mr. Humpbreds,  
Mr. Bolman,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Perkins,

So it passed in the Negative, and thereupon, the said Report was received by the House, and ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House.

Ordered, that the Sheriff, of King's County, do attend this House immediately, for the purpose of amending the return for King's County, by rasing out the Name of Jonathan Crane Esquire, and inserting the Name of Benjamin Belcher Esquire, instead thereof.

The Sheriff of King's County, attending according to Order, amended the return for King's County.

Benjamin Belcher Esquire, returned duly elected for King's County, being introduced by Thomas Millidge Esquire, Member for the County of Annapolis, took the usual Oaths, and his Seat.

A Petition of William Allan Chipman, and John Allison, was presented by Mr. Tonge, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners were, with several others, Candidates at the late General Election, for King's County, to represent the said County, in the present General Assembly; that in Consequence of the Sheriff, not having given the timely Notice, prescribed by Law, previous to the holding of the said Election, the Petitioners were prevented, having an equal Opportunity of soliciting the Suffrages of the Freeholders of the said County, with the other Candidates, and in all Probability, the County was deprived, of being represented by such Persons, as would otherwise have been chosen, and praying relief in the premises.

Mr. Stuart, moved, that the Petition be dismissed, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared, for the Motion Twenty, against it Eleven.

## For the Motion,

Mr. Millidge,  
 Mr. Freeman,  
 Mr. Wallace,  
 Mr. James,  
 Mr. Rutherford,  
 Mr. Northup,  
 Mr. Moody.  
 Mr. Hartshorne,  
 Mr. Stuart,  
 Mr. Pyke,  
 Mr. Embrie,  
 Mr. Sargent,  
 Mr. Lufby,  
 Mr. Skinner,  
 Mr. Baxter,  
 Mr. Schwartz,  
 Mr. Hart,  
 Mr. Bolman,  
 Mr. Humphreys,  
 Mr. Campbell,

## Against the Motion.

Mr. Sterns,  
 Mr. Maclean,  
 Mr. Howe,  
 Mr. Perkins,  
 Mr. Dickson,  
 Mr. Dimock,  
 Mr. Archibald,  
 Mr. McElbinney,  
 Mr. Cochran,  
 Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Monagle,  
 Mr. Tonge,

So it passed in the affirmative, and the Petition was dismissed accordingly.

On Motion of Mr. Dewolf, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to report such Resolutions, as they may conceive necessary, for the Rules and Regulations of select Committees, hereafter to be appointed, to try the merits of contested Elections, and to report a Resolution limiting a Day for receiving Petitions on contested Elections.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Maclean, Mr. Sterns, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dewolf, and Mr. Perkins, be a Committee accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill, intituled, An Act to render, and make valid certain Marriages, heretofore solemnized before Magistrates, and other lay Persons, with several amendments.

The Council have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to revive a Law for empowering the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, Arms and Ammunition; or Salt Petre, or the carrying the same Coastways; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill, was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, that the Bill be read a second Time.

The House proceeded to take the said Amendments of the Council to the Bill, intituled, An Act to render, and make valid certain Marriages, heretofore solemnized before Magistrates, and other lay Persons, into Consideration, and the said Amendments being severally read a first, and second Time, were, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee, upon the several Bills, which stand Committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Archibald* took the Chair,  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Annapolis*, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison, stationed for the Time being, in the said Town of *Annapolis*, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors, to take Charge of the Commons appertaining to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned ; and made several Amendments thereunto, which they directed him to report to the House : And he read the Report in his Place, and delivered in the Bill with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table ; the Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills to them referred : which Report, the House agreed to, and the Amendments to the Bill, as reported from the Committee, were then read throughout, a first and second Time ; and upon the Questions severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Engrossed.

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

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

An Engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, An Act to revive a Law for empowering the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, Arms and Ammunition, or Salt Petre, or the Carrying the same Coastways ; was read a second Time.

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

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee upon the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

And the said Bill was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Petition of *James Kavanagh* was presented by Mr. *Sterns*, and read ; setting forth, that the Petitioner for many Years past, carried on the Fisheries of this Province, in an extensive Manner, and by his Importation of dutiable Articles, contributed in a large Proportion to the Revenue of this Province ; that an Execution is now lying against him, at the suit of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for £42. for a Balance, and on account of Duties, on Articles exported by him to *Cape Breton* ; and praying from the peculiar Circumstance of the Case, the said Sum may be remitted to him, and the Execution discharged accordingly.

A Petition of the Magistrates, and Grand Jury of the County of *Shelburne*, was presented by Mr. *Campbell*, and read ; setting forth, that the Inhabitants of the said County, and the Town of *Shelburne* in particular are labouring under a very heavy and increasing Debt, amounting to upwards of £700, which has been incurred for



for defraying the necessary contingent Expences of the said County ; that their inability to discharge the same proceeds, in a great Measure from the Towns of *Yarmouth* and *Argyle*, refusing to pay their Proportion of such Expences ; and praying an Act may be passed to empower Referees indifferently chosen, to revise and State the outstanding Debts of the County ; to ascertain the Quota each Town in the said County shall pay respectively, and on their Refusal to enforce the Payment of the same, or such other Relief in the Premises as the House shall see fit.

A Petition of *John Jones*, Administrator to (his late Father) *John Jones*, deceased ; was presented by Mr. *Sterns*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner's Father in the year 1778, delivered into the Secretary's-Office, an Account against the Provincial Government, for sundry Articles of Rigging, &c. furnished the Pilot Schooner, between the Years 1762 and 1775, amounting to £166. 16. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  ; that shortly after the Delivery of the said Account, the Petitioner's Father died, without the same being discharged or even examined. That the Petitioner was a Minor, and out of the Province at the Time of his Father's Death, and has never had an Opportunity, until the present Session of producing the Account abovementioned. That the Petitioner has also in his Possession, a Certificate from the Treasurer, of sundry Notes due from the Province to his said Father, which Notes having been either lost or destroyed, prevents him from receiving the Principal, or Interest for the same ; and praying the House will take his Case into Consideration, and grant him such relief in the Premises, as to them may seem Meet.

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

An engrossed Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Annapolis*, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison stationed for the Time being in the said Town of *Annapolis*, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors, to take Charge of the Commons appertaining to the said Town, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act, to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Annapolis*, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison, stationed for the Time being in the said Town of *Annapolis*, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors, to take Charge of the Commons appertaining to the said Town, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

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

A Petition of *George William Sberlock* Esquire, was presented by Mr. *Archibald* and read ; setting forth, that the Petitioner about Eighteen Years since together with *William Nesbitt* Esquire, deceased, became Security to His Majesty, for one *James Law* of *Cumberland*, for the faithful Discharge of his Duty as a Collector of Impost and Excise, that several Years past the said *James Law*, was by a Vote of the *Assembly*, declared a Publick Defaulter, for the sum of £70. That the Petitioner hath been lately sued by His Majesty's Attorney General on the Security so given by him ; that between the time of the said *Law*, being declared a delinquent, and the commencement of the aforesaid Suit, the said *Law*, hath become a Bankrupt, and is now absent from the Province. That had the Money sued for as aforesaid been demanded from the Petitioner, at the time, or soon after the said *Law*, was declared a Public Debtor, the Petitioner, could have recovered the same from him, the said *Law* being then solvent, and able to pay the same ; and praying the House will be pleased to direct, that the Attorney General shall discontinue the aforesaid Action against the Petitioner, and that the Bond so given by him, may be delivered up, and cancelled.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency, Commands the immediate Attendance of this House, in the Council Chamber,

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, and the House went up to attend his Excellency, And being returned,

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

An Act, to revive a Law for empowering the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, Arms and Ammunition, or Salt-Petre, or carrying the same Coastways.

An Act, to render and make valid certain Marriages, heretofore solemnized before Magistrates, and other Lay Persons.

The Order of the Day being read ;

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair,

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

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

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Tuesday, 2d *April*, 1793.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Freeman* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for amending the several Acts for suppressing Unlicensed Houses, and for granting to His Majesty a Duty, on Persons hereafter to be licensed ; and the same was read a first Time.

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

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee, on the further Consideration of private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker, left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair,

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

The Petition of *Matthew Pinnel*, and *Alexander Cocken*, were severally read, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Consideration of the said Petitions, be deferred until the Committee on the Publick Accounts report to the House.

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The Petition of *Ebenezer Parker*, and *Elisha Dewolf* were severally read, and thereupon; *resolved*, that the Consideration of the said Petitions be deferred to the next Sessions, and that the Petitioners do then present to the House, an Account of the actual Expences incurred in taking the Census in their respective Counties, as stated in their Petitions, together with attested Vouchers in Support of the same.

The Petition of *William Thomson*, was considered, and thereupon *resolved*, that the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of *Joseph Durfee*, and others was considered, and thereupon *resolved*, that the Petition be dismissed.

The Petition of *Gregory Springall*, and *James Kavanagh* were severally considered, and thereupon *resolved*, that the same be dismissed.

The Petition of the Magistrates and Grand Jury of *Shelburne*, was read, and thereupon *resolved*, that the Consideration of the same be deferred until the Member for *Yarmouth* takes his Seat.

The Petition of *John Jones* was considered, and thereupon *resolved*, that, that part of the Petitioners Claim, which relates to Articles furnished for the Pilot Schooner, in the way of Supplies, and Rigging, between the 26th of *December 1762*, and the 16th of *May 1775*, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Province, be directed to pay the Petitioner, the Sum of six Pounds Ten Shillings, with the Interest, from the 25th of *October 1781*, being the amount of certain Treasury Notes, (said to be lost or mislaid) the property of his late Father *John Jones*, agreeable to a Certificate, granted by the Treasurer, the said 25th of *October 1781*, upon the Petitioner, giving sufficient Security, to indemnify the Province, against any future Claim being made in that behalf. It appearing to this Committee, that the Petitioner was a Minor, and out of the Province, during the greater Part of the Time, between the said *Twenty Fifth October 1781*, and the present Session.

