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OF THE
HOUSE of ASSEMBLY,
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NEW-BRUNSWICK.

FRIDAY, the 18th July, 1788.

THE Assembly having been prorogued to TUESDAY the 15th day of July instant, then to meet at *Fredericton*, when a sufficient number of Members to compose a House not attending, the House did not meet for business until this day; when being met,

Ordered,—That Major *Murray* and Mr. *Stelle*, attend on his Excellency the *Lieutenant Governor*, and acquaint him that they have assembled and wait his commands.

Message to the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Message from his Excellency to the House, requesting their attendance in the Council Chamber.

Message from his Excellency.

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

House attended his Excellency.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, and*

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ **I**N calling you together for the first time after the removal of the seat of Government to this place, I have endeavoured to consult the general convenience and deferred a meeting

His Excellency's speech to the Council and Assembly.

“ meeting of the Legislature until the state of our temporary
 “ laws rendered it necessary and the season of the year lessened
 “ the difficulty of your attendance on your public duty.

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ The Impost law will require your attention, not only for
 “ a renewal, but for the introduction of such alterations as may
 “ be found requisite to give it greater effect. The expences
 “ attending the exploring and surveying of the road from *Co-*
 “ *ncetto* to *Saint John*, have been paid, and the remainder of
 “ the monies appropriated by vote of your house, for those ser-
 “ vices, has been applied to the exploring of the road from *Fre-*
 “ *derickton* to *Saint Andrews*, as will appear by the accounts of
 “ the Commissioners, to be laid before you.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, and*

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ The prospect of a happy continuation of public tranquili-
 “ ty, and the flourishing state of the Province, leave me little to
 “ recommend for your consideration. Our people are industri-
 “ ously occupied in making permanent establishments, and the
 “ few criminal cases in so extensive a settlement, are a proof,
 “ not only of their improving manners, but of the success at-
 “ tending their honest exertions.”

Address ordered.

Upon a motion made and seconded.—*Ordered*, That a
 Committee be appointed to prepare an address in answer to his
 Excellency's speech.

Committee appointed.

Mr. Hardy, Mr. William Pagan, Major Murray, Mr. Camp-
bell and *Mr. M'George*, are appointed for that purpose.

Upon a motion made and seconded,—

Speech taken into con-
 sideration.

Resolved to consider of his Excellency's speech in a Com-
 mittee of the whole house.

House in Committee.

The *Speaker* left the chair and the house resolved itself into
 a committee of the whole.

The *Attorney-General* in the chair.

Report of the Com-
 mittee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair, and the chairman reported
 that the committee were of opinion that a committee should be
 appointed to bring in a bill for continuing and amending an act
 of the last session, intituled, “ an act for laying an Impoit.” Also
 that

that a committee should be appointed to examine and report to the House such laws as have expired or are near expiring.

Ordered, That the report be accepted, and that the further consideration of his Excellency's speech be deferred until Monday next. Report accepted.

Mr. *Chipman*, Colonel *Billogg* and Mr. *Stelle*, are appointed a Committee to bring in a bill for continuing and amending the act for laying an Impost. Committee appointed.

Mr. *Bliss*, Captain *Attwood*, and Mr. *Hubbard*, are appointed a Committee to examine and report such laws as have expired or are near expiring.

The *Speaker* communicated to the House three letters received during the recess from *Brook Watson*, Esquire, Agent of the Province, as also the correspondence with him—which were read. Letters from the agent of the Province, and correspondence with him communicated.

The House adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

S A T U R D A Y, the 19th July, 1788.

The order of the day being read,

The Committee appointed to prepare an address in answer to his Excellency's speech, laid the same before the House, which being read, was taken into consideration in a Committee of the whole House. House in Committee.

The *Attorney-General* in the Chair.

The *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and received the report that the Committee had gone through the Address, and agreed to the same, which being read was accepted, and ordered to be engrossed, and signed by the Speaker and is as follows:— Report of the Committee.

To His Excellency THOMAS CARLETON, Esq. Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

“ **W**E the ASSEMBLY of the Province of New-Brunswick, beg leave to express how sensible we are of your Address of the House.
“ Excellency's

“ Excellency’s attention to the general convenience, and to the
 “ facility with which from the season of the year we are ena-
 “ bled to attend the public duty; and at the same time to assure
 “ your Excellency that the state of the temporary laws will be
 “ one of the first objects of our consideration.

“ The Impost law will also be revised by us, and we shall
 “ be happy in making such alterations as may be found requi-
 “ site.

“ The surveying and exploring roads for the readier commu-
 “ nication between the different settlements, is a measure e-
 “ qually necessary and useful, and in which we shall most rea-
 “ dily assist, so far as may be consistent with the abilities of our
 “ constituents, in the present infant state of the Province.

“ It is with much pleasure that we are enabled to congratu-
 “ late your Excellency on the continuation of public tranqui-
 “ lity, the flourishing state of the province, and the industry
 “ peaceful demeanor, and improving manners of the inhabitants.”

A. B O T S F O R D, *Speaker.*

Message to his Excel-
 lency.

Ordered, That Col. *Billopp* and Mr. *M’George*, wait upon his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address.

Petition read.

A Petition from *Nebemiah Beckwith*, was presented and read, and on a motion made and seconded—Ordered that it lie on the table.

Bill read.

A Bill for continuing and amending an Act for laying an impost was brought in by the Committee appointed for that purpose, which was read, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Bills read.

Colonel *Billopp*, by leave brought in a bill in addition to an Act, intitled, an “ Act for relief against absconding debtors.”

“ A bill to enable creditors to recover their just debts, out of the estate of their absent debtors, where the sums due to individuals do not amount to the sum required to put the absconding debtor law in force against such absent debtors.”

“ A Bill relative to the recovery of rents.”

And, “ a Bill to prevent the stacking of hay or straw too near dwelling houses in the city of *Saint John*.”

Which were read the first time, and ordered a second reading on Monday next.

Mr.

Mr. *Hardy* moved for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the fisheries in this province.---Leave was granted. Motion by Mr. Hardy.

The House adjourned until Monday next at ten o'clock.

M O N D A Y, the 21st July, 1788.

The Order of the day being read,

The Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with their Address—reported, that his Excellency will receive the House with their Address at four o'clock this day. Report of a Committee.

