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PROCLAMATION,

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, Baronet, 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.

WHEREAS the General-Assembly of this Province stands prorogued unto Thursday the 11th day of April next.

I have therefore thought fit, (by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council) further to prorogue the said General-Assembly unto Friday the 7th 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 Arms at Halifax, this 25th Day of March 1799, in the 39th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

JOHN WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command,

B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.

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FRIDAY, 7th JUNE, 1799.

The following Members having assembled agreeably to his Excellency's Proclamation bearing date the 25th March, 1799.

Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Solicitor General,
Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. James,

Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Tonge,

Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Embrie,
Mr. Lusby,
Mr. Moody,
Mr. Morris.

The Clerk acquainted the said Members, that he had received a Letter from the Speaker, dated the 22d May last, addressed to them; which Letter the Clerk by their Direction read, and is as follows, viz :

GENTLEMEN,

“ I have the Honor to inform you, that his Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint me his Consul-General for the Eastern States of America, and that I am commanded to repair to *New-York* without Delay, to take upon me the exercise of that Office. It will therefore be out of my Power to meet you in the next *Session of the Assembly*. I have communicated this to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and acquainted him that the Speaker's Chair will, by my Absence, be vacant.

“ Permit me to assure you, that I am gratefully sensible of the Honor you conferred on me in electing me Speaker of the present *House of Assembly*, and of the Attention and Respect I have ever received from you in that, my official Capacity. I have the Satisfaction to add, that the Conduct of the House has invariably been limited within the Bounds of cool and temperate Debate, and that neither Party Zeal, or Opposition, have, in any instance attempted to obtrude upon sober Reason and unbiassed Candor, of the Truth of these Remarks, the Journals and other Proceedings of the House, will, at all Times afford incontestible Evidence.

“ To err is the Lot of human Nature, if therefore in performing the arduous and important Duty, to which you Gentlemen, were pleased to call me, I have in any instance been guilty of Inattention, or in any other Manner remiss in my Duty, I sincerely intreat your Pardon.

“ Although I shall ever obey the Commands of my Sovereign with Alacrity and Cheerfulness, and am duly sensible of the Honor he has conferred upon me, still permit me to add, I leave this Province, which for many Years past, I have been led to value infinitely beyond the place of my Nativity, with real Regret. I love and respect the Inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia*, and consider them at present as the happiest and most favored people on the Globe. I trust they feel with me the superior Advantages of their Situation, in being possessed of a Constitution, which affords Protection to their Persons and Property, and in enjoying every Blessing, which a wise and affectionate King can dispense to his faithful Subjects. My fervent Prayers,

Gentlemen, shall daily be offered for the Prosperity and Happiness of the Inhabitants of this Province, and it will afford me singular Pleasure to be in any Degree instrumental in promoting the Interest of the Community, or any of its Members.'

And thereupon,

The Clerk by Direction of the Members present appointed a Committee of Mr Pyke, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Solicitor-General, to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform his Excellency, that seventeen Members were met, but that they were without a Speaker, in consequence of *Thomas Barclay*, Esq; being appointed by His Majesty, Consul-General to the Eastern States of *America*.

Mr. Pyke, reported to the Members, that his Excellency had been waited upon by the Committee, and that his Excellency was pleased to command, that the Members do proceed to the Choice of a fit Person to be their Speaker, and that his Excellency would be ready to receive them in the Council Chamber, at one of the Clock this Day.

The Members then calling *Richard John Uniacke*, Esq; his Majesty's Attorney General to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressing the sense he had of the Honor proposed to be conferred on him, submitted himself to their Choice, and he was taken out of his Place by *John George Pyke* and *Michael Wallace*, Esqrs; and conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

A Message was delivered from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*, commanding the Attendance of the Members in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker elect with the Members went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where he informed his Excellency, that the House had chosen him to be their Speaker in Obedience to his Excellency Commands; his Excellency was pleased to approve of the Choice the House had made, and thereupon Mr. Speaker addressed his Excellency as follows.

May it please your Excellency,

YOUR Excellency having been pleased to confirm the Choice of the House, it is my Duty to commence the high Office I am called to fill, by assuring your Excellency, that I feel the most grateful Sentiments towards you for the very favorable Manner in which you are pleased to receive me as Speaker of the *House of Assembly*, and it is my hope, that by a steady and unalterable Attachment to his Majesty's Person and Government, and a zealous Endeavour to promote the true Interests of this Province, that I shall be able to render whatever Errors I may fall into, the object of Indulgence, rather than of Censure.

In discharge of the first Duties of my Office, I am humbly to request, that your Excellency will be pleased to continue to the *House of Assembly*, the enjoyment of its usual and customary Privileges, in as full a manner as the House possessed the same, in the time of my Predecessor.

His Excellency in reply said, I will confirm and maintain the accustomed Privileges requested.

The House being returned, Mr. Speaker took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

It is his Excellency's pleasure, that this House should adjourn till Tuesday next at Twelve of the Clock, then to meet for the Dispatch of Public Business.

Then the House adjourned till Tuesday next at Twelve o'Clock accordingly.

TUESDAY, 11th JUNE, 1799.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly

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 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 follows:

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council,
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

IN addition to the Satisfaction, which meeting the Legislature always affords me, I have, at this Time, the highest Pleasure and Happiness in the Opportunity of congratulating you upon the splendid and important Successes of His Majesty's Arms, and recent Victories of His Allies; which, since the last Meeting of the *General Assembly*, have checked the Attempts, and frustrated the daring and wicked Designs of His Majesty's Enemies; evinced the decided and irresistible Superiority of the Power of *Great-Britain*, and afforded Safety to other Nations of Europe, in uniting to subdue the general Enemy, and Disturbers of Religion, Government and all the Blessings of civil Society, thereby to restore Peace and Order upon the only solid and permanent Foundation.

I have also very great Satisfaction to observe, that the general Prosperity and happy State of the Province, testify the Wisdom of its Laws, the Justice in their Administration, and the Loyalty, Virtue and prudent Industry of the Inhabitants. It remains for me to recommend to your Attention, the continuing of those Laws, which by their Effects have procured the Prosperity, that, it may be hoped, will be coeval with their Continuance: and that you will take into your Consideration, the existing Danger of having the Yellow Fever, or other infectious Distemper, brought into the Province, for want of proper Regulations, and the Establishment of a Health Office, supported by an Authority competent to any Case, or Circumstance, that may arise in any Part of the Province.

