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PROCLAMATION.

By His EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D.



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

J. WENTWORTH.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued unto Monday the 21st instant.

I have therefore thought fit, farther to Prorogue the said General Assembly unto Friday the 6th Day of June next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business, of which all Persons concerned are hereby required to take Notice, and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Halifax, this 14th Day of April 1794 ; in the 34th year of His Majesty's Reign.

By his Excellency's Command,

I. M. FREKE BULKELEY.

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Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 6th June, 1794.

A MESSAGE from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley.*

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands this House, to attend his Excellency, immediately, in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House, went to attend his Excellency.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber; where his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes obtained a Copy; which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council;

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I Embrace with particular Pleasure the Opportunity, now offered, of meeting you again in General Assembly; and of congratulating you on the brilliant Successes which have attended his Majesty's Arms, in the Prosecution of the present just and necessary War.

The entire Conquest of the French windward Islands, so happily achieved; and the Progress made toward the complete Reduction of the French Territory in the valuable Island of Saint Domingo, while they reflect the highest Honor on the Bravery and good Conduct of His Majesty's Forces employed there, will serve also, from the eminent Share which His Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, has had in that arduous Service, to rivet in the Hearts of His Majesty's Subjects that Attachment to His Majesty's Person and Family, which it is our Ambition to Feel, and to Acknowledge.

The Augmentation of the territorial Possessions of the Crown, in the West-Indies, will open new and beneficial Sources of Trade to this Country, which wisely managed, and industriously pursued, will ensure a rapid encrease of Population, Commerce, and Cultivation in the Province, and which will also derive additional Safety from the restless Enemies of all Order and Religion, being removed from those Situations, from whence, they might attempt to interrupt our Prosperity. Your Zeal for the public Service, will readily lead you to improve to such Ends, those Means which an happy concurrence of Events may render practicable.

I have not failed, in my Representations to His Majesty's Ministers, to do Justice to the Alacrity and public Spirit manifested by the different Corps of Militia, the last year, when called forth for the Defence of the Province; which have been accepted by the Parent State, as the most unequivocal Proof of the loyalty and fidelity of the People of Nova-Scotia; and it is with the highest Satisfaction I may add,

that His Majesty has a firm Reliance that equal Affection and Resolution will not be wanting on any future Occasion, which I trust, however, will not occur.

The wise Measures adopted during the last Session for securing the public Funds, have been fully approved, and, on my part, faithfully put in Execution: From their Success I am enabled to congratulate you on the firm Establishment of their Credit, and on the reasonable Prospect of a considerable annual Reduction, which at no very distant Period must extinguish the provincial Debt.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

You will see, by the Statement of the public accounts, which will be laid before you, the Resources and the Necessities of the Government; and I have the fullest Confidence you will pursue such Measures thereon, as may be best calculated to promote the Honor of His Majesty's Government and the Happiness of his People.

I shall take care that you are furnished with the Information requisite to your Deliberations; and shall cheerfully concur with you in such Measures, as the Condition and Exigences of the Province may be found to require.

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

Thomas Cutler, Esquire, returned duly elected for the County of *Sydney*, took the usual Oaths and his Seat.

On motion of Mr. *Sterns*, *resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, to congratulate his Royal Highness, on his safe Arrival in this Province, and the brilliant Success of his Majesty's Arms in the West-Indies.

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

Resolved, That no Petition of a private Nature, be received after Saturday the 14th Instant.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow at half past Twelve of the o'Clock.

Saturday, 7th June, 1794.

PRAYERS,

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

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D.

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

The ADDRESS of the House of Representatives in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Nova-Scotia in General Assembly met, beg leave to return our Thanks to your Excellency for your Speech, at the opening of the present Session.

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The Success of his Majesty's Arms in the Prosecution of the present just and necessary War; the entire Conquests of the French Windward Islands, and the Progress made towards the Reduction of the French Possessions in the Island of Saint Domingo, are Events which give us the sincerest Pleasure. And the eminent Share his Royal Highness Prince Edward has had in that important Service must necessarily tend to strengthen the Attachment to his Majesty's Person and Family, which it has ever been our Pride to feel, and our Ambition to acknowledge.

We are fully convinced that the Increase of the territorial Possessions of the Crown in the West-Indies, will open new Sources of Trade, which if properly attended to, must ensure a rapid Increase of the Population, Commerce and Cultivation of this Province, and that great Security will be derived to us from the Removal of a restless Enemy from their former advantageous Situations. And your Excellency may be assured of every Attention on our part, to improve those favourable Events for the Advancement of the Interest of this Province.

The zealous Exertions of your Excellency, during the last Year, for the Safety of the Province, and the favourable Representations you have been pleased to make to his Majesty's Ministers of the Alacrity and public Spirit manifested by the different Corps of Militia, when called forth for its Defence; merit our warmest Thanks, and we are singularly happy, that they have been considered by the Parent State as unequivocal Proofs of that Loyalty and Fidelity, by which we are confident the good People of this Province are actuated on every Occasion. And we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that no proof of Loyalty and Affection to his Majesty, in their Power, will ever be wanting on any future Occasion, but we hope a familiar one, will not again occur, as it will unavoidably be attended with inconvenient Consequences, to the Agriculture of this infant Country, until our Population shall become more considerable.

It is with great Pleasure, we receive your Excellency's Assurance, that the Measures adopted during the last Session for securing the public Funds, have been fully Approved and found adequate to their Object, the firm Establishment of the public Credit; and we beg leave to say, that we have the fullest Confidence, that they have been faithfully put in Execution on your Part, and that under the wise Administration of your Excellency, the present Sources of Revenue, will be found sufficient, gradually to reduce, and at no distant Period, to extinguish the Provincial Debt.

Whenever a Statement of the public Accounts shall be laid before us, and we thereby become informed of the Resources and Necessities of the Government, we shall not fail to adopt such Measures, as we shall think best calculated to promote the Honor of his Majesty's Government, and the Happiness of his People.

Such necessary Information as your Excellency shall think proper to communicate to us, shall be diligently attended to, and we are fully assured of your Excellency's chearful Concurrence in all such Measures, as the Condition and Exigencies of this Province, may require.

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

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

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee, appointed Yesterday to draw up an Address to be presented to His Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly: which they directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: where the same was read; and is as follows.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

PRINCE EDWARD,

*Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter, and of the Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick,
Major General of his Majesty's Forces, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY it PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

INFLUENCED by the sincerest Sentiments of Loyalty and Attachment to our most gracious Sovereign, and Affection to every branch of his royal House. We the Commons of his Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to express our Joy on the safe Arrival of your Royal Highness in this Province, and to congratulate your Royal Highness upon the splendid Successes, that have attended his Majesty's Arms in the West-Indies, from which, the most beneficial Consequences must result to this, and every other part of his Majesty's Dominions.

The Event of War, ever highly interesting to the Nations engaged in it, is peculiarly important to us in the present Instance, as upon the ultimate Success of his Majesty's Arms, and of his Allies, may depend the Existence of our free and happy Constitution; It is therefore with the warmest sentiments of Gratitude, that we have beheld your Royal Highness, and your illustrious Brothers, zealously pressing forward to share in the Hardships and Perils of War, on the present Occasion; and it is with infinite Pleasure, we see the Military Services of your Royal Highness crowned with Success, and justly rewarded with a Reputation, which adds Lustre to your exalted Rank.

At a Period when our Enemies are at War with all hereditary Rank and Authority, it is our Happiness to live under a limited Monarchy, settled in an illustrious Family, whose Virtues afford a practical and convincing Proof of the Excellence of that part of our Constitution.

The distinguished Virtues and Abilities your Royal Highness has displayed at an early period of Life, and the great Knowledge your Royal Highness has acquired of the Interests of the Empire, by visiting most of his Majesty's Dominions, both at Home and Abroad; afford us the surest prospects, that when the Exigencies of the State shall call your Royal Highness to more various and extensive Duties, your Royal Highness will be found eminently qualified to serve your Sovereign, and your Country, as well in the Cabinet, as in the Field. And we cherish with much Satisfaction, the pleasing Hope of participating in the Benefits that will result to the Empire, from the Experience, and Knowledge your Royal Highness has, with so much Honor, and Patriotism, acquired.

We rejoice at the Opportunity we now have in our Representative Capacity, to testify, by this our sincere Address, to a Son of our most gracious Sovereign, that we consider our Liberties and Happiness, secure and complete, under his wise and mild Administration, and the excellent Form of Government, under which we live.

We beg leave to add, that we feel ourselves highly interested in the Safety and Happiness of your Royal Highness, as we have the fullest Confidence, that we shall ever find in your Royal Highness, an able and zealous Defender of the Laws, and Constitution, of your Country.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Royal Highness, by the whole House,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *Hartshorne*, and Mr. *Millidge* be a Committee to wait on his Royal Highness, to know his Pleasure, when he will be attended by this House.

Mr. Secretary *Bukeley*, reported to the House, That his Excellency having been waited on pursuant to the Order of this Day, to know when he would be pleased to be attended.

attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint Monday, at half past Twelve of the Clock, at the Government-House.

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

Monday, 9th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

Major *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty; intituled an Act, for regulating the Exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, Boards, and all other kind of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same; and in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty ninth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, for regulating the Exportation of Fish and the Assize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, Boards and all other kind of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same. And the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee appointed by this House to know when his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD would be pleased to be attended with their Address, that his Royal Highness had been pleased to appoint To-morrow, at a quarter before four of the Clock, at the Government House.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Excellency, with their Address, pursuant to the Resolution of Saturday last.

And being Returned

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of Assembly.

I RETURN you my best Thanks for your obliging Address. The Confidence you express of my Exertions for the Defence and Prosperity of the Province, is extremely pleasing to me, and cannot fail to animate my future Endeavours in all Things that may promote the true Interests of his Majesty's faithful Subjects, in which my Duty, and Inclination, are entirely united.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request him to order all Returns made to the Secretary's Office of the Assessment and Collections of the Poll-Tax from the several Counties in the Province, to be laid before this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *James*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Millidge* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the packing and inspecting of Salted Beef and Pork for Exportation, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Schwartz*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Dewolf* and Mr. *James*, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and reporting thereon, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. *Tonge*, Reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request he would order all Returns made to the Secretary's Office of the Assessment and Collections of the Poll-Tax for the several Counties in this Province, to be laid before this House, that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and was pleased to say, he would give the necessary Directions respecting the same, in compliance with the request of this House. On

On Motion of *Mr. Belcher*, Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Province, do in future, lay before this House on the first Day in every Session for the Perusal of the Members, a statement of all Payments made from, and Monies received by him into the Province Treasury on Account of the Public, and that the Clerk do acquaint him therewith.

A Petition of *Francis Green*, Esquire, one of the Joint Treasurers of the Province, was presented by *Mr. Hartshorne*, and read, setting forth; That the late Treasurer *Benjamin Green*, Esquire, died on the second day of December last, and that *Benjamin Green*, Son of the deceased informed the Petitioner, that four Persons with their Servants and Assistants had come to the House of the deceased, and against the Consent of the said *Benjamin Green*, carried away an Iron Chest, which contained Papers and Monies belonging to the Province, and also put their Seals upon several Desks and Chests, then standing in the late Treasurer's Office-Room, wherein were Books and Papers. That the said *Benjamin Green*, had made an Affidavit of the above Facts, which Affidavit had been delivered to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Copy whereof is annexed to this Petition. That in transacting the Business of the Treasury, since the decease of the late Treasurer, it appeared to the Petitioner, that sundry Papers relating to the Receipts and Payments of public Monies were missing, and which papers have not since been found, either by the Commissioners of the Revenue, or the joint Treasurers of the Province, although the Iron Chest above mentioned, and certain Office Papers were returned to the said joint Treasurers, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Persons who had removed the said Iron Chest as aforesaid, on the said Second of December, whereby a Disarrangement of the Treasury Accounts had ensued; and praying the House would take the same into Consideration, in such way as to them should seem meet, and thereupon,

Mr. McMonagle, moved, That the Petition be dismissed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Three, against it Twenty Two.