The Committee appointed to examine and report such laws as have expired or are near expiring, made their report which was read. Report of a Committee.

This House being informed of the death of *Ebenezer Foster*, Esq; one of the Members for *King's County*.

Ordered,—That the *Speaker* direct his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to issue a writ for the election of a Member for the said County, in the room of the deceased, returnable according to law. Warrant ordered for the election of a member.

Mr. *Campbell* moved for leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors confined; and a bill for ascertaining the residence of paupers.---Leave was granted. Motion by Mr. Campbell.

Mr. *Chipman*, by leave brought in a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of *Saint John*, praying that they may be enabled to dispose of certain building lots in the Market place on the eastern side of the harbour of the said city—which was read and received, and upon a motion made and seconded—*Ordered*, that Mr. *Chipman* have leave to bring in a bill for that purpose. Petition read.
Leave to bring in a bill.

Read a second time, a bill for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, “an Act for laying an Impost.” Bills read a second time.

“ A bill in addition to an Act for relief against absconding Debtors.”

“ A bill to enable creditors to recover their just debts out of
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the estate of their absent debtors, where the sums due to individuals, do not amount to the sum required to put the absconding Debtor law in force against such absent Debtors."

"A bill relative to the recovery of rents," and, "a bill to prevent the stacking of Hay or Straw too near dwelling houses, in the city of *Saint John*."

Ordered that they be committed.

Motion by Mr. Davidson.

Mr. *Davidson* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "in amendment to an Act intitled, an Act for regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber, and for ascertaining the quality of the same. ---Leave was granted.

Petitions read.

A Petition from the Magistrates of the County of *Charlotte*.

A Petition from *William Sanford Oliver*, Esq.

A Petition from *Thomas Mullen*, and

A Petition from *Jonathan Leavitt*, were presented by leave and read.---Ordered that they be committed.

House attend the Lieut. Governor with their Address.

The House adjourned to attend the *Speaker* with their Address, in answer to his Excellency's speech, and having attended his Excellency was pleased to return the following answer :

"GENTLEMEN,

His Excellency's answer.

"I RETURN you my thanks for your Address, and I take this opportunity of expressing my confidence in the success of your endeavours to advance the prosperity of the Province."

Treasurer's accounts.

Ordered,—That the Treasurer be directed to lay his accounts before this house.

The further consideration of his Excellency's speech is postponed until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

T U E S D A Y, the 22d July, 1788.

The Order of the day being read.

A Petition from *John Murdoch*, and others, inhabitants of the

the county of *Northumberland*, praying that regulations may be made respecting the Fisheries in the river *Miramichi*, was presented by leave and read.—*Ordered*, that the said Petition be referred to be taken into consideration with the bill for regulating the fisheries in this Province. Petition read.

A Petition was brought up by leave from the proprietors of a peninsula of interval land lying at the entrance of the river *Oromocto*, praying for an Act to enable them to erect temporary fences and gates across the road laid out there which was received and read—and upon motion made and seconded. Petition read.

Ordered,—That *Mr. Chipman* have leave to bring in a bill for that purpose. Leave to bring in a bill.

House in Committee.—The *Attorney-General* in the chair.

Took into consideration a bill for continuing and amending an Act, intitled an Act for laying an Impost. House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair, and received the report, that the Committee had gone through the bill, and agreed to the same, which report was accepted, and the bill being read was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed. Report of the Committee.

House in Committee.—Colonel *Billogg* in the chair.

Took into consideration, “ a bill in addition to an act for relief against absconding debtors.” House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair, and received the report, that the committee had gone through the bill and amended the same, which report was accepted, and the bill being read was agreed to as amended, and ordered to be engrossed. Report of the Committee.

House in Committee.—Mr. *Hardy* in the chair.

Took into consideration, “ a bill to enable creditors to recover their just debts out of the estate of their absent debtors, where the sums due to individuals, do not amount to the sum required to put the absconding debtor law in force against such absent debtors.” House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair, and received the report, that the Committee had made a progress therein, and requested leave to set again, which was ordered accordingly. Report of the Committee.

Mr. *Chipman*, agreeable to leave brought in “ a bill to enable the proprietors of a peninsula of interval land lying at the entrance Bills read.

entrance of the *Oromocto* river to erect temporary fences and gates across the road laid out upon the said peninsula."

Also, "a bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of *Saint John* to dispose of certain building lots in the Market place, on the eastern side of the harbour of the said city."

Which were read a first time and ordered a second reading to-morrow.

The House adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

W E D N E S D A Y, the 23d July, 1788.

The Order of the day being read.

Bill read the third time and sent up Read the third time "a bill for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, an Act for laying an Impost."

Which was agreed to as engrossed.

for concurrence. Ordered,---That it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Bill read. Mr. *Chipman* by leave brought in "a bill in addition to an Act, intituled an Act for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the city of *Saint John*."

Which was read a first time, and a second reading ordered to-morrow.

Bill read a second time. "A bill to enable the proprietors of a peninsula of interval land lying at the entrance of the river *Oromocto*, to erect temporary gates and fences across the road laid out there."

Was read a second time.

Ordered,---That the said bill be committed.

Bills read. "A bill for regulating the fisheries in the different rivers, coves, and creeks of this province."

"A bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this province, with respect to the imprisonment of their persons.

And, "a bill for ascertaining the residence of paupers."

Were read a first time.

Ordered,

Ordered,—That they be read a second time to-morrow.

Read the third time, “ a bill in addition to an act, entitled, an act for relief against absconding debtors.” Bill read the third time and sent up for concurrence.

Which was agreed to as engrossed.

Ordered,---That it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

“ A bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of *Saint John*, to dispose of certain building lots in the Market place on the eastern side of the harbour of the said City.” Was read a second time, and ordered to be committed. Bill read a second time.

Ordered,—That the *Attorney-General* and Mr. *Hubbard* bring in “ a bill to continue an Act entitled an Act for the preservation of Moose.” Committee appointed

And “ a bill to continue an Act, entitled an Act to prevent frauds in the sale of damaged goods imported into this province.”

A bill in addition to an Act intitled an Act for regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber, and for ascertaining the quality of the same.” Was read a first time. Bill read.

Ordered, That it be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. *Hardy* moved for leave to bring in “ a bill to empower the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Northumberland*, to appoint and regulate pilots for the river *Miramichi*.” Motion by Mr. Hardy.