Every Precaution that could be taken, during the Recess of the *General Assembly*, under the present Laws, has been faithfully and attentively exerted; and, notwithstanding the constant Intercourse with the Countries where the Yellow Fever raged, those temporary Precautions have proved successful.

As nothing can better or more effectually promote the growing Prosperity of the Province than good Public Roads, particularly through the Districts and Parts of the Country most frequented, I must recommend to your Consideration, the Public Benefit that would result from a Grant of Aid toward completing the Post-Road from *Halifax*, over the Bridge now building across the *Windsor River*, through *Horton* to *Annapolis*, or *Digby*; and of a like Aid toward completing the main Roads from *Halifax* to *Truro*, to *Cumberland* and to *Piñon*.

It is with particular, and the highest Gratification, I inform you, that the Star voted as a mark of Loyal and respectful Regard to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, has been presented and most Graciously received; as you will have it reported to you by the Committee, who, by appointment of the Legislature, had the honour to conduct this Business.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The Public Accounts shall be prepared for your Inspection. Also the proper Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year, which from the desirable State of the Revenue, and Experience of your former Wisdom and Liberality, I trust you will cheerfully provide for.

Whatever may be hereafter necessary, shall be communicated, with perfect reliance on your Candor, Knowledge and public Spirit, to Dispatch the Business of the Sessions with Harmony, Diligence and Judgement, wherein you shall meet my Cordial concurrence.

On Motion, *ordered*, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. Solicitor-General and Mr. *Tonge*, be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellency's Speech.

On Motion of Mr. Solicitor-General, *resolved*, That the Thanks of this House be given to *Thomas Barclay*, Esquire, the late Speaker for his long and faithful Services in this House, and that Mr. Speaker to acquaint him with the same.

Resolved, That no Petition of a private Nature be received after Thursday the 20th Instant.

Mr. Treasurer *Wallace* pursuant to Order, presented to the House an Account of all Monies received by him into, and all Payments made from the Provincial Treasury, from the 31st May 1798, to 31st March 1799, inclusive.

Ordered, That Mr. *Schwartz*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Sargent*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Belcher*, 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.

A Message from the Council informing the House, that they had appointed a Committee to join the Committee of this House, to examine into, and Report on the public Accounts, and that their Committee would be ready to meet the Committee of this House on Thursday next at Eleven o'Clock, in the Committee Room of the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. *Pyke*, and Mr. *Tonge*, be a Committee to report what Laws are near expiring.

The Clerk delivered to the House a Letter from the Reverend Mr. *Stanfer*, the Chaplain of this House, directed to the late Speaker, stating, that he had obtained the Permission of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to go to *England* for a few Months on his private Affairs, and praying to be excused from doing his Duty as Chaplain for the present Session.

Resolved, That the Reverend Mr. *Gray*, Missionary at *Preston*, be requested to officiate for the Chaplain during the present Session, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk informed the House, that he had communicated to the Reverend Mr. *Gray*, the forgoing Resolution, and that he was willing to comply with the Request of the House.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr. *Gray*, be desired to attend the House To-morrow, and so from Day to Day.

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

WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Wallace*, 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

SIR JOHN WENTWORTH, BARONET, 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*, intreat your Excellency to accept our sincere and hearty Thanks for your obliging Speech at the opening of the present Session of *General Assembly*. We

We receive with the most lively Satisfaction your Excellency's Congratulations on the repeated Successes of his Majesty's Arms, and the recent Victories of his Allies. Glorifying in our Connection with our parent Country, and deeply interested in her Prosperity, every Instance of her Triumphs over the Foe gives us the highest Gratification, and while we contemplate with Pleasure the Advantages gained by his Majesty's Allies, we acknowledge with Admiration and Gratitude the Wisdom and sound Policy of our most Gracious Sovereign, which have raised, and now support the Confederacy against the baneful Disturbers of the Peace of Europe and common Enemies of Mankind; on the Continuance of this Policy we rely (under Heaven) for the Restoration of Peace and the Preservation of Religion, Government, and the Blessings of civil Society on Earth.

For the present great and almost unexampled Prosperity of this Province, we bend in Gratitude to divine Providence, which in the midst of War has preserved to us all the Blessings of Peace, and feel with the warmest Sensibility our Obligations for the Protection and fostering Care of our beloved Sovereign; at the same time we are fully sensible how much we owe to your Excellency for your just and prudent Administration, and equal Distribution of Justice under those Laws, which it will be our Study to continue, and preserve, having such convincing Proofs of their Wisdom and Efficacy.

Your Excellency's Suggestions on the important Subject of the Yellow Fever shall meet our due and immediate Consideration, and we will endeavour to adopt such Regulations, as may prevent the Admission of such a destructive Pestilence into a Country, hitherto through the Blessing of God so remarkable for the Health of its Inhabitants. We thankfully acknowledge the good Effects of the prudent Precautions already used by your Excellency to keep out that fatal Malady, and rely much on your future Exertions, when invested with greater Powers for this important Purpose.

Sensible of the great Benefits arising from good Communications throughout the Province, we shall agreeably to your Excellency's Recommendation make such Provision for the Improvement of the Post and other Roads, as may consist with the present Situation and Circumstances of the Country.

We rejoice with your Excellency, that the Star, the mark of our grateful Attachment to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, and the just Tribute of our Respect for his numerous Virtues has been so soon completed and presented. We shall with pleasure receive the Report of the Committee honored with this Commission, anticipating from our Knowledge of his Royal Highness's Condescension and Politeness, the most gracious and favorable Acceptance.

For the public Services and Exigencies of the Province, we shall not fail to make suitable Provision, confident, that what we freely Grant, will by your Excellency be prudently and judiciously applied. Whatever further Communications your Excellency may be pleased to make, will be received on our Part with due Attention and Respect, and we shall use every Exertion to compleat the Business of the Session with Dispatch, and to preserve that Harmony, that has so remarkably characterized the present *General Assembly*.