The Petition of *George William Sberlock*, was considered and thereupon, *resolved*, that the Petition be dismissed.

The said Report and Resolutions of the Committee being again read, were upon the Question put, severally thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Resolution for granting Money to *John Jones*, be carried by the Clerk to the Council for their Concurrence.

On Motion, of *Mr. Tonge*, *resolved*, that this House will not in future take under their Consideration, the Merits of any Petition, which shall appear to have been decided on, by this, or any former *House of Assembly*.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled An Act, to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Annapolis*, and the Officers of His Majesty's Garrison, stationed for the Time being in the said Town of *Annapolis*, annually to nominate and appoint Supervisors, to take Charge of the Commons appertaining to the said Town, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, without any Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intitled, An Act for extending to the several Towns of *Windsor*, *Annapolis*, and *Lunenburg*, the Provisions of an Act, passed in the Second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intitled " An Act, for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire," and also the several Acts made in Addition to, or Amendment of the said Act, with some Amendments, to which Amendments the Council desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself again into a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Wednesday, 3d April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments of the Council, to the Bill, intitled, an Act, for extending to the several Towns of *Windsor*, *Annapolis*, and *Lunenburg*, the Provisions of " An Act, passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intitled, An Act, for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and " for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire ;" and also the several Acts, made in Addition to, or Amendment of the said Act, into Consideration, and the said Amendments, being read a first, and second Time, were upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

A Bill for amending the several Acts, for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for granting to his Majesty a Duty, on Persons hereafter to be licensed, was read a second Time.

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

Major *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for securing the Freedom of Assemblies, and the same, was read a first Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred to the next Session, the Consideration of the Bill, for amending the several Acts for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for granting to His Majesty, a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed. That the Committee had gone through the Bill, to amend, and render

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more effectual, An Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act, to raise a Revenue, for the purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted." And also through the Bill, to enable the Deputy Surveyors of this Province, to Administer an Oath, or Affirmation (if Quakers) to such Persons, as may be employed under them, as Chain Bearers in measuring Lands; and made several Amendments, to the said Bills, which they directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his place; and delivered in the said two Bills with the Amendments, at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to move, that they may have leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills to them referred, which the House agreed to. And the Amendments to the Bills, as reported from the Committee, were then read, throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to, by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bills, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

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

Thursday 4th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, to amend and render more effectual, An Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act, to raise a Revenue, for the purpose of paying off, all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, by the Province, before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted, was read the third Time, and thereupon.

Mr. Tonge, moved, that an engrossed Clause, should be added to the said Bill, by way of Rider, to repeal the Provisional Clause, contained in the Tenth Section, of the Act passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for raising a Revenue, &c. Wherein it is enacted, " That no Person, or Persons, shall be rated or assessed under more than one Description, and that of the greatest Denomination, whereunto he or they appertain," which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Twenty-nine, against it Six.

For the Motion.

Mr. Tonge,  
Mr. Wallace,  
Mr. Skinner,  
Mr. Howe,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Northup,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Humphrys,  
Mr. Sterns,  
Mr. McElbinney,  
Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Embrie,  
Mr. Rutherford,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Lusby,  
Mr. Dimock,

Against the Motion.

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Pyke,  
Mr. Stuart,  
Mr. Leonard,  
Mr. Schwartz,  
Mr. Bolman,

For the Motion,

*Mr. Perkins,*  
*Mr. Hartshorne,*  
*Mr. Sargent,*  
*Mr. Maclean,*  
*Mr. McMonagle,*  
*Mr. Millidge,*  
*Mr. Belcher,*  
*Mr. Baxter,*  
*Mr. Moody,*  
*Mr. James,*

So it passed in the Affirmative.

The engrossed Clause, was then thrice read and upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, to be made part of the Bill.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, intituled, An Act, to amend, and render more effectual, An Act passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act, to raise a Revenue, for the Purpose of " paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become " due, before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted."

An engrossed Bill, to enable the Deputy Surveyors of this Province, to administer an Oath, or Affirmation, (if Quakers) to such Persons, as may be employed under them as Chain Bearers, in measuring Lands, was read the third Time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to enable the Deputy Surveyors of this Province, to administer an Oath, or Affirmation, (if Quakers) to such Persons, as may be employed under them, as Chain Bearers.

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

*Mr. Cochran,* offered to the House, a Petition, which he said, was signed by upwards of 150 of the Merchants, and other respectable Inhabitants, of the Town of *Halifax*; praying, that this House would take under their Consideration, the passing an Act, to enable the different Counties to raise Money by Presentment, or otherwise, for the Purpose of paying their respective Representatives, in *General Assembly*; whereupon,

*Mr. McMonagle, moved,* That the Resolution of Thursday the 21st of *March* last, respecting private Petitions be read; which being read accordingly.

*Mr. McMonagle, then moved,* That the said Petition, be not received by this House; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Nineteen, against it, Fourteen.

For the Motion,

*Mr. McMonagle,*  
*Mr. Northup,*  
*Mr. Humphreys,*  
*Mr. McElbinney,*  
*Mr. Dewolf,*  
*Mr. Baxter,*  
*Mr. Sargent,*  
*Mr. Rutherford,*  
*Mr. Archibald,*  
*Mr. Freeman,*  
*Mr. Campbell,*  
*Mr. Lushy,*  
*Mr. Perkins,*  
*Mr. Hartshorne,*

For the Motion,

*Mr. Skinner,*  
*Mr. Howe,*  
*Mr. Belcher,*  
*Mr. Stuart,*  
*Mr. Embrie.*

Against the Motion.

*Mr. Hart,*  
*Mr. Sterns,*  
*Mr. Maclean,*  
*Mr. Bolman,*  
*Mr. Pyke,*  
*Mr. Wallace,*  
*Mr. Schwartz,*  
*Mr. Leonard,*  
*Mr. Dimock,*  
*Mr. Dickson,*  
*Mr. Cochran,*  
*Mr. Moody,*  
*Mr. Tonge,*  
*Mr. James.*

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Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered to the House, an Estimate of the Charge, towards the Support of the Government of *Nova-Scotia*, and other Expences, from the first Day of *July 1793*, to the first Day of *July 1794*, which was read.

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

*Resolved*, That this House will *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a Supply, to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of Supply accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act, to amend an Act, passed in the sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for regulating the Times and Places, for holding the several Courts of Justice therein named, and also, to enable the *Supreme Court*, to alter and fix the Returns of Writs;" to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

And the said Bill was read a first Time.

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

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself again into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have concurred with this House, in the Resolution, passed by them, in Favor of *John Jones*.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House will attend divine Service at *St. Paul's Church*, on Sunday next; and that the Right Reverend Father in God, the Bishop of *Nova-Scotia*, be requested to preach before this House, on the Occasion.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to confer with the Council, requesting they will join this House in the above Resolution, and appoint one of their Members, to join a Member of this House, to deliver the above request.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *Sterns*, and Mr. *Macleam*, be a Committee for the above purpose.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council, with the above Resolutions of this House.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself again into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

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

Friday, 5th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

*Samuel Seldon Pool* Esquire, returned duly elected for the Township of *Yarmouth*, took the usual Oaths, and his seat.

An engrossed Bill, from the Council, intituled An Act, to amend An Act, passed in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act, for regulating the Times and Places for holding the several Courts of Justice, therein named, and also to enable the *Supreme Court*, to alter and fix the Returns of Writs;" was read a second Time.

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

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee, upon the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair,

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

And the said Bill, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the Day, being read,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee, to consider further of the Supply, to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker, left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to a Conference, as desired by this House, on the subject of attending Divine Service, at St. Paul's, on Sunday next, and have appointed a Committee, who are ready to confer immediately.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of this House do attend at the said Conference, accordingly.

Mr. *Sterns*, *reported* from the Committee of Conference, that the Council do concur with this House, in the Resolution for attending Divine Service, at St. Paul's, on Sunday next, and have appointed one of their Members, to join a Member of this House, in requesting the Bishop of *Nova-Scotia*, to preach on the Occasion.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair,

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

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

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



Saturday, 6th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

Capt. *Howe*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Amendment of, and Addition to an Act, passed in the Thirty fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers;" and the same was read a first Time.

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

The Order of the Day being read ;

The House, *resolved* itself into a committee, to consider further of the Supply, to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. *Sterns*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for granting to His Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the Public Debt, of this Province ; and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, that the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be printed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Supply, to be granted for the Support of His Majesty's Government.

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

Monday, 8th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That the Thanks of this House, be given to the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Nova Scotia*, for the Sermon by him preached before this House yesterday, and that Mr. *Howe* and Mr. *James*, do acquaint him therewith.

Mr. *James* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to an Act, passed in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "an Act for prohibiting the exportation of Raw Hides, Sheep or Calf Skins out of this Province, other than for *Great Britain*, and to prevent the cutting, splitting, or flaving of Hides;" and the same was read a first Time.

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

A Bill in Amendment of, and Addition to an Act passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers ; was read a second Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the Thirty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, " an Act to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted."

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, *resolved*, That a present Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the above Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do go to the Council, and desire the said Conference.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council doth agree to a Conference on the subject Matter of the Bill, not agreed to by them, as requested by this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Millidge*, do manage the said Conference ; and they went to the Conference.

And being returned.

Mr. *Sterns*, *reported*, that the Managers had been at the Conference with the Council, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a free Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the last Conference.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do go to the Council, and desire the said Conference.

Mr. *Hartshorne*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for extending an Act, passed in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, and other fire Arms in the Town and Suburbs of *Halifax*, to the Town of *Dartmouth*, and the same was read a first Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council doth agree to a free Conference with this House, To-morrow at One o'Clock, in the Council Chamber.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr.