Leave was granted,—and the bill being accordingly brought in, was read a first time. Bill read.

Captain *Attwood* by leave brought in, “ a bill to empower the Magistrates of the County of *York*, to make such regulations respecting Markets and Ferries within the said County as may be found necessary. Which was read a first time. Bill read.

Ordered,—That it be read a second time to-morrow.

The *Attorney-General* and Mr. *Hubbard* agreeable to order, brought in “ a bill to continue sundry Acts of the General Assembly, which are near expiring.” Bill read.

Which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill read.

Mr. *William Pagan* by leave brought in "a bill to enable the Corporation of the City of *Saint John*, to lay a duty of tonnage on vessels for the purpose of erecting and supporting a Light-House."

Which was read a first time,—a second reading ordered to-morrow.

House in Committee.---Mr. *Hardy* in the chair.

House in Committee.

Went into the further consideration of the "bill to enable creditors to recover their just debts out of the estate of their absent debtors, where the sums due to individuals do not amount to the sum required to put the absconding debtor law in force against such absent debtors."

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee reported the bill with amendments, under the title of "a bill for the recovery of small debts from absentees."

Which report was accepted, and the bill being read was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

House in Committee.---Mr. *Chipman* in the chair.

House in Committee.

Took into consideration "a bill to prevent the stacking of hay or straw too near dwelling houses in the city of *Saint John*."

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee reported the bill with amendments under the title of "a bill for preventing damages by fire in the city of *Saint John*."

Which report was accepted---and the bill being read, was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

T H U R S D A Y, the 24th. July, 1788.

The Order of the day being read.

Ordered,---That the further consideration of his Excellency's speech be postponed until to-morrow.

Read

Read the second time, "a bill for regulating the fisheries in the different rivers, coves, and creeks of this province."

Bills read a second time.

"A bill to enable the Corporation of the city of *Saint John* to lay a duty of tonnage upon vessels for the purpose of erecting a Light-House and supporting the same."

"A bill to continue sundry Acts of the General Assembly which are near expiring."

"A bill to empower the Magistrates of the county of *York* to make such regulations respecting Markets and Ferries within the said county as may be found necessary."

"A bill for ascertaining the residence of paupers."

"A bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this province, with respect to the imprisonment of their persons."

And, "a bill in addition to an Act, intitled an Act for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the city of *Saint John*."

Ordered,---That the said bills be committed.

The Committee appointed last Session to make inquiry and find out a proper place whereon to erect a Light-House, and to make an estimate of the expence of building the same, made the following report:

That on examination they found a situation on *Partridge-Island*, which they think the most proper for erecting a Light-House upon, and from the best information they have been able to procure, are of opinion, that it may be erected for one hundred and twenty pounds."

Report of the Committee.

House in Committee.---Colonel *Billogg* in the chair.

Took into consideration "a bill to enable the proprietors of a peninsula of interval land lying at the entrance of the river *Oromocto*, to erect temporary gates and fences across the road laid out there."

House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported that they were of opinion that a bill should be brought in for authorizing Justices of the Sessions to licence gates, to be erected across certain highways, to be therein mentioned, instead of the present bill.

Report of the Committee.

Which

Which bill was thereupon brought in and read a first and second time. Ordered to be committed.

House in Committee.---Colonel *Billopp* in the chair.

House in Committee. Took into consideration "a bill for authorizing Justices of the Sessions to licence gates to be erected across certain highways therein mentioned.

Report of the Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair, and received the report, that the Committee had gone through the bill and amended the same.

Which report was accepted and the bill being read, was agreed to as amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

Absent members required to attend.

Ordered,—That the Clerk be directed to write to the several absent members, requesting their immediate attendance.

Read the third time as engrossed.

Bill read the third time and sent up for concurrence.

"A bill for the recovery of small debts from absentees."

Ordered that it pass and be sent up for concurrence.

The House adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

F R I D A Y, the 25th July, 1788.

The Order of the day being read.

Bills read the third time and sent up for concurrence.

Read the third time, "a bill for preventing damages by fire in the city of *Saint John*." and,

"A bill for authorizing Justices of the Sessions, to licence gates to be erected across certain highways therein mentioned."

Which were agreed to as engrossed.

Ordered, That they pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Colonel *Billopp* by leave brought up a petition from *James Hayt* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Saint John*.

Petition read.

And Mr. *Hardy* by leave brought up a Petition from *Gerardus Clowes*, and others inhabitants of the said city.—Which were read,

Ordered,

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be taken into consideration with the “ bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of *Saint John*, to dispose of certain building lots in the Market place, on the eastern side of the harbour of the said city.”

House in Committee.---Major *Murray* in the chair.

Took into consideration “ a bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of *Saint John*, to dispose of certain building lots in the Market place, on the eastern side of the harbour of the said city.” House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported a progress upon the bill, and requested leave to sit again. Which was ordered accordingly. Report of the Committee.

House in Committee.---Major *Murray* in the chair.

Took into consideration “ a bill in addition to an Act, intitled an Act, for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the city of *Saint John*.” House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported that they had gone through the bill with amendments. Report of the Committee.

Ordered,—That the report be accepted, and the bill being read was agreed to as amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

House in Committee.---Mr. *William Pagan* in the chair.

Took into consideration “ a bill to continue sundry Acts of the General Assembly, which are near expiring.” House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.—Which report was accepted, and the bill being read was ordered to be engrossed. Report of the Committee.

House in Committee.---Mr. *Chipman* in the chair.

Took into consideration, “ a bill to enable the Corporation of the city of *Saint John*, to lay a duty of tonnage upon vessels for the purpose of erecting a Light-house and supporting the same.” House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee reported the bill with amendments, by the title of "a bill to provide for the support of a Light-house to be built upon *Partridge-Island*," and the bill being read,

Motion by Mr. Pagan.

Mr. *William Pagan* moved, that a clause be added to the said bill limiting its duration to five years---and on the question being put whether the said clause should be added, it appeared, that

Mr. William Pagan,
Colonel Billopp, and
Mr. M'George,

Were for the question,—and

The Attorney-General,	Mr. Vanderburgh,
Major Murray,	Mr. Dickinson,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Stelle,
Mr. Hardy,	Mr. Davidson, and
Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Campbell.

Were against it.