Warmly interested in every Event conducive to your personal Felicity, we beg you, Sir, to accept our most cordial Congratulations on the safe Arrival of your Lady and Son; the Happiness of your Excellency and Family, cannot be more complete than our good wishes would make it.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait on his Excellency to know his Pleasure when he will be attended by this House.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into Consideration the several Acts to prevent the spreading of contagious Disorders and to prepare, and bring in a Bill to amend the said Acts, by making such further

further Provisions and Regulations as may appear necessary to prevent the admission of the Yellow Fever or other pestilential Diseases into this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Tonge* and Mr. *Pyke*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with a Copy of the Resolutions of this House on Friday the 6th *July* last, on the subject of revising the Laws of the Province, with a request, that his Excellency will be pleased to give the necessary Directions to the Crown Lawyers, agreeable to the Wishes of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Moody*, and Mr. *Leonard*, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of *John Nevil*, Keeper of the Gaol for the County of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. Solicitor-General and read, setting forth; that the Petitioner has been Keeper of the said Gaol for near Twenty three Years last past, and received a Salary for said Service, of £20. per Annum up to the Year 1782, by Vote of this House. That since that period, he had been paid an annual Sum, from the County of *Halifax*, until the last Year, when the Justices in their Session, informed him, that they had determined to make him no further Allowance. That the Petitioner has a numerous Family and is become so old and infirm, that he cannot earn bread for their Support, and praying the House will take his long Services and distressed Situation into Consideration, and grant him such Relief therein as they may deem fit.

A Petition of *Thomas Whitbead*, an insolvent Debtor, confined in the Jail at *Windsor*, was presented by Mr. *M^cMonagle*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners in Consequence of Misfortunes in Trade, is indebted to several Persons upwards of five Hundred Pounds, which he is totally unable to pay. That the Petitioner has been confined in the said Gaol, for several Months past, on an Execution for £135, in Consequence of which his Health is much impaired, and his Family consisting of a sick Wife and three small Children dependant on the Bounty of the Charitable for their daily Support. And praying the House will take his pitiable Situation, into Consideration, and grant him such Relief as they shall think fit.

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

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

THURSDAY, 13th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk *reported* to the House, that his Excellency having been waited on, pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, to know, when he would be pleased to be attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint To-morrow, at One of the Clock at the Government House.

A Petition of *Mathew Pinnel*, of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Pyke*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner hath been constantly employed as Keeper of *Sambro* Light House, during the Space of Twenty seven Years, that out of his small Salary he has brought up in honest Industry, four Children, who from their Circumstances, have not the means of assisting him. That the Petitioner has a Wife and three small Orphan Grand Children, to maintain. That the Petitioner, from his extreme old Age, being upwards of Eighty five, and the enfeebled State of his Wife, who is Seventy five, finds himself inadequate to the faithful Discharge of his Duty as Keeper of said Light House any longer; and must therefore give up that Employment, and consequently the Salary annexed; and will then be left with-
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out one Farthing to support himself and Family, he not having been able (from the Smallness of his Salary) to make any Provision for his old Age, and praying the House will be pleased to allow him a small Pension, for his future maintenance.

A Petition of *John McColla, Jonathan Snelling*, Magistrates, and others; the Inhabitants of the Township of *Rawdon*, was presented by *Mr. Tonge*, and read, setting forth that from the extreme Badness of the Roads, throughout the Township, the Petitioners are put to much Inconvenience and Expence, in carrying their produce (which from great Exertion and Industry of the Inhabitants, has become very considerable) to the Market of *Halifax*. That the Petitioners have not only expended the whole of their Statute Labour, on the said Roads, but have otherwise made every Exertion in their Power for the Repairs of the same. And praying the House will take their Case into Consideration, and grant them the Sum of £200, or such Relief in the premises, as to them shall seem fit.

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

On Motion of *Mr. Solicitor General*, *resolved*, That to expedite the Business of the Session, for the future, all Committees of this House, that are to bring in Bills, may, if the said Committees deem it expedient, employ professional Aid in drafting and preparing the same; and that in such Case, *Foster Hutchinson*, Esq. be considered as the Person recommended by this House, to be employed for that Purpose, whenever his Services can be procured; and that this House will provide for such Expence, as said Committees may incur.

On Motion of *Mr. Millidge*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill, for the regulating of Public Houses, and for granting a Duty to His Majesty on Persons hereafter to be licenced.

Ordered, That *Mr. Millidge, Mr. McMonagle, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Belcher*, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of *Joseph Doucet* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Clare*, was presented by *Mr. Millidge*, and read, setting forth. That the Petitioners suffer many Hardships and Inconveniences from the want of a passable Road of Communication throughout their Township, which is in extent upwards of thirty Miles, and intersected in several Places, by Rivers and Swamps; and praying the House will take their Situation into Consideration, and grant such relief therein as they may deem fit.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow, at half past Twelve of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 14th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS,

On Motion, *resolved*, That this House will To-morrow, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration such Petitions as are now before the House; and that the Petitioners are ready to appear in Support of.

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

And being returned,

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

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

Your very loyal, public spirited and very judicious Address, is highly gratifying to me, and affords the best Confidence that the Prosperity of the Province, will continue to encrease under such liberal and wise Influence, which I always cordially

dially embrace, as the great Object of my Duty, Ambition, and Happiness. It is therefore with peculiar Satisfaction, that I beg you to accept the best Expressions of my Gratitude, for the generous Sentiments you kindly entertain; and that you will accept my Assurances, that your friendly Participation in my personal Happiness, on the Arrival of my Family, exceedingly adds thereto; impresses the most perfect Sense of your affectionate Goodness on my Mind; and the most cordial Wishes for your individual, extensive, and permanent Happiness.

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

SATURDAY, 15th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS,

Mr. *Belcher*, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor with the Resolution of the House on Wednesday last, on the subject of the Revival of the Laws of the Province, that his Excellency had been waited upon by the Committee accordingly, and was pleased to say, that he will immediately give Directions to the Crown Lawyers for carrying into Effect, the Wishes of this House.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into and report, how, and in what manner, the two Sums of Money one of £150, the other of £50, making together the Sum of £200, granted in the last Sessions of *General Assembly*, for repairing Roads and Bridges in the County of *Hants*, and *King's County*, have been applied.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Pool*, and Mr. *Moody*, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Wallace*, reported, from the Committee appointed by his Majesty's Council, and the *House of Assembly*, in their last Session, to carry into Effect the joint Resolution of the Legislature of the 30th June, 1798, for the Purchase of a Diamond Star to be presented to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD from this Province, 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:

That in Obedience to the above mentioned Resolution, and the subsequent Orders thereupon, dated 6th July, 1798, the Committee received from the Treasurer of the Province the Sum of five Hundred Guineas, voted for that purpose, which they invested in a Government Bill of Exchange, and remitted in the Month of *August*, unto Messrs. *Ransom*, *Moreland* and Company, Bankers in London, by the recommendation of his Excellency Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, with a request, that they would cause to be made a Diamond Star of the Order of the Garter, and executed in the best and most elegant Manner, that the Sum would admit of, exclusive of any contingent Expence; which request, the said Messrs. *Ransom*, *Moreland* and Company, complied with, in the most obliging Terms. That his Royal Highness having failed for England in the Month of *October* following, the Committee, with the Advice of Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, directed Messrs. *Ransom*, *Moreland* and Company to deliver the Star when completed into the Hands of *Charles Mary Wentworth*, and *Lawrence Hartshorne*, Esquires, then in London, to be by them presented in the Name and Behalf of this Province to his Royal Highness. That in the Month of *January* last, the said *Charles M. Wentworth* and *Lawrence Hartshorne*, Esquires, having obtained an Audience for the Purpose, did present the Star to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, at Saint James's, in the Manner recommended to them by his Excellency Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, and the Committee; as will appear by their Letter of the 4th of *March* last, and the Copy of his Address on the Occasion in behalf of the Province, and of his Royal Highness's Answer thereto herewith annexed.