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

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in Amendment of, and Addition to an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled " an Act, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers," also the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled " an Act, declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber for Exportation to *Great-Britain*," also, the Bill to enable the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province to administer an Oath, or if a Quaker, an Affirmation to such Person or Persons, as he may have occasion to employ under him as appraisers ; And also the Bill in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled " an Act, to enable the Inhabitants in the several Townships in this Province, (*Halifax* excepted,) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands within the same, to pay a dividend or Proportion of any County or Town Charge to be assessed according to Law, and to bear their just Proportion in repairing Highways, Roads and Bridges, within the said Townships respectively," and made several Amendments to the said Bills, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered in the Bills with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table : The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Bills to them referred ; which the House agreed to.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, 9th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, in Amendment of, and Addition to an Act, passed in the Thirty fourth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, was read the third Time, and thereupon,

On Motion *resolved*, that the Bill be rejected.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province to administer an Oath, or if a Quaker, an Affirmation, to such Person or Persons, as he may have occasion to employ under him as appraisers, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to enable the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province to administer the Oath or Oaths, or if a Quaker, Affirmation by Law required to be administered to such Person, or Persons, as the said Sheriffs may respectively have Occasion to employ, as Appraiser, or Appraisers, of Goods, Chattles, Lands, or other real Estates, by them attached on *mesne process*, or taken in Execution.

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled " An Act, declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber, for Exportation to *Great-Britain*," was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act, declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber, for Exportation to *Great-Britain*."

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act to enable the Inhabitants, in the several Townships in this Province, (*Halifax* excepted) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands, within the same, to pay a Dividend, or Proportion, of any County or Town Charge, to be assessed according to Law; and to bear their just Proportion in repairing Highways, Roads and Bridges, within the said Townships, respectively;" was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act, to enable the Inhabitants in the several Townships, in this Province, (*Halifax* excepted) to cause any Absent Proprietor of Lands, within the same, to pay a Dividend, or Proportion, of any County or Town Charge, to be assessed according to Law, and to bear their just Proportion, in repairing Highways, Roads and Bridges, within the said Townships, respectively."

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

A Bill, for extending an Act, passed in the Thirty Second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, and other Fire Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of *Halifax*, to the Town of *Dartmouth*, and also,

A Bill, for securing the Freedom of Assemblies; were severally read a second Time.

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

A Bill, in Addition to an Act, passed in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "An Act, for prohibiting the Exportation of Raw Hides, Sheep, or Calf Skins, out of this Province, other than for *Great-Britain*, and also to prevent the cutting, splitting or flaving of Hides," was read a second Time; and thereupon Mr. *Tonge* moved, that the Bill be rejected, which being seconded, and put, passed in the negative.

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

Captain *Howe*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty fourth Year, of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled "An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, and the same was read a first Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council propose to this House, to defer for the present, the free Conference appointed to be held at one o'Clock this Day, on the subject Matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Council, in deferring the said Conference, in the Manner proposed by them.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A Bill, for granting to His Majesty, certain Duties, on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province; was read a second Time.

Mr. Schwartz *moved*, that the Consideration of the said Bill, be deferred to the next Session, which being seconded, and put, passed in the negative.

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

*Resolved*, That this House will on Thursday next, *resolve* itself into a Committee, upon the said Bill.

On Motion, a Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty fourth Year, of the Reign of his late Majesty, intitled "An Act, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, was read a second Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intitled "An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers:" also the Bill, in Addition to an Act, passed in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intitled "An Act, for prohibiting the "Exportation of Raw Hides, Sheep or Calf Skins, other than for *Great-Britain*, "and to prevent the cutting, splitting, or flaving of Hides:" and likewise, the Bill for extending an Act, passed in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, and other fire Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of *Halifax*, to the Town of *Dartmouth*; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill first mentioned, without any Amendment, and the two Bills last mentioned, with several Amendments, and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered in the several Bills, together with the Amendments, at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to *move*, that they may have leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills, to them referred; which the House agreed to.

The several Amendments to the Bills, as *reported* from the Committee, were read throughout, a first and second Time; and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bills with the Amendments, be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, 10th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, in addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intitled "an Act, for appointing "Commissioners of Sewers;" was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intitled "an Act, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers."

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An engrossed Bill, in Addition to an Act, passed in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "an Act, for prohibiting the Exportation of Raw Hides, Sheep or Calf Skins, out of this Province, other than for *Great Britain*, and to prevent the Cutting, splitting, or flawing of Hides," was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, in Addition to an Act, passed in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "an Act, for prohibiting the Exportation of Raw Hides, Sheep or Calf Skins, out of this Province, other than for *Great Britain*; and to prevent the cutting, splitting, or flawing of Hides."

An engrossed Bill, for extending an Act, passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, or other fire Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of *Halifax*, to the Town-Plot of *Dartmouth*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for extending an Act, passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, or other fire Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of *Halifax*, to the Town-Plot of *Dartmouth*.

Mr. *Tonge* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to Amend and render more productive an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, to raise a Revenue, for the purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of *July* next, the funded Debt only excepted," and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. *Sterns*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for granting to His Majesty an additional Duty on Wine, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, and a Duty on Molasses, Coffee, Porter, Beer, Loaf Sugar, Teas and Tobacco, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*, that the said Bills be read a second Time.

On Motion, the Bill to amend and render more productive, an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of *July* next, the funded Debt only excepted," was read a second Time.

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

Mr. *Schwartz*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to enable married Women, during their Coverture, jointly with their Husbands, to grant and convey real Estates to them belonging in *fee simple*, or in any other Manner they shall think Proper, and the same was read a first Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act to enable the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province, to administer the Oath, or Oaths, or if a Quaker, Affirmation,

Affirmation, by Law required to be administered, to such Person, or Persons, as the said Sheriffs may respectively have Occasion to employ as Appraiser, or Appraisers, of Goods, Chattles, Lands or real Estates, by them attached on *mesue procefs*, or taken in Execution, without any Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "an Act, declaring what shall be deemed " Merchantable Timber, for exportation to *Great Britain*;" with some Amendments, and also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, to enable the Deputy Surveyors of this Province, to Administer an Oath, or Affirmation, (if Quakers) to such Persons, as may be employed under them, as Chain Bearers in measuring Lands, with some Amendments: to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House, *resolved* itself again into a committee

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "an Act, to enable the Inhabitants, in the several Townships in this Province, (*Halifax* excepted) to cause any absent Proprietors of Lands, within the same, to pay " a Dividend, or Proportion, of any County or Town Charge, to be assessed according to Law, and to bear their just Proportion, in repairing Highways, Roads, and " Bridges, within the said Townships respectively;" with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House, *resolved* itself again into Committee,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, to amend and render more productive, an Act, passed in the Thirty-first Year, of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due " before the first Day of *July* next, the funded Debt only excepted." And also the Bill, for securing the Freedom of Assemblies, and made several Amendments to the said Bills, which they had directed him to *report* to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered in the Bills, with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table.

The first Amendment, to the last Bill was read, and thereupon, Mr. *Tonge* moved, that the said Amendment be rejected by this House, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Motion Eight, against it, Twenty-four.

## For the Motion.

Mr. Tonge,  
Mr. Bulkeley,  
Mr. Maclean,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Pyke,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Howe,

## Against the Motion.

Mr. Baxter,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Humpbrys,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Embrie,  
Mr. Wallace,  
Mr. Pool,  
Mr. Rutherford,  
Mr. Schwartz,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Belcher,  
Mr. Moody,

## Against the Motion.

Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Skinner,  
Mr. Stuart,  
Mr. McElbinney,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Leonard,  
Mr. Lusby,  
Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Northup,  
Mr. Sterns,  
Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Perkins,

So it passed in the Negative, and the Amendments reported by the Committee, were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Thursday 11th April, 1793.

## PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments of the Council, to the Bill, intituled an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act, declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber for Exportation to *Great-Britain*," into Consideration, and the said Amendments being read a first and second Time, were upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

The House then proceeded to take into Consideration, the Amendments of the Council, to the absent Proprietor's Bill, and the Bill to enable Deputy Surveyors to administer Oaths, &c. And the said Amendments being severally considered, thereupon,

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the Amendments to the said Bills, and that the Clerk do desire the said Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. Belcher, Mr. Millidge, Mr. Baxter, and Mr. Tonge, do Manage the said Conference.

An-engrossed Bill, for securing the Freedom of Assemblies; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for securing the Freedom of Assemblies.

An engrossed Bill, to amend and render more productive, an Act, passed in the Thirty First Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act, to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due, by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted;" was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act, to amend and render more productive, an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's

Reign,



Reign, intituled " An Act, to raise a Revenue, for the purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of July next ;" the Funded Debt only excepted."

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

The Order of the Day being read.

The House *Resolved* itself into a Committee, upon the Bill for granting to his Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Rüm, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt, of this Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to an Act, passed in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled " An Act, for prohibiting the Exportation of Raw Hides, Sheep, or Calve Skins, out of this Province, other than for *Great Britain*, and to prevent the Cutting, splitting or flawing of Hides."

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, for extending an Act, passed in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, and other fire Arms in the Town, and Suburbs of *Halifax*, to the Town Plot of *Dartmouth*, without any Amendment.

The Council doth agree to a Conference immediately, as desired by this House, in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself again into a Committee upon the Bill for granting to his Majesty certain Duties, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Resolved*, That this House, will To-morrow, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, acquainted the House, that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to this House, signed by his Excellency : and that he had received his Excellency's Commands, to lay before this House,

An Account of Expences incurred for the Répairs of the Government House, and also, an Account of Expences incurred for the lighting the Light House on McNutt's Island, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*.

And he presented the said Message, together with the said Accounts to the House. And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as followeth :

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor thinks it proper, to represent to the *House of Assembly*.