Thereupon ordered, that the said report be accepted, and that the bill be engrossed.

House in Committee---The *Attorney-General* in the chair.

House in Committee.

Took into consideration "a bill for regulating the fisheries in the different rivers, coves and creeks of this province."

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee reported a progress upon the bill, and requested leave to sit again. Which was granted accordingly.

Ordered,---That the bill for regulating the fisheries in the different rivers, coves and creeks of this province, be again taken into consideration in a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow at ten o'clock.

The further consideration of his Excellency's speech is postponed until Monday next.

The House adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

S A T U R D A Y, the 26th July, 1788.

The Order of the day being read.

Ordered,---That a bill be brought in for appropriating and disposing of the public Monies. Bill read.

Which bill was accordingly brought in and read a first time.

Ordered,---That the said bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Read the third time as engrossed, “ A bill in addition to an Act, intituled, an Act for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the city of *Saint John*.” Bills read the third time and sent up for concurrence.

“ A bill to provide for the support of a Light-house to be built upon *Partridge-Island*.”

And “ a bill to continue sundry Acts of the General Assembly, which are near expiring.”

Which bills were agreed to, and ordered to be sent up for concurrence.

House in Committee---The *Attorney-General* in the chair.

Went into the further consideration of the bill for regulating the fisheries in the different rivers, coves and creeks of this province. House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported a further progress upon the bill and requested leave to sit again. Which was granted accordingly. Report of the Committee.

The House adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday next.

M O N D A Y, the 28th July, 1788.

The Order of the day being read.

“ A bill for appropriating and disposing of public Monies.” Bills read a second time.

And, “ A bill to empower the Justices of the peace for the county of *Northumberland*, to appoint and regulate pilots for the river

river *Miramicibi*."---Were read the second time, and ordered to be committed.

Petition read.

A Petition from *Robert Coletart* was brought up by leave and read.

Ordered,---That the said petition be taken into consideration with the bill for the relief of insolvent debtors with respect to the imprisonment of their persons.

Petition read.

A Petition from *Thomas Horsfield* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Saint John*, was brought up by leave and read.

Ordered,---That the said Petition be taken into consideration with the bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of *Saint John*, to dispose of certain building lots in the Market-place, on the eastern side of the harbour of the said city.

House in Committee---Major *Murray* in the chair.

House in Committee.

Went into the further consideration of "a bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of *Saint John*, to dispose of certain building lots in the Market place on the eastern side of the harbour of said city," together with the several petitions relating thereto.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee reported that they had taken the said bill and petitions into consideration, and were of opinion that the same should be postponed to the next Sessions for further information.

Ordered,---That the said report be accepted.

House in committee---The *Attorney-General* in the chair.

House in Committee.

Went again into the consideration of "a bill for regulating the fisheries in the different rivers, coves and creeks of this province."

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee reported the bill with amendments.---Which report was accepted, and the bill being read, was agreed to as amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

Treasurer's accounts.

The Treasurer according to order laid his accounts before the house.

Committee appointed.

Ordered,---That Mr. *McGeorge*, Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Hardy*,

Hardy, be a Committee to inspect the same, and report thereon.

House in Committee.---Mr. *Campbell* in the chair.

Took into consideration "a bill to empower the Magistrates of the County of *York*, to make such regulations respecting Markets and Ferries within the said county as may be found necessary." House in Committee.

And, "a bill to empower the Justices of the Peace of the county of *Northumberland*, to appoint and regulate Pilots for the river *Miramichi*."

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported the said bills with amendments—the former by the title of "a bill to empower the Justices of the Sessions, in the several counties in this province to make such regulations respecting Markets and Ferries within such counties as may be found necessary," and the latter by the title of "a bill in addition to an act, intituled an Act for regulating pilots."—Which report was accepted, and the said bills being read, were agreed to as amended and ordered to be engrossed. Report of the Committee.

Upon motion made and seconded, *Ordered*,—That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to give directions for publishing a list of all fees to be taken by the officers of his Majesty's Customs, and the Naval officer of this province, by virtue of any Act of Parliament now in force. Address ordered;

Mr. *Chipman*, Mr. *Pagan*, and Colonel *Billopp*, are appointed a Committee to prepare the said Address. Committee appointed,

House in Committee---Colonel *Billopp* in the chair.

Took into consideration "a bill for the relief of insolvent Debtors within this province with respect to the imprisonment of their persons," and "a bill for ascertaining the residence of paupers." House in Committee;

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported a progress, and requested leave to sit again. Which was granted accordingly. Report of the Committee.

Ordered,---That the said bills be again taken into consideration in a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to give directions for publishing a list of the fees to be taken by the Custom-House officers, and Naval officer, laid the same before the House,

Which being read was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed and signed by the *Speaker*, as follows :

“ May it please your Excellency,

Address to his Excellency.

“ The House of Assembly conceiving it to be expedient and necessary that the fees which the officers of his Majesty's Customs for the port of *Saint John*, are by law entitled unto, should be generally and publicly known, most humbly request, that your Excellency will be pleased to direct that a list of all fees to be taken by the officers of his Majesty's Customs, and the Naval officer of this province by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, be published as soon as may be for general information.”

Thereupon ordered, that the same Committee present the said Address to his Excellency.

The further consideration of his Excellency's speech is postponed until to-morrow.

The House adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

T U E S D A Y, the 29th July, 1788.

The Order of the day being read.

Bills read the third time and sent up for concurrence.

Read the third time as engrossed, “ a bill for regulating the Fisheries in the different rivers, coves and creeks of this province.”

“ A bill in addition to an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating pilots.”

And, “ a bill to empower the Justices of the Sessions in several counties in this province to make such regulations respecting Markets and Ferries within such counties as may be found necessary.”

Ordered,—That the said bills pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Read a second time, a “ bill in addition to an act, intituled,
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an Act for regulating the exportation of fish and lumber, and for ascertaining the quality of the same."

Bill read a second time.

Ordered,—That the said bill be referred to a select Committee.

Mr. M^c George, Mr. Pagan, Mr. Stelle, and Mr. Davidson, are appointed for that purpose.

Select Committee appointed.

House in Committee---Colonel *Billogg* in the chair.

Went into the further consideration of "a bill for relief of insolvent Debtors, with respect to the imprisonment of their persons."

House in Committee.