Mr. *Wallace* also delivered to the House, a Copy of the Letter from *Charles M. Wentworth*

Wentworth and Lawrence Hartshorne, Esqrs. to the Committee, dated *London 4th March*, 1799, which was read, and is as follows.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have the honor to acquaint you that we waited upon his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, according to the Instructions received from his Excellency Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, and the Committee of the Legislature of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, on the 9th *January* last. We have the satisfaction to announce the great Condescension of his Royal Highness, both as expressed in the most favorable Acceptance of the Pledge committed to our Charge, and his high Estimation of the Province, by which he was thus distinctly marked with the public Veneration and Love.

A Copy of the Address presented to his Royal Highness upon the Occasion, together with his reply is herewith enclosed, and we beg to unite in offering our most grateful Acknowledgements to the Gentlemen, who have done us the Honor of so important and pleasing a Commission. We have the Honor to be Gentlemen your obliged and humble Servants,

CHARLES MARY WENTWORTH,
LAW. HARTSHORNE.

Also a Copy of the Address of *Charles M. Wentworth*, and *Lawrence Hartshorne*, Esqrs. to his Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, which was read, and is as follows :

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE

E D W A R D,

Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and of the Most Illustrious Order of SAINT PATRICK, &c. &c. &c.

S I R,

HIS Excellency Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, and the Committee appointed by his Majesty's Council, and by the *House of Assembly* of *Nova-Scotia*, have conferred on us, the Honor of presenting to your Royal Highness, the Star Voted at the last Session in *General Assembly*, as a Memorial of the Respect and Esteem they entertain for your Royal Highness's Character and Conduct during your Residence in that Province. Permit us to say, we feel ourselves peculiarly honored in this Opportunity of approaching your Royal Highness, and in Addition to the Duty prescribed to offer our sincere and heartfelt Congratulations upon your Royal Highness's safe Arrival in your native Country, to the Arms of our beloved Sovereign, your Royal Father and Family, and at an auspicious Hour most glorious for our King and Country.

Knowing as we do, your Royal Highness's Zeal for both, we cannot help expressing our Joy upon the Occasion, and our anxious Hope, that the medical Assistance your Royal Highness has received in this Country, will soon restore you to perfect Health. We have the Honor to be with the greatest respect your Royal Highness's most dutiful and most devoted Servants.

CHARLES MARY WENTWORTH.
LAW. HARTSHORNE.

And also a Copy of the Answer of His Royal Highness Prince EDWARD to the foregoing Address, which was read, and is as follows.

GENTLEMEN,

I request you will express to Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, and the Members of his Majesty's Council, as well as of the *House of Assembly*, of the Province of *Nova-Scotia*, my warmest Thanks, for the Gift of the Star, which you have this day presented

mented me with, as a token of their Friendship and good Will towards me. The flattering Manner in which this Mark of Esteem was voted, cannot fail to enhance the value of the present. Be pleased to accept personally for yourselves, Gentlemen, of my particular Acknowledgements for the handsome and obliging Manner in which you have executed the Commission committed to your Charge, and I hope you will be persuaded, that a friendly Remembrance of the Persons from whose Hands I received it, will never be separated from the Recollection of the peculiar Distinction conferred on me by the Province to which you belong.

EDWARD.

Ordered, That the said Report, and the several Papers do lie on the Table for the Information of the Members.

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 they had considered the Petition of *Mathew Pinnel*, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same 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 in Consideration of the long services of the Petitioner as Keeper of the Light House at *Sambrô* Island, his present indigent Circumstances, and extreme old Age, as well as losses he has sustained during the time he held that Employment, the Treasurer be authorized to expend a Sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds to be applied to the Relief of the Petitioner, as his Exigencies may require.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of private Petitions.

The Resolution passed in the Committee, was read a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

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

MONDAY, 17th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Solicitor General pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in *Amendment of the Act, relating to the Office of Sheriff*, and the same was read a first Time, and thereupon,

Mr. *M^cMonagle*, moved, That the said Bill be rejected, which being seconded and put, passed in the Affirmative.

On Motion of Mr. *Pyke*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into their Consideration the several Temporal Acts of this Province which provide for the summary Trial of Actions, and that the said Committee do prepare, and bring in a Bill for the more effectually providing for the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *M^cMonagle*, Mr. *Northup*, Mr. *Archibald* and Mr. Solicitor General be a Committee for the above purpose.

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On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into their Consideration the several Acts, which regulate the Celebration of Marriage in this Province, and that the said Committee do prepare, and bring in a Bill, for the more effectual Solemnization of the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Sargent* and Mr. *Pool*, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House in Favor of *Mathew Pinnel*,

The Council have passed a Bill, intituled, *an Act for the better Regulation of the Circuit Courts and for granting new Trials in Causes brought up from Inferior Courts*, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further 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 they had gone through the Business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

The Petition of *John Nevil*, was read, and considered, and thereupon,

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

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

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House to take into Consideration the Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, and prepare and bring in a Bill for amending the same.

The said Report, and Resolutions were read a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Rutherford*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution of the Committee.