That

That on making the Repairs at the Government House, in Consequence of the Money granted for that Purpose; the Building was found to be in so ruinous a Condition, that it became requisite to extend the Repair much beyond what at first was thought to be necessary; owing to which, an Excess of Expence was unavoidably incurred. There having been no Foundation Walls originally built, the House had greatly settled, and was in Danger of falling into the Cellar; To support it, a considerable Increase of Expence was incurred for Masons Work. The Carpenters and Painters Work done, so far as any inquiry has yet been gone into, have been well performed, and on as reasonable Terms, as could be obtained. This being the Case, his Excellency hopes the *House of Assembly* will see the Propriety of enabling him to fulfil the Engagements he has been obliged to incur, in the Progress of the said Repairs.

JOHN WENTWORTH.

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

*Resolved*, That this House will on Monday next, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the Whole House, to take his Excellency's Message into Consideration, together with the several Accounts laid before this House by Order of his Excellency.

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

Friday, 12th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference with the Council yesterday, on the subject Matter of the Amendments, proposed by them, to the Bill, respecting absent Proprietors of Lands, &c. And to the Bill, enabling Deputy Surveyors of Lands, to administer Oaths, and stated the Substance of the said Conference, to the House, and thereupon,

The House proceeded again to consider the Amendments of the Council, to the Bills above mentioned, and the same being severally read a first and second Time, were upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

A Bill to enable married Women, during their Coverture, jointly with their Husbands, to grant and convey real Estates, to them belonging, in fee Simple, or in any other Manner they shall think proper; was read a second Time.

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

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Alexander Haines*, an Insolvent Debtor, confined in the County Jail of *Annapolis*, was referred; and read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the same at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows.

That the Committee having taken into Consideration, the Merits of the Petition of *Alexander Haines*, are of Opinion, that the Petitioner is worthy of Relief, as prayed for by him; which Report was again read, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee do prepare, and bring in a Bill, for the Relief of *Alexander Haines*, above mentioned.

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to Order, presented a Bill, for the Relief of *Alexander Haines*, an Insolvent Debtor, and the same was read a first Time.

*Resolved*,

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

The Order of the Day being read.

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee upon the Bill, for granting to His Majesty, certain Duties, on Wine, Rum, and all other Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a Conference by Committee on the subject of the Bill, intituled An Act, to amend and render more productive, an Act, passed in the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for the Purpose of raising a Revenue, &c.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to a Conference with the Council, as desired by them.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council, with the above Resolution of this House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Fonge*, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Howe*, and Mr. *Millidge*, do manage the said Conference.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself again into Committee on the Bill for granting to his Majesty certain Duties, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill.

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

Saturday, 13th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the Relief of *Alexander Haiver*, an insolvent Debtor, was read a second Time.

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

Mr. *Sterns*, *reported*, That the Managers had been at the Conference with the Council Yesterday, on the subject Matter of the Bill, intituled an Act, for raising a Revenue, &c. And stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to this House, signed by his Excellency; and that he had received his Excellency's Commands to lay before this House.

An Extract of a Letter from His Majesty's Secretary of State, to His Excellency, dated *Whiteball*, the 9th February, 1793.

And he presented the said Message, together with the said Extract of the Letter, to the House.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered; and is as followeth. viz.

His Excellency has given Directions for laying before the *House of Assembly*, the Extract of a Letter received by him from His Majesty's Secretary of State, for the Home Department relative to a Declaration of War, by the Persons exercising the Supreme Authority in France, against His Majesty, on the first of February last, and he further acquaints the House, that his Majesty having been pleased to signify to him, his Orders, to raise a Regiment in the Province for its Security, upon the Occasion, and having been also pleased to appoint him to be the Colonel of it, it is his Intention to take Measures, forthwith for carrying into Execution his Majesty's Pleasure therein.

And he relies upon the Affection, and Zeal of the *House of Assembly*, for his Majesty, and the Interests of the Empire, as expressed by them in their late loyal Address to the King, to enable him to discharge his Duty to his Sovereign, in the subject Matter of this Message.

#### J. WENTWORTH.

And the said Extract of a Letter to His Excellency, was read, and *ordered* to lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members.

*Resolved, Nemine Contradicente*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, to return his Excellency the Thanks of this House, for the early Communication of the important Intelligence contained in his Excellency's Message, and to assure his Excellency, of the unshaken Loyalty of this House towards his Majesty's Person and Government, and of their Readiness on all Occasions, to co-operate with his Excellency, in such Measures, as may best tend to the Support thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Sterns*, and Mr. *Howe*, be a Committee to draw up an Address, to be presented to his Excellency, on the above Resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a further Conference, on the subject Matter of the last Conference immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said Conference, as desired by the Council.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last Conference, do attend and manage this Conference, and they went up to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

On Motion of Mr. *Howe*, *resolved*, That Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *McMonagle*, and Mr. *Wallace*, do wait on the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Nova-Scotia*, with a Request from this House, that he will furnish a Copy of the Sermon, preached by him before this House on Sunday last, for the Purpose of printing the same.

The Order of the Day being read;

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee, upon the several Bills, which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker, left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred to the next Session, the Consideration of the Bill, to enable married Women, during their Cover-

ture jointly with their Husbands, to grant and convey real Estates to them belonging, in *fee simple*, or in any other Manner they shall think Proper; that the Committee had gone through the Bill, for granting to His Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spiritous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to *report* to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the Bill with the Amendments, at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to *move*, that they may have leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Bill for granting an additional Duty on Wine, and other distilled Spirituous Liquor, and Brown Sugar, and a Duty on Molasses, Coffee, Porter, Beer, Loaf Sugar, Teas and Tobacco, for the Support of the Government of this Province was read a second Time,

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

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act to amend, and render more productive an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, to raise a Revenue, for the purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted," without any Amendment. And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled "an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers;" without any Amendment. And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Monday, 15th April, 1792.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, for granting to his Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province; was read the third Time, and thereupon,

Mr. *McMonagle* moved, That the said Bill do not pass, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Motion Eight, against it Twenty-six.

For the Motion,

Mr. Dickson,  
Mr. Perkins,  
Mr. Dewolf,  
Mr. Dimock,  
Mr. Cochran,  
Mr. Maclean,  
Mr. Mc<sup>s</sup> Monagle,  
Mr. Leonard,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Millidge,  
Mr. Hartshorne,  
Mr. Skinner,  
Mr. Sargent,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Pool,  
Mr. Moody,  
Mr. Northup,  
Mr. Belcher,  
Mr. Howe,

Against the Motion.

Mr. Humphreys,  
Mr. Archibald,  
Mr. Tonge,  
Mr. Stuart,  
Mr. Lusby,  
Mr. Rutherford,  
Mr. Freeman,  
Mr. Embrie,  
Mr. James,  
Mr. Sterns.

So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for granting to His Majesty, certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the principal of the public Debt of this Province.

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

Mr. Sterns, reported from the Committee, appointed on Saturday last, to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly ; which they had directed him to Report to the House ; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table : when the same was read, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D.

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

*The Humble ADDRESS, of His Majesty's COMMONS of NOVA-SCOTIA,*

WE his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Nova-Scotia*, in *General Assembly* convened, beg leave to express to your Excellency, our sincerest Thanks, for the early Communication you was pleased to make to us, of the important Intelligence contained in your Excellency's Message, delivered by the Secretary of the Province, on Saturday last.

It is with great Concern, we receive the Information, that the Persons exercising the Supreme Authority in *France*, have declared War against his Majesty ; and we gratefully acknowledge, his Majesty's paternal Care, and Goodness, in taking the earliest Measures to secure his faithful Subjects of this Province, from the Effects of so unjust an Aggression.

The Augmentation of the Military Establishment here, by a Regiment to be raised, and commanded by your Excellency, within this Province, for its Defence, we humbly consider a Measure of great public Utility ; and we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that no Exertions within the limited Sphere of our Ability, shall be wanting to give Efficacy to any Measures his Majesty may in his Wisdom think fit to pursue, for the Annoyance of his Enemies, or Defence of his People.

As the Professions we have ever made of Loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign, have proceeded from the sincerest Affection for his Person, and Attachment to his Government, your Excellency may ever place the fullest Confidence in our Zeal, for the Honor of his Crown, and the Interest of every Part of the *British* Empire.

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

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *Sargent*, Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Cochran*, do present the said Address.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee, on the Consideration of His Excellency's Message, on Thursday last, and also the Accounts for the Repairs of the Government House, and the Accounts for the Expences of completing and lighting the Light House, on *M<sup>c</sup>Nutt's* Island, laid before this House, by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Commissioners should be appointed, to inspect and survey the Repairs made to the Government House, and that they employ, if necessary, Mechanics to attend them in such Inspection and Survey; and also to inspect and examine the Accounts, exhibited of such Repairs, and report thereon, to the House at its next Session.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum not exceeding three Hundred and Eighty Pounds, should be granted, in, and towards the further Payment of Expences incurred in the repairing the Government House, to be drawn for, by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on a Certificate from the Commissioners, to be appointed as aforesaid, that they have inspected the Repairs made, and Accounts exhibited, and recommend his Excellency's applying the above sum, or such part thereof, as the said Commissioners certify to be justly due, in, and towards the Payment as aforesaid, and not otherwise.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Consideration of the Accounts for Expences incurred in completing and lighting the Light House on *M<sup>c</sup>Nutt's* Island, should be deferred until a Bill, in Amendment of the Act, for regulating, and maintaining the said Light house, and also the one on *Sambrô* Island, be brought into the House, which said Resolutions; being severally read a first, and second Time, were upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Cochran*, Mr. *Schwartz*, and Mr. *Pyke*, be Commissioners to inspect and survey the Repairs made to the Government House, agreeable to the Resolution *reported*, by the Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the above Resolution, for granting a Sum not exceeding three Hundred and Eighty Pounds, towards the further Payment of the Expences incurred, in the repairing the Government House, to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

The Clerk *reported*, that he had, in pursuance of the Order of the House, waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be ready to receive their Address, and that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint Tomorrow, at Twelve of the Clock, at the Government House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
Mr. Perkins, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled An Act, for securing the Freedom of Assemblies.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, the House resolved itself again into Committee, on the several Bills, which stood committed,

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

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, for the Relief of Alexander Haines, an insolvent Debtor, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill, to the House, without any Amendment: and he delivered in the Bill at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have leave to sit again; which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, 16th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, for the Relief of Alexander Haines, an Insolvent Debtor; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, for the Relief of Alexander Haines, an Insolvent Debtor.

