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AND

VOTES

OF THE

HOUSE of ASSEMBLY

FOR THE

Province of *Nova-Scotia*.

Saturday *June 18th*, 1768.

The House being met, *Charles Dickson*, Esq; returned a Member for the Township of *Horton*, took the Oaths and his Seat accordingly.

House met, and
Mr. Dickson sworn
in.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor sent a Message to the House, requiring their Attendance in the Council-Chamber;

Attend his Honor
the Lieut. Govern-
or in the Council-
Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House attended his Honor, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that his Honor was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council, and House of Assembly,

“ THE present Season, to which you were
“ prorogued, being the most convenient, I
“ have therefore thought proper now to meet you.

Lieut. Governor's
Speech.

“ The principal Matters I have to recommend
“ to your Consideration, are to provide Supplies
“ for the Support, and necessary Expences of Go-
“ vernment, for the present Year.

“ To examine into the State of the public Funds,
“ and

“ and adopt such Measures as may ~~further~~ reduce
“ the Provincial Debt.

“ To make Amendments to such Laws as may
“ require them ; and to revive such others as
“ may have been found useful, but will expire
“ with this Session.

“ You may be assured of my ready Concurrence
“ with you, in whatever other Business may offer,
“ and which shall be deemed necessary to be done
“ during your Sitting, that may tend to promote
“ his Majesty's Service, and the general Interest of
“ this Province.

“ The Treasurer shall lay before you the State
“ and Condition of the Province Funds, together
“ with such other Papers as relate thereto.

“ I recommend that Dispatch in the public Bu-
“ siness, which a due Attention to your private
“ Concerns requires”.

MICH. FRANCKLIN.

NOVA-SCOTIA, *Halifax,* }
18th June, }

Committee for pre-
paring Answer.

Mr. Speaker and the Members then returned
to the House, and a Motion was thereupon made that
a Committee be appointed to prepare an Answer to
his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech.

Mr. *Hinsbetwood*, Mr. *Gerrish*, and Mr. *Bren-
ton*, were accordingly appointed for that Purpose.

Then adjourned to 11 o'Clock Monday next.

Monday June 20th, 1768.

Answer reported.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer
to

to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, reported an Address prepared accordingly, which was read, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker and the Members then waited on his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor with the following Address, presented by the Speaker :

To the HONORABLE

MICHAEL FRANCKLIN, Esq;

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

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

May it please your Honor,

THE *House of Assembly* beg leave to return you their Thanks for your Honor's Speech from the Chair, and that you have been pleas'd to require their Assistance in the publick Business, at a Time the most conveniently to be spared from their private Concerns.

As we are truly sensible of the Importance of the Matters recommended to our Consideration by your Honor, we shall esteem ourselves very happy, should the Success of our Deliberations thereon, in any wise equal the Ardor and Assiduity with which they will be conducted. And as the Honor and Credit, and even the very Being of our Government depend, in a great Degree, on the Reduction of the Provincial Debt, no Means in our Power shall be untried for the effecting so necessary and salutary a Purpose.

We shall readily co-operate with his Majesty's Council in a Revisal of the Laws, and amend and continue such as may require Alteration, or which have been found useful, and are near expiring.

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The Confidence we have of your Honor's ready Concurrence with the House of Assembly, in every Measure that may promote his Majesty's Service, and the Welfare of this Province, will ever animate us in our Endeavours for the public Good, and you may be assured, Sir, we shall give the utmost Attention to the Business of the present Session, that we may the sooner return to our private Avocations, which are so necessarily connected with the good of the Whole.

WILLIAM NESBITT, *Speaker.*

June 20th, 1768.

To which His Honor was pleased to return the following ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

I Thank you for this obliging Address, and
“ particularly for the Confidence you are
“ pleased to place in my Administration.

Halifax, 20th June, 1768.

And Mr. Speaker and the Members having returned to the House,

Adjourn'd to Tuesday Morning 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday

Tuesday June 21st, 1768.

Upon a Motion made, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *White*, and Mr. *Smetburst*, were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, and to report thereon.

Mr. Speaker read a Letter from Mr. *Munro*, Member for the Town of *Granville*, desiring Leave to resign his Seat in the House.

Letter from Mr. *Munro*.

Resolved, that Mr. Speaker should report his Seat vacant.

Leave was given to Mr. *Smith*, upon a Motion being made, to bring in the following Bills, *viz*;

A Bill for the Establishment of the Interest of Money.

Bill for settling Interest.

A Bill for determining Disputes by Arbitration.

Bill for Arbitration.

A Bill for giving like Remedy upon promissory Notes of Hand, as is now used upon Bills of Exchange.

Promissory Notes.

Which being Read, were *ordered* to lie upon the Table for future Consideration.

Resolved, That Mr. *Gerrish*, and Mr. *Procter*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill in Addition to an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, &c. Also a Bill in Amendment of an Act for repairing Highways.

Committee appointed for an Act in Amendment of the Act relating to Commissioners of Sewers.

Then adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday June 22d, 1768.

Mr. *Gerrish*, from the Committee appointed Yesterday, to bring in a Bill in Addition to an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, &c. reported a Bill prepared accordingly, which was read.

Ordered, That it lye upon the Table till To-morrow.

The House took into Consideration the Bill for the Establishment of the Interest of Money.

Bill for promissory Notes.

Likewise, a Bill for giving like Remedy upon promissory Notes of Hand as is now used upon Bills of Exchange, and a Bill for determining Disputes by Arbitrations; which being read a 2d Time, were ordered to be committed, and were accordingly committed.

Reported agreed to.

Mr. *Gerrish*, from a Committee of the whole House, then reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bills, and had agreed to the same.

And the same being read a third Time,

Sent to the Council.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed, and sent up to his Majesty's Council.

A Bill.

His Majesty's Council sent down a Bill, intituled, *An Act in Addition to an Act, intituled An Act relating to Treasons and Felonies.*

Which being read, was ordered to lye upon the Table till To-morrow.

Three Bills returned by the Council agreed to.

The following Bills, which were sent up by the House, were returned by his Majesty's Council agreed to, *viz.* a Bill for determining Disputes by Arbitration; a Bill for giving like Remedy upon Promissory Notes of Hand as is now used upon Bills of Exchange, and a Bill for the Establishment of the Interest of Money;

Ordered, that the said Bills do pass, and be returned to his Majesty's Council.

Bill in Amendment to an Act respecting Writs.

Upon a Motion being made and seconded, Leave was given to Mr. *Brenton*, to bring in a Bill in Amendment of an Act, intituled, *An Act prescribing the Form of Writs and the Manner of issuing the same*, which he delivered in, and the same being read,

read, *Ordered*, that it lie upon the Table for further Consideration.