A Petition of the Grand Jury and others Inhabitants of the Town of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. *Wallace*, and read, setting forth, That the Provision which has been made by this House, at different Sessions of the *General Assembly*, for the Support of that Description of Persons, called the transient Poor, of the Province, which resort to *Halifax*, has been found very inadequate to the purposes intended, and from its Nature so uncertain and fluctuating, that for some time past, it has so greatly diminished, that the Poor Tax is become a most serious and alarming Burthen to the Petitioners. That the Regulations made by this House for relieving the Town of *Halifax*, from so heavy a Charge, and to check its Increase, are, and will, from the peculiar Situation of the Province, continue to be ineffectual, in spite of all the Care and Attention of the Magistrates, and Overseers of the Poor. That for the two last Years, the Indians have become an additional Description of Paupers; who have encamped in very considerable Numbers, in the Vicinity, and depending entirely upon the Inhabitants of *Halifax*, for their Maintenance, during the greater Part of the Winter. That the present annual Expence of the Poor House, with the strictest Economy and Care, amounts to £1600; one half of which,

which, is solely chargeable to the Transient Poor, who are either Cast upon the adjacent Shores through Misfortune, or seek Refuge in the Harbour of *Halifax*, upon the Approach of Winter; when it is almost impossible to send them away, and if it were practicable, would be attended with an Expence, still more intolerable, than their Support through the Winter. That the Petitioners, have too high a Sense of the Justice and Liberality of this House, to suppose it will hear with indifference the Recital of Facts, so obvious and demonstrable, and which effect, so materially and unequally, a Class of Inhabitants, that contribute in so great a Degree, to the Revenue of the Province; and praying, that the House will be pleased to take their Case into Consideration, and grant such Aid, as in its Wisdom, may seem best calculated to operate to the Petitioners relief.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

TUESDAY, 18th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Pyke*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, for the regulating of public Houses, &c. and presented a Bill, for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for prescribing the Manner of granting Licences, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion, the engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *an Act, for the better Regulation of the Circuit Courts, and for granting new Trials in Causes brought up from Inferior Courts*, was read a second Time.

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

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

TREASURY.

The Treasurer's Accounts have been received up to the 31st *March* last; properly stated and correct, with Vouchers for all Charges and Discharges. The Balance in the Treasury at that Period, arising from the various Duties and Taxes was

13,793 18 8

COLLECTORS of IMPOST & EXCISE HALIFAX DISTRICT.

Their Accounts for the four Quarters, to the 31st *March* last, has been received properly stated and correct, there remained in their Hands at that Period, for Collection; subject to the usual Drawbacks on Articles exported, Securities to the Amount of

20,779 13 6

LUNENBURG DISTRICT.

No Returns have been received, from this District.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Collector of this District, has transmitted his quarterly Returns to the 31st *March* last, and are correct. He has remitted to the Treasury since the 31st *May* 1798, only £190, and there appears by his Account Current, as stated to the 31st *March* 1799, to be a balance due from him of

1,221 8 0

SHELburnE

SHELburnE DISTRICTS.

The Collectors quarterly Return to the 31st *March* last, properly stated and correct; he has remitted to the Treasury, between the 31st *May* 1798, and the 31st *March* last.

The Balance of his Account current, at that Period, was £233 1 2
 but he has since made a further Remittance to the Treasury of £1454 3 0
 of £192. 10. 0.

1454 3 0

DISTRICT of YARMOUTH.

The Collector has transmitted an Account for one Quarter only, viz. from the first of *January*, to the 31st *March*, 1799; by which there appears to have been secured the amount of £.5 4. only, in that District, which is not yet remitted to the Treasury.

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

The late Collector has remitted to the Treasury, since the 31st *May* 1798, only £103 7 4, so that a Balance remains in his Hands, to be remitted from his Statement of last year

301 5 8

The present Collector, has transmitted four Quarterly Returns to the 31st *March* last properly stated and correct; the Balance in his Hands to be collected and remitted is

48 8 9³

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

No Returns or Accounts, but a Balance of £.9 4 9, has been received at the Treasury, with an Account for the Year 1797.

DISTRICT of COLCHESTER.

The Collector of this District, has transmitted an Account, stated from the 31st *December* 1797, to the 31st *December* 1798; when there appears to have been only £.6 5, net Duties, secured during that Period, which Sum, has since been remitted to the Treasurer, to be accounted for by him.

KING'S COUNTY DISTRICT.

The late Collector, has remitted to the Treasury, since the 31st *May* 1798, and previous to the 31st *March* last, £20, on Account of his Balance, as stated last Year, and has since paid the Remainder of that Balance, say, £20 6, to be accounted for by the Treasurer.

The present Collector, has transmitted his Accounts from the 1st *April* 1798, to the 31st *March* 1799, by which there appears only £4 15 2³, of Duties collected in that District, during the above Period, to be remitted.

HANTS DISTRICT.

No Account or Returns received.

SYDNEY.

No Account or Returns received.

CAPITATION TAX.

The Treasurer has received from the Collector of *Yarmouth*, and *Argyle*, the Sum of £38 2 6, as the Balance of the Assessment in that District, to be accounted for.

HALIFAX

HALIFAX LIGHT HOUSE.

The Collectors have rendered their Accounts, to the 31st *May* 1799, correct, and have paid into the Treasury, since the 31st *May* 1798, the Sum of £470, of which £120, is included in the Treasurer's Account, to the 31st *March* last, and £350 since, which is to be accounted for by the Treasurer, Balance in their Hands -

27 5 3

SHELBURNE LIGHT HOUSE.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 31st *March* 1799, the net Sum secured and collected for the last Twelve Months, £49 16 9, and there has been remitted to the Treasury, £28 5 3, of the above Sum ; the Balance is -

21 11 6

CONTINGENT SERVICE.

The Sum of £100 only, drawn for, previous to the 31st *March* last; but the Secretary holds a Warrant for 150, the Residue of the Vote of last Year, it being all required and expended.

LICENCE DUTY.

The Account of this Duty, made up by the Collector from the 31st *December* 1797, to the 31st *December* 1798, shews the Sum of £621 17 7, net Money, collected. of which £192, was accounted for by the Treasurer last Year, and the Balance £429 17 7, has since been paid into the Treasury.

The Treasurer *reports*, That there are considerable Demands on this Fund still unsatisfied, to a greater Amount than the above Balance.

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

J. W. SCHWARTZ, } Committee of the House
EDWARD JAMES, } of
JOHN SARGENT, } Assembly.
THOMAS MILLIDGE, }
BENJAMIN BELCHER. }

Dr.

Dr. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA,

Contra,

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1799.

MARCH 31. To Balance due the Grammar School Fund 100 0 0
 To Ditto to the 10 per Cent Poor Tax 102 14 7
 To Ditto on Account of Contingent Vote of }
 last Session, 150 0 0

352 14 7

Balance 25,855 5 5

£26,208 0 0

1799.