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

Mr. Pool offered to the House a Petition, which he said, was signed by a Number of the principle Inhabitants of the Township of Yarmouth and Argyle, complaining of an undue Election for the County of Shelburne, and praying the said Election may be vacated; and thereupon moved, that the said Petition be received by this House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Twelve, against it Eighteen.

For the Motion.

- Mr. McMonagle,
- Mr. Cochran,
- Mr. Pool,
- Mr. Howe,
- Mr. Rutherford,
- Mr. Sargent,
- Mr. Leonard,
- Mr. Dimock,
- Mr. Dewolf,
- Mr. Tonge,
- Mr. Pyke,
- Mr. Perkins,

Against the Motion.

- Mr. Stuart,
- Mr. Hartshorne,
- Mr. Lushy,
- Mr. Millidge,
- Mr. Northrup,
- Mr. Campbell,
- Mr. Bulkeley,
- Mr. Schwartz,
- Mr. Wallace,

Against the Motion.

- Mr. Embrie,
- Mr. Hart,
- Mr. Belcher,
- Mr. Archibald,
- Mr. Baxter,
- Mr. Freeman,
- Mr. James,
- Mr. Sterns,
- Mr. Moody,

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr.



Mr. *Tonge* moved, That the Committee on the public Accounts, should report to this House thereon, without loss of Time, and that this House do adjourn from day to day, until the Report is made; which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. *Sterns* reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency, with the Address of this House, that his Excellency had been waited upon with the said Address, and that his Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer.

GENTLEMEN,

I Am extremely obliged to you, for this additional Proof of your Loyalty to his Majesty, and Zeal for the Honor of his Government, and the Interest of every Part of the Empire.

While such Sentiments prevail in the Province, I shall continue to have the highest Confidence in receiving the most effectual Support in every Measure, which may be found requisite, for the Defence of the Country, or the Annoyance of its Enemies.

On Motion of Mr. *Pyke*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take under their Consideration, the Correspondence between the Speaker of the late *House of Assembly*, and the Agent of the Province, and report thereon to this House.

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

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

The Council have concurred with this House, in the Resolution for granting a Sum, not exceeding three Hundred and Eighty Pounds, towards the further Payment of Expences, for the Repairs of the Government House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to frame during the Recess of the House, a Bill for the Purpose of establishing a general Principle, for rating Assessments, throughout the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Perkins*, Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Dewolf*, and Mr. *Archibald*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

On Motion, the House proceeded to take into Consideration, the Petition of the Magistrates and Grand Jury, of the County of *Shelburne*, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Petition be dismissed.

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

Wednesday, 17th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Maclean* reported, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws will expire on the 1st of *July* next, and presented to the House, a Bill, to continue in Force, the several Acts therein mentioned, and the same was received, and read a first Time.

Mr. *Wallace*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled "an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambro Island*," and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty-eight Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House

"at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*," and the same was read a first Time

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

Mr.

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

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

Treasurer of the PROVINCE.	His Accounts to the 31st March, 1793, correct and properly vouched.	
Collectors of Impost & Excise, &c. HALIFAX.	Their Accounts to the 31st March, 1793, are properly stated and correct ; they have paid into the Treasury from last Years collection, and the Balance of the preceding Years Accounts together with the 10 per cent Tax, this Year, in all And they have delivered over to the Attorney-General, to be recovered, by him, Bonds, to the Amount of	£.4682 10 0 834 10 0 <hr/> 5517 0 0
	Balance in their hands, in Bonds, on 31st March.	3033 14 5½
Collector of KING'S COUNTY	His Accounts have been received up to the 10th of July 1792, only ; he has paid into the Treasury, preceding 10th February last. And there remains in his hands Securities to be collected and remitted.	39 14 3 55 2 2
Collector of HANTS.	His Accounts are received up to 31st December, 1792 ; properly stated and correct, he has paid into the Treasury. And there remains in his hands, Securities to be collected, and remitted.	105 11 4½ 67 10 7½
Collector of LUNENBURG.	His Accounts, received to 31st October, 1792, and he has paid into the Treasury, the whole Balance then due from his District.	18 5 0
Collector of COLCHESTER.	His Accounts received to 31st December, 1792 ; he has paid into the Treasury. And Lodged Securities, with the Treasurer, to the Amount of There remains a Balance in his hands to be remitted	5 6 3 223 11 0 10 4 1
Collector of LIVERPOOL.	His Accounts received to the 31st December, 1792 ; and he has paid into the Treasury, preceding that date There remains a Balance to be accounted for, and remitted of	38 0 0 155 6 6
Collector of SHELBURNE.	His Accounts received to the 31st Octo. 1792 ; and there appears to have been paid by him to the Treasurer, Balance of his Accounts for Year 1791. And likewise, the Balance of last Year's Account to the Order of the Treasury	112 18 6 92 16 9 <hr/> 205 15 3
	The Accounts of the former Collector, for that District, that were ordered to be sent back for Audit, have been returned again, but are still incorrect, and unsatisfactory.	

Collector of ANNAPOLIS. } His Accounts received to 31st December, 1792, properly stated and correct; he has paid into the Treasury to that period - - - 313 1 9½  
 And there remains in his hands Securities to be collected and remitted amounting to - - - 123 12 2½

CUMBERLAND. No Accounts or Remittances.

GUYSBOROUGH. No Accounts or Remittances.

There has been paid into the Treasury since 26th May, 1792.

By the Collectors of HALIFAX. - 75. 7 0  
 Collector of SYDNEY. - 29 13 0  
 Collector of SHELBURNE. - 36 6 11 ✓  
 Collector of CUMBERLAND. - 32 19 4  
 Collector of COLCHESTER. 32 16 3  
 Collector of HANTS. - 17 17 4  
 Collector of CORNWALLIS. 24 0 0  
 Collector of ANNAPOLIS. - 23 11 2  
 Collector of LIVERPOOL. - 12 10 10

CAPITATION TAX.

In all £.285 1 10

Collector of LICENCE DUTY } Accounts received from the 1st February, 1792, to the 1st of February, 1793, amounting to 476 9 3  
 All of which has been paid into the Treasury and appropriated agreeable to Law.

SAMBRÔ LIGHT HOUSE. } Accounts received up to the 31st March last, by which it appears the collections have been for the last Twelve Months - - - 345 4 0  
 And the Expenditures for Supplies with the Collectors Commission's amounts to 287 10 5  
 Balance to Pay the Keepers Salary 57 13 7

Total Balances in the Hands of the Collectors of Impost and Excise - - - £.3445 10 0½

TRANSIENT POOR. } Of the Annual Sum of £.300; voted by the Province, only £.289, has been drawn for last Year.

GOVERNOR'S CONTINGENT ACCOUNT. } Of the Sum voted last Sessions for this Service, only £.79. 2. 11. has been drawn for, towards fitting up *Shelburne Light-House, &c. &c.*

Donation to the Sufferers by Fire at Shelburne, &c. in 1792. } Of the £300. voted by the House to the Governor for this purpose last Sessions, only £219. 13. 9. has been drawn for on the Treasury.

N.B. Since the above report was completed there has been remitted on Account of the Capitation Tax.

From Yarmouth District, - 50 0 0  
 From Lunenburg, - 40 0 0  
 £.90 0 0

Dr. State of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 31st MARCH, 1793.

Contra, Cr.

To amount of Old Funded Debt, due the Creditors of the Province. - 17784 2 7  
 To amount of New Funded Debt. - 4942 13 6  
£.22726 16 1

Demands on Government now due, including the charge of finishing *Shelburne Light-House*, and the probable Expence of repairing the Government House. - 3,250 0 0

£.24976 16 1

Committee of Accounts, *Halifax*, 17th *April*, 1793.

Committee of the House. { MICH. WALLACE,  
 LAW. HARTSHORNE,  
 THOMAS MILLIDGE,  
 J. W. SCHWARTZ,  
 SAMUEL HART.

By Bonds and Securities in the Hands of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for *Halifax*. - 3033 14 5½  
 By Balance in the hands of the Treasurer from Impost and Excise receipts. £88 0 5½  
 By Ditto from Capitation receipt. 159 12 7  
247 13 0½  
 By Bonds in the hands of the Treasurer supposed to be good. 122 9 0  
 By Cash in the hands of Attorney General £108 6 7  
 Securities in his hands to recover and deemed good } 892 4 6  
1000 11 1  
 Balances in the hands of the Out Port Collectors per their last returns. 411 15 0  
 Outstanding Debts doubtful £.1354. but from which there may be expected at least. - 500 0 0  
( 48 )

Balance, being the actual Debt of the Province at this period. 5316 2 7½  
 19,660 13 5½  
£.24,976 16 1

N.B. Outstanding Debts due the Province supposed to be irrecoverable £1660.

HENRY NEWTON,  
 ALEX. BRYMER,  
 S. S. BLOWERS, } Committee of Council.

Ordered,

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

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee upon the Bill for granting an Additional Duty on Wine, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, and a Duty on Molasses, Coffee, &c. for the Support of the Government of this Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Thursday 18th *April*, 1793.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambrø Island*, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the Twenty-eight Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*, and also,

A Bill to continue in Force the several Acts herein mentioned, were severally read a second Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Friday, 19th *April*, 1793.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Cochran* offered to the House, a Petition from *William Forsyth, & Co. Hall, Bremner, and Bottomly, Foreman, Grassie, & Co.* Merchants in *Halifax*, which he said respected the Act relating to the *Light-House* on *Sambrø Island*, and on *M<sup>c</sup>Nutt's Island*, now pending before this House, and on Motion the said Petition was received by the House, and read, setting forth as follows.