For the Motion Three.

Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Schwartz,

Against it Twenty Two.

<i>Mr. Sterns</i> ,	<i>Mr. Archibald</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hartshorne</i> ,	<i>Mr. McElbinny</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wallace</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lusby</i> ,
<i>Mr. Freeman</i> ,	<i>Mr. Cutler</i> ,
<i>Mr. Embrie</i> ,	<i>Mr. Northup</i> ,
<i>Mr. Millidge</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dimock</i> ,
<i>Mr. Moody</i> ,	<i>Mr. Howe</i> ,
<i>Mr. Maclean</i> ,	<i>Mr. Leonard</i> ,
<i>Mr. Tonge</i> ,	<i>Mr. Bulkeley</i> ,
<i>Mr. Belcher</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stewart</i> ,
<i>Mr. Pyke</i> ,	<i>Mr. James</i> .

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On Motion of *Mr. Tonge*, Ordered, That *Mr. Millidge*, *Mr. Tonge*, *Mr. Pyke*, *Mr. McMonagle*, and *Mr. Leonard*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Revival and Amendment of the Laws now in force, for regulating the Militia.

Ordered, That *Mr. Sterns*, *Mr. Millidge*, and *Mr. Maclean*, be a Committee to report, what Laws are near expiring.

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

Tuesday, 10th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. Pyke, *resolved*, That this House will upon Friday next take into Consideration the Petition of *Francis Green*, one of the joint Treasurers of the Province.

Ordered, That the Clerk, do summon the Parties to the said Petition, to attend this House on that Day; and also such Witnesses, as the Parties may require.

The Bill to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef, and Pork for Exportation, and also

The Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, for regulating the Exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, Boards, and all other kind of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same, and in Addition to, and in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty ninth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, were severally read a second Time,

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

A Message was received from the Council, to inform the House, they had appointed a Committee, to join the Committee of this House, to examine and report on the public Accounts, and that their Committee would be ready to meet the Committee of this House in the Council-Chamber on the said Business, whenever they may notify them for that Purpose,

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do attend, and give due Notice to the Committee of the Council accordingly.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef, and Pork for Exportation.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On Motion *resolved*, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further Consideration of the Bill, to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef, and Pork for Exportation.

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

Wednesday 11th June 1794.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Speaker *reported*, that the House attended his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, Yesterday, with their Address; to which his Royal Highness was pleased to give this Answer;

GENTLEMEN,

YOU will be pleased to accept of my warmest Acknowledgements for your very polite and attentive Address.

I feel much flattered by your expressing your Joy on my Arrival in this Province, as also by your Congratulations on our late Successes against the French West-India Islands.

I most cordially join with you in thinking, that the Support of our happy Constitution, greatly depends on the eventual Success of his Majesty's Arms, in the present important War, and I am on that Account the more happy, when I reflect, that I have been fortunate enough to have had some Share in the late successful Campaign, in the Windward Islands.

The very flattering Notice, which you have been pleased to take of my having in my military Capacity, visited most of His Majesty's foreign Dominions, claims from me the most grateful Thanks : I can only say, that if any little Knowledge, that I may have had the Opportunity of acquiring may at any future Period, be of any Service to my Country, I shall esteem myself peculiarly happy.

The kind Interest which you assure me you take in my Safety and Happiness, is particularly pleasing to me, as is also the Confidence you express that you will ever find in me the zealous Defender of the Laws and Constitution of my Country.

I shall ever be proud to prove myself worthy of the favorable Opinion you entertain of me, hoping that I may soon have fresh Opportunities to prove my Zeal, in the actual Service of the Country.

And now, GENTLEMEN, allow me to assure you, that I reflect with the most pleasing Sensations on the peculiarly flattering Manner in which I have been assured of the Attachment of all Ranks of People, since my Arrival here.

A Petition of *Thomas Fillis*, Merchant, was presented by Mr. *Hartshorne*, and read, setting forth; that the Petitioner is the present Proprietor of the Distill House, situate in the Town of *Halifax*, formerly owned by *John Fillis*, Esq; his deceased Father, which building was many Years ago erected at a heavy Expence to the Proprietor, and patronised by the Government of this Province, as a Work of great public Utility, towards encouraging its Trade and Fisheries, and increasing the Revenue. That the Petitioner since his Fathers Death was taking Measures to carry on the Distillery to its full extent, but has since been under the Necessity of desisting from his intended Undertaking in consequence of the heavy provincial Duties, payable on Rum distilled within the Province, whereby his Patrimony bequeathed him by his late Father, has become of little Value, exclusive of the Public being deprived of much Revenue, and praying the House will grant him Relief in the Premises, by a Reduction of the Duties so payable, or in such other way, as they shall think proper.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Eighteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, Intituled an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of *Halifax*, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Order of the Day being read.

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef, and Pork for Exportation.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

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

Thursday, 12th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef, and Pork for Exportation, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be *an Act to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef, and Pork for Exportation*.

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

The Speaker laid before the House, a Copy of his Correspondence with Mr. Cumberland, the Agent of this Province, during the Recess, and also a Letter received from him, in Answer to the same; likewise the Copy of a Letter written by the Speaker to Philip Sanson, Esquire, on the subject of the Agency of this Province, in the Room of Mr. Cumberland, and his Answer to the same.

Ordered, That the above Papers do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On Motion, *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the Agency of this Province; and that the Clerk do desire the same.

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

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. Sterns, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Millidge, Mr. Hartshorne and Mr. Schwartz, accordingly.

Mr. James pursuant to Leave given, presented a Bill, for the Trial by Nisi Prius of Issues laid in the several Counties therein named.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. Secretary Bulkeley, presented to the House, pursuant to their Request to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Returns of the Assessment and Collections of the Poll-Tax, made to his office.

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

On Motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to take under their Consideration the above Returns of the Assessment, and Collections of the Poll Tax; and to report to the House on the State of that Branch of the Revenue.

Ordered, That Mr. Sterns, Mr. Lusby, Mr. James, Mr. Millidge, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Rutherford, be a Committee accordingly.

The Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord-Wood in the Town of Halifax*, was read a second time,

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

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

Friday

Friday, 13th June, 1794.

PRAYERS,

The Bill for the Trial by Nisi Prius of Issues laid in the several Counties therein named, was read a second Time.

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

A Petition of *Susanna Langborne of Halifax*, Widow, in behalf of herself, and her infant Children *Susanna Welner, John Andrew Welner, Mary Welner, and James Welner*, was presented by Mr. *Sterns*, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner is the Widow of *William Welner*, late of *Halifax*, Mariner, deceased, her first Husband. That *John Andrew Welner*, late of *Halifax*, Yeoman, did by Deed, Poll bearing Date 31st December 1783, give unto the said *William Welner*, his Heirs, and Assigns, a Moiety or half Part of a Lot of Land, situate in *Granville-Street*, to hold the same, to the said *William Welner*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, after the Decease of the said *John Andrew Welner*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife. That the said *William Welner*, died on the 13th December 1784; and that the said *John Andrew Welner*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife died in the Month of August 1792. That the Petitioner is Poor, and of an infirm Constitution, and that if the before mentioned Lot was sold, it would greatly assist the Petitioner in the Maintainance and Support of her said four Children; and praying, an Act may be passed, to enable her to dispose of the said Lot at public Sale for the Benefit of herself, and her Children.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Pyke* and Mr. *Schwartz*, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them to the House.

A Petition of *Robert Ray*, was presented, by Mr. *Millidge*, and read; setting forth, that he has at a heavy Expence, and without having as yet received any adequate Return, erected a Fulling-Mill in the Township of *Digby*, being the first erected there, which is found to be highly useful, and of great public Utility; and praying the House will grant him a Bounty thereon, as an Encouragement for his Undertaking.

A Petition of *William Forsyth and Co.* in behalf of *Francis Telford*, was presented by Mr. *Wallace*, and read; setting forth, that the said *Francis Telford* in the Month of August 1792, loaded the Schooner *Adonis* in the Port of *Halifax*, with a Cargo of Fish and Lumber, which he carried to *Jamaica*, that the said Fish and Lumber were the Produce of this Province, and the said *Francis Telford*, under the late Impost Law of the Province then existing, purchased at *Jamaica* with the aforesaid Produce Seventy three Puncheons of Rum, which he imported into *Halifax*, on board the said Schooner *Adonis*. That in the Month of May last past, the said *Francis Telford*, applied to the Commissioners of the Revenue for an exemption of the Impost Duty on the said Rum, and that the said Commissioners gave to the said *Francis* the Opinion, and Answer annexed to the said Petition, and promised to recommend his Case to the Consideration of this House. That the said *Francis Telford*, is at present absent from the Province; and praying on behalf of the said *Francis*, that the House will be pleased to direct an Exemption of the aforesaid Duty under the former Law, and also grant an Indulgence of further Time to the said *Francis Telford*, (in consequence of his having been captured and detained as a Prisoner at *Martinique* until the Month of April last) in that Order he may be entitled to a Drawback, if he should think fit to export any Part of the said Cargo.

A Petition of *Richard John Uniacke*, was presented, by Mr. *Pyke*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is one of the Persons named in the Affidavit, annexed to the Petition of *Francis Green*, presented to this House, on the 9th Instant, and denying the Facts, as stated in the said Affidavit annexed to the Petition, and setting

setting forth, that a Suit had been instituted by the Petitioner in the *Supreme Court* of this Province, against the said *Francis Green*, as the Maker and Publisher of a false and scandalous Libel, and which Suit is now pending in the said *Supreme Court* at *Halifax*, and praying, that he may be heard before the House.

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

The Order of the Day being read,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Petition of *Francis Green*, one of the joint Treasurers of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman, *reported* from the Committee, That the Petition of *Francis Green*, and also the Petition of *Richard John Uniacke*, having been read, and considered by the Committee, thereupon, the Committee had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, That the Facts contained in the Petition of *Francis Green*, one of the joint Treasurers of the Province, being contradicted by the Parties therein complained of. It is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him, to direct the Attorney General to take Affidavits for the Purpose of obtaining a Rule to shew Cause, why an Information or Informations should not be filed against *Richard John Uniacke*, and others, named in the said Affidavit, annexed to the Petition; and the said *Supreme Court* be requested to grant the said Rule, and if the said *Supreme Court*, on a hearing of the said Affidavits both for, and against the Rule, give leave to file Information or Informations against the said *Richard John Uniacke*, and others, then and in that Case, to direct the Attorney General to file such Information or Informations accordingly; which said Resolution, was read a first and second time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Tonge*, *Mr. Sterns* and *Mr. Stuart*, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeable to the above Resolution, passed in the Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council doth agree to a Conference on the Subject of the Agency of this Province, as desired by this House Yesterday, in the Committee Room of the Council immediately;

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers appointed Yesterday, to confer with the Council do confer accordingly, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

Mr. *Cutler*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for the Preservation of Sheep, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported*, from the Committee, that the Committee had deferred to

The next Session, the Consideration of the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for regulating the Exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, Boards, and all other kind of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign. That the Committee had made some Progress in the other Bills to them referred, and that they had directed him to move, that they may have leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same, and thereupon,

On Motion *resolved*, That this House will consider further of the Bills, which stand committed.