MARCH 31. By Balance in the Hands of the Treasurer 13,793 18 8½

By Securities in the Hands of the Collector
 Impost & Excise at Halifax, 20,799 13 6
 Deduct for probable Drawbacks, 10,799 13 6

10,000 0 0

By Balances unremitted and Securities in
 the Hands of the Out Port Collectors
 and Outstanding Debts 3,218 14 11½
 Deduct for probable Drawbacks 804 13 8

2,414 1 3½

[327]

£26,208 0 0

ALEX. BRYMER, } Committee of the Council;
 IS. DESCHAMPS, }

J. W. SCHWARTZ,
 EDWARD JAMES,
 JOHN SARGENT,
 THOMAS MILLIDGE,
 BENJ. BELCHER,

} Committee of House of Assembly.

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

On Motion of Mr. *Pyke*, *resolved*, That this House will now *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government, and thereupon,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Business to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, 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 it was read, and is as follows;

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the present System of Revenue should be continued for the Year ensuing, except so far as relates to the Duty on Teas, which Duty should cease from the 31st Day of *March* last past.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of a Supply, to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

The Resolution and Report of the Committee were again read a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon agreed to by the House, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *McMonagle*, and Mr. Solicitor General be a Committee, to prepare, and bring in a Bill agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

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

On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for repairing the Market-House in *Halifax*, and for establishing and regulating a Town and Country Market within the said Town.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *Belcher*, Mr. *Archibald*, and Mr. *James*, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

WEDNESDAY, 19th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS,

A Petition of *Andrew Wallace*, was presented by Mr. *Tonge*, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner in *June* 1797, was appointed Inspector and Searcher for the District of *Colchester*, that on the 10th *October* following, he seized and took Possession of a Hoghead Rum, in the House of one *Thomas Lynds* at *Onslow*, for want of a Permit, and afterwards moved it to the Store of *Thomas Pearson*, from whence it was stolen: that in Consequence of the said Seizure and loss of the Hoghead of Rum, a Verdict has been obtained against the Petitioner in the *Supreme Court* for upwards of £60, and praying the House will grant him relief in the Premises.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Solicitor General *reported* from the Committee appointed, to take into Consideration the several Acts to prevent the spreading of contagious Distempers, and presented

presented a Bill for the better preventing the Introduction and spreading of contagious Distempers in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of Nathaniel Parker, Foster Woodberry, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Wilmot*, and of the Eastern Part of the Township of *Annapolis*, was presented by Mr. *Millidge*, and read setting forth. That the Petitioners at a very considerable Expence have cut a Road from the *Nictaur Falls* in the Township of *Annapolis*, to meet a Road cut by the Inhabitants of *Liverpool*. half way to the said Falls from the Town of *Liverpool*. That the said Road will be of great public Utility, and praying the House will grant such Aid for improving and completing the same, as to them may seem fit:

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Solicitor General pursuant to leave given, presented, a Bill to amend the Act for appointing Firewards, and ascertaining their Duty, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Bill for suppressing Unlicensed Houses, and for prescribing the manner of granting Licences, 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 passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to authorize the Sale or Exchange of Globe Lands in certain Cases, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a first time To-morrow.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, an Act for the better Regulation of the Circuit Courts, and for granting new Trials in Causes brought up from Inferior Courts.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman, reported from the Committee, that they had Considered the Bill to them referred, and had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows ;

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the House should appoint a Committee to confer with his Majesty's Council, on the subject Matter of the said Bill ;

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Committee so to be appointed to confer with the Council, should be instructed to state to the Council the Propriety of establishing Courts of *Nisi Prius* throughout the Province, and to be a nearly as possible on the principle of the Courts of *Nisi Prius* established in England.

The said Resolutions were again read, a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Belcher*, and Mr. *Dewolf*, be a Committee of Conference with the Council agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion *resolved*, that this House will To-morrow *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock:

THURSDAY, 20th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read,

On Motion *resolved*, that this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. *McMonagle*, pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill to exempt the Inhabitants of the County of Hants from being taxed for Repairs of a Bridge about to be erected over the River Avon*, and the same, was read a first Time.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *an Act to authorise the Sale or Exchange of Glebe Lands in certain Cases*, was read a first Time,

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

A Bill for the better preventing the Introduction and spreading of contagious Distemper in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and also

A Bill to amend the *Act for appointing Firewards and ascertaining their Duty*, were severally read a second Time.

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

A Petition of *Henry Taylor*, of *Halifax*, was presented by Mr. Solicitor General, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is a Distiller of Rum from Molasses imported from the West-Indies. That the present provincial Duty added to the King's Duty on the Molasses so imported, and the want of an Allowance for Leakage and Wastage on his Stock, acts as a great Discouragement to the said Manufactory, and praying the House will take his Case into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them may seem fit.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for suppressing unlicensed Houses and for prescribing the Manner of granting Licences.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Mr. *Schwartz*, offered to the House a Petition, which he stated to be signed by *Philip Marchinton*, *Andrew Belcher*, and others Inhabitants of the Town of *Halifax*, on the subject of the public Building.

Mr. *Pyke*, offered to the House a Petition, which he stated to be signed by *William Duffus* and others, Merchant Taylors in the Town of *Halifax*, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petitions be received and read To-morrow.

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

FRIDAY, 21st JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS,

The Order of the Day being read,

On Motion, *resolved*, that this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. *Wallace*, moved, that the Petition of *Philip Marchinton*, *Andrew Belcher*, and others Inhabitants of the Town of *Halifax*, be not received by the House, which being seconded and put passed in the Negative.

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The said Petitions were then received and read, setting forth, That the Petitioners are apprehensive that the Mercantile part of the Community will sustain an essential Injury should the public Buildings for the sittings of the *General-Assembly*, and the Courts of Justice, and for the public Offices of the Province be erected upon the Scite, which the Petitioners understand is fixed by the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature, and praying the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them may seem fit.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that the Consideration of the same, be deferred until a Report can be obtained from the Commissioners for the public Buildings of their Proceedings under the Act, and that the said Commissioners be requested to lay the same before the House.

A Petition of *William Duffus*, and others, Merchant Taylors of *Halifax*, was read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have for several Years past exercised their Trade in this Province, and constantly employed a Numbers of Journeymen Taylors. That the greater Part of those Journeymen have lately entered into a Combination to work no longer, except they can obtain extravagant and unwarrantable Wages, which will operate as a great Detriment to the Petitioners, as well as the Public in general, and praying the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein, as to them may seem fit.

And thereupon pursuant to leave given, Mr. *Pyke* presented a Bill for regulating the Wages of Journeymen Taylors, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *An Act to authorise the Sale of Glebe Lands in certain Cases*, And also

A Bill to exempt the Inhabitants of the County of Hants from being hereafter taxed for Repairs of a Bridge about to be erected over the River Avon, were severally read a second Time.