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported the bill with amendments, by the title of "a bill for the support and relief of confined Debtors."

Report of the Committee.

Which report was accepted, and the bill being read was agreed to as amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, made the following report :

" We the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of RICHARD SEAMAN, Esq. Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have examined and attentively compared his general account with his book of entries, and the several vouchers produced by him to us, and find the Debtor side of the said account to correspond with the said book, and the creditor side thereof with several warrants under the hand and seal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, issued pursuant to an Act of the last Sessions of Assembly for appropriating and disposing of the public monies, directed to and paid by him the said RICHARD SEAMAN, as Treasurer as aforesaid."

Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

And we subjoin for the information of the House, " a short state of the duties received on the several species of Goods made liable thereto, and the amount thereof, as they refer to the several counties within the Province."

City and County of Saint John.

Ballances not credited in last year's account.

Spiruous liquors retailed,	£. 0 17 6
Vendue,	4 6 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sum received of £. 13 0 2 mentioned in last year's account as unpaid,	0 10 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
On Flour, Bread, &c.	15 7 6
	<u>£. 21 1 11 $\frac{3}{4}$</u>

IMPORTED.

IMPORTED.—Puncheons,		1140	} £. 724 18 5
Rum	{ Casks of 60 gallons,	15	
	{ Ditto of 40 ditto,	33	
		Deduction for leakage,	15 7 ½
Flour and Bread.	{ Wheat flour,	4846 barrels.	} £. 724 2 9 ½
	{ Cornell,	8 tierces.	
	{ Ditto,	10 barrels.	} £. 307 14 3 ¾
	{ Midlings,	73 tierces.	
	{ Ditto,	199 barrels.	
	{ Ship bread,	57 tierces.	
	{ Ditto,	287 barrels.	
	{ Ditto,	120 bags.	
{ Crackers,	330 kegs.		
	Amounting to	£. 61 54 9 ¾ at 5 per Cent.	
	Sugar,	110 hhds.	} Cwt. 1238 123 16 -
	Ditto,	133 bbls.	
	Ditto,	7 tierces.	
	Coffee,	1 barrel.	104 lb. 8 8
	Vendue,		41 11
			1197 12 9 ½
			£. 1218 14 9.

Westmoreland County.

Ballance of Impost and Excise not credited in last year's account.		£. 5 11 9
Rum,	11 Puncheons	} 7 18 11
	Cwt. qrs. lb.	
Sugar,	10 2 24	£ 13 10 8

Charlottee County.

Ballance of Impost and Excise not credited in last year's account.		£. 16 7 -
Rum,	44 puncheons,	} £. 42 10 7 ½
	Cwt. qrs. lb.	
Sugar,	121 3 19 ½	
Coffee,	681	
Flour,	40 barrels.	} at 5 pr cent. 4 8 6
Ditto,	1 tierce.	
Bread,	16 barrels.	
Ditto,	2 bags.	
Amounting to	£ 88 10	
Deduct 10 per cent, allowed the Dpty. Treasurer		£ 46 19 1 ½
		4 13 10 ¾
		£. 42 5 2 ¾
		58 12 2 ½

Northumberland

<i>Northumberland County,</i>	- - -
<i>York County.</i>	
Impost and Excise not credited in last year's account.	} 17 4 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Sunbury County,</i>	- - -
<i>Queen's County,</i>	- - -
<i>King's County,</i>	- - -
Which Sum of £. 1308 2 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	£. 1308 2 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
together with the sum of	
Which is the amount of last year's return after deducting therefrom the sum of £ 13 0 2	} £. 729 0 10
then short received.	} 13 0 2
	742 1 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Amounts to the Sum of	£. 2037 3 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Out of which hath been issued by warrants, the sum of	909 4 -
Which leaves a ballance in his hands to the 30th June 1788, of	} 1127 19 5 $\frac{3}{4}$

“ All which we humbly submit to this Honourable House.”

(Signed) JOHN MAC GEORGE,
JAMES CAMPBELL,
ELIAS HARDY.”

A Petition from a number of the inhabitants of the County of *Sunbury*, praying for an abolition of the Clerk's Court, for reasons therein stated, was brought up by leave and read. Petition read.

Ordered,---That the said petition be committed.

The Secretary of the province by direction of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House a letter from the Chief Justice, to Messrs. *Pagan, Anstruther and Weir*, and the account of the expences of surveying a road from *Fredericton*, to *Saint Andrews*, and from the *Oromocto* to *Saint John*, —Also copies of the Acts of Parliament received from *BROOK WATSON*, Esquire, Agent of the Province. Message from the Lieutenant Governor.

The Committee to whom was referred the bill in addition to an Act for regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber, and for ascertaining the quality of the same. Reported a draft thereof, which was read and ordered to be committed. Report of the Committee.

House in Committee---Colonel *Billopp* in the chair.

Took into consideration “ a bill to amend an act, entitled House in Committee.

an act for regulating the exportation of fish and lumber, and for ascertaining the quality of the same."

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

Report of the Committee.

The Committee reported, that they had gone through the bill and agreed to the same.

Which report was accepted, and the bill being read, was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed.

House in Committee.---The *Attorney-General* in the chair.

House in Committee.

Took into consideration "a bill for appropriating and disposing of the public monies."

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported a progress.

Report of the Committee.

Ordered,—That the report be accepted.

The House adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow.

W E D N E S D A Y, the 30th July, 1788.

The Order of the day being read,

Report of a Committee.

The Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the address of this House, requesting that he will give directions for publishing a list of the fees to be taken by the Custom-house officers, and the Naval officer of this province, reported, that they had waited on his Excellency with the same, and that he was pleased to say, he would take the earliest and most effectual measures to obtain the necessary information from Halifax, and that the same when obtained, should be forthwith published.

His Excellency's answer to the Address.

Bills read and sent up for concurrence.

Read the third time as engrossed,—“a bill for the support and relief of confined debtors,” and “a bill to amend an act, intituled an act for regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber, and for ascertaining the quality of the same.”

Ordered,—That they pass and be sent up for concurrence.

Motion by Mr. Chipman.

Mr. *Chipman* moved, that it be “resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that it is improper, unreasonable, and unjust, that the Members of the House of Assembly should now receive

ceive any pay or compensation whatever, from the Treasury of the province, for their attendance and services in this House, because during the last Session of the General Assembly, when there was a general attendance of the Members, and in a fuller House, such was determined to be the sense of the House.--- Whereas during the present Session there has been barely a sufficient number of Members attending to constitute a House for the dispatch of business.