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

Saturday, 14th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher* ordered, that the Commissioners of the Revenue, do report to the House, the Quantity and Value of the several counterband Goods, seized by the Collectors of Impost and Excise throughout the Province, since the last Session of *Assembly*, in whose Custody the same were found, and in what Manner disposed of.

The Bill for the Preservation of Sheep, was read a second Time,
Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intitled an *Act*, to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef, and Pork for Exportation, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Council do desire a present further Conference, on the subject Matter of the Conference had Yesterday.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And then the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

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

Mr. *Sterns* pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for the Preservation of Partridges, and Blue winged Ducks, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Petition of Robert *Furmage*, Master of the Brigantine *Adventure*, was presented by Mr. *Wallace*, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner in the Month of *July* last, sailed from *London* in the before-mentioned Brig, bound for *Quebec*, with a Cargo of Brandy, Wine and Soap. That the said Brig was compelled by Strefs of Weather to put into the Port of *Halifax*, in the Month of *November*, and to land her said Cargo for the Purpose of enabling her to be repaired, in Order to proceed on her Voyage. That upon landing the said Cargo, the Petitioner was obliged to give Bond to the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the Provincial Duties, arising on the said Cargo

by Direction of the Commissioners of the Revenue, to whom the same was referred, with a Condition, that the Payment of the same should not be exacted, until it should be ordered by this House. That the said Cargo remained in the Custody of the Custom House until the Month of *April* last, when it was reshipped on Board the said Brig, excepting part of the Soap, which it was necessary to sell to defray the Expences of the said Brig, and praying the House, will take the Premises into Consideration, and direct, that the Bond given for the said Duties, be cancelled, excepting, as it respects the Soap sold as before mentioned, or such other Relief, as to them may seem meet.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Sterns, reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference with the Council, on the subject of the Agency of this Province, and stated to the House the reasons offered by the Council, which he read, and are as follows, viz.

The Council have taken into Consideration the Report made to them by their Committee, appointed Yesterday, to meet a Committee of the *House of Assembly*, respecting the Agent of the Province; and having also recurred to the Proceedings of last Year, relative thereto, are satisfied, that the House think themselves warranted in the Opinion they have formed upon the Subject. But they still cannot bring themselves to join in dismissing from his Employment, a Gentleman of great Respectability, who has served the Province with reputation, in a Station of high Trust and Importance above Forty Years, consistently with those ordinary Rules of Justice, to which an old Servant in whatever Capacity may reasonably lay claim.

The Council take leave to observe, that the House having at the close of the Session last Year, come to the Resolution, to which they appear at present to adhere, without any previous Communication with them upon the Subject, they have hitherto had no Opportunity of satisfying themselves, as to its Propriety, otherwise than upon the Credit of the *House of Assembly's* Report; which though they may think it a good Ground for Enquiry, they cannot adopt it as the Foundation of a Resolution, where Rights or Interests are concerned, more especially the Party not appearing to have been fully heard in his Defence, for which reasons, they cannot for the present concur with the House of Assembly in their late Resolution, hereby referred to.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Reasons offered by the Council, on the Conference above stated, and thereupon,

On Motion *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the last Conference, and that the Committee of this House appointed for that Purpose, to profer to the Council the Documents, on which the Resolutions of this House, were founded.

On Motion of *Mr. Wallace*, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Petition of *Robert Furnage*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Belcher, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported*, from the Committee, that the Petition of *Robert Furnage* having been read, and considered, thereupon the Committee had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolution in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Robert Furnage*, should be dismissed, it appearing from the Certificate of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, and from the Examination of the Revenue Gaugers, that the Wine mentioned in the within Petition, had been regularly gauged when landed, and the usual Allowance for leakage made, that when the said Wine was regauged for Exportation the Quantity of 1177 Gallons remained unaccounted for by the Petitioner, and that no satisfactory Account has been given to this Committee of the Expenditure of said Wine, which Resolution was read a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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Mr. *Tonge*, reported, from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Resolution of this House, on the subject of the Petition of *Francis Green*, one of the joint Treasurer's of the Province, that the Committee had waited on his Excellency, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, he would give the necessary Directions, respecting the same, agreeable to the Request of this House.

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

Monday, 16th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments of the Council, to the Bill, intituled an Act, to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef, and Pork, for Exportation, into Consideration, and thereupon,

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

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

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Rutherford*, and Mr. *Dewolf*.

Major *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for making, repairing, laying out and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County to be performed in, and about the same. Also,

A Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for regulating the Exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, Boards, &c. Also,

A Bill to repeal an Act, passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass; and the same were severally read, a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second Time.

Mr. *Sterns* moved, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be authorized to direct the Bonds given for the Duties payable on the Cargo of the Brigantine *Adventure of London*, in the last Autumn to be given up upon Payment of all the Duties due, on that Part of the Cargo, not exported, provided correct and legal Certificates, and other Documents by Law required, in Case of Exportation of such dutiable Articles be exhibited to them in due Time; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Twelve, against it Sixteen.

For the Motion.

Mr. *Sterns*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *Wallace*,
Mr. *Schwartz*,
Mr. *McElbinney*,
Mr. *Embrie*,
Mr. *Freeman*,
Mr. *Bulkeley*,
Mr. *Stuart*,
Mr. *Hartshorne*,
Mr. *Baxter*,
Mr. *Humpbry's*,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Dewolf*,
Mr. *Tonge*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *Belcher*,
Mr. *Pyke*,
Mr. *Cutler*,
Mr. *Archibald*,
Mr. *Bolman*,
Mr. *Maclean*,
Mr. *Rutherford*,
Mr. *Lusby*,
Mr. *Leonard*,
Mr. *Northrup*,
Mr. *McMonagle*,
Mr. *James*.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Bill for the Preservation of Partridges and Blue winged Ducks, was read a second time.
Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

The Council doth agree to a further Conference, on the subject Matter of the Conference held on Saturday last; and also a Conference on the Amendments of the Council to the Bill, intituled *an Act*, to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef and Pork, as desired by this House, immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council;

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Ordered, That the Managers appointed to confer with the Council on the Subjects above-mentioned, do confer accordingly;

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

Mr. *Sterns* reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, on the subject Matter of the Conference held on Saturday last; and stated the Substance of the Conference to the House.

Mr. *Wallace* reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference on the subject Matter of the Bill, intituled *an Act*, to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef and Pork, and stated the Substance of the Conference to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Humphrys* be added to the Committee appointed, to take under their Consideration the Returns of the Assessments of the Poll-Tax, laid before this House.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act*, to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef and Pork, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that the Committee having had under Consideration the Bill for the Trial by Nisi Prius of Issues, laid in the several Counties therein named, and also the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of the Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act*, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and Monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, were of Opinion the said Bills should be severally committed to a select Committee, to be appointed for that purpose. That the Committee had made some Progress in the other Bills to them referred, and that this Committee had directed him to move for leave, to sit again, on the further Consideration of the same, which Report upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House, and

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the Bills, which stand committed;

Ordered, That the Bills, for the Trial by Nisi Prius of Issues, laid in the several Counties, &c. be committed to Mr. *Sterns*, and Mr. *Campbell*,

Ordered, That the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of the Act, passed in the Eighteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *an Act, to prevent the forestalling regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax*, be committed to Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Pyke, and Mr. Sterns.

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

Tuesday, 17th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

The Commissioners of the Revenue, pursuant to Order, presented to the House an Account of Seizures of smuggled Articles, made by the Collectors of Impost and Excise throughout the Province, within the Year 1793.

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

The Bill for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges, and Streets within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County to be performed in, and about the same; Also,

The Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled *an Act, for regulating the Exportation of Fish and the Assize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, Boards, &c.* Also

The Bill to repeal an Act passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled *an Act, for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass*, were severally read a second Time.

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

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill intituled *an Act, to regulate the packing and inspecting salted Beef and Pork for Exportation*, into Consideration, and the said Amendments, were read throughout a first and second Time; and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

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

The Order of the Day being read,

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills, which stood committed;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present further Conference on the subject Matter of the Agency of this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

And the Messenger was again called in;

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

Ordered, That the Managers, who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference, and the names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself again, into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of the Bills, which stood committed;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that the Committee had gone severally through the Bill, for the Preservation of Sheep; The Bill for the Preservation of Partridges and blue winged Ducks; The Bill for making repairing, laying out and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County, to be performed in, and about the same, and also the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the Thirty second year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass; and had made several Amendments thereunto respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House. That the Committee had deferred to the next Session the Consideration of the Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, for regulating the Exportation of Fish and the Assize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, Boards, &c. And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, together with the several Bills and the Amendments, where they were read a first and second Time; and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House;

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Committee of Conference being returned;

Mr. Sterns, reported that the Managers had been at the Conference with the Council, on the subject Matter of the Agency of this Province, and stated to the House, that the Council adhered to their Determination on the Subject, as offered to this House on the Conference held on Saturday last.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the subject of the Agency of this Province,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

On Motion resolved, that this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the several private Petitions, now before the House.

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

Wednesday 18th June 1794.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill, for making repairing, laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County, to be performed in, and about the same; was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act, for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County, to be performed in, about the same.

An engrossed Bill, to repeal an Act passed in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to repeal an Act, passed in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled, an Act, for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass.

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An engrossed Bill, for the Preservation of Partridges and blue winged Ducks, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for the Preservation of Partridges, and blue winged Ducks.*

An engrossed Bill, for the Preservation of Sheep, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that it be, *An Act for the Preservation of Sheep.*

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the several Bills above mentioned, to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to report to the House, whether any, and what Measures have been pursued since the last Session for the Prosecution of Smugglers, and by whom such Measures have been taken, and that the same Committee be instructed to report to the House, a Plan for the more effectually bringing Smugglers to Justice, and for recovering from such Persons the Amount of the Duties, which they have defrauded the Government of.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *ordered*, That the Collectors of Impost and Excise for *Halifax*, do report to this House, the Quantity of Rum, supplied to his Majesty's Navy and Careening Yard, since the last Session, by the Contractors for supplying his Majesty's Navy, specifying the Times, and for what Service such Supplies shall have been respectively made, and that such Collectors, do at the same Time attend this House, to answer such Questions as may be put to them, relating to the Quality of the Rum, which has been so supplied.

Ordered, That the Clerk, do give Notice to the Collectors of Impost and Excise accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read ;

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

The Petition of *Thomas Fillis*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Prayer of the said Petition should be so far granted, that an Amendment be made in the Act, intitled an Act, for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an Additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles herein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, whereby Rum distilled in this Province from Molasses shall pay a Duty of *three pence per Gallon*, and no more under the said Act.

The Petition of *Robert Ray*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, the said Petition should be dismissed.

The Petition of *William Forsyth*, and *Co*, in behalf of *Francis Telford*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee the said Petition should be dismissed, it appearing to the Committee from the Petition, that the Petitioner was
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not within the present Law, and also had not complied with the Requisites of the late Impost Law, under the Faith of which, he states in his Petition he had imported the said Rum into the Province.