Resolved, That the said Bills 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 Conference by Committee on the subject Matter of the Bill, intituled *an Act, for the better Regulation of the Circuit Courts and for granting new Trials in Causes brought up from Inferior Courts*, as requested by this House immediately in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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. Solicitor General, *reported*, that the Managers had been at the Conference; and stated the Subject of the said Conference to the House.

On Motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further Consideration of the Bill for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for prescribing the Manner of granting Licences.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pool* took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

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

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

And then the Messenger was again called in,

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

And 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.

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

SATURDAY, 22d JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read,

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

Mr. Solicitor General *reported* to the House, that the Managers had been at a further Conference with the Committee of his Majesty's Council yesterday, on the Subject of the Bill relating to the Circuit Courts, and that the said Committee had informed the Committee of this House, that the Council are of Opinion the present State of the Country is not yet such as will admit of the Propriety of altering the Law, so much as the Establishment of *Nisi Prius* Courts would necessarily Occasion.

A Bill for regulating the Wages of Journeymen Taylors, was read a second Time.

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

Mr. *Rutherford*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for establishing a Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the Western District of the County of Annapolis, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the 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 for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for prescribing the Manner of granting Licenses and had agreed to the same with several Amendments, 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. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Bill to them referred.

And thereupon, Mr. *James*, moved, that the said Bill with the Amendments be recommitted; which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The Report of the Committee, and the Amendments to the above Bill, were read throughout a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Pursuant to leave given, a Petition of *Robert Barry*, and Company of *Shelburne*, was presented by Mr. *Campbell*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners in the Month of *September* 1797, exported 1453 Gallons of Rum from *Liverpool* to *St. John's Newfoundland*, as will appear by the Certificates of the proper Officers. That the said Certificates were by some Accident mislaid, and not found until the Time by

Law

Law allowed for recovering the Drawback had elapsed, and praying the House would take the same into Consideration, and grant Relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

MONDAY, 24th JUNE, 1799:

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill for suppressing Unlicensed Houses, and for prescribing the Manner of granting Licenses, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Bill be, *an Act* for suppressing Unlicensed Houses, and for prescribing the Manner of granting Licenses, also for the Regulation of Taverns and public Houses, and also for licensing Hawkers and Pedlars.

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

A Bill for establishing a Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the Western District of the County of Annapolis, 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. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to amend the Act for appointing Firewards, and ascertaining their Duty and had agreed to the same with several Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House. That the Committee had deferred to the next Sessions the Consideration of the Bill to exempt the County of *Hants*, from being hereafter taxed for Repairs of a Bridge about to be erected over the River *Avon*.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the several Bills to them referred.

And thereupon, Mr. *McMonagle*, moved that the Report of the Committee; so far as it relates to the deferring the Consideration of the Bill, to exempt the Inhabitants of the County of *Hants*, from being hereafter taxed, for Repairs of a Bridge about to be erected over the River *Avon*, be not agreed to by this House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seven, against it Nineteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Monagle,
Mr. Tonge,
Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Northrup,
Mr. Morris,
Mr. Cochran,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Millidge,	Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Lusby,	Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Solicitor General,	Mr. Belcher,
Mr. Pool,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Leonard,	Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Embrie,
Mr. James,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Belman,	Mr. Moody,
Mr. M ^r Elbinny,	Mr. Stuart.
Mr. Gracie.	

So it passed in the Negative.

The Report of the Committee, and the Bill with the Amendments were then read

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.

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

TUESDAY, 25th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

An Engrossed Bill to amend the Act for appointing Firewards, and ascertaining their Duty, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *An Act to amend an Act passed in the second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for appointing Firewards ascertaining their Duty and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire.*

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

Pursuant to leave given, a Petition of *David Thompson, of Shelburne*, was presented by Mr. *Pyke*, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner superintended the Building of the Light House erected some Years since at the Mouth of the Harbour of *Shelburne*, by order of the late Governor *Parr*, for which he has not received any Compensation whatever, and praying the House will take his Case into Consideration, and grant him such a Recompence for his Services as to them shall seem just.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for reviving an Act, passed in the *Thirty sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign in Addition to an Act passed in the fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign for the raising Monies by Presentment for defraying County Charges*, and the same was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. *Wallace*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for continuing the Revenue Acts, and presented a Bill for continuing and amending the several Revenue Acts, and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. *Solicitor General*, 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 said Bills be read a second Time.

Mr. *Pyke*, reported from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the several Acts of this Province, which provide for the Summary Trial of Actions, and presented a Bill for the more easy recovery of small Debts within the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*, and to regulate the summary Trial of Actions, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Statute Labour throughout the Province,

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Gracie*, Mr. *Stuart*, and Mr. *DeWolf*, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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. *Sargent*, 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.

On Motion of Mr. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that this House will on Monday next the 1st July, *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration, the present State of this Province, respecting its pecuniary Concerns, and also the Expediency of appointing a fit Person to be Agent for the Province.

Mr. Belcher, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, *for altering the time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for King's County, 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.

WEDNESDAY, 26th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

A Bill *for altering the time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace for King's County also,*

A Bill *to Continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned, and also,*

A Bill *for reviving an Act, passed in the 36th Year of his present Majesty's Reign intituled, an Act, in Addition to an Act, passed in the 5th Year of his Majesty's Reign, for the raising Money by Pr-sentment, for defraying County Charges ; were severally read a Second time,*

Resolved, That the said 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. Sargent, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through Bill the *for the better preventing the Introduction, and spreading of contagious Distempers, in the Province of Nova-Scotia ; and had agreed to the same with several Amendments. That the Committee recommend the Expediency of a Bill, for regulating the Introduction of the small Pox into the Province ; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same, with the Bill and Amendments in 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 Consideration of the several Bills to them referred.*

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed,

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Millidge, Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Pyke, be a Committee to prepare, and bring in a Bill for regulating the Introduction of the small Pox, into the Province.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for prescribing the Manner of granting Licences ; also for the Regulation of Taverns and Public Houses, and also for licensing Hawkers and Pedlars, with some Amendments.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, as sent down from the Council,

cil, be thrown under the Table, it being the inherent Right of this House, not to admit the Council to make any Amendment whatsoever to a Money Bill,

Ordered, That in future all Committees appointed by this House do meet at half past eight of the Clock in the Morning, in the Committee Room of the House, for the purpose of transacting such Business, as may be referred to them by this House.