Then adjourned till 11 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday *June 23d*, 1768.

The House being met, a Bill prescribing the Form of Writs and the Manner of issuing the same, was read a second Time, and ordered to be committed; and the same being referred to a Committee of the whole House, Mr. *Butler* reported to Mr. Speaker, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had agreed to the same with some Alterations.

Bill prescribing
Form of Writs

Which being read a third Time, was ordered to be engrossed,

Engrossed and sent
to the Council.

Then read a fourth Time, and ordered to be sent up to his Majesty's Council.

The House then entered into the Consideration of Ways and Means for lessening the Province Debt, and after some Debates upon the Expediency of laying a Tax upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Province, Mr. Speaker put the Question to vote, whether a Tax should be made for that Purpose, which was carried in the Negative.

Consideration on a
General Tax.

Then adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Friday *June 24th*, 1768.

The Order of the Day being read,

Mr. *Smith* desired Leave to bring in a Bill for Amendment of an Act for confirming the Proceedings of the *Courts of Judicature*, &c. and Leave being given,

Bill to ascertain the
Times of holding
the *Supreme Court*.

ven, Mr. *Smith* presented the same, which being read, was *ordered* to lie upon the Table for To-morrow.

Bill relating to Treasons and Felonies, considered.

The House took into Consideration a Bill in Addition to an Act relating to Treasons and Felonies, which was read, and *ordered* to be committed; a Committee of the whole House having taken the same into Consideration, Mr. *Butler* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through Part of the said Bill, and had made some Amendments, and proposed going through the Remainder of the Bill To-morrow Morning.

Adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday *June 25th*, 1768.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill in Amendment of the Act relating to Treasons and Felonies entered upon Yesterday, which they agreed to with Amendments, and *ordered* to be sent up to his Majesty's Council with the Amendments proposed.

Bill for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent.

Mr. *Smith*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill intituled an Act for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, in case the Rent be not paid in a reasonable Time; which was read a First Time. Read a Second Time and agreed to, and *ordered* to be sent up to his Majesty's Council.

Vote to Mr. *Duport*.

His Majesty's Council sent down a Memorial from *John Duport*, Esq; praying a Compensation for his Services in perfecting a new Edition of the Laws, and for other public Services, with a Vote for the Payment of *Sixty Pounds* to Mr. *Duport*, for the said Services. The House having considered the Purport of said Memorial, unanimously agreed to the Vote of the Council.

Report of the Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *White*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report a State of the public Accounts, delivered

delivered in a Report, signed by the Committee, which was read and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

Monday June 27th, 1768.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Bill in Amendment of an Act for confirming the Proceedings of the Courts of Judicature, &c. was taken under Consideration of the House, which being read a second Time,

Bill for altering the Sittings of the Courts of Judicature &c.

Ordered, that the same be engrossed and sent up to his Majesty's Council.

order'd to be engross'd.

The House then entered upon the Consideration of the State of the publick Accounts, as reported by the Committee appointed to examine the same on Saturday last; and the House having spent some Time therein, *Ordered*, that the same be recommitted to the Committee of Accounts to report thereon more specially.

Public Accounts consider'd.

Mr. *Gerrish*, acquainted the House, that having received his Majesty's Mandamus, appointing him to a Seat in his Majesty's Council for this Province, whereby his Seat in the House became vacant; he respectfully took Leave of the House.

His Majesty's Council sent down the Bill in Addition to an Act relating to Treasons and Felonies, agreed to, with the Amendments proposed by the House; which was read again.

Bill sent down by his Majesty's Council.

Ordered, that the said Bill do pass, and be returned to his Majesty's Council.

The Council also sent down a Bill, intituled, *An Act*

Act against import-
ing impotent and
infirm Persons.

*Act to prevent the Importation of impotent, lame, or
infirm Persons into this Province ; which was read a
first Time, and*

Ordered to lie upon the Table to be further
considered.

Addition to the
Committee upon
the Act relating to
Commissioners of
Sewers.

Resolved, That Mr. *Burbidge*, and Mr. *Dixon*, be
joined to the Committee appointed to bring in a
Bill in Amendment of an Act relating to Commis-
sioners of Sewers, &c. also a Bill in Amendment
of an Act for repairing Highways, in the room
of Mr. *Gerrish*, removed to his Majesty's Council.

Then adjourned till 11 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday June 28th, 1768.

Special report re-
turned.

Mr. *White*, from the Committee appointed to
examine into the State of the publick Accounts,
delivered in at the Table, a more special Report
thereon, agreeable to the Order of Yesterday, which
Mr. Speaker read, and the House having taken the
said Report into Consideration, went thro' the same
minutely, and came to the following Resolution, *viz.*

Resolution of the
House.

That the following Articles and Payments con-
tained in the publick Accounts for the present
Year, cannot be allowed or admitted by this House,
the same not being provided for by any Fund, nor
allowable by any Vote or Resolution of *General-
Assembly*; *viz.*

1767, }	Paid <i>William Foye</i> , -	£ 20. 0. 0.
Sept. 3d. }	Paid <i>Ditto</i> , -	20. 0. 0.
1768, }	Paid <i>Do.</i> by Discount	} 9. 5. 5.
Jan. }	with the Excise Office,	
	<i>Ditto Wm. Foye</i> by War-	} 17. 10. 2.
	rant,	
	<i>Ditto James Oram</i> ; -	30. 0. 0.
		Paid

Paid <i>Archibald Hinshel-</i> <i>wood</i> , Esq; as Auditor, to Dec. 1765,	}	81.	5.	0.
Do. <i>John Dupont</i> , Esq; Warrant for his Salary,				
Do. <i>James Oram</i> , by Warrant,	}	23.	18.	3.
Sundry Articles in the contingent Account No. 5, amounting to				
Paid the Keeper of the Light-House,	}	158.	6.	8.
Charge for Waiter and Gauger at <i>Canfo</i> ,				
Paid first Justice of Court of <i>Common Pleas</i> , from <i>first</i> of <i>April</i> last, to last <i>June</i> ,	}	15.	0.	0.
To a Province Gardener,				
Sundry Articles for Sta- tionary,	}	41.	0.	8.
To <i>Joseph Gray</i> , fundry Articles supplied the Pilot Boat,				
Sundry Accounts not auditted, amounting to	}	369.	2.	2.

Articles excepted to by the House, in the con-
tingent Account Number 5.