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

Mr. *Pyke* pursuant to Leave given, presented and read a Petition from *Susanna Green*, widow of *Benjamin Green*, Esq; deceased, late Treasurer of the Province; setting forth, That the Petitioner's Husband held the Appointment of Treasurer to the Province for upwards of Thirty Years, during which time his conduct met the Approbation of the *House of Assembly*. That the Petitioner is now left in distressed Circumstances with a large Family, consisting of Thirteen Children, the most of whom look up to her for Support. That in the Statement of public Accounts, to 3d *April 1793*, the Petitioner's Husband made himself chargeable with a Balance of Impost and Excise of £88. 5. besides other Balances; whereas by a Revision of his Cash Book, it afterwards appeared, that no more than £16. 18. 9. was due to the Public upon a Balance of all Accounts to said 3d *April 1793*; and praying the House to take her Case into Consideration, and grant her such Relief therein, as to them should seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of this House, appointed to join a Committee of his Majesty's Council on the Examination of the public Accounts, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, to the House.

Mr. *Rutherford* pursuant to Leave given, presented a Bill for the better regulating the Herring Fishery in the Counties of Annapolis, and King's County, and the Exportation of pickled Herring from the said Counties, and the same was read a first Time

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

Thursday, 19th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Sterns* pursuant to Leave given, presented a Bill for the more equal Distribution of the Effects of insolvent Debtors among their Creditors, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Bill for the better regulating the Herring Fishery in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County, and the Exportation of pickled Herring from the said Counties, was read a second Time.

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

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

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair,

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Sterns*, pursuant to Leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty Third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the publick Debt of this Province, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the same Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's

Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

Ordered, That it be committed to Mr. Sterns and Mr. Wallace.

The Collectors of Impost and Excise for *Halifax*, having pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, attended at the Bar, and presented to this House an Account of Rum supplied his Majesty's Navy and Careening Yard, from 1st *May*, 1793 to 3d *June*, 1794, and the same being read thereupon,

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Consideration of the above Account and the Examination of the Collectors aforesaid.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Campbell* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that the Collectors of Impost and Excise having appeared before the Committee, and being asked, whether they had any Knowledge of the Quality of the Rum, so supplied to his Majesty's Navy and Careening-Yard, answered, that they had not, as they did not consider themselves authorized to take Samples of the same, which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to, by the House.

An engrossed Bill for the better regulating the Herring Fishery in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County, and the Exportation of Pickled Herring from the said Counties, was read the third time.

Resolved, that the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act for the better regulating the Herring Fishery in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County, and the Exportation of Pickled Herring from the said Counties.

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

On Motion of Mr. *Stuart* *ordered*, that the Account of Rum, supplied to his Majesty's Navy and Careening Yard, between 1st *May* 1793, and the 3d *June* 1794, be referred to Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Campbell*, to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill intitled an Act, for the Preservation of Partridges and Blue winged Ducks, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intitled an Act, for the preservation of Sheep without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill intitled an Act, for the Preservation of Partridges and Blue winged Ducks into Consideration, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a present Conference be desired with his Majesty's Council, on the subject Matter of the said Amendments, and that the Clerk do desire the same;

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

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

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

And being returned,

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

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

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The Committee of his Majesty's Council and House of Assembly upon the Public Accounts Report,

Treasury Accounts.	That the late Treasurer's Accounts have been arranged and examined ; that vouchers for all his Charges and Discharges have been found correct, and the Balance that appears to be due to the public from his Estate is	£.160 17 3
	The Joint Treasurer's Accounts are correct, properly vouched and brought up to the 31st <i>May</i> last ; the Balance then in their hands, arising from the various Duties and Taxes remitted them is	1194 14 6½
Collectors of Impost and Excise HALIFAX.	Their Accounts have been received up to the 31st <i>March</i> , 1794 ; properly stated and correct ; They have paid into the Treasury from the preceding Twelve Months Collections, and from Balances due upon Accounts rendered to this House, the 31st <i>March</i> 1793, in which is included the 10 per Cent. Tax	£4638 9 7
	And they have delivered over to the Attorney General, Bonds to the amount of	£1013 19 8
	The Balance in Securities in their hands on 31st <i>March</i> last was	6761 8 3
Collector of HANTS.	His Accounts have been received up to the 31st <i>March</i> 1794, are correct and properly stated ; he has paid into the Treasury since the 31st <i>March</i> 1793, £138 4 10½. and there remains Securities in his hands to be collected and remitted	31 9 6½
Collector of KING'S COUNTY.	His Accounts have been rendered up to the 31st <i>March</i> 1794 ; he has paid into the Treasury since 31st <i>March</i> 1793, £177 6 6. and there remains Securities in his hands to be collected and remitted amounting to	175 9 6
Collector of LUNENBURG.	His Accounts received from 1st <i>January</i> , 1793, to 31st <i>March</i> , 1794, properly stated and correct.	
	He has remitted to the Treasury during that period £134 16 4½, and the Balance then in his hands (part is since remitted)	83 5 4½
Collector of COLCHESTER.	No Accounts received since 31st <i>December</i> , 1792, but he has remitted to the Treasury since <i>March</i> , 1793.	£18 11 10½
Collector of LIVERPOOL.	His Accounts received from 31st <i>December</i> , 1792, to 31st <i>March</i> , 1794 ; and he has remitted to the Treasury during that period £423 7 0 and Securities remain in his hands to be collected and remitted	455 2 3
Collector of SHELBURNE.	His Accounts received from 31st <i>March</i> 1793, to 31st <i>March</i> 1794, properly stated and correct.	
	He has remitted to the Treasury during that period £191 10 10. No Balance remained in his Hands at that Time.	
CUMBERLAND.	No Accounts or Remittances.	
SYDNEY.	No Collector there at present, and no Accounts or Remittances.	

Collector of
ANNAPOLIS.

His Accounts received from 31st December 1792, to 31st March 1794, properly stated, and he has remitted to the Treasury in Cash and Orders during that time - £434 16 10½
Securities remain in his hands to be collected and remitted to the amount of - -

70 1 11

Capitation Tax,
received up to 31st
May 1794.

HALIFAX Town and County	-	£106	7	6
LUNENBURG	-	74	7	8½
HANTS	-	83	10	1
ANNAPOLIS	-	83	5	11½
KING'S COUNTY	-	57	18	11
CUMBERLAND	-	37	2	6
SYDNEY	-	30	12	7½
LIVERPOOL	-	29	10	11
SHELBURNE	-	23	2	1½
YARMOUTH and ARGYLE	-	53	6	6

£579 4 10

SAMBRO
LIGHT-HOUSE.

The Accounts have been received, properly stated, and correct, from 1st April 1793, to 31st May 1794. The amount of Nett Collection during that period is only £237 0 0, which is deficient of the Sum contracted for to keep up the Light £58 0 0, and a Provision will be necessary to be made by the House to make good the deficiency above stated, as well as for repairs to prevent the building from falling down.

SHELBURNE
LIGHT-HOUSE.

Accounts received from the 31st December 1792, to 31st March 1794 correct, and the Sum collected during that period is only £48 15 10½, which has all been remitted or accounted for.

GOVERNOR'S
CONTINGENCIES.

Of the Sum voted for this Service the last Session only £149 6 6, has been drawn for, and regular vouchers for the Expenditures have been produced.

Donations to
the sufferers by
Fire.

The Sum of £48 10. has been drawn for since 31st March 1793, which with the Sum of £219 13 9. drawn the preceeding Year makes in all £268 3 9.

Transient
Poor.

The Sum of £508, has been drawn for between 31st March 1793, and 31st March last, in which is included the £200. extra, voted in the appropriation Bill in 1791.

Cobequid
Road.

The Sum of £200. voted for this Service has been drawn for, and the Accounts of the Expenditure received, but are not yet audited; some part of the work not being entirely completed.

Of Council { HENRY NEWTON,
ALEX. BRYMER,
CHARLES MORRIS,

LAW. HARTSHORNE,
JOHN Wm. SCHWARTZ,
ELISHA DEWOLF,
THOMAS MILLIDGE,
EDW. JAMES.

} House of
Assembly.

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Contra,

A State of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, 31st MAY, 1794.

Dr.

By Ballance due from the Estate of the late Treasurer	160	18	1
By Ditto in the Hands of the Present Treasurers,	1194	14	6
By Securities in the Hands of Collectors of the Impost and Excise for Halifax.	6761	8	3
By Ditto in the Hands of the Out Port Collectors.	815	0	6
By Securities in the Hands of the Attorney-General.	1021	6	3
	9953	7	7
Outstanding Debts under Executions £1304. from which may be expected.	400	0	0
	10,353	7	7
Balance being the real Debt of the Province, at this time.	14585	18	10
	£.24939	6	5

N. B. Outstanding Debts due to the Province supposed to be irrecoverable. £1,660 0 0

Of House of Assembly.

LAW. HARTSHORNE,
JOHN Wm. SCHWARTZ,
THOMAS MILLIDGE,
ELISHA DEWOLF,
EDW. JAMES,

To amount of the Old Funded Debt due to the Creditors of the Province	17784	0	0
To Amount of New Funded Debt	4778	9	5
	22562	9	5
To Six Months Interest due on Old Funded Debt 30th June.	£533	0	0
To Ditto on New Funded Debt.	143	7	0
	676	17	0
Demands on Government now due	950	0	0
Ditto which will be Due for Sallaries, &c. &c. on the 30th June.	750	0	0
	£24939	6	5

Committee of Public Accounts, Halifax, 18th June, 1794.

HENRY NEWTON,
ALEX. BRYMER,
CHARLES MORRIS,

Of Council.

Ordered

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

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an act for the preservation of Partridges, and blue winged Ducks, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Wallace*, presented to the House, a Report from the Commissioners appointed in the last Session, to inspect and survey the Repairs made to the Government House, and the same was read,

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

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

Friday, 20th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Freeman* pursuant to Leave given, presented a Bill to render valid, Conveyances of real Estates of married Women by them made or to be made, during their Coverture, and the same was read a first Time.

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

The House proceeded to take the Amendments, proposed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled an Act, for the preservation of Partridges and Blue winged Ducks into consideration, and the said Amendments were read a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

On Motion, the Bill to render valid, conveyances of real Estates of married Women by them made or to be made during their Coverture, was read a second Time.

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

The Bill for the more equal Distribution of the Effects of Insolvent Debtors among their Creditors, was read a second time.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Rutherford*.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace* resolved, that a Committee of this House be appointed, to wait on the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Nova-Scotia*, to acquaint him, that it is the Wish of this House, to attend divine Service on Wednesday next at Eleven o'Clock, and to request he would be pleased to direct divine Service to be performed at St. Paul's Church on that Day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Moody*, be a Committee accordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill for the Revival and Amendment of the Laws, now in Force, for regulating the Militia, presented a Bill, for the better Regulation of the Militia in this Province, and the same was read a first Time:

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Sterns* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Trial by *Nisi Prius* of Issues laid in the several Counties therein named, was committed, and delivered in the said Bill at the Clerk's Table where it was read.

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

On

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, to render valid Conveyances of real Estates of married Women by them made, or to be made, during Coverture; and made several Amendments thereunto, That the Committee had made further progress in the other Bills to them referred, and that the Committee had directed him to move, for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the same; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the Amendments were read throughout, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be Engrossed, and read a third Time on Monday next.

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

Saturday, 21st June, 1794.

PRAYERS;

The Bill for the better Regulating of the Militia, was read a second Time.