That the Petitioners understand, that by the Bill, for the Regulation of the *Light-House*, now pending before this House, such Vessels as are not wholly owned in the Province, are subject to an additional Duty, of two-pence, per Ton. That

That the Petitioners, are permanent Inhabitants of this Province, and have on all Occasions, contributed their Proportions of the public Burdens, as Mercantile Companies, trading and residing here. That the Petitioners, are Owners of several Vessels, trading to, and from this Province, and are apprehensive, that agreeable to the Tenor of the present Bill, they may be made liable for the additional Duty, upon the Ground of some of their respective Partners, not being constantly resident in the Province, should this be the Case, the Petitioners beg leave to observe, that they will be placed on no better footing, than mere Strangers, who enter the Harbour occasionally, and contribute not a farthing towards the public Taxes; and praying such Relief in the Premises, as to the House, may seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition, be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon the Light House Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred to the next Session, the Consideration of the Bill for laying an additional Duty on Wine, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, and a Duty on Molasses, Coffee, Porter, Beer, Loaf Sugar, Teas and Tobacco, for the Support of the Government of this Province. That the Committee had gone through the Bill, to continue in Force, the several Acts herein mentioned; and also through the Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, on *Sambro* Island, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty eighth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*; and that they had directed him to *report* the Bill, to continue in Force the several Acts herein mentioned, without any Amendment; and the Bill last mentioned, with several Amendments, which they had made thereunto, and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered in the Bills, with the Amendments, at the Clerk's Table. The Amendments were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put, thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bills, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee, on the Consideration of the Petition, of *William Taylor* Esquire, (referred over from the last Session,) and likewise the Petitions of *Alexander Cocken*, and *Matthew Pinnel*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

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Saturday,

Saturday, 20th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled “ an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambrô Island*,” and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of his present Majesty’s Reign, intituled “ an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*, was read the third Time.”

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, in Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled “ an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, on *Sambrô Island*,” and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of his present Majesty’s Reign, intituled “ an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*.”

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

Mr. *Tonge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for granting to his Majesty, an Additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors; and a Duty on Molasses, Coffee, Porter, Beer, Gunpowder, Loaf Sugar, and Teas, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and also for the Encouragement of the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of the same; and the same was read a first Time.

On Motion, the said Bill was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now committed, to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House, *resolved* itself into a Committee, upon the said Bill,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, to them referred, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which the Committee had directed him to *report* to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered in the Bill at the Clerk’s Table: where

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

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

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee, on the further Consideration of the several Petitions which stood committed,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

The Petition of *William Taylor*, was read, and considered, together with a Certificate produced in Support thereof, and thereupon.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition be dismissed,

the Certificate produced, not being a sufficient Document, to authorize the Committee to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner.

The Petition of *Alexander Cocken* was considered, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Fifty Pounds, be granted and paid to the said *Alexander Cocken*, (in Addition to the £115 already received by him) in full for his Services, and all other Demands, as Keeper of the Light House, on *McNutt's* Island, from the Day of his Appointment thereto, to the first Day of *September*, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-two.

*Resolved* also, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said *Alexander Cocken*, be paid from the first Day of *September* last past, to the first Day of *July* 1794, or for such Part of that Periods, as he continues Keeper of the Light House on *McNutt's* Island, at the rate of Six Pound, five Shillings, per Kalender Month.

The Petition of *Matthew Pinnel*, was considered, and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition should be dismissed, the House not having it in their Power, to comply with the first Part thereof, and as to the last part of the Petition, being fully of Opinion, the Salary allowed to the Keeper of the Light House at *Sambrô*, is ample and equal, to and for, his annual Services; which said Resolutions, being severally read a first and second Time, were upon the Question, put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the above Resolutions, for granting Monies to *Alexander Cocken*, to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, for granting to his Majesty, an Additional Duty, on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and a Duty on Molasses, Coffee, Porter, Beer, Gunpowder, Loaf Sugar, and Teas, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and also for the Encouragement of the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of the same, was read the third Time, and thereupon,

*Mr. Wallace moved*, That the said Bill do not pass, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Thirteen, against it Twenty.

For the Motion.

*Mr. Bulkeley,*  
*Mr. Millidge,*  
*Mr. Wallace,*  
*Mr. Sterns,*  
*Mr. Skinner,*  
*Mr. Hartshorne,*  
*Mr. Belcher,*  
*Mr. James,*  
*Mr. Baxter,*  
*Mr. Stuart,*  
*Mr. Campbell,*  
*Mr. Humphreys,*

Against the Motion.

*Mr. Embrie,*  
*Mr. Sargent,*  
*Mr. Leonard,*  
*Mr. Moody,*  
*Mr. Dewolf,*  
*Mr. Dimock,*  
*Mr. Tonge,*  
*Mr. Lusby,*  
*Mr. Maclean,*  
*Mr. Freeman,*  
*Mr. McMonagle,*

Against the Motion.

*Mr. Hart,*  
*Mr. Pool,*  
*Mr. Archibald,*  
*Mr. Cochran,*  
*Mr. Perkins,*  
*Mr. Rutherford,*  
*Mr. Northup,*  
*Mr. Dickson,*  
*Mr. Pyke,*  
*Mr. Howe,*

So it passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, for granting to his Majesty, an Additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and a Duty on Molasses, Coffee, Porter, Beer, Gunpowder, Loaf Sugar, and Teas, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and also for the Encouragement of the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of the same.

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

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee, on the further Consideration



tion of the Accounts, for Expences incurred in completing and lighting the Light-House on *McNutt's*, Island ; and also of such Repairs as may be necessary, to be made to the Fences, enclosing the Grounds belonging to the Government House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Two Hundred and Thirty two Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and five Pence, half penny, should be granted and paid, in, and towards the completing the Light-House, on *McNutt's* Island, and for defraying the Expences incurred for lighting the same, from the first Day of *September* 1792, to the first Day of *April*, following.

*Resolved*. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Commissioners should be appointed, to inspect and determine, what Repairs may be necessary to be made in, and about the Fences, enclosing the Grounds, adjoining the Government House ; and that the said Commissioners, have Power to contract with any Person, or Persons, for the making the said Repairs, if by them deemed necessary ; for the Payment of which, the House should provide ; which two Resolutions being severally read, a first, and second Time, were, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Coebran*, Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Schwartz*, and Mr. *Hart*, be Commissioners agreeable to the last Resolution passed in the Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the two Resolutions passed in the Committee, to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

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

Monday, 22d *April*, 1792.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

Mr. *Wallace*, presented to the House, a special Report from the Committee of this House, appointed to examine the public Accounts, and read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read,

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

Mr. *Maclean*, offered to the House, a Petition, which he said was signed by a number of the Freeholders of *King's County*, praying for a new Writ to be issued, to elect two fit Persons, to represent them in *General Assembly*, in place of the sitting Members, also,

A Petition, of the Freeholders, of *King's County*, residing in *Parrsborough*, praying for a new Writ to be issued, to elect one Member, to represent them in *General Assembly*, in Place of one of the sitting Members, and also,

A Petition, from *Jonathan Crane* Esquire, setting forth, that since the Decision, on the contraverted Election, between him and *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, one of the sitting Members for *King's County*, it has been discovered, that upwards of Fifty of the Persons who voted for the said *Benjamin Belcher* Esquire, were unqualified to vote, and praying for a new Writ, to be Issued, to Elect one Member, for the said County, and thereupon,

*Mr. Northup* moved, That the Petition of the Freeholders of *King's County*, first offered by *Mr. Maclean*, be not received by this House, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Twenty, against it, Twelve.

For the Motion,

*Mr. Millidge,*  
*Mr. Rutherford,*  
*Mr. Northup,*  
*Mr. Campbell,*  
*Mr. Hartshorne,*  
*Mr. Baxter,*  
*Mr. Lufby,*  
*Mr. Stuart,*  
*Mr. Archibald,*  
*Mr. Butkeley,*  
*Mr. Wallace,*

For the Motion,

*Mr. Moody,*  
*Mr. Skinner,*  
*Mr. Humphrys,*  
*Mr. Embrie,*  
*Mr. Freeman,*  
*Mr. Hart,*  
*Mr. James,*  
*Mr. Schwartz,*  
*Mr. Stearns,*

Against the Motion.

*Mr. Tange,*  
*Mr. Howe,*  
*Mr. Leonard,*  
*Mr. Dimock,*  
*Mr. McMonagle,*  
*Mr. Perkins,*  
*Mr. Sargent,*  
*Mr. Pool,*  
*Mr. Dickson,*  
*Mr. Pyke,*  
*Mr. Maclean,*  
*Mr. Cochran.*

So it passed in the Affirmative.

*Mr. Northup*, then moved, that the two other Petitions, offered by *Mr. Maclean*, be not received by this House, which being seconded, and put, passed in the Affirmative.

*Mr. Wallace*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to prevent Obstructions of the Navigation, in the Ports, Harbours, Rivers, and Creeks, within this Province; and the same, was read a first Time.

*Mr. Schwartz*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to amend an Act, made in the Thirty Second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, to prevent the *Windsor*, and *Hamond Plain* Road, being injured, by heavy loaded Carriages;" and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned, till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, according to the Adjournment.

A Bill, to amend an Act, made in the Thirty Second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, to prevent the *Windsor*, and *Hamond Plain* Road, being injured, by heavy loaded Carriages;" also,

A Bill, to prevent Obstructions of the Navigation, in the Ports, Harbours, Rivers and Creeks within this Province, were severally, read a second Time.

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

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee upon the said Bills.