1768,
Feb. 16th, To Cash paid *William Smith*, F^r; per
Order, to make good a Loss sus-
tained on a Certificate he nego-
tiated at the Impost and Excise Of-
fice, - - - £2. 0. 0.

20th, To *Nathaniel Williamson*, per Order,
for his Assistance given to the Clerk
of the Audits, in making up the In-
dian Accounts, which is to be re-
placed

	placed to the Treasury when those Demands are paid, £5. 14. 0.
1768, March 1 st .	To <i>Charles Morris</i> , Esq; per Order, being for the Expence attending the Survey of the Landing-Place at <i>Windsor</i> , - - - £5. 5. 2.
11 th ,	To <i>Benjamin Phippen</i> , per Order, on Account of the Expence for binding the Province Laws, £5. 0. 0.
April 18 th ,	To <i>Henry Newton</i> , Esq; per Warrant, for his Services as one of the Auditors of the public Accounts, and for Stationary, agreeable to Vote of Council, - - - £41. 12. 8.
April 26 th ,	To <i>John Duport</i> , Esq; per Order, for his Services as first Justice of the <i>Inferior Court</i> , to 31 st of <i>March</i> last, - - - £15. 0. 0.
May 8 th ,	To <i>Amesbury & Bard</i> , for his Excellency Lord <i>William Campbell's</i> Warrant to <i>William Fury</i> , being for Money lent him, which he is to replace to the Treasury, when paid his Demands for Indian Affairs, £20. 0. 0.
19 th ,	To <i>John Collier</i> , Esq; per Order, towards defraying the Expence of the Judges of the <i>Supream Court</i> for their Journey to <i>Horton</i> , £20. 0. 0.
	To <i>Benjamin Phippen</i> , by Order, being for Ballance of his Account for binding the Province Laws, £10. 16. 6.
	<hr/> £125. 8. 4. <hr/>

It was further *ordered*, that Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *White*, and Mr. *Smethurst*, be a Committee to wait upon his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the above List, and to communicate to him the Sense of the House thereupon.

Then adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday *June 29th*, 1768.

The House being met, and the Order of the Day read, the Council sent down the Bill, intituled *An Act for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, in case the Rent be not paid in a reasonable Time*; which they agreed to, *Ordered*, that the said Bill do pass, and be returned to his Majesty's Council.

Bill sent down from the Council.

Act of Distraint for Rent.

The Council also returned the Bill in Amendment of an Act, intituled *An Act for prescribing the Form of Writs, and the Manner of issuing the same*; not agreed to.

Bill in Amendment of the Act prescribing Forms of Writs, returned, not agreed to.

The House then entered upon the Consideration of a Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent the Importation of impotent, lame, and infirm Persons into this Province*, which was read a second Time;

Bill to prevent Importation of impotent and infirm Persons.

Ordered, that the same be committed;

Whereupon the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, and having spent some Time therein, Mr. *Burbidge*, from the Committee, reported to Mr. Speaker, that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill, and agreed to the same, with Amendments;

Committed and agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Bill be sent up to his Majesty's Council, with the Amendments proposed.

Mr. *Burbidge*, reported from the Committee appointed to frame and bring in a Bill in Amendment

Bill relating to Commissioners of Sewers.

ment of the Act relating to the Commissioners of Sewers, &c. that they had prepared the same, which he delivered in, and the same being read,

Was *ordered* to lie upon the Table till To-morrow Morning.

Bill in Addition and Amendment of an Act relating to the Poor.

The Council sent down a Bill, intituled an Act in Addition and Amendment of an Act intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor*; which was read.

Ordered, that the said Bill lie upon the Table.

Bill to prevent Frauds in Cord-Wood.

Bill to reduce the Penalties of Bonds, &c.

Mr. *Smith*, by Order, brought in a Bill to prevent Frauds in Cord-Wood; also a Bill to reduce the Penalties and Forfeitures on Bonds, Contracts, &c. sued for in any Court of Justice, in an equitable Manner; which being read, were *ordered* to lie upon the Table.

Then adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday June 30th, 1768.

Bill relating to Commissioners of Sewers,

committed,

agreed to with Amendments.

The Bill for the Amendment of an Act relating to Commissioners of Sewers, &c. was read, and the House having taken the same into Consideration, *ordered*, that it be committed; which being accordingly committed, Mr. *Burbidge*, from the Committee, reported that the House had gone thro' the said Bill, and had made some Amendments thereto; *Ordered*, that the same be engrossed and sent to his Majesty's Council.

Bill to enable Inhabitants to maintain their Poor,

agreed to with Amendments.

The House then took under Consideration a Bill in Addition and Amendment of an Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor; which being read a second Time, read a third Time, and *ordered* to be committed; Mr. *Hinsbetwood* then from the

the Committee reported the same, agreed to with Amendments.

The Council sent down a Bill, intituled *An Act for establishing the Interest of Money*, agreed to; *Ordered*, that the same do pass, and be returned to his Majesty's Council;

Also a Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent the maliciously killing or maiming of Cattle*; which was read, and *ordered* to lie upon the Table.

Bill to prevent maiming of Cattle.

Adjourn'd till 10 o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday July 1st, 1768.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House took into Consideration a Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent Frauds in Cord-Wood*; which Mr Speaker having read, *Ordered*, that the same be engrossed and sent to his Majesty's Council.

Bill to prevent Frauds in Cord-Wood.

Mr. Hoar, also by Order, brought in a Bill in Addition to an Act, intituled *An Act for the Choice of Town Officers, and regulating Townships*.

Bill in Amendment of the Act for Choice of Town-Officers.

Mr. Butler, upon Leave being given, brought in a Bill, intituled *An Act in Addition and Amendment of an Act for repairing Highways, &c.* which being read, was ordered to be engross'd, and sent up to his Majesty's Council.

Mr. Butler, also brought in a Bill, intituled *An Act in Addition to and Amendment of an Act to prevent Trespasses*; which was also read, and ordered to be committed, and the same being accordingly committed; Mr. Salter, from the Committee, reported to Mr. Speaker, that the House had gone thro' the said Bill, and had agreed to the same, with

with Amendments: *Ordered*, that the same be engrossed, and sent to his Majesty's Council.

The House then took under their Consideration a Bill, intituled 'An Act in Addition to an Act intituled an Act for the Choice of Town Officers;' which being read a second Time, the House agreed to the same, with an Amendment;

Ordered, that the same be engrossed and sent up to his Majesty's Council.