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

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the Trial by Nisi Prius of Issues laid in the several Counties therein named.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. ^{*reported*} Sterns from the Committee, to whom the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the same Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province; by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, was committed and delivered in the said Bill at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read a second Time,

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

Mr. Sterns *reported* from the Committee appointed, to report what Laws are near expiring; and presented a Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. Belcher *reported*, from the Committee appointed to report to the House, whether any, and what Measures have been pursued, since the last Session, for the Prosecution of Smugglers, and by whom such Measures had been taken, and he read

read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the same at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows,

That it appears to the Committee, that on the 11th Day of *January* last, his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, wrote a Letter to the Attorney and Solicitor General, desiring them to file Informations against Messrs. *Brymer* and *Belcher*, Messrs. *Donaldson's*, *Andrew Liddell*, *John Leonard* and *George Bell*, for having in their Possession certain Articles, which had not paid the Duties, prescribed by Law.

That certain Steps have been taken by the Crown Lawyers in Consequence of the Governor's Letter, but they having differed in Opinion, respecting the Mode of Prosecution, no effectual Measure has been adopted, to bring the Delinquents to Justice.

It further appears to the Committee, that the Collectors of Impost and Excise, have been very negligent in the Execution of their Office, in not affording that Aid and Assistance in prosecuting for the said Penalties, and securing contraband Articles they had seized, which they were bound to do. The Committee submit the Consideration of their Conduct to this House, and as a Delay in prosecuting the Delinquents to effect, may be injurious, the Committee beg leave to recommend it to this House, to appoint a Committee, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to request, that he will be pleased to direct the Crown Lawyers, to take such Measures, without loss of Time, as may effectually answer the Purpose of recovering the Penalties imposed by Law, or the Duties which the Province has been defrauded of, and in Order, that the Difference in Opinion of the Crown Lawyers may not frustrate or retard the Prosecution of the Delinquents, your Committee further recommend, that such Gentleman of the Profession as the House may judge proper, shall be retained to co-operate with, and assist the Crown Lawyers in prosecuting for, and recovering the Duties or Penalties aforesaid, and that such Mode or Plan, as may be agreed upon, by the Majority of them (should they not all agree) shall be adopted and followed, in prosecuting for the said Duties or Penalties. And your Committee lastly recommend, that a Committee should be nominated, who shall from time to time during the Prorogation of the House, give such directions in forwarding the Prosecutions, as they may judge proper and necessary.

Mr. *Belcher* also delivered from the Committee an Affidavit of *Richard John Uniacke*, Esq; his Majesty's Solicitor General, and several other Documents, on which they had founded their Report.

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

The House having taken into Consideration the Report of the Committee before mentioned, thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee of this House be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to request he will direct his Majesty's Attorney General and Solicitor General, to prosecute to effect and without loss of Time, all such Persons as had been guilty of any Breaches of the Revenue Laws of the Province, either for the Penalties they had so incurred, or for the Duties, which, by Law they ought to have paid,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge* and Mr. *Pyke*, be a Committee accordingly,

Resolved, That his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be requested to appoint and retain Council for the Purpose, of advising and assisting his Majesty's Attorney General and Solicitor General in such Prosecutions as aforesaid, and that the Committee above named, be directed to inform his Excellency thereof.

On Motion, a Petition of *Richard Hill*, *Isaac Bonnel*, *Isaac Hatfield*, and others, in behalf of themselves, and the Inhabitants of *Digby* and *Clements*, in the County of *Annapolis*, was presented by Mr. *Rutherford*, and read, setting forth; that the Inhabitants of those Townships and the Public at large, suffer great Inconvenience for the Want of a Bridge over *Bear River*; which crosses the great Post Road, leading from *Digby* to *Annapolis*; and praying the House will grant a Sum of Money, to enable

enable them to erect the said Bridge, as they have not the Means in their Power to effect it, although they are ready to give every Assistance their Circumstances will allow towards the same,

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, 23^d June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the Trial by Nisi Prius of Issues, laid in the several Counties therein named, was read a third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act providing for the Trial of Issues by Justices of Nisi Prius, in the Counties of Sydney, Lunenburg, Queen's County, and Shelburne.*

An engrossed Bill, to render valid, Conveyances of Real Estates of married Women, by them made, or to be made, during their Coverture, was read the third Time, and thereupon,

Mr. Tonge moved, that the Bill do not pass; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Ten, against it, Sixteen.

For the Motion.

Against the Motion.

Mr. Tonge,	Mr. James,	Mr. Dewolf,	Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Northup,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Baxter,	Mr. Maclean,
Mr. Humphry's,		Mr. McMonagle,	Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Leonard,		Mr. Sterns,	Mr. Lusby,
Mr. Sargeant,		Mr. Pool,	Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Embrie,		Mr. Archbald,	Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Pyke,		Mr. McElbinny,	Mr. Cutler,
Mr. Belcher,		Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Hartshorne.

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act, to render valid, Conveyances of real Estates of married Women, by them made, or to be made, during their Coverture.*

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

Mr. Sterns, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Susanna Langborne was referred, and presented a Bill, to enable certain Persons to sell and convey a Lot of Land in Halifax, belonging to the Heirs of William Welner, late of Halifax, Yeoman, deceased, for their Support, and the same was read a first Time, and thereupon,

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

The Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a second Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intitled an Act, for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County

County to be performed in, about the same; with some Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Council do desire, a present Conference on the Bill, intituled an Act, to repeal an Act passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. Millidge, Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Sterns, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Millidge reported, they had been at a Conference, and stated the Substance of the Conference to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, for the better regulating the Herring Fishery, in the Counties of Annapolis and King's County, and the Exportation of pickled Herrings from the said Counties, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, intituled an Act, for altering the time of holding the Supreme Court, in the County of Cumberland, and also,

A Bill, intituled an Act, to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions, heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Mr. Stuart reported from the Committee, to whom the Account of Rum supplied to his Majesty's Navy and Careening Yard between 1st May 1793, and 3d June 1794, was referred, that they had examined into the same, and that it appears to the Committee, that the Collectors of Impost and Excise have acted therein under the immediate Direction of the Commissioners of the Revenue, and conformable to Law; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Tuesday, 24th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That this House will To-morrow take under their Consideration the Conduct of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of *Halifax*, during the Year last past, and that the Clerk do inform the said Collectors, that they have leave to attend at the Bar of this House, in Justification of their said Conduct.

The House having proceeded to take the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled an Act, *for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis, &c.* into Consideration, thereupon,

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

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

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Tonge*, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

An engrossed Bill, from the Council, intituled an Act, *for altering the Time of holding the Supreme Court, in the County of Cumberland*, also

An engrossed Bill, from the Council, intituled an Act, *to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax*, were severally read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second Time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

An engrossed Bill, from the Council, intituled an Act, *for altering the Times of holding the Supreme Court in the County of Cumberland*, also

An engrossed Bill, from the Council, intituled an Act, *to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax*, were severally read a second time,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill, intituled an Act, *for altering the Time of holding the Supreme Court at Cumberland*, and also, the engrossed Bill, intituled an Act, *to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions, heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax*, and had agreed to the same without Amendment. That the Committee had gone through the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made

in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, &c. And in Addition to and Amendment of the Act passed in the same 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government of this Province, &c. And had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table; as also the other Bills reported by the Committee.

The Amendments to the Bill above mentioned were read throughout and upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

An engrossed Bill, from the Council, intituled an Act, *to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax*, also

An engrossed Bill, from the Council, intituled an Act, *for altering the Time of holding the Supreme Court in the County of Cumberland*, were severally read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bills do pass.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, *to render valid, Conveyances of real Estates of married Women, by them made, or to be made during their Coverture*, without Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, *providing for the Trial of Issues by Justices of Nisi Prius in the Counties of Sydney, Queen's County and Shelburne*, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House having proceeded to take the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled an Act, *providing for the Trial of Issues by Justices of Nisi Prius in the County of Sydney, Queen's County and Shelburne*, into Consideration, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject Matter of the said Amendment.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Sterns* and Mr. *James*.

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

Wednesday 25th June 1794.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Hartshorne* reported, from the Committee to whom the Petition of *Susanna Green*, was referred, that the Committee having duly considered the said Petition, examined the Books of the late Treasurer, and also heard the Petitioner on the Merits of the Petition, are of Opinion, that the Payment of Fifty Pounds, Part of the Balance due to the Province from the Heirs of the late Treasurer should be suspended, that the Petitioner may have an Opportunity of satisfying the House of the Error, as stated in her Petition, which Report the House agreed to.

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, *for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the same Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign*, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, was read the third Time.

Resolved,

Resolved. That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the same Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an Additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, to repeal an Act passed in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for the preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass, with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

The Order of the Day being read;

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Conduct of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halsfax*, for the Year last past.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that the Report of the Committee on the subject of smuggling, &c. together with the Deposition of *Richard John Uniacke* Esquire, and other Documents relating thereto, having been read and considered by the Committee, and the Collectors of Impost and Excise having also appeared before the Committee, in Justification of their Conduct the Committee had come to two Resolutions thereupon; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in, at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows;

Resolved, That it appears to this Committee, that the neglect of the Collectors of of Impost and Excise, in affording every Aid in their Power in carrying on Prosecutions for Penalties incurred under the Excise Laws of the Province, was occasioned in a great Measure from the Difference of Opinion, between the Attorney-General and Solicitor General, relative to the Mode of prosecuting, but not so fully as to remove Impressions from the Minds of the Committee, that the said Collectors have evinced an unnecessary Precaution in forwarding those Prosecutions,

Resolved, That it appears to this Committee, that it was owing to the Credulity of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, and not intentional Neglect of Duty, that the Articles seized by them were suffered to escape from their Possession. Which two Resolutions being severally read, a first and second Time, were upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, *resolved*, that the Thanks of this House be given to the Reverend Mr. *Money*, for the Sermon by him preached before this House this day, and that Mr. Speaker do request the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Nova-Scotia*, to convey the said Thanks to Mr. *Money*.

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

Thursday, 26th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

Resolved, That this House will *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the present State of the Commerce and Fisheries of this Province, and thereupon;

The House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a select Committee should be appointed by the House, to take under their Consideration the present State of the Commerce and Fisheries of this Province, and to report to the House, what Propositions are necessary to be submitted to the Consideration of his Majesty's Ministers, respecting the same:

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said select Committee prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, containing the Substance of their Report, and praying he would transmit the same to his Majesty's Ministers for their Consideration; which said Resolutions, were read a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Hartshorne*, Mr. *Schwartz*, Mr. *Sargeant*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *McMonagle*, and Mr. *Dickson* be a Committee, agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire a present Conference with the Council, on the subject of the Amendments proposed by them to the Bill, intituled an Act, *providing for the Trial of Issues by Justices of Nisi Prius, &c.*

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

Ordered, That the Managers appointed on Tuesday last, do attend the said Conference, and the Names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the Conference accordingly,

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present further Conference, on the subject Matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And the Messenger was again called in,
 And Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that the House had considered his Message, and agree to meet the Council at a Conference, as the Council do Desire.

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers, who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference, and their Names were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly And being returned,

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

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, for making, repairing, laying out and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis, and for the more equal Apportionment of Work and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County, to be performed in and about the same with Amendments, to which they desire of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

On Motion the House resolved, itself into a Committee of the whole House on the several Bills, which stood committed ;

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

Friday, 27th June, 1794.