Mr. *Wallace*, reported from the Committee, to prepare, and bring in a Bill, for repairing the Market House at *Halifax*, and presented a Bill, for repairing or rebuilding the Market-House; erecting a Country Market House, and regulating the several Markets in the Town of *Halifax*.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion of Mr. Solicitor General, *ordered*, That Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. *Monagle*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Cutler*, and Mr. *Pyke*, be a Committee to prepare, and bring in a Bill for enforcing the Attendance of the Justices of the Peace, throughout the Province to their Duty.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *ordered*, That Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Monagle*, Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *Archibald*, and Mr. *Belcher*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, for raising a Revenue, by laying a Duty on all Persons hereafter to be licensed.

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

THURSDAY, 27th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for repairing, or rebuilding the Market House, erecting a Country Market House, regulating the several Markets in the Town of *Halifax*, and also

A Bill, for continuing and amending the Revenue Acts, were severally read a second time,

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

An engrossed Bill, for the better preventing the introduction and spreading of contagious Distempers, in the Province of Nova-Scotia, was read a third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act to prevent the Introduction and Spreading of contagious Distempers in the Province of Nova-Scotia.

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

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill for raising a Revenue by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed, and presented a Bill, for raising a Revenue by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed, to keep public Houses or Shops; and the same was read accordingly a first Time.

On Motion, *resolved*, That the Bill be now read a second Time, and the said Bill was accordingly read a second Time.

On Motion of Mr. *Schwartz*, *resolved*, That the Commissioners for carrying on the public Building, do lay before this House, a general Report of every thing done by them under such Commission, and do also deliver in an Account of all the Money expended by them, since their Appointment.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *resolved*, That the Account of the Expenditure, of the Money arising from the Duty on licensed Houses, in the Town of *Halifax*, for two Years last past, be laid before the House.

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On Motion of Mr. *Belcher*, *resolved*, That the Account of all the Money raised by Lottery in the Province be laid before the House, together with a particular Account of the Expenditure, of such Sums of said Lottery Money ; as have been already laid out.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Revenue, do report to the House, what has been done by them respecting a Resolution of this House, entered into on the third day of *July* last, on the subject of the Capitation Tax.

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,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, to continue in Force, the several Acts therein mentioned, and had agreed to the same without any Amendment. That they had gone through the Bill, *for continuing and amending the Revenue Acts*. And also the Bill, *for raising a Revenue, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed, to keep public Houses or Shops*, and had agreed to them severally with Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same with the Bills in 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 Consideration of the several Bills, to them referred.

The Report of the Committee, and the Amendments to the above Bills, 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 as *reported* by the Committee be engrossed.

A Bill *for the more easy Recovery of small Debts within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and to regulate the summary Trial of Actions*, was read a second Time.

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

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

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

An engrossed Bill, *for continuing and amending the Revenue Acts*, was read a third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act, to continue in force the several Revenue Acts herein mentioned*, and to amend and alter the same,

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

Then the House adjourned, till Saturday at Nine of the Clock, the Morrow being a Fast appointed by Proclamation from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

SATURDAY, 28th JUNE, 1799.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill *for raising a Revenue by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public Houses or Shops*, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public Houses or Shops for the retail of spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such public Houses and Shops*.

Ordered,

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

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 any Amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act to continue in Force the several Revenue Acts herein mentioned*, and to amend, and alter the same with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdraw.

On Motion of Mr. *M^cMonagle*, resolved, That this House will adhere to the said Bill as sent up to his Majesty's Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the above Resolution, and also carry the said Bill back to the Council, and again desire their Concurrence to the same.

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. *Sargent*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public Houses or Shops, for the retail of spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such public Houses and Shops*, without any Amendment.

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. *Sergant*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have sent down the Bill, intituled, *an Act to continue in Force the several Revenue Acts herein after mentioned*, and to amend and alter the same; and adhere to the Amendments made by them to the said Bill, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew:

On Motion of Mr. *M^cMonagle*, resolved, That the Amendments to the above Bill as sent down from his Majesty's Council be thrown under the Table, it being the inherent Right of this House to originate all Money Bills, and it being contrary to the Privileges of this House to suffer such Money Bills to be altered and amended by his Majesty's Council.

On Motion of Mr. *M^cMonagle*, resolved, That the Bill above mentioned: together with the foregoing Resolution on the Subject of the Amendments made by the Council, to the said Bill, be sent to the Council, by three Members of this House.

Ordered

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Gracie, and Mr. Schwartz, do carry the same to his Majesty's Council accordingly.

Mr. Solicitor-General, *reported*, That he and the other Members had delivered to his Majesty's Council the said Bill with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, and the House went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber,

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 following Bills viz.

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

An Act for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licenced to keep public Houses, or Shops for the Retail of spirituous Liquors, and for regulating such public Houses and Shops.

Mr. Wallace, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein after mentioned, and the same was read a first Time.

On Motion, *Resolved*, that the said Bill be now read a second Time, and the same was read accordingly.

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

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

MONDAY, 1st JULY, 1799:

PRAYERS,

Mr. Solicitor General, *reported* from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill for enforcing the Attendance of Justices of the Peace to their Duty, and presented a Bill to compel the Attendance of the Justices of the Peace, at the General Sessions of the Peace, &c. and the same was read a first time.

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

An engrossed Bill to continue in Force the several Acts therein after mentioned, was read a third time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to continue in force the several Acts therein after mentioned, and to revive the same.*

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

The Order of the day being read.

On Motion the House, *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the present State of the Province, respecting its pecuniary Concerns, and also the expediency of appointing a fit Person to be Agent for the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in that Part of the Business to them referred, which respected the Appointment of an Agent, and that the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, 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 it was read, and is as follows.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a fit Person should be appointed

appointed as speedily as possible, as a public Agent in Behalf of this Province, resident in *Great-Britain*.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Resolution and Report of the Committee were read a first and second Time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the 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. Sargent, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed by his Majesty's Council to inform this Honorable House, that they cannot agree to the Bill sent up to them by the House, intituled, *an Act to continue in Force the several Acts therein after mentioned and to revive the same*, because by his Majesty's Royal Instructions no Law for granting Money by Duties can be made to continue for less than One Year, which Bill is therefore returned to the House,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to confer with his Majesty's Council on the subject Matter of the foregoing Message, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. *Tonge* and Mr. *Wallace*, do manage the said Conference.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to meet this House at a Conference by Committee as the House do desire, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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. *Wallace*, *reported*, That the Committee had been at the said Conference, and stated the Substance of the Conference as follows, That his Majesty's Council did not assume a Right