The House also took under Consideration a Bill to reduce the Penalties and Forfeitures on Bonds, Contracts or Agreements sued, &c. which being read, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Council sent down the Bill in Addition to an Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within the Province, to maintain their Poor, with a Message to desire a Committee of the House to join a Committee of Council, to confer upon the several Amendments proposed to be made to the said Bill by the House:

Whereupon, the House appointed Mr. *Hinsbeldwood* a Committee for that Purpose.

Leave was given to Mr. *Smith*, upon a Motion, to bring in a Bill intituled 'An Act for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*.' *Ordered*, that it lie on the Table for Consideration.

The House took under their Consideration a Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent malicious killing or maiming of Cattle*; which being read,

Ordered, that the same lie for further Consideration.

Then adjourned till 11 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday *July 2d*, 1768.

Mr. *Hinsbetwood*, from the Committee appointed Yesterday, to confer with the Committee of His Majesty's Council, upon the Amendments proposed to be made to the Act in Addition to an Act relating to the Maintenance of the Poor, *Reported*, that the Committee had agreed to some Alteration of the Amendments proposed, and the House having resumed the Consideration thereof, agreed to the Bill with some Amendments, and *Ordered* the same to be engrossed, and sent up to his Majesty's Council.

Poor Bill amended,

and sent to the
cil.

The House then took into Consideration a Bill in Addition to the Act relating to Treasons and Felonies, which was read; whereupon they *Resolved*, that a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council, to desire they would appoint a Committee to join a Committee of the House to confer upon the subject Matter of the said Bill, and of an additional Clause to be made thereto.

Act relating to
Treasons and Fe-
lonies,

Committee of Con-
ference thereon.

The House also took under Consideration the Bill, intituled *An Act for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of Halifax*, which being read, was *Ordered* to be committed, whereupon the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, and having spent some Time therein, Mr. *Tonge*, from the Committee, reported, that the House had gone thro' the said Bill, and had agreed to the same with Amendments, *Ordered*, that the same be engrossed and sent to his Majesty's Council.

Bill for laying a
Duty on Wheel-
Carriages,

sent to the Council.

The Council acquainted the House by Message, that they had appointed Mr. *Gerrish*, and Mr. *Zouberbubler* a Committee, to join a Committee of the House, to confer upon the Bill in Addition to the Act relating to Treasons and Felonies, agreeable to the Request of the House this Morning, where-

upon it was *resolved*, that Mr. *Burbidge*, and Mr. *Winniett*, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council for that Purpose.

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

Monday July 4th, 1768.

The Order of the Day being read,

Report, Committee of Conference.

The Committee appointed Yesterday to confer with the Committee of his Majesty's Council upon the Bill relating to Treasons and Felonies, and of an additional Clause proposed to be made thereto, *reported*, that it was the Opinion of the joint Committee, that the additional Clause proposed could not be inserted, consistent with the Laws of *Great-Britain*.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor sent the following Message to the House; "*The Lieutenant-Governor thinks it necessary to acquaint the House of Assembly, that he observes a Resolution in their printed Votes of the 28th of June, whereby they declare, that several Articles of public Accounts laid before them, cannot be allowed or admitted by them, as they are not provided for by any Fund or Allowance by any of their Votes or Resolutions.*

"*The Lieutenant-Governor further acquaints the House, That as the Services for which Payments have been, and Demand is now made, were indispensably incurred long since in the Administration of Government, and no Fund or Supply either by them or any other Means provided for such Purposes, he now hopes due Provision will be made for them, as they are laid before the House with that Intention.*

"*The Lieutenant-Governor further observes, That among the Articles excepted to by the House, and said by them to have been paid, there are several which*

which are Demands only, and undischarged; as they will find by a Re-consideration of the several Papers laid before them.

NOVA-SCOTIA, HALIFAX,
4th July, 1768."

Which Mr. Speaker read; whereupon the House having taken the said Message into Consideration, and re-considered the several Papers relating to the publick Accounts; after spending some Time therein, *Resolved*, that an Answer be prepared to the Lieutenant Governor's Message, and that Mr. *Smethurst*, Mr. *White* and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee for that Purpose.

Also *resolved*, that this House will make Provision for the Payment of the following Sums, which were contained in the list of excepted Articles, viz.

<i>William Smith</i> ,	-	-	-	£2.	0.	0.
<i>Benjamin Phippen</i> ,	-	-	-	15.	6.	6.
Expences of the Superior Court Journey to Horton,	30.	19.	0.			
To a Waiter and Gauger at <i>Canso</i> ,	-	-	-	73.	6.	8.
Sundry Articles of Stationary,	-	-	-	41.	0.	8.
<i>James Brown</i> , executing Felons,	-	-	-	18.	4.	8.
<i>William Foye</i> , Esq;	-	-	-	17.	10.	2.
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				£198.	17.	8.

And that the general Account, or State of the Province Debt, be printed in the Journal of this Day.

STATE of the PROVINCIAL DEBT 18th June 1768.

Money borrowed on Loan, bearing Interest at Six per Centum per Annum.

1762, 1st Loan Act for the Relief of the Poor, per Act						
1. Geo. 3d. Cap. 9th,				£850.	0.	0.
1762, 2d Loan Act, 2. Geo. 3d. Cap. 2d. -				4500.	0.	0.
1763, 3d Loan Act, 3. Geo. 3d. Cap. 4th, -				4000.	0.	0.
1764, 4th Ditto, 4. Geo. 3d. Cap. 2d. -				2900.	0.	0.
5th Ditto, Roads, 4. Geo. 3d. Cap. 6th, -				1500.	0.	0.
				6th		

6th Loan Act, 4. Geo. 3d. Cap. 7th, -	2500.	0.	0.
1766, 7th Ditto. 6 Geo. 3d. Cap. 4th, for -	£3648.	0.	4.
of which has been Issued, only -	3405.	18.	5h.
1767, 8th Ditto. 6. Geo. 3d. Cap. 6th, for	£1600.	0.	0.
of which has been Issued, only -	989.	3.	5.

Amount of the Provincial Debt upon Interest, - - - -	£20,645.	1.	10h.
Interest now due, and will become payable } 30th Instant, - - - -	£659.	0.	3h.
Ditto, for back Interest, not yet demanded, -	58.	18.	0.
Ditto, due from the Province, but not pay- able until the Year expires, for the several Securities, - - - -	582.	1.	2h.
	£1299.	19.	6.

Salaries which will be due to the Officers of Government, 30th Instant, viz.