“ Because it is contrary to the ancient and established usage of Parliament, as well as of the Assemblies of his Majesty’s American Colonies in general, that the Members should be paid in any other manner than by the Counties, Towns or Boroughs, they have been chosen respectively to represent.

“ Because by such payment from the public Treasury, the members of some Counties would be thereby compensated, whose constituents have in no wise contributed to the public revenue.

“ Because, at the time of the Election of the Members of the present Assembly, it was generally understood, both by the electors and the elected, that the Members were to serve without pay, there being then no public funds, nor a probable means of raising any; and it would therefore be unfair, that the Members of this Assembly should vote pay to themselves without an opportunity given to their constituents to choose persons, if they think proper, to represent them in General Assembly, who will serve without pay.

“ And because it is contrary to that spirit of patriotism and magnanimity which hitherto has been, and ought ever to be the characteristic of the House of Assembly of the province of *New-Brunswick*, and would introduce a precedent pregnant with injustice, and derogatory to the honor and dignity of this House.”

Which motion was seconded by Colonel *Billopp*—Thereupon, Major *Murray* moved the previous question.—Upon which the House divided, and it appeared, that

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

Were against it.

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And that The Attorney-General, }
 Mr. Chipman, }
 Colonel Billopp, } Members for the City
 Mr. Pagan, and } and County of *Saint*
 Mr. M'George, } *John,*

Were for it.

House in Committee---The *Attorney-General* in the chair.

F R I D A Y, the 1st August, 1788.

Motion for a resolve.

A motion was made and seconded that it be "Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that it is conformable to the ancient usage and custom of Parliament, and also to the constant usage and custom of the Assemblies of his Majesty's American colonies in general, that the Members thereof should not be obliged to attend the public service at their own expence, but have an allowance for their expences while attending such service."

Motion for an amendment.

And upon a motion made and seconded, for an amendment to insert at the end of the resolve these words "to be paid by their respective constituents," the House divided, and it appeared, that

The Attorney-General, }
 Mr. Chipman, }
 Colonel Billopp, } Members for the City
 Mr. Pagan, and } and County of *Saint*
 Mr. M'George, } *John,*

Were for the Amendment :---And that

Major Murray, }
 Mr. Stelle, } Members for *York* County.
 Mr. Hubbard, }
 Mr. Vanderburgh, } For *Sunbury.*
 Mr. Dickinson, } For *Queens.*
 Mr. Campbell, } For *Charlotte.*
 Mr. Hardy, and }
 Mr. Davidson, } For *Northumberland.*

Were against it.

And the question being put upon the original motion, the House again divided, when there appeared

Major Murray, }
 Mr. Stelle, } Members for *York* County.
 Mr. Hubbard, }
 Mr. Vanderburgh, } For *Sunbury.*

Mr.

Mr. Dickinson,	For <i>Queens</i> ,
Mr. Campbell,	For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	} For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,	

For the Question, and

The Attorney-General,	} Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,	
Colonel Billopp,	
Mr. Pagan,	
Mr. M'George,	

Against it.

A motion was made and seconded, that it be "Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the few Members attending this Session, and the difficulty of making an House, are evident proofs of the necessity of allowing to the Members their expences whilst attending the business of this House."

Motion for a resolve.

Upon the question being put, the House divided, and it appeared, that

Major Murray,	} Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,	
Mr. Hubbard,	} For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,	
Mr. Dickinson,	For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,	For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	} For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,	

Were for the Question, and that

The Attorney-General,	} Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,	
Colonel Billopp,	
Mr. Pagan, and	
Mr. M'George,	

Were against it.

A motion was made and seconded, that it be "Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the Members of this House have already attended two Sessions at their own expence, and before there was a revenue sufficient to make compensation without interfering with other necessary services, and that there hath as yet been no question in the House, whether compensation should be made as appears by the Journals of the House."

Motion for a resolve.

And

Motion for an amendment.

And upon a motion made and seconded, for an amendment to insert after the words made, "although in a Committee of the whole House, at the last Session, there was a division upon the question, whether the Speaker should be allowed *fifty pounds* for his services during the debate, upon which question it appeared to be the sense of the Committee, that the Members of the Assembly ought not to be paid out of the public Treasury." —The House divided, and it appeared, that

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

Were for the amendment:---And that

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,	}	For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

Were against it.

And the question being put, upon the original motion, the House again divided, and there appeared

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,	}	For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

For the Question, and

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Blilopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

Against it.

A motion was made and seconded, that it be "Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the question of compensation was not considered as decided or in any shape determined by any thing that passed during the consideration in Committee of the *Speaker's* salary last Session, nor did the sense of the Committee on that question then appear."

Motion for a resolve.

And upon the question being put, the House divided, when it appeared, that

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,	}	For <i>Queens</i> ,
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

Were for the Question, and that

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan,		
Mr. M'George,		

Were Against it.

A motion was made and seconded, that it be "Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the services of the Members of this House are of equal benefit to the different counties, and should the Members receive pay from any particular county, it might be an inducement to attend more to the interest of such county than to that of the province at large, and they might thereby be less disinterested; and also, if that mode was adopted, it would, in the opinion of this House, tend to destroy an equal representation, as Candidates in town, or where Assemblies may be holden, might attend without equal expence to Candidates in the distant counties, and thereby be enabled to offer themselves as Candidates without pay, which might operate to the disadvantage of the electors in such counties, as by such offer, an elector might be induced, in order to avoid expence, to give his vote different from what otherways he would have done, and this House be principally composed of non-residents who might be incompetent representatives of the distant parts of this province."

Motion for a resolve.

Upon which the House divided, and it appeared, that

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Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

Were for the Question:—And that

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M ^c George,		

Were against it.

Resolved.

Upon motion made and seconded, Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the consumption of Goods paying Impost is the support of that branch of the revenue.

Motion for a resolve.

A motion was made and seconded, that it be “Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the consumers of those Goods are the persons in effect, paying the Impost duties.”

And upon the Question being put, the House divided, when it appeared, that

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

Were for the Question:—And that

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M ^c George,		

Were against it.

A motion was made and seconded, that it be “Resolved, that it

it is the opinion of this House, that the consumers of those Goods are dispersed through the whole province."