PRAYERS,

The Speaker having informed the House, that *Peter Etter*, Senior, their Messenger was deceased. Mr. *Israel Conky*, was thereupon appointed Messenger.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, resolved, that the Speaker be directed to Order the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax* to attend at the Bar of this House, and to desire them to discontinue such *qui tam* Actions, as they have already commenced, and further to direct them, to deliver to the Clerk the Bills of Costs, incurred in prosecuting such Suits, and that this House will reimburse the same.

Resolved also, That the Committee appointed, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request he would direct his Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General, to prosecute to effect, and without Loss of Time, all such Persons, as had been guilty of any Breaches of the Revenue Laws of the Province, either for the Penalties they had so incurred, or for the Duties which by Law they ought to have paid, be directed to wait immediately on his Excellency, and to request he will direct the Attorney and Solicitor General, and Council as requested to be retained by this House, to meet, consult and determine on the Mode of prosecuting for the Penalties or Duties aforesaid, and to request his Excellency will inform the House of their Determination.

Mr. *Archibald*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury for the District of *Colchester*, to assess the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Truro*, *Onslow* and *Londonderry*, as also the Inhabitants on the lower Settlement of *Sewack*, *Shubenaccadie*, *Gay's River*, and the Settlers on the Road leading from *Truro* to *Gay's River*, for the repairing of the said Road ; and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Hartshorne*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of the Act, passed in the 18th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, was committed, and delivered in the said Bill at the Clerk's Table, where it was read,

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

On Motion, the Bill to enable the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury of the District of *Crichester*, to assess the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Truro*, *Onslow* and *Londonderry*, as also the Inhabitants on the lower Settlement of *Sewack*, *Shubenacadie*, *Gay's River*, and the Settlers on the Road leading from *Truro* to *Gay's River*, for the Repair of the said Road, was read the second Time.

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

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, laid before the House, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Petition of *Ranald McKinnon*, *Joshua Frost*, and others, Magistrates and Inhabitants of the Township of *Argyle*, addressed to His Excellency, which was read, and is as follows,

“ That the Petitioners have been much injured ever since this, and the next Township, became a District, by the unjust and partial Mode of holding the *Inferior Court of Common Pleas* and *Quarter Sessions*, in the Western Boundary from *Yarmouth*. That when Permission was obtained to separate this Part of the County from *Shelburne*, for the mutual Advantage and convenience of both Townships, the Inhabitants of *Yarmouth* called a Town Meeting, and recommended the Judges of the *Court of Common Pleas* to Government without the Consent or Knowledge of this Township. That all the Officers of the *Common Pleas*, and a great Majority of the Sessions live in *Yarmouth*, by which Means the Petitioners are obliged to attend the Courts, where those Persons think proper to appoint them, putting *Argyle* to a greater Inconvenience, than when they attended the Courts in *Shelburne*. That the Petitioners consider it a great Misfortune in not being represented in the *General Assembly* of this Province, though their Township is more numerous in Inhabitants than others who enjoy that privilege; and praying the Premises may be taken into Consideration, and remove the Difficulties they have so long laboured under by having the Court House and Jail in a more central Situation of the District, and also the Township equally represented with the rest of the Province.”

Ordered, That the part of the Petition, which relates to the Building of the Court House, and establishing the Situation thereof, be referred to Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Lusby*, and Mr. *Maclean*, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House.

The Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, having attended at the Bar of the House, agreeable to Order; the Speaker informed them, that he was directed by the House to express their Dissatisfaction at the Measures they had pursued in prosecuting for certain Forfeitures and Penalties, incurred by Messrs. *Brymer* and *Belcher*, for breaches of the Revenue Laws of the Province; that the House demanded of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, that they would immediately discontinue the Prosecutions they had commenced as common Informers against Messrs. *Brymer* and *Belcher*, and to which the House required their immediate Answer, and on the said Collectors assuring the Speaker, that they would immediately give Orders for discontinuing of such Suit, the Speaker directed them to deliver in at the Clerk's Table the Bills of such Costs, as had been incurred in the said Suit, and added, that it was the Intention of the House, that a Prosecution in the Name of his Majesty should be carried on against the said Messrs. *Brymer* and *Belcher*, in the event of which, the House might hereafter, if they thought proper, consider the said Collectors for such Loss, as they might have sustained in discontinuing the aforesaid Suit.

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

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

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

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

Saturday, 28th June, 1794.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. Skinner took the Chair,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, and had agreed to the same without Amendment, and he delivered in the Bill at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills to them referred, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, intitled an Act, for altering the Time of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, in the Spring of the Year; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew;

The said Bill was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

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

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

Resolved, That a present further Conference be desired with the Council, on the Bill, intitled an Act, providing for the Trial of Issues, by Justices of Nisi Prius, &c. And that the Clerk do desire the same.

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

Ordered, That the Managers, who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present Conference, on the Subject of the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33^d Year of his present Majesty's Reign for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c. in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to Manage the said Conference,

And a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *McMonagle*, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, an engrossed Bill from the Council for altering the Time of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, in the Spring of the Year, was read the second Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred to the next Session, the Consideration of the Bill for the better Regulation of the Militia, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council for altering the time of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cumberland in the Spring of the Year, and agreed to the same, without Amendment, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the Bill at the Clerk's Table; the Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Bills, which stood committed, which Report the House agreed to;

And the said Bill was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Ranald McKinnon*, *Joshua Frost* and others, was referred, that it appears to the Committee
that

that the Petitioners have just grounds of Complaint, as to the Place where the Courts for the District of which *Argyle* is a Part, are now holden, as it is at a great Distance from that Township; but they are of Opinion, that there is not a more convenient Place within the Township of *Yarmouth*, for holding the said Courts, than that, in which they are at present holden. That the Committee from the Information they have been able to acquire, are of Opinion, that a Place in the Township of *Argyle* called the *Village* or *Tusket River*, is a more proper and convenient Place for holding the said Courts; but as an Act of the *Assembly* will be necessary to alter the Place of holding the said Courts, and as the Township of *Yarmouth* have not had an Opportunity to oppose the said Petition, they recommend, that the final Decision on the same be postponed until the next Session; which Report the House agreed to.

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

Monday, 30th *June*, 1794.

PRAYERS.

Major *Millidge*, pursuant to Leave given presented, a Bill to continue in Force, an Act made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles therein mentioned, and for the encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. *Belcher*, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Thirty second Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for establishing and regulating a Militia, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the said Bills be now read a second Time, and they were read accordingly,

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

Benajah Collins, Esq; returned duly elected for *Queen's County*, took the usual Oaths, and his seat.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to continue in Force an Act made in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, &c.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair,

The Chairman, reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and agreed to the same, without Amendment, and he delivered in the Bill at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to continue in Force the Act made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act, to continue in Force the Act made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and
currence.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present Conference, on the Bill, intituled an Act, to continue in Force an Act made in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, *for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government, &c. in this Province*, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew ;

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Howe*, and Mr. *Sargeant*, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, to continue in Force an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, *for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, &c.* with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

On Motion, *resolved*, That the above Bill with the Amendments, as sent down from the Council be rejected, it being the inherent Right of this House not to admit the Council to make any Amendment whatever, to a Money Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of the Acts passed in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, *for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, &c.* with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion *resolved*, That the above Bill with the Amendments, as sent down from the Council be rejected, it being the inherent Right of this House, not to admit the Council to make any Amendment whatever, to a Money Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, *for establishing and regulating a Militia*. Also the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 18th Year of his present

sent Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax. And also through the Bill to enable the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury for the District of Colchester, to assess the Inhabitants of the Townships of Truro, Onflow and Londonderry, as also the Inhabitants of the lower Settlement of Sewack, Shubenaccadie, Gay's River, &c. and had agreed to the same severally with Amendments, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the Amendments were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee appointed, to take into Consideration the Returns of the Assessments and Collections of the Poll Tax, and read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows, viz.

That the Papers laid before the Committee, afford very insufficient Ground to enable them to exhibit any regular or correct Statement on the subject referred to them: But from an Investigation of those Documents, and other Information, they have been able to procure, the Committee are of Opinion, that great Irregularities and Neglects have taken Place in many of the Counties and Districts of the Province, in both the Assessments and Collections of this Tax. The following sketch of the Assessments in the several Counties and Districts, as far as they have come to their Knowledge, and of the Payments made into the Treasury, shew this more clearly, and evince the Necessity of the expedient, which the Committee propose for remedying past Neglects, viz.

1791.	<i>Halifax County.</i>		
	Halifax Township, including only the Peninsula Assess-		
	ment,	£275 0 0	
	Deduct Commissions and Sums remitted by the Sessions	87 15 0	
		£187 5 0	
	Dartmouth, no Return.		
	Preston, no Return.		
	Ship Harbour District, no Return.		
	Sheet Harbour, Do. no Return.		
	Musqedobit, no Return.		
	Margarets Bay, Dover, Prospect, and other Places, within the Township of Halifax. no Return.		
1792.	Halifax Township, including Margarets Bay, Prospect, and other Places.	£176 19 0	
	Deduct Commissions	22 2 6	
		154 16 6	
	No Returns from any other District in this County.		
1793.	Halifax Township,	£212 3 2	
	Deduct Commissions	26 10 4	
		185 12 10	
		£527 14 4	
	N. B. In the Assessment for this Year, it appears, that nothing has been assessed for any Cattle or Horses within the Town of Halifax, No Returns for any other District within this County.		
	Total Amount paid into the Treasury to this Date	£275 17 6	
	<i>Hants County.</i>		
1791.	Sum assessed.	£78 4 6	
	Deduct for Commissions and Sums remitted	10 7 6	
		£67 17 0	
		1792.	

1792. No Returns, but it appears, that all the Districts have been assessed.
 1793. *Windsor Township* Assessment. 36 10 4
 No Returns from any of the other Districts of this County.
 Total Amount paid into the Treasury to this Date. £135 18 0

King's County.

1791. *Horton,* - - - 49 5 0
Cornwallis. - - - 64 7 6
Aylesford, - - - 5 2 6
 118 15 0

Parrsborough not assessed.
 Deduct Commissions and Sums remitted 27 3 3

£91 11 9

1792. No Returns, but it appears, that *Cornwallis, Horton,* and *Aylesford* have been assessed and Collections made in *Cornwallis* and *Aylesford*, but not in *Horton*.
Parrsborough not assessed.
 1793. No Returns, but all the Districts have been assessed and some Collections made.
 Total Amount remitted to the Treasury to this Date £139 8 11

Annapolis County.

1791. *Annapolis Township,* no Returns.
Clare, Ditto Ditto.
Digby Districts, - - - £30 13 6
Siffiboo, - - - 7 4 0
Clements, - - - 10 14 6
Granville, - - - 32 14 0
Willmot, - - - 10 0 0

Deduct Commissions and Sums remitted 91 6 0
 11 15 3

£79 10 9

1792. No Returns.
 1793. No Returns.
 Total Amount remitted to the Treasury. £170 13 7½

Lunenburg County.

1791. *Lunenburg Township,* - - - 86 5 0
Chester, - - - 21 8 6
New Dublin, - - - 14 16 6

Deduct Commissions and Sums remitted 122 10 0
 17 18 3

£104 11 9

1792. No Returns.
 1793. *Lunenburg Township,* - - - 78 14 10½
Chester, - - - 10 10 2½
Petite Riviere, - - - 5 15 0½

£95 0 1½
 Total Amount paid into the Treasury. 274 5 3½

Queen's County.