Two Judges of the <i>Supream Court</i> , - - -	£50.	0.	0.
Treasurer of the Province, for himself and Clerk,	30.	0.	0.
Speaker of the <i>House of Assembly</i> , - - -	50.	0.	0.
Clerk of the Council in <i>General-Assembly</i> , -	30.	0.	0.
Clerk of the <i>House of Assembly</i> , - - -	30.	0.	0.
Clerk of the Audits, - - - -	12.	10.	0.
Clerk of the Crown, - - - -	20.	0.	0.
Keeper of the <i>House of Assembly</i> , - - -	10.	0.	0.
Inspector of Mills, - - - -	12.	10.	0.
Keeper of the <i>Light-House</i> , for himself, at £50. per Annum, and Two Men at £25. per Annum, - - - -	158.	6.	8.
To a Waiter and Gauger at <i>Canso</i> , from 1st September 1766, at £40. per Annum, -	73.	6.	8.
For the First Justice of the <i>Court of Common Pleas and Custos Rotulorum</i> , of the County of <i>Halifax</i> , 1st April last, - - -	15.	0.	0.
For the Province Gardener from 1st Jan. 1768, -	16.	5.	0.
	£507.	18.	4.

Demands upon the Government, for which Warrants are given on the Treasury, not on Interest, viz.

Robert Fletcher, for printing Votes of <i>Assembly</i> ,	£23.	2.	1.
Ditto, for Stationary supplied the Secretary's and Register's Offices from 15th August 1766, to 4th July 1767, - - -	41.	0.	8.

Charles

<i>Charles Morris</i> , Esq; as per Vote of the Assembly last Session,	} £20	0	0	
<i>John Clewly</i> , Balance of Work done, -	33	14	5	
<i>Wm. Best</i> , for Mafon's Work to the Goal, -	3	0	0	
	<hr/>			£147. 17. 2.

Ditto for Account of the Roads.

<i>John Mergerum</i> , Ballance, 1762, - -	£42	11	0	
<i>Joseph Scott</i> , Esq; do. do. - -	70	8	7	
<i>Joseph Fairbanks</i> , Esq; do. do. - -	10	12	6	
	<hr/>			£123. 12. 1.

Demands on the Treasury auditted, which the Lieutenant Governor purposes to order the Payment of immediately, viz.

<i>Joseph Gray</i> , for Supplies to the Pilot Boat, -	£	4	7	0
Do. for Stationary for Secretary's Office -		2	14	0
<i>John Newton</i> , for Law Charges on Account of Prosecutions for Smuggling, }		27	8	8
Rev. Mr. <i>Breynton</i> , Bounty on Stone Walls,		12	5	6
<i>Robert Fletcher</i> , for Stationary, - -		11	19	0
Do. for Printing, - - - -		7	16	6
<i>Benjamin Gerrish</i> , Esq; for Bread to the Goal in 1767, and 1768, }		18	7	10
<i>John Cunningham</i> , Esq; for do. - -		5	5	6
Do. for the Work-house, - - -		4	4	0
Ballance of the Expence of the Judges Journey to <i>Horton</i> , }		29	0	0
	<hr/>			£123. 7. 6.

Demands on the Treasury which are not yet auditted, viz.

<i>Terence Fitz Patrick</i> , for sundry Smith's Work, £83,	0	
<i>Richard Gibbons</i> , Croner, for Attendance on Inquests, 8th June, 1766, to March 1768, }	16	1. 6.

James Brown, Deputy-Sheriff, for executing- }
Felons, 1765, & Expences attending same } 18. 4. 8.

Due for Additions to the Province Houfe, a }
Sum fupposed to be equal to that was voted } 147. 12. 9.
by *General Affembly* for that Purpose, }

John Jones, Sailmaker, work to Pilot Boat, 85. 9. 9. h.

Josepb Pairpoint, for Work at Governor's Farm, 175. 0. 0.

525. 8. 11.

For the Ballance of Cash due from the Pro- }
vincial Funds to the Parliamētary Funds, }
as per Account deliivered into *General-Aff-* }
sembly this Day, } - - - - 83. 10. 6.

£23,410. 10. 6.

Besides this, to Doctor *Abercrombie*, for Attend- }
ance and Medicines for the Orphan Chil- }
dren, from 1st May 1755, to this Day, }

Ditto Dr. *Reeves*, for Attendance on the Poor, }
at the Work-Houfe, }

Sundry other small Demands on the Govern- }
ment, which are not supposed to exceed £50. }

Richard Wenman, Esq; for a new Fence, round }
the Orphan-Houfe, }

N. B. The Salaries of the Collectors of the }
Impost and Excise, and for the Pay of the }
Waiters and Gaugers are not included in }
this Account, as they are paid at their own }
Office: }

(HALIFAX, 18th June, 1768)

Errors excepted

BENJAMIN GREEN, junr. Treasurer.

Then adjourned till 11 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday July 5th, 1768.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer
to

to his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's Message of Yesterday, reported an Answer prepared by them accordingly; which Mr. *White* delivered in at the Chair, and Mr. Speaker read the same, which was agreed to, with Amendments, as follows; viz.

Committee's report
of the Answer.

May it please your Honor,

THE House of Assembly, having taken into Consideration your Message of the 4th Instant, have again examined the publick Accounts, in order to make Provision for the Payment of such Articles in the Account, to which they had before objected, as Articles unproviaed for, as far as they can, consistent with the Credit of the Province; have Resolved, that they will provide for the Payment of the following Articles, viz.

Charg'd per <i>William Smith</i> ,	-	£	2.	0.	0.
<i>Benj. Phippen</i> ,	- -		15.	16.	6.
Expence of Journey to <i>Horton</i> Supream Court,	} -		30.	19.	0.
Waiters and Gauger at <i>Canso</i> ,	-		73.	6.	8.
Sundry Articles of Stationary,	-		41.	0.	8.
<i>James Brown</i> , executing Felons,	-		18.	4.	8.
<i>William Foye</i> , Esq;	- -		17.	10.	2.
			<hr/>		
			£	198.	17. 8.

And that all the other Articles excepted to, ought not to be allowed to be paid out of the Province Funds.

Upon a Review of the public Accounts, and comparing the printed Journal of the 28th of June of this House, several Errors appear, viz. the three first Articles said to be paid,

William Foye, instead of *William Fury*, and two Articles charged as paid, which are only Demands, viz. £158. 6. 8. to the Keeper of the Light House, and ---15. 0. 0. to the first Justice of Court of Common Pleas; the former of which is an Error
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of the Press, and the latter, in transcribing from the original Papers; and the House by no Means intended to charge the Government with having paid more than really appears from the Treasurer's Accounts to have been paid.

5th July, 1768.

Whereupon it was Ordered, that the same be ingrossed and sent to the Lieutenant Governor by a Committee of this House, and that Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *White*, be a Committee for that Purpose.