And upon a motion made and seconded, to strike out the remaining part of the resolve, after the word *Goods*, and to add these words "from whence the public revenue of the province is derived, are not dispersed throughout or confined to this province."—The House divided and it appeared, that

Motion for an amendment.

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

Were for the amendment:---And that.

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

Were against it.

And the question being put, upon the original motion, it appeared, that

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

For the Question,

And that	The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint John</i> ,
	Mr. Chipman,		
	Colonel Billopp,		
	Mr. Pagan, and		
	Mr. M'George,		

Were against it.

Motion for a resolve. A motion was made and seconded, that it be "Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that although the Impost duty is collected in the sea ports, yet it is in fact paid by the different counties in proportion to the quantity of Goods paying such duty, consumed in each County."

Upon which the House divided, and it appeared, that

Major Murray,	}	Members for York County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For Sunbury.
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,	}	For Queens.
Mr. Campbell,		
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For Northumberland.
Mr. Davidson,		

Were for the Question:—And that

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of Saint John.
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

Were against it.

Motion for a resolve. A motion was made and seconded, that it be "Resolved, that every County in the province hath an equal right to participate in the benefits to be derived from the appropriation of the Impost duties, and all other branches of the public revenue."

Motion for an amendment. Upon which a motion was made and seconded, to strike out the remaining part of the resolve, after the word *hath*, and to add these words "not an equal right to participate in the benefits to be derived from the appropriation of the public revenue, raised from the Impost because some of the Counties contribute but in a small degree, and some not at all to the public revenue."

When the House divided, and it appeared, that

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of Saint John.
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

Were for the amendment:—And that

Major

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle;		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinſon,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidſon,		

Were againſt it.

And upon the Queſtion being put on the firſt motion, it appeared, that

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinſon,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidſon,		

Were for the Queſtion:—And that

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

Were againſt it.

A motion was made and ſeconded, that it be “*Reſolved*, Motion for a reſolve. that it is the opinion of this Houſe, that the allowing to the Members thereof, a compenſation for their expences out of the public revenue, is, in fact, making every county contribute to the payment of its own Members, without the inconveniencies attending a County tax.”

And upon the queſtion being put, the Houſe divided, when it appeared, that

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinſon,		For <i>Queens</i> ,
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .

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Mr. Hardy, and }
Mr. Davidson, } For *Northumberland.*

Were for the Question,—and that

The Attorney-General, }
Mr. Chipman, } Members for the City
Colonel Billopp, } and County of *Saint*
Mr. Pagan, and } *John.*
Mr. M'George, }

Were Against it.

Motion for a resolve.

A motion was made and seconded, that it be “ Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that at the time of the Election of the Members of the present Assembly, no assurance, stipulation or agreement, as to giving or receiving compensation to the Members of this House for their public services, was made or given by the Electors or Elected in any part of this province, excepting only between the Electors and Elected of the City and County of *Saint John.*”

And upon the question being put, the House divided, and it appeared, that

Major Murray, }
Mr. Stelle, } Members for *York* County.
Mr. Hubbard, }
Mr. Vanderburgh, } For *Sunbury.*
Mr. Dickinson, } For *Queens.*
Mr. Campbell, } For *Charlotte.*
Mr. Hardy, and }
Mr. Davidson, } For *Northumberland.*

Were for the Question:—And that

The Attorney-General, }
Mr. Chipman, } Members for the City
Colonel Billopp, } and County of *Saint*
Mr. Pagan, and } *John.*
Mr. M'George, }

Were against it.

Resolve.

Upon a motion made and seconded, “ Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that it is indecent to declare that the uniform examples set us by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, and the Assemblies of his Majesty's American Colonies in general, are precedents pregnant with injustice, and derogatory to the honor and dignity of this House.”

And

And upon a motion made and seconded "Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House, that to make such provision as is necessary for the existence of a House of Assembly, without which we should be deprived of the blessings of legislation, is the best service an House of Assembly can render their constituents and their first duty as good citizens." Resolve.

On motion made and seconded,—Ordered, that the foregoing Resolves be Printed in the Journals of this House immediately after the motion on Wednesday last, for a disapprobation of the Members of this House receiving any compensation for their attendance and services.

W E D N E S D A Y, the 30th July, continued.

House in Committee—The *Attorney-General* in the chair. House in Committee.

Went again into the consideration of "the bill for appropriating and disposing of the public monies."

The *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Committee reported that they had gone through the bill with amendments. Report of the Committee.

That upon a question being put whether a clause should be added to the bill "that the sum of - - - be paid towards defraying the expences of the Members attending the Assembly,"—the Committee had divided, when it appeared, that

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| Major Murray, | } | Member for <i>York</i> County. |
| Mr. Hubbard, | | For <i>Sunbury</i> . |
| Mr. Vanderburgh, | } | For <i>Queens</i> . |
| Mr. Dickinson, | | For <i>Westmorland</i> |
| Mr. Speaker, | } | For <i>Charlotte</i> . |
| Mr. Campbell, | | For <i>Northumberland</i> . |
| Mr. Hardy, and | | |
| Mr. Davidson, | | |

Were for the Question.

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| And that The <i>Attorney-General</i> , | } | Members for the City and County of <i>Saint John</i> , |
| Mr. Chipman, | | |
| Colonel Billopp, | | |
| Mr. Pagan, and | | |
| Mr. M'George, | | |

Were against it.

That

That on a motion made and seconded, that the clause "that the sum of - - - be paid towards defraying the expences of the Members attending the Assembly," should be struck out of the bill, the question was put, and on a division of the Committee, there appeared for the question,

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

And against the Question,

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Speaker,		For <i>Westmoreland</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

That upon a motion made and seconded, that the blank in the said clause for defraying the expences of the Members attending the Assembly, be filled up with one hundred and forty pounds,—the question was put, and on a division of the Committee, there appeared for the question,

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Speaker,		For <i>Westmoreland</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

And against it,

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

And that a motion had been made and seconded, "that it is

is the sense of this Committee, that provision be made for the payment of the Members of the Assembly, in a separate bill to be brought in for that purpose, that in case of the dissent of either of the other branches of the Legislature thereto, the other provisions of the bill now under the consideration of the Committee, may not thereby be defeated." And upon the question being put, the Committee divided, and it appeared, that

The Attorney-General, Mr. Chipman, Colonel Billopp, Mr. Pagan, and Mr. M'George,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John,</i>
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Were for the Question :---And that

Major Murray, Mr. Stelle,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Vanderburgh,	}	For <i>Sunbury.</i>
Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Speaker,	}	For <i>Lucens.</i> For <i>Westmoreland.</i>
Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hardy, and Mr. Davidson,	}	For <i>Charlotte.</i> For <i>Northumberland.</i>

Were against it.