1791.	Amount assessed,	-	£35	8	5			
	Deduct Commissions and Sums remitted	-	7	15	0			
			<hr/>			£27	13	5
1792.	No Returns.							
1793.	Amount assessed,	-	37	1	2			
	Amount paid into the Treasury.	-				42	1	9

Cumberland County.

1791.	Amount assessed	-	45	14	6			
	Deduct Commissions and Sums remitted	-	7	19	6			
			<hr/>			37	15	0
1792.	No Returns.							
1793.	Township of <i>Amberst</i> assessed.	-	14	3	4			
	No other Returns.							
	Total Amount paid into the Treasury.	-				£109	10	4

Shelburne County.

1791.	No Returns.							
1792.	No Returns.							
1793.	No Returns.							
	Total Amount paid into the Treasury from <i>Shelburne</i> .	-	59	9	0			
	From the District of <i>Yarmouth</i> and <i>Argyle</i> .	-	103	6	6			
			<hr/>			162	15	6

Sydney County.

1791.	Amount assessed.	-	53	18	6			
	Deduct Commissions and Sums remitted	-	7	6	7½			
			<hr/>			£46	11	10½
1792.	No Returns.							
1793.	<i>Guyborough</i> and <i>Manchester</i> ,	-	27	2	7			
	<i>Country Harbour</i> ;	-	4	13	10			
	No other Returns from this County.							
N. B. It appears, that in the Assessment for <i>Country Harbour</i> for 1793, nothing is assessed for any Salary, Stipend or Annuity, by which the Assessment is reduced to nearly one half of what it was in 1791.								
	Total Amount paid into the Treasury	-	£60	5	7½			

District of Colchester.

1791.	No Returns.							
1792.	No Returns.							
1793.	Harbour of <i>Poistou</i> , assessed	-	5	18	4			
	<i>Southampton</i> ,	-	2	5	6½			
	<i>Merrigomish</i> ,	-	5	13	5½			
			<hr/>			£13	17	4
	Total Amount paid into the Treasury.	-						
	From <i>Colchester</i> ,	-	32	16	3			
	From <i>Poistou</i> ,	-	13	12	6			
			<hr/>			£46	8	9

From this Statement it appears, that many Districts have failed to pay their full Proportion and some, any Part of this Tax, which neglect operates highly to the Discouragement of those Parts of the Community, who have shewn a prompt and willing

willing Obedience to the Laws of their Country : And as common Justice requires, that the Negligence or Refractoriness of some should not have the Effect of continuing the Burthens on others, the Committee strongly recommend the passing of a Law to oblige the Justices in the several Counties and Districts, to take immediate and effectual Measures to enforce the Assessment and Collection of all Arrearages of this Tax, and to give them adequate Powers for the Attainment of this Object. The Committee submit to the House a Draught of a Bill for this Purpose, and entertain a Confidence, that if this Measure is effectually carried into Execution, the Production of the Tax for the next Year, will be sufficient to extinguish the Debt, for the Payment of which, it was imposed ; which Report the House agreed to, and thereupon,

Mr. *Tonge*, pursuant to leave, delivered in at the Clerk's Table a Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, *to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall be come due, before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted*, and also in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign to amend and render more productive the Act aforesaid, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands this House to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber,

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency,

And being returned,

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

An Act to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the present State of the Province, relative to the Situation of its Revenue Laws.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed, to prepare, and bring in a Bill To-morrow, for amending the Excise Law, which provides for the Payment of the Interest and Reduction of the public Debt of this Province, and also for reviving and amending the Law for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, &c. which is near expiring, in such Way as the said Committee may deem adequate to the present Exigency ; which Resolution being read a first and second Time, was upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Howe* and Mr. *Sargeant* be a Committee, to prepare, and bring in a Bill, pursuant to the above Resolution.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 1st July, 1794.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, a State of the Receipt and Expenditure for *Shelburne Light-House*, commencing the first *April* 1793, and ending first *July* 1794.

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

Mr. *Wallace* reported, from the Committee appointed Yesterday, to prepare a Bill to revive and amend the Revenue Acts, and accordingly presented a Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act for granting to his Majesty certain Duties, on Wine, Rum and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province; and also to revive, amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, and the same was read a first Time.

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

The Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted, and also in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, to amend and render more productive the Act aforesaid, was read the second Time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair;

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair;

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, &c. And to revive, amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government, &c. And also the Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, &c. And also in Addition to, and Amendment of Act, passed in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, to amend, &c. the Act aforesaid ; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments in, at the Clerk's Table, where the Amendments were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House ;

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of the Act, passed in the 18th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of the Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax,

The Bill to enable the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury for the District of Colchester to assess the Inhabitants of the Townships of Truro, Onslow and Londonderry, as also the Inhabitants on the lower Settlement of Sewack, Shubenaccadie, Gay's River, and the Settlers on the Road leading from Truro to Gay's River, for the Repairs of the said Road, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, to enable the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury for the District of Colchester, to Assess the Inhabitants of the Townships of Truro, Onslow and Londonderry, as also the Inhabitants on the lower Settlement of Sewack, Shubenaccadie, Gay's River, and the Settlers on the Road leading from Truro to Gay's River, for the Repair of the said Road.

An engrossed Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 32d Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for establishing and regulating a Militia, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the Thirty second Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for establishing and regulating a Militia.

An engrossed Bill in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the Purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province; and also to revive, amend, and render more effectual an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties, on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and also to revive, amend, and render more effectual an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Commerce of this Province.

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

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

The Council do desire a present Conference on the Subject of the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, &c. and also to revive, amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government, &c. in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

And then the Messenger was again called in,

And Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that the House doth agree, to meet the Council at a Conference as the Council do desire.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference,
And a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Millidge*, accordingly ;

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

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present further Conference on the subject Matter of the last Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew,

Ordered, That the Managers, who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

And being returned,

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

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

Wednesday 2d July, 1794.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted, and also in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, to amend and render more productive, the Act aforesaid, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass ; and that the Title be an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act, to raise a Revenue for the purpose of paying off all such Debts as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted, and also in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act passed in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, to amend, and render more productive, the Act aforesaid.

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

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled an Act, to repeal an Act, passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass, into Consideration, and the said Amendments being read a first, and second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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Mr. Millidge, moved for leave, to present a Bill to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in the Town of Halifax, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereupon, there appeared for the Motion 18, against it 12.

For the motion.

Mr. Belcher,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Skinner,
Mr. McElbinney,
Mr. Baxter,
Mr. Moody,
Mr. Tonge,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Humpherys,

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Embrie,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Dewolf.

Against the Motion.

Mr. Sargeant,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. James,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Lusby,
Mr. Northrup,
Mr. Leonard,
Mr. Bolman,
Mr. Maclean.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

The Bill was then presented, and read a first Time,

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

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

Mr. Tonge, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Resolves of this House on the 21st and 27th June last, that they had waited on his Excellency accordingly, who was pleased to say, that he would give the necessary Directions to the Attorney and Solicitor General contained in those Resolutions, and that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint Jonathan Sterns Esquire, as Counsel to advise, and assist the Attorney and Solicitor General as aforesaid.

On Motion of Mr. Wallace, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the present state of the Government or School Lottery.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in, at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed for the purpose of preparing, and bringing in a Bill to repeal that part of the Lottery Act, which appropriates the Monies to be raised thereby, and to insert in the said Bill a Clause, for appropriating the said Monies to the Use of Roads and Bridges.

And the said Resolution being read a first and second Time, was upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Sterns, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Tonge, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. Secretary Bulkley, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered to the House, an estimate of the Charge towards the Support of the Government of Nova-Scotia, and other Expences from the 1st Day of July 1794, to the 1st Day of July 1795, which was read,

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

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province, and also to revive, amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the same 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Skinner took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill to enable the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury for the District of Colchester, to assess the Inhabitants of the Townships of Truro, Onslow, and Londonderry, as also the Inhabitants on the lower Settlements of Sewack, Shubenaccadie, Gay's River, and the Road leading from Truro to Gay's River, for the Repair of the said Road, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary Bulkeley,
Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency Commands this House, to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber,

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency,

And being returned,

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

An Act in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the Thirty third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the Interest, and reducing the Principal of the public Debt of this Province; and also to revive, amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the same 33d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by laying an additional Duty on Wine, Rum, and other Articles therein mentioned, and for encouraging the Agriculture, Fisheries and Commerce of this Province.

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

Thursday, 3d July, 1794.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Sterns, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill, to amend the School Lottery Act, and accordingly presented a Bill in Amendment of the Act, passed in the Twenty first Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for raising the Sum

of £1500 by a Lottery for building a public School in Halifax, and the same was read a first Time,

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in the Town of *Halifax*, and had made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in the Bill with the Amendments at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, which Report the House agreed to ;

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 32d Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, for establishing and regulating a Militia, and also,

The Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 18th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, for establishing and regulating a Militia, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council on the subject of the Amendments proposed by them to the said Bill, and that the Clerk do desire the same,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Howe*.

The House proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled an Act in Addition to, and Amendment of the Act, to prevent forestalling, regrating and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House cannot concur with the Council in the Amendments proposed by them to the said Bill,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled an Act, for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets within the County of Annapolis, &c. and the same being read a first and second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, that an humble Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of his Excellency's Proclamation, permitting the Importation of certain Articles therein named from the United States of America, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare the same and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Dickson* and Mr. *Dewolf*, be a Committee accordingly.

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

Friday, 4th July, 1794.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in the Town of Halifax, was read the third Time, and thereupon Mr. *McMonagle* moved, that the said Bill do not pass, which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 8, against it 20.

For the Motion 8.

Mr. *McMonagle*,
Mr. *Schwartz*,
Mr. *Lusby*,
Mr. *James*,
Mr. *Northup*,
Mr. *McElhinny*,
Mr. *Freeman*,
Mr. *Bolman*,

Against the Motion 20.

Mr. *Tonge*,
Mr. *Bulkeley*,
Mr. *Wallace*,
Mr. *Dewolf*,
Mr. *Hartsborne*,
Mr. *Sterns*,
Mr. *Archibald*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *Campbell*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *Belcher*,
Mr. *Howe*,
Mr. *Rutherford*,
Mr. *Humphrys*,
Mr. *Pyke*,
Mr. *Dickson*,
Mr. *Maclean*,
Mr. *Embrie*,
Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Moody*,

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in the Town of Halifax, and for other public Purposes therein mentioned*,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do desire a present Conference on the subject of the Bill, intitled an Act, in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled *an Act, to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, &c.* in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

And the Messenger was again called in,

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

And then the Messenger again withdrew,

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

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

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

And being returned,

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

The Clerk reported, that the Council had agreed to the Conference as desired by this House Yesterday, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Managers do attend the said Conference accordingly, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference,
And being returned,

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

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for establishing and regulating a Militia, and also

The Bill, intituled an Act, to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in the Town of Halifax, and for other public Purposes therein contained; without any Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 18th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to prevent the forestalling, regrating and monopolizing Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion *resolved*, that the Bill with the Amendments as sent down from the Council, be rejected.

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

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

J O H N W E N T W O R T H, L. L. D.

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

The ADDRESS of the House of Representatives in General Assembly.

May it please your Excellency.