And the said Committee were also instructed to acquaint the Lieutenant-Governor, that this House desires that he would be pleased to strike off the Waiter and Gauger at *Canfo*.

Butchers Memorial.

Mr. *Butler* presented to the House a Memorial from the Butchers of the Town of *Halifax*, praying an Abatement in the Price of Stalls let in the Market-House; which the House having considered, Resolved, that they would at present make no Alteration therein.

Memorial of Thomas Bridge and others.

Mr. *Butler* also, upon a Motion being made, and Leave given by the House, presented a Memorial from *Thomas Bridge* and others, praying some Allowance to be made them for the Expence of building an Aboiteau on *Breau Creek*; which the House took into Consideration, and Resolved, that the Sum of *Thirty Five Pounds*, (which, with *Twenty Five Pounds* already paid, will make the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*) ought to be paid to the said *Thomas Bridge* and the other Memorialists, for their Expence in building said Aboiteau; as the same answers the Purpose of a publick Bridge upon the high Road, and that it be recommended to the Lieutenant Governor to order the Payment of the same.

Bill for taking special Bail in the Country.

The Council sent down the following Bill, viz.
An Act for taking special Bail in the Country upon Actions

Actions depending in his Majesty's Supream Court of of this Province ; which being read, the House agreed to the same, and *Ordered*, that the same do pass and be returned to his Majesty's Council.

Also a Bill, intituled *An Act for the convenient and speedy Assignment of Dower* ; which was read, and *Ordered* to lye upon the Table till To-morrow.

Bill for Assignment of Dower.

Then adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 11. o'Clock.

Wednesday July 6th, 1768.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Bill for the convenient and speedy Assignment of Dower was read a second Time, and the House having taken the same into Consideration, agreed to the same, with leaving out the last Clause, and *Ordered*, that the same be returned to his Majesty's Council with the said Amendment.

The Council sent down the following Bills, *viz.*

A Bill in Addition and in Amendment of *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships to maintain their Poor* ; agreed to, *Ordered*, that the same do pass, and be returned to his Majesty's Council.

Bill for Maintenance of Poor, agreed to.

Also *An Act in Addition of an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers*, to which they proposed some Amendments ; which the House agreed to, and *Ordered*, that the said Bill with such Amendments do pass, and be returned to Majesty's Council.

Act in Amendment of the Act relating to Commissioners of Sewers, agreed to.

Likewise a Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of Halifax*, with some Amendments proposed to be made thereto ; and the House having considered the same, agreed to the said Amendments,

Act laying a Duty on Wheel-Carriages, agreed to.

and *Ordered*, that the said Bill with said Amendments be sent to his Majesty's Council.

An Act to prevent maiming of Cattle, agreed to.

Also a Bill to prevent the malicious maiming and killing of Cattle; which the House agreed to; *Ordered*, that the same be returned to his Majesty's Council.

The Lieutenant-Governor sent a Message to the House in the following Words, *viz.*

Lieutenant-Governor's Message.

THE Lieutenant-Governor received the Address of the House of Assembly, in Answer to his Message of the 4th Instant, and as he conceives it docs not fully answer the Intention of his Message by making sufficient Provision for the Demands on Government, or by clearing up all the Errors in the printed Votes of the House of the 28th of June, by which Votes it appears the House disapproves of the Payment of sundry Sums of Money, amounting in the whole to £1034. 15. 4. halfpenny, whereas there has been no more paid than £364. 14. 8.

The Lieutenant-Governor therefore thinks it incumbent on him to direct the Treasurer to state, in a clear Light, the Sums actually paid, and the Particulars for what those Sums were paid, as also what Part of the £1034. 15. 4. halfpenny, are Demands only on Government, and remain yet to be paid; together with an Account by what Means and the Periods of Time those Demands were incurred; which State the Lieutenant-Governor desires may be entered in the Journal of the House with this Message.

The Lieutenant-Governor flatters himself, the House, on a further Consideration, will make Provision for such Demands on Government as have not yet been provided for, as the Honor of Government requires it.

NOVA-SCOTIA, HALIFAX,
6th July, 1768.

Account

Account of Monies actually paid at the Treasury.
which the HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, excepted to in
their Vote of the 28th June, 1768.

Paid on three several Warrants, drawn
by the late Governor *Wilmot*, and
Lord *William Campbell*, to *William
Fury*, being so much lent him, to
be replaced when his Demands for
Account of Supplies to Government;
on Account of the Indians, are paid, £60. 0. 0.

Discounted by the Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor's Order, with *William Fury*,
to be repaid as above, being a Debt
due to the Government from him for
Duties which he was unable to pay
otherwise, - - - - - 9. 5. 5.

Paid *Nathaniel Williamson*, by the
Lieutenant-Governor's Order, for
Services as an Assistant to the Clerk
of the Audits, in preparing and ex-
amining the Demands on Govern-
ment, for Supplies to the Indians, to
be replaced when those Demands
are paid, - - - - - 5. 14. 0.

Paid *William Foye*, per Lord *Wil-
liam Campbell's* Warrant for
£27, 12. 6. for the Service and
Travel of Writs to *Louisbourg* in
1766, in Part, - - - - - £74. 19. 5.
- - - - - 10. 2.

Paid *James Oram*, per Lieutenant-
Governor's Warrant, as Gardener to
the Province House Gardens in
1766, - - - - - 23. 18. 3.

Paid Ditto per Ditto for 1767, - 30. 0. 0.

53. 18. 3.

Paid

Paid *Archibald Hinshelwood*, the Balance of Governor *Wilmot's* Warrant to him as Clerk of the Audits, to *December 1765*. - - £81. 5. 0.

Paid by Lieutenant-Governor's Warrant to *John Duport*, Esq; for his Services as first Justice of the Court of *Common Pleas*, for the County of *Halifax*, from *July 1st, 1767*, to the *31st of March, 1768*, at £60. per Annum, - - - £5. 0. 0.

Paid *William Smith*, Esq; per Lieutenant Governor's Warrant, to make good a Loss he sustained on a Certificate he negotiated at the Impost and Excise-Office. - - - 2. 0. 0.

Paid *Charles Morris*, Esq; per Lieutenant Governor's Warrant, for extraordinary Expences of Chain-men, Horse-hire, &c. attending the Survey of the Landing Place at *Windsor*, for a Town, 1768, - - 5. 5. 2.

Paid by the Lieutenant-Governor's Warrant to *Benjamin Phippen*, for binding the Laws of this Province, for the different Courts of Justice, for the public Offices, and to transmit to *England* in 1768. - - 15. 16. 6.