And that it was the opinion of the Committee, that the petition of *Jonathan Leavitt*, praying a compensation for damages sustained by a road laid out through his land, should be referred to a select Committee to report thereon at the next Sessions.

Which report was accepted, and the said bill being read, was agreed to as amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered.—That Major *Coffin*, Colonel *Billopp*, and Mr. *Pagan*, be a Committee to report upon the petition of *Jonathan Leavitt*, at the next Sessions.

Committee appointed.

A motion was made by Colonel *Billopp*, and seconded,—That so much of the Journals of this House, as relates to paying the Members thereof out of the public Treasury, be printed in one of the public news-papers of this province, and that the Clerk be directed to send the same to one of the Printers as soon as may be---Upon which the House divided, when it appeared, that

Motion by Colonel Billopp.

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

Were for the Question,—and that

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Speaker,		For <i>Westmoreland</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

Were against it.

Message from the
Council.

A message from the Council, informing the House that they had concurred in passing a bill for continuing and amending an act, intituled, “an act for laying an Impost,” and that they had also concurred in passing a bill in addition to an act, intituled, “an act for relief against absconding debtors,” with amendments.

The House concurred in the said amendments, and ordered the bill to be returned to the Council.

Bill read the third
time

Read the third time as engrossed “a bill for appropriating and disposing of the public monies.”

Upon which a motion was made and seconded, that the clause allowing the sum of one hundred and forty pounds for defraying the expences of the Members of the General Assembly be expunged, and that in lieu thereof, a clause be inserted for appropriating that sum by way of a bounty upon such articles as this House shall direct.

On the question being put, the House divided, and it appeared, that

The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

Were for the Question:—And that

Major

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Speaker,		For <i>Westmoreland</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

Were against it.

That upon the question being put whether the said bill should pass, the House again divided when it appeared, that

Major Murray,	}	Members for <i>York</i> County.
Mr. Stelle,		
Mr. Hubbard,	}	For <i>Sunbury</i> .
Mr. Vanderburgh,		
Mr. Dickinson,		For <i>Queens</i> .
Mr. Speaker,		For <i>Westmoreland</i> .
Mr. Campbell,		For <i>Charlotte</i> .
Mr. Hardy, and	}	For <i>Northumberland</i> .
Mr. Davidson,		

Were for the Question.

And that The Attorney-General,	}	Members for the City and County of <i>Saint</i> <i>John</i> ,
Mr. Chipman,		
Colonel Billopp,		
Mr. Pagan, and		
Mr. M'George,		

Were against it.

Thereupon ordered that the said bill pass and be sent up for concurrence. And sent up for concurrence.

The House adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, the 31st July, 1788.

A sufficient number of Members to compose a House not attending,

Adjourned until eleven o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY,

F R I D A Y, the 1st August, 1788.

The Order of the day being read.

On motion made and seconded,---*Ordered*, That upon the question of paying the Members of the Assembly, after the names of the Members upon a division, the County such Member represents be added in the Journals.

Order for printing the Journals and Laws.

Committee appointed.

Ordered,---That two hundred copies of the Acts passed in the present Session, and of the Journals of the Votes and proceedings of this House be published, and that the *Attorney-General* and Mr. *Chipman* be a Committee to contract for and superintend the printing of the same.

Message from the Council.

A message from the Council informing the House that they had concurred in passing the following bills,---viz.

“ A bill in addition to an act, intituled, an act for regulating Pilots.”

“ A bill to amend an act, intituled, an act for regulating the exportation of fish and lumber, and for ascertaining the quality of the same.”

“ A bill to empower the Justices of the Sessions in several Counties in this province, to make such regulations respecting markets and ferries within such Counties, as may be found necessary.”

“ A bill in addition to an act, intituled, an act for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the city of *Saint John*.”

“ A bill to provide for the support of a Light-House to be built upon *Partridge-Island*.

“ A bill to continue sundry acts of the General Assembly which are near expiring.”

And, “ a bill for appropriating and disposing of the public monies.”

Message from the Council.

A message from the Council, informing the House that they had concurred in passing “ a bill for regulating the fisheries in the different rivers, coves and creeks of this province.”

The House adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

S A T U R D A Y,

S A T U R D A Y, the 2d August, 1788.

The Order of the day being read.

On motion made and seconded,—*Ordered*, That the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council, be requested to issue a warrant on the Treasurer, for the payment of the costs and charges to be incurred by printing the Acts of the General Assembly, and the Journals of this House in the present Session, and that this House will make provision in the next Session, for supplying such money out of the public revenue.

Money voted for printing the Journals and Laws.

A message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requiring the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Message from his Excellency.

Mr. *Speaker*, with the House, having attended, his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Acts,—viz.

Acts assented to.

“ An act for continuing and amending an act, intituled, an act for laying an Impost.”

“ An act in addition to an act, intituled, an act for relief against absconding Debtors.”

“ An act in addition to an act, intituled, an act for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen within the city of *Saint John*.”

“ An act to provide for the support of a Light-House to be built upon *Partridge-Island*.

“ An act to continue sundry acts of the General Assembly which are near expiring.”

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“ An act to amend an act, intituled, an act for regulating the exportation of Fish and Lumber, and for ascertaining the quality of the same.”

And,

And, “ an act for appropriating and disposing of the Public Monies.”

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following speech to both Houses.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, and*

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly.*

his Excellency's
speech.

“ THE business before you being now finished, I have the satisfaction to close the present Session in full confidence of your persevering endeavours, both, by a vigilant exertion of such authority as you are invested with, and by the influence of your example to strengthen and confirm among all ranks of the people, that spirit of industry, and those habits of temperance and good order, which are so essential to the growth and prosperity of this infant colony.”

The General Assembly
prorogued.

And then the Clerk of the Crown, by his Excellency's Command, declared the General Assembly to be prorogued to the second Tuesday in October next.