*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair,

*Mr. Belcher*, took the Chair,

*Mr. Speaker*, resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill

Bill, to amend an Act, made in the Thirty second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act, to prevent the *Windsor and Hamond Plain* Road being injured by heavy loaded Carriages; and also the Bill to prevent Obstructions of the Navigation in the Ports, Harbours, Rivers and Creeks, within this Province, and that the Committee had directed him to *report* the said Bills with several Amendments, which they had made to the same, and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered in the Bills, together with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table, where

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

*Ordered*, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, 23d April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to amend an Act, passed in the Thirty second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to prevent the *Windsor and Hamond Plain Road*, being injured by heavy loaded Carriages, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to amend an Act, made in the Thirty second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, to prevent the *Windsor and Hamond Plain Road*, being injured, by heavy loaded Carriages."

An engrossed Bill, to prevent Obstructions of the Navigation, in the Ports, Harbours Rivers, and Creeks, within this Province, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, to prevent Obstructions of the Navigation in the Ports, Harbours, Rivers and Creeks, within this Province.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present Conference by Committee, in the Committee Room of the Council, on the Bill for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, &c. for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the publick Debt of the Province:

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Millidge*.

And the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference ;

And being returned,

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

*Resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the last Conference, and

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do desire the said Conference.

The Clerk reported, that the Council doth agree to meet this House, at a further Conference, as desired by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

And being returned,

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

On Motion the House again *resolved* itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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Wednesday, 24th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported from the Committee appointed to take under their Consideration the Correspondence, between the Speaker of the late *House of Assembly*, and the Agent of the Province, and read the Report in his Place, and afterwards Delivered in the same at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows.

That the Committee find the last Letter from the Agent of the 27th February 1791, to be an Answer to one from the Speaker dated the 29th December 1790, stating the Arrival of Mr. *Stokes*, an Agent from Sir *William Hamilton*, and others employed to encourage the Whale-fishers, settled in this Province, to remove to *Milford-haven*, and soliciting Mr. *Cumberland*, to endeavour to defeat that project; in which answer there is little more than barely an Acknowledgement of the Receipt of the said Letter.

On the 16th August 1791, the 3d October 1791; the 30th November 1791; and the 10th September 1792. The Speaker wrote to the Agent, requesting his attention to the the Subjects mentioned in these, and his former Letters, Viz. the opening a free Port at *Halifax*. Establishing a Whale Fishery at *Dartmouth*. A direct Importation of Wine and Fruit from the *Mediterranean*. A direct Importation of Pitch, Tar and Turpentine from the States of *America*. A revival of the Bounty formerly given on the Importation of Lumber into *Great Britain*. The Establishment of more Ports of Entry for Ships. The Alteration of the Division Line, between this Province and *New Brunswick*. The Division of Counties, and several other important Subjects, to which there appears no Answer from the Agent. That the Committee are of Opinion the several Objects of these Letters, which were warmly and anxiously recommended,

ded, to the particular Care and Attention of the Agent, were highly interesting to the Proficiency of this Province, and well merited his Attention.

On Motion, *resolved*, that the Speaker be directed to transmit to *Richard Cumberland* Esquire, the Thanks of this House, for his past Services, rendered this Province, and to inform him, that the Affairs of the Province, require the appointing an Agent, constantly resident in *London*.

The House then proceeded to the Choice of an Agent, residing in the City of *London*, to act in behalf of this Province.

When *Philip Sansom* Esquire, was chosen,

*Resolved*, That a Copy of the foregoing Report, Resolution and Proceedings, be carried by the Clerk to the Council, for their Concurrence.

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

Mr. Speaker, left the Chair,

Mr. *Perkins* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, on which they had framed a Bill, intituled a Bill, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year, 1793, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws, or Acts of the Province; to be delivered to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the said Bill at the Clerk's Table, where the Resolutions therein contained, were read one by one, and thereupon,

Mr. *McMonagle*, *moved*, that the Resolution for granting the Sum of five Hundred Pounds, for defraying the contingent Expences of the *House of Assembly*, during the present Session, be not agreed to by the House; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Five, against it Twenty four.

For the Motion.

Mr. *Schwartz*,

Mr. *McMonagle*,

Mr. *Baxter*,

Mr. *Pyke*,

Mr. *Cochran*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *James*,

Mr. *Moody*,

Mr. *Embrie*,

Mr. *DeWolf*,

Mr. *Tonge*,

Mr. *Macleam*,

Mr. *Dimock*,

Mr. *Freeman*,

Mr. *Lusby*,

Mr. *Leonard*,

Mr. *Millidge*,

Mr. *Hart*,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Perkins*,

Mr. *Dickson*,

Mr. *Stuart*,

Mr. *Hampbrys*,

Mr. *Campbell*,

Mr. *Pool*,

Mr. *Sterns*,

Mr. *Sargent*,

Mr. *Rutberford*,

Mr. *Belcher*,

Mr. *Hartshorne*,

Mr. *Northrup*.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *McMonagle*, then *moved*; that the Resolution for granting the Sum of £.55. 11. 1. to Miss *Amelia Belcher*, be not agreed to by the House; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Twelve, against it Seventeen.

## For the Motion.

Mr. Millidge,  
 Mr. Freeman,  
 Mr. Embrie,  
 Mr. Hart,  
 Mr. Northup,  
 Mr. Lusby,  
 Mr. Dimock,  
 Mr. Rutherford,  
 Mr. Baxter,  
 Mr. Schwartz,  
 Mr. Pool,  
 Mr. McMonagle,

## Against the Motion.

Mr. James,  
 Mr. Dewolf,  
 Mr. Tonge,  
 Mr. Leonard,  
 Mr. Maclean,  
 Mr. Perkins,  
 Mr. Cochran,  
 Mr. Dickson,  
 Mr. Pyke,

## Against the Motion.

Mr. Skinner,  
 Mr. Stuart,  
 Mr. Humphreys,  
 Mr. Campbell,  
 Mr. Sterns,  
 Mr. Sargent,  
 Mr. Belcher,  
 Mr. Hartshornz,

So it passed in the negative, and the Resolutions reported from the Committee, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On Motion, the Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year of our Lord, one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety three, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws, or Acts of the Province; was read a first Time.

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

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present Conference by Committee, in the Committee Room of the Council, on the Bill, for granting to his Majesty, an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, &c. for the Support of the Government of this Province, &c.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And the Messenger was again called in.

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed, of Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Campbell*, and Mr. *Maclean*.

And the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty, certain Duties, on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the publick Debt of this Province, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the last Conference, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

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

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last Conference, do manage the present Conference, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, to continue in Force, the several Acts herein mentioned, without any Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act, to prevent Obstructions of the Navigation, in the Ports, Harbours, Rivers, and Creeks, within this Province; with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Council have agreed to the Resolutions in favor of *Alexander Cocken*, also

The Resolution, for granting a Sum of Money, to defray the Expences incurred for completing, and lighting the Light House, on *M<sup>r</sup> Nutt's* Island. And also,

The Resolution, for the appointing of Commissioners, to make such Repairs, as may be necessary to the Fences, enclosing the Grounds, belonging to the Government House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation, in the Ports, Harbours, &c. in this Province, into Consideration and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the said Amendments, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Hartshorne*, and Mr. *Sargent*.

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

Thursday 25th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty, an additional Duty, on Wine, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and a Duty on Molasses, Coffee, Porter, Beer, Gunpowder, Loaf Sugar, and Teas, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and also for the Encouragement of the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of the same, with some Amendments.

The Council doth agree to a Conference in the Committee Room of the Council, on the subject of the Amendments made by them to the Bill, to prevent Obstructions of the Navigation of the Ports, Harbours, &c. within this Province; as desired by this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That the Bill, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty, an additional Duty on Wine, &c. with the Amendments, as sent down from the Council, be rejected; it being the inherent Right of this House, not to admit the Council, to make any Amendment whatever, to a Money Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Managers appointed Yesterday, to confer with the Council, do confer accordingly, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. *Wallace* reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House, and thereupon,

The House proceeded to take the Amendments, made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled an Act, to prevent Obstructions of the Navigation in the Ports, Harbours, &c. within this Province, into further Consideration, and the said Amendments were read throughout, a first, and second Time, and upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, to amend an Act, made in the Thirty second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act to prevent the *Windsor* and *Hamond Plain* Road, being injured by heavy loaded Carriages," with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council, to the above Bill into Consideration, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a present Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the said Amendments, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

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

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Freeman*.

And the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled "an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambro Island*," and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*," with some Amendments.

The Council do desire a further Conference, in the Committee Room of the Council, on the subject Matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

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

Resolved, That the Light House Bill, with the Amendments, as sent down by the Council, be rejected, it being the inherent right of this House, not to admit the Council, to make any Amendment whatever, to a Money Bill.

Mr.



Mr. *McMonagle*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

On Motion, the said Bill was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now committed, to a Committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee, upon the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker, resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to Report, the said Bill, to the House, with several Amendments, which they had made thereunto; and he read the Report in his Place, and delivered in the Bill, with the Amendments, at the Clerks Table, where the said Amendments, being read throughout, a first, and second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed.

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

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Friday, 26th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Pyke reported*, That the Managers had been at the Conference Yesterday, with the Council, on the subject Matter of the Amendments made by them, to the *Windsor and Hamond Plain Road Bill*, and stated the Substance of the said Conference, to the House; and thereupon,

The House proceeded to take the amendments, made by the Council, to the said Bill, into consideration. and the said amendments, were read throughout a first, and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to, by the House.

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

An engrossed Bill, for providing for the support of his Majesty's Government, in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of this Province was read the third Time.

*Resolved*; That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act; for providing for the support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty, on Wine, Rum, and other articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of this Province.