Paid by the Lieutenant Governor's Warrant to *Henry Newton*, Esq; for several contingent Expences he had been put to for Stationary for Seven Years past, and for his Services of making two long Journies on the public Service; one of which was to the River *St. John*, 41. 12. 8.

Paid

Paid *per* Lieutenant-Governor's Order to *John Collier*, Esq; towards defraying the travelling Expences of the *Supream Court to King's Courty*, to try Felonies, 1768, £29. 0. 0.

Paid in Part for a Boat for the Light-House, the one belonging to it having been beat to Pieces in the late Gale of Wind, - - - £7. 7. 6.

Total of Monies paid at the Treasury, excepted to by the House of Assembly, } £364. 14. 8.

Account of Demands on the Treasury unpaid, which the Lieutenant Governor required the House of Assembly to make Provision for, and which compose the remaining Part of the £1034. 15. 4. which erroneously appears to have been already paid; by the Method of placing the Articles in their said Vote.

By *Joseph Rous*, Keeper of the Light House, for Salary for himself at £50. *per Annum*, and two Men at £25. each, from 1st December, 1766, to 30th June, 1768, as may be fully explained by having Recourse to the Minutes of the House, in October 1766, the Light Duty having decreased since that Period, and proved scarce sufficient to furnish the Oyl, &c. - - - 158. 6. 8.

By the Waiter and Gauger at *Canso*, for his Salary from 1st September, 1766, to 30th June, 1768, at £40. *per Annum*, - - - 73. 6. 8.

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By the first Justice of the Court of <i>Common Pleas</i> , for the County of <i>Halifax</i> , for his Services from <i>31st March</i> , to <i>30th June</i> last, £	15.	0.	0.
By the Province Gardener, for taking Care of the Province House Gar- dens, from <i>1st January</i> 1768, to <i>30th June</i> following, - - -	16.	5.	0.
By the Secretary of the Province, for Stationary purchased for his and other Offices in 1766, 1767, and Part of 1768, - - -	41.	0.	8.
By <i>Joseph Gray</i> , for Sup- plies to the Pilot Boat, } from 1766, to 1767, } £	4.	7.	9.
By <i>John Jones</i> , for Sup- plies to Ditto from } 1762, to 1766, un- } audited, } 85.	9.	9.	
			89. 16. 9.

Those two above Sums are Exceed-
ings of Expences more than is al-
lowed by the Parliamentary
Grant Money to keep the Pilot
Boat in Repairs.

By <i>Terence Fitz Patrick</i> , for several Bills for Smiths Work done, as yet unaudited, as <i>per</i> Account of Par- ticulars delivered in to the General Assembly <i>18th June</i> last, - - -	83.	0.	3.
By <i>James Brown</i> , for Expences paid by him for executing Felons in 1765, - - -	18.	4.	8.
By <i>Joseph Peirpoint</i> , for Ballance of Work done at the Governor's			

Farm in 1765 and 1766, by Order of the late Governor *Wilmot*, who had appropriated the Rents of his Majesty's Houses at *Louisbourg*, to this Service, but which has proved insufficient by the Decrease of the Inhabitants, and now Mr. *Peirpoint* threatens to come on the late Governor's Estate for Payment, which would be highly unreasonable, as no Benefit ever acrued to him therefrom.

The Account is unauditted, but supposed to be about

175. 0. 0

Total of the Demands upon the Treasury, which the House of Assembly have excepted to,

£670. 0. 8:

Total of Monies paid at the Treasury, excepted to by the House of Assembly,

364. 14. 7

£1034. 15. 4.

HALIFAX, 9th July, 1768.
(Errors excepted)

BENJAMIN GREEN, junr.
Treasurer.

Which being read, the House took the same into Consideration, and after some Time spent therein, *Ordered*, that the same lie upon the Table for further Consideration.

The Council sent down a Bill intituled *An Act to reduce the Penalties and Forfeitures of Bonds, &c.* to which they proposed some Amendments to the Title and the first Clause of said Bill, and the House having considered the same, agreed to the said Amendments, and *Ordered*, the said Bill and

Bill to reduce Penalties and Forfeitures of Bonds, &c. agreed to.

and Amendments to be engrossed, and returned to His Majesty's Council.

Then adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday July 7th, 1768.

Considerations upon Ways and Means.

The House resumed the Consideration of the interesting State and Situation of the Provincial Debt, and of Ways and Means necessary to be adopted for lessening the same, agreeable to the Lieutenant-Governor's Request contained in his Speech at the opening of the Sessions, and after having spent a considerable Time in deliberating upon such Measures as were proposed, came to a Resolution; that under the present weak State of the Province, and the Inability of the Country to bear a Taxation, the House find it not in their Power, at present to establish any eligible and convenient Plan to reduce the present Debt of the Province.

Lieutenant-Governor's 2d Message.

The House then entered upon the Consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor's Message of Yesterday, and having particularly attended to the several Matters therein contained, *Resolved*, that they cannot make any Provision for the Payment of any Articles contained in the State of the Accounts laid before them, further than they have already done by their Resolution of the 4th Instant.

Resolution thereon.

Then adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Friday July 8th, 1768.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House took into Consideration fundry Accounts laid before them, and *Voted*, that the Sum of *Five Pounds* be paid to *John Colbeck* for his past Attendance and Services in the *Supream Court*.

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It being represented to the House, that in the Account of *Jonathan Harris*, late Keeper of the Work-house, with the Government, there was an Error of £20. short paid to him, and praying the House would order the same to be allowed from the Treasury.

Resolved, that the House could not allow the same, it not appearing to the Satisfaction of the House, in what Manner the said Error arises.

The House having taken into Consideration the Benefit, which the Government has received by giving Reward for the Detection of Smuggled Rum, and other Articles subject to the Provincial Duties; and that a doubt has arisen in Respect to the Payment of such Rewards, as they are not particularly specified in the Acts of the *General Assembly*.

Rewards given for
detection of Smug-
glers,
Consider'd.

Resolved and Voted, that in all Cases of Seizure in future, for Breach of the Duty Acts, where such Rewards shall appear to have been paid, the said Rewards shall be deducted with the other Charges of Prosecution from the gross Proceeds of the Sales of such Seizures, and the neat Proceeds thereafter shall be divided according to Law.

Vote thereon.

Ordered, that the said Vote be sent up to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence; which being sent up accordingly,

Concurred by the
Council.

The Council by Message acquainted the House, that they had concurred with said Vote.