WE his Majesty's faithful Subjects the Commons of Nova-Scotia, sensible that the Provisions made by an Act of Parliament, passed in the Twenty eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign, for regulating the Trade between the British Plantations and the United States of America, by restricting it to the Importation of certain Articles from the said States, into this Province, were necessary in the fullest extent, under the then Circumstances of this Province; Beg leave to state to your Excellency, that from the present state of our Agriculture, we can, with the fullest Confidence, assure your Excellency, that the Province is now, and has been some Years past, fully adequate to supply its Inhabitants, with most of the Articles permitted by your Excellency's Proclamation, under the said Act, to be imported from the said States. Impressed with this Conviction, we consider it as our Duty, and beg leave to request, that your Excellency, will, after the expiration of the Period limited by your Excellency's Proclamation, of the Twenty seventh Day of June last, restrict the Articles to be imported into this Province, from the United States of America, to Indian Corn, Wheat, Rye, Bread, Rice, Boards, Scantling, Staves and Heading, unless the exigencies of his Majesty's Service, during the present War, should otherwise require.

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Cochran*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *James*, be a Committee to present the said Address.

Ordered,

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

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

Saturday, 5th July, 1794.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Major *Millidge*, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed, to request his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to direct the Attorney General to lay before this House, a statement of the Suits by him commenced against public Defaulters, from the first Day of *January* 1789 to this Date, specifying how far he has proceeded in those Suits, and what Monies have been collected and received on each and every of them.

Ordered, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, *resolved*, that the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of *Halifax*, do lay before this House an Account of all Bonds and Securities in their Hands, and of all Manifests of dutiable Articles exported for Drawback, also of the Quantity of Rum issued to his Majesty's Navy, on which Drawback is allowable.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Collectors with the foregoing Resolution.

The Clerk *reported*, That he had in Pursuance of the Order of the House Yesterday, waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know, when he would be ready to receive their Address, and that his Excellency was pleased to appoint this Day at 12 o'Clock at the Government House.

Mr. *Millidge* *reported*, from the Committee appointed. to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Resolution of this House, on the subject of Suits commenced by the Attorney General against public Defaulters; that his Excellency had been waited upon accordingly, and was pleased to say, he would give the necessary Directions to the Attorney General, agreeable to the Request of this House.

Mr. *Belcher* *reported*, from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of this House, that his Excellency had been waited upon with the said Address, and that his Excellency was pleased to say, he would consider the Contents, and give an Answer thereto to the House.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill in Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twenty first Year of his Majesty's Reign, intitled *an Act, for the raising the Sum of £1500 by a Lottery for building a public School in Halifax*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred the Consideration of the said Bill to the next Session, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same to the House, which Report the House agreed to,

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *resolved*, that a present Conference be requested with the Council on the subject of the School Lottery Act, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to Manage the said Conference, and a Committee was appointed of Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Derwolf*, and Mr. *Wallace*,

The Clerk *reported*, that the Council do agree to a Conference, as this House doth desire immediately in the Committee Room of the Council, and the Committee went to the Conference accordingly,

And being returned,

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

Monday, 7th July, 1794.

PRAYERS.

The Collectors of Impost and Excise according to Order, laid before the House, an Account of the public Bonds and Securities in their Hands, also

An Account of all dutiable Articles exported for Drawback to the 30th *June* last, and also,

An Account of the Rum issued to his Majesty's Navy, on which Drawback is allowable to that Period, and the same were read,

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

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

And he presented the Message to the House,

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

GENTLEMEN,

I have considered your Address of Yesterday, and with pleasure observe your Opinion of the increased Culture and Produce of the Province ; and you may rely on my limiting the Articles of Importation according to your Request, unless the public Exigencies should otherwise require.

J. WENTWORTH.

Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley* also laid before the House, by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, a Return from the Attorney General of the Suits commenced by him against public Defaulters, commencing the 1st *January* 1789, and ending 5th *July* Instant, agreeable to the Request of this House to his Excellency, and the same was read,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

And

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Nine of the o'Clock.

Tuesday, 8th July, 1794.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Skinner* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Mr. *Dewolf* moved, that the Resolution for granting £200 towards defraying the Expence incurred in building the Bridge over *Sackville* River, be not agreed to by House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 12, against it 17.

For the motion.

Mr. *Bolman*,
Mr. *Leonard*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *Dewolf*,
Mr. *Northrup*,
Mr. *Tonge*,
Mr. *Lusby*,
Mr. *Rutherford*,
Mr. *Moody*,
Mr. *James*,
Mr. *Humphrys*,
Mr. *Campbell*,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Hartshorne*,
Mr. *Bulkeley*,
Mr. *Wallace*,
Mr. *Schwartz*,
Mr. *McMonagle*,
Mr. *Belcher*,
Mr. *Sterns*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *Pyke*,
Mr. *Cochran*,
Mr. *Howe*,
Mr. *Freeman*.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Northrup* moved, that the Resolution for granting £100, for the Road from *McNab's* Bridge, to *Gay's* River, leading to the District of *Colchester*, be not agreed to by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 12, against it 17.

For the Motion, 12.

Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Leonard,
Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Moody,
Mr. Bolman,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Tonge,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Northup,
Mr. James,
Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Humphrys,

Against the Motion 17.

Mr. Skinner, Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Archibald, Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Dickson, Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. McElbinney, Mr. Bulkeley,
Mr. Embrie, Mr. Lusby,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Belcher,
Mr. Sterns,
Mr. Dewolf,

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Tonge moved, That the House do *resolve* itself again into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government, which being seconded and put, passed in the Negative, and thereupon,

The Resolutions reported from the Committee, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On Motion, the Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year 1794, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read a first Time,

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. McMonagle moved, That the Accounts of the Expenditure of the Sum of £4000 Sterling, granted by a perpetual Act of the Province, for a College, be annually laid before this House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 11, against it 16.

For the Motion 11,

Mr. Lusby, Mr. Tonge,
Mr. McMonagle, Mr. Humphrys,
Mr. Bolman, Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Northup,
Mr. James,
Mr. McElbinney,

Against the Motion 16.

Mr. Embrie, Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Archibald, Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Dickson, Mr. Sterns,
Mr. Cochran, Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Moody, Mr. Belcher,
Mr. Leonard, Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Howe, Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Pyke, Mr. Bulkeley.

So it passed in the Negative.

An engrossed Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year 1794, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, was read the third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province,

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

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to direct the printing the inside, and repairing,

pairing the Ceilings of the Government House, and to certify to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the respective Sums to be paid for the same,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Cochran*, and Mr. *Schwartz*, be a Committee accordingly.

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

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled *an Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province, without any Amendment.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Wallace* reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare an Address, to be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the present State of the Commerce and Fisheries of the Province, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read a first and second Time, and upon the Question being put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Hartshorne* and Mr. *Schwartz*, be a Committee to present the said Address;

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait on his Excellency, to know his pleasure when he will receive the Address.

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

Wednesday 9th July, 1794.

PRAYERS:

The Clerk reported, that he had in pursuance of the Order of the House Yesterday, waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be ready to receive their Address, and that his Excellency was pleased to appoint this Day at Eleven o'Clock, at the Government House.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher* resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and to request he will be pleased to direct the Attorney General, to take the most effectual and immediate Measures to recover the Monies due to the Province, and for that Purpose to commence Suits against all the Obligors, as well Securities, as Principals, and in particular to request his Excellency to direct the Attorney General, to commence Suits against the Sureties of *John Newton*, Esquire, Collector of Impost and Excise, and to prosecute the same to Judgement, unless the Amount due by him the said *John Newton*, is paid, and to direct also, that due Measures are taken to effect a Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the said *John Newton*, whereon Execution has been levied, for the Debt due by him as aforesaid, so that Execution may not be staid after Judgement obtained against the Sureties of the said *John Newton*, by reason of a Sale, not having been made, under the aforesaid Execution,

Ordered, That Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Hartshorne* and Mr. *McMonagle*, be a Committee accordingly.

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of this House, on the present State of the Commerce and Fisheries of the Province, that his Excellency had been waited upon

accordingly, and was pleased to say he would recommend and transmit the same to his Majesty's Ministers for their Consideration by the earliest Conveyance.

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

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency Commands this House, to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber,

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency, in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent, to the several Bills following, viz.

A Bill, intituled an Act, to regulate the packing and inspecting of salted Beef and Pork for Exportation.

A Bill, intituled an Act, for making, repairing, laying out, and altering Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, within the County of *Annapolis*, and for the more equal Apportionment of the Work and Labour of the Inhabitants of the said County, to be performed, in, and about the same.

A Bill, intituled an Act, to render valid Conveyances of real Estates of married Women by them made, or to be made, during their Coverture.

A Bill, intituled an Act, for altering the Time of holding the *Supreme Court*, in the County of *Cumberland*.

A Bill, intituled an Act, for the preservation of Partridges and blue winged Ducks.

A Bill, intituled an Act, to provide for the Support of the Grammar School in the Town of *Halifax*, and for other public Purposes therein contained.

A Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 31st Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, to raise a Revenue for the Purpose of paying off all such Debts, as are now due by the Province, or which shall become due before the first Day of July next, the funded Debt only excepted; and also in Addition to, and Amendment, of an Act, passed in the 33^d Year of his present Majesty's Reign, to amend and render more productive the Act aforesaid.

A Bill, intituled an Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the 32^d Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, for establishing and regulating a Militia.

A Bill, intituled an Act, for altering the Time of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Cumberland* in the Spring of the Year.

A Bill, intituled an Act, for the Trial of Issues by Justices of *Nisi Prius* in the Counties of *Sydney*, *Lunenburg*, *Queen's County* and *Shelburne*.

A Bill, intituled an Act, for the Preservation of Sheep.

A Bill, intituled an Act, for the better Regulating of the Herring Fishery in the Counties of *Annapolis* and *King's County*, and the Exportation of pickled Herring from the said Counties.

A Bill, intituled an Act, to provide for the Summary Trial of Actions, heretofore vested in his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*.

A Bill, intituled an Act, to enable the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury for the District of *Colchester*, to assess the Inhabitants of the Townships of *Truro*, *Onslow* and *Londonderry*, as also the Inhabitants on the Lower Settlement of *Sewack*, *Shubena-die*, *Gay's River*, and the Settlement on the road leading from *Truro* to *Gay's River*, for the repairs of the said Road.

After which Mr. Speaker delivered to his Excellency, a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted this present Session, and spake as follows, viz.

May it please your Excellency,

His Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, have in this Session of *Assembly*, made that Provision for the Support of the Government, which they trust will be sufficient to answer all the Exigencies of the present Year, and humbly pray your Excellency will be pleased to assent

assent to the Bill for appropriating those Supplies, now delivered to You, by their Speaker.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the said Bill following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech, viz.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Council,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

AT a Season of the Year when every Hour is of Importance to the Farmer, and Man of Business, in the private Concerns of Life, I have great pleasure in having it in my Power to grant you a Recess, from the Fatigues of the public Duties. I have equal Pleasure in acknowledging the unremitting Diligence, with which you have prosecuted the Affairs of this Session.

The Supplies you have granted, and the Appropriation of them agreeable to Law, will claim my best Attention ; and I hope and trust, that the longer we are known to each other, the more firm will be our Conviction of the infinite Benefit to be derived to his Majesty's Government of the Province, and the Happiness of his People, from the Confidence we may Place in our respective Dispositions, to promote the public Good, and the true Interest of the Country.

And afterwards the President of his Majesty's Council, by his Excellency's Command said,

GENTLEMEN,

It is his Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this *General Assembly* be prorogued to Thursday the Eighteenth Day of *September*, to be then here held and this *General Assembly*, is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Eighteenth Day of *September* next.