An engrossed Bill, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year 1793, and for appropriating such part of the supplies, granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated, by the Laws, or Acts of the Province was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the services of the Year 1793, and for appropriating such part of the supplies, granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated, by the Laws, or Acts, of the Province.

Major *Milledge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for granting to his Majesty, a Duty on all Goods, hereafter to be sold at Public Auction, within this Province, for the support of the Government thereof; and the same was read a first time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the Light House, on *Sambrô* and *M<sup>o</sup> Nutt's* Island; and that the Clerk do desire the same.

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

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed, to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed, of Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Sterns*, and they went to the Conference.

A Bill for granting to his Majesty, a Duty on all Goods, hereafter to be Sold at Public Auction, within this Province, for the Support of the Government thereof; was read a second Time.

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

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee, upon the said Bill,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House, with several Amendments, which they had made thereunto, and he read the report in his place and delivered in the Bill, with the Amendments, at the Clerk's Table, where the said Amendments, being read throughout, a first and second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to, by the House.

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

Then the House adjourned, till One of the Clock this Afternoon.

The House met, according to the Adjournment.

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

Mr. *Sterns* *reported*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, &c. within the County of *Annapolis*, was referred; that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had proposed several Amendments, to be made thereunto, which they recommended should, together with the Bill, lie on the Table, to be considered by the House, in the next Session which Report, the House agreed to.

Mr. *Sterns* *reported*, from the Committee, appointed to prepare a Bill, for the better regulating of Elections, that the Committee had made some progress therein; and recommended that the further Consideration of the same should be deferred, to the next Session, which report the House agreed to.

Mr. *Sterns*, also *reported* from the Committee, appointed to draw up certain Resolutions, for the Rules, and Regulations, of select Committees, hereafter to be appointed, to try the Merits of contested Elections; that they had drawn up certain Resolutions accordingly, and also framed a Bill thereon, intitled a Bill, to regulate the Trials of controverted Elections, &c. &c. which Bill, the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered in the said Bill, at the Clerk's Table and thereupon.

*Ordered*, That the Bill do lie on the Table, to be considered in the next Session.

Mr. *Tonge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intitled

“ an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, on *Sambrô* Island;” and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty eighth Year of his present Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*,” and the same was read a first Time.

On Motion, the said Bill, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be now committed, to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee, upon the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty’s Government, in this Province, by laying an Additional Duty, on Wine, Rum and other Articles, herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of this Province, without any Amendment.

The Council, desire a present Conference, by Committee, in the Committee Room of the Council, on the subject of the Bill, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year 1793, &c.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And the Messenger was again called in.

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed, to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed, of Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Wallace*.

And the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

An engrossed Bill, for granting to his Majesty a Duty, on all Goods hereafter to be sold at Public Auction within this Province for the Support of the Government thereof, was read the third Time, and thereupon,

Mr. Pyke moved, that the said Bill do not pass, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Ten, against it Fifteen.

For the Motion.	Against the Motion.	Against the Motion.
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Pool,
Mr. Humpbreys,	Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Skinner,
Mr. Dickson,	Mr. Tonge,	Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Rutberford,	Mr. Sterns,
Mr. Pyke,	Mr. Leonard,	Mr. Maclean,
Mr. McMonagle,	Mr. Moody,	
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Embrie,	
Mr. Lusby,	Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Schwartz,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Hart.	Mr. Sargent,	

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act for granting to his Majesty, a Duty on all Goods hereafter to be sold at Publick Auction, within this Province, for the Support of the Government thereof.

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, in Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act, made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled "an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, on *Sambro* Island," and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*."

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Amendment of, and in addition to an Act, made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty intituled "an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House on *Sambrô* Island," and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the Twenty eighth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*," without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion of Mr. Wallace, resolved, that a particular Account of the Receipts at the Treasury, from the Capitation Tax in each County, since the Assessments were first completed in the different Counties, up to the present Time, be laid before this House, and that Copies of such Receipts be given to the Members, to be by them laid before the Sessions of the respective Counties, that the Justices in their Sessions, may know how far the Assessments have been carried into Effect, and report thereon, to the Commissioners of the Revenue.

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

Saturday,

Saturday, 27th April, 1793.

PRAYERS.

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

The Council have come to several Resolutions, on the subject of appointing an Agent, for the Province; which they have directed me to deliver to this House.

The said Resolutions were accordingly delivered to the Clerk.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Resolutions received from the Council, were read by the Clerk, and are as follows, viz.

His Majesty's Council, having had under Consideration a Report from a Committee of the *House of Assembly*, appointed to take into Consideration the Correspondence between the Speaker of the late *House of Assembly*, and the Agent of the Province, as sent up to them by the said House; with a Resolution, for dismissing *Richard Cumberland* Esquire, from his said Office of Agent, purporting to be grounded on the Expediency of such Agent residing constantly in London; followed by a nomination of *Philip Sansom* Esquire, on the Part of the said House, to succeed to the same; to which Resolution, the Concurrence of the Council was desired,

*Resolved*, That it appears to the Council, that the Matter of the said Report, respects only a very late Period of the Agency of the said *Richard Cumberland* Esquire, and is altogether of a negative Nature; independent of which, and of the Principles of Justice, whether the said Resolution be taken to proceed upon the stated Ground of expediency, coupled with whatever Matter of blame, or upon such expediency alone, Considerations of Delicacy due to a Gentleman confessedly intitled to Thanks for his past Services, and at this moment Agent of the Government at Home, for the Province, suggest the Propriety, of at least communicating with him upon the subject, previous to any such Measure, as is proposed, being carried into Effect.

Therefore *resolved*, that his Majesty's Council, cannot for the present concur with the *House of Assembly*, in the proposed Resolution.

The House having had the foregoing Resolutions, of the Council, under Consideration thereupon,

*Resolved*, That a present Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the said Resolutions, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

The Clerk *reported*, that the Council, doth agree to a Conference, in the Committee Room of the Council, as desired by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed of, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Tonge* and *Millidge*.

And the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a further Conference, in the Committee Room of the Council, on the subject Matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And

And the Messenger was again called in.

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. *Sterns* reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Council adhere to their Resolution in not concurring for the present, with this House in the Appointment of an Agent for the Province, in the Room of *Richard Cumberland* Esquire.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

An Act, for extending to the Towns of *Windsor*, *Annapolis*, and *Lunenburg*, the Provisions of an Act, passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "an Act, for appointing Fire Wards, ascertaining their Duty, and for Punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire," and also of the several Acts made in Addition to, or Amendment of the said Act.

An Act, to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Annapolis*, and the Officers of his Majesty's Garrison, stationed for the Time being, in the said Town of *Annapolis*, annually, to nominate and appoint Supervisors, to take charge of the Commons appertaining to the said Town, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act, to amend an Act, passed in the sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, for regulating the Times and Places for holding the several Courts of Justice therein named, and also to enable the *Supreme Court*, to alter, and fix, the "return of Writs."

An Act, to enable the Deputy Surveyors of this Province, to Administer an Oath, or Affirmation, if Quakers, to such Persons as may be employed under them as Chain Bearers, in measuring Lands.

An Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber, for Exportation, to *Great-Britain*.

An Act, to enable the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province, to Administer the Oath, or Oaths, or if to a Quaker Affirmation, by Law required, to be administered to such Person, or Persons, as the said Sheriffs may respectively have Occasion to employ, as Appraiser, or Appraisers, of Goods, Chattles, Lands, or other real Estates by them attached on *mesne process*, or taken in Execution.

An Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, to enable the Inhabitants in the several Townships in this Province (*Halifax* excepted) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands within the same, to pay a Dividend, or Proportion, of any County or Town Charge, to be assessed according to Law, and to bear their just Proportion in repairing Highways, Roads, and Bridges, within the said Townships respectively.

An Act, for extending an Act, passed in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, and other fire Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of *Halifax*, to the Town Plot of *Dartmouth*.

An Act, in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

An Act, to amend and render more productive an Act, passed in the Thirty fourth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue, for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due, before the first Day of *July* next, the funded Debt only excepted.

An Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an Additional Duty, on Wine, Rum, and other Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce, of this Province.

An Act, in Amendment of, and in Addition to an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, on *Sambró* Island, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty eighth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for regulating and maintaining a Light House, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Shelburne*.

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

An Act, to amend an Act, passed in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, to prevent the *Windsor and Hamond Plain* Road, being injured, by heavy loaded Carriages.

An Act, to prevent Obstructions of the Navigation, in the Ports, Harbours, Rivers, and Creeks, within this Province.

An Act, for granting to his Majesty, certain Duties, on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province.

After which Mr. Speaker, delivered to his Excellency, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted this present Session, and spake as follows, viz.

*May it please your Excellency,*

I am directed by the *House of Assembly*, to present to your Excellency, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted this present Session, and most humbly to intreat your Excellency, will be pleased to Assent thereto : The *House of Assembly*, trust by the Bills now passed, they have effected every object to which their Attention was required, by your Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the Session.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the said Bill following, viz :

An Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year of our Lord, One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety three, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated, by the Laws, or Acts of the Province.

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

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

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

The Public business being dispatched, and the Season of the Year requiring the Attention of the Country Gentlemen to the Cultivation of their Farms, I gladly embrace the Opportunity, to grant you a Retef.

It is with Pleasure, that I acknowledge the Diligence and Ability with which you have conducted the Affairs of the Session. To render efficacious the Provisions made for the Security of the Public Creditors, as well as the Laws enacted for regulating the general Police of the Province, I earnestly recommend to you, to continue your Exertions for the public Good, in the respective Places of your Abode, by encouraging and promoting Industry, Order, and a willing Obedience to the Laws and Constitution.

stitution of our excellent Form of Government, on which the general Prosperity of the Country, essentially depends.

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

GENTLEMEN,

It is his Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this *General Assembly*, be prorogued to Wednesday the Twelfth Day of *June* next, to be then here held, and this *General Assembly*, is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the Twelfth Day of *June* next.

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