His Majesty's Council sent down the following Votes, *viz.* a Vote to the Overseers of the Poor for the Sum of £168. 8. 0. by Way of Loan, to discharge what has been advanced by them for the Support of the Poor, and also for the Ballance due to the Keeper of the Poor House to the 20th of JUNE last; the said Sum to be repaid into the Treasury by the said Overseers of the Poor, as they shall

Vote to the Over-
seers of the Poor.

Shall receive the Monies collected for the Support of the Poor according to Law.

Which being read, and considered by the House, *Resolved*, that the House do agree to the said Vote, and *Ordered* to be returned accordingly to his Majesty's Council.

Vote to Dr. Reeves.

Also a Vote to Dr. *Reeves* of the Sum of Fifty Pounds, for his Services in attending the Sick in the Poor House, to the 1st Day of *July* 1768; which the House also agreed to, and *Ordered* the same to be returned to the Council.

Vote to Dr. *Abercrombie*.

Likewise a Vote of the Sum of One Hundred Pounds to Dr. *Abercrombie*, for his Services in attending the sick Children in the Orphan House, and supplying them with necessary Medicines for Three Years last, ending the 21st Day of *June* last; which the House having considered, *Voted*, that this House do agree to the said Vote, for the Sum of Sixty Pounds, instead of One Hundred Pounds, and *Ordered*, that the said Vote be returned, and the Council be acquainted by Message with the said Alteration proposed.

Upon a Motion made, and seconded, the House appointed Mr. *Tonge*, to wait upon His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, to desire an Estimate of the Province Expence for the ensuing Year.

Then adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday *July* 9th, 1768.

Mr. *Tonge* appointed Yesterday to wait upon his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to request, in behalf of the House, an Estimate of the Expences of Government for the ensuing Year; *Reported*, that the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to deliver him an Estimate for that Purpose, which he delivered in
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at the Table; which being read and considered, *Resolved* and *Ordered*, that Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Burbidge*, and Mr. *Best*, be a Committee to wait upon his Honor with the said Estimate, and acquaint him with the Alterations the House humbly propose he would make therein.

The said Committee being returned, Mr. *Burbidge Reported*, that they had waited upon the Lieutenant Governor with the said Estimate, agreeable to Order, and that his Honor acquainted them, he could not possibly think of making any Alteration in the said Estimate; and the House having taken the said Report into Consideration, *Resolved*, that as the House cannot agree to the said Estimate in every Article, therefore *Resolved*, that the Estimate of the last Year be, and continue as an Estimate for the ensuing Year.

See the Estimate

Upon the Memorial of *Malachy Salter*, and others, praying an Order for the Payment of the Sum of £80. 4. 10. due to them during the Time they were Overseers of the Poor, *Resolved*, that the same shall be paid when the said Account is audited.

Resolved, that the following State of the provincial Debt be inserted in the printed Journals, *viz.*

Receipts into the Treasury.

Payments out of the Treasury:

From the 30th June 1767, to 30th June, 1768, (including the last Year's Balance)	£3294.	2.	0.	From the 30th June 1767, to 30th June 1768.	£3247.	16.	1.
				Balance in the Treasury,		46.	5. 11.
	3294.	2.	0.		£3294.	2.	0.

STATE of the PROVINCIAL DEBT.

Borrowed of <i>St. John's Fund</i> ,	-	-	£83.	10.	6.	Remains in the Treasury,	-	-	£46.	5.	11.	
Notes and Warrants Issued,	-	-	20645.	1.	10.	Notes in the Collectors Hands,	-	-	421.	6.	4.	
Interest for one Year due,	-	-	653.	0.	3.	Unsettled Accounts,	-	-	300.	0.	0.	
Running and back Interest,	-	-	640.	19.	4.	Due from the Collectors of Outports,	-	-	-	-	-	
Warrants not on Interest,	-	-	271.	9.	3.	Sundry Articles objected to, by the House of Assen-						
Demands,	-	-	507.	18.	4.	<i>by, viz.</i>						
Audited Demands,	-	-	123.	7.	6.	In the Payments	£329.	7.	11.			
Accounts unaudited,	-	-	525.	8.	11.	In the Warrants not on Interest,	123.	12.	1.			
Sundry small demands,	-	-	50.	0.	0.	In the Demands,	189.	11.	8.			
Sums voted upon Memorial,	-	-	343.	8.	0.	In the audited Demands,	-	4.	7.	0.		
			£23844.	4.	0.	In the unaudited Accounts,	-	343.	10.	3.		
										990.	8.	9.

Provincial Debt, June 30th,	£23,844.	4.	3:
	1758.	1.	0.
	22086.	3.	0.

Resolved, That the Remainder of the Funds of the last Loan Acts, shall and may be appropriated for the Payment of all such Sum or Sums already voted to be paid by this House, and for the Payment of which no Provision has hitherto been made by the *General Assembly*.

A Message came from his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, acquainting the House, that he was in the Chair, and requiring the Attendance of the House;

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House, attended his Honor in the Council-Chamber, where he was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, *viz.*

An Act for determining Differences by Arbitration.

An Act for giving like Remedy upon promissory Notes, as is now used upon Bills of Exchange.

An Act in Addition to and further Amendment of an Act, made in the 32d Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act relating to Treasons and Felonies*.

An Act for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent.

An Act in Addition to and Amendment of an Act made and passed in the *Third* Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor*.

An Act in Addition to an Act made and passed in the *Fifth* Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act for the Choice of Town Officers and regulating Townships*.

An Act for taking special Bails in the Country upon Actions depending in his Majesty's *Supream Court* in this Province.

An Act for the convenient and speedy Assignment of Dower.

An Act for granting to his Majesty a Duty on Wheel Carriages within the Peninsula of *Halifax*.

An Act in further Addition to and Amendment of an Act made and passed in the 34th Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers*.

An Act for discharging the Penalties and Forfeitures in Bonds, Contracts, and Agreements on Payment and Satisfaction of the principal Sums and Damages due upon the same.

An Act to prevent the malicious killing or maiming of Cattle.

An Act in further Addition to and Amendment of an Act, made and passed in the 32d Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for preventing Trespasses*.

After which his Honor was pleased to make the following Speech ;

Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assen. 'r;

“ I thank you for the Harmony that hath sub-
“ fisted, and for the many useful Bills you have
“ framed during this Session, and I could have
“ wished you had found the State of the Colony,
“ such, as to have admitted of your adopting pro-
“ per Measures for the Reduction of the Provin-
“ cial Debt.

MICH FRANCKLIN.

And

And then the Clerk of the Council, by his Honor's Command, declared the *General Assembly* prorogued unto the Fifteenth of *August* next.

And the same was prorogued accordingly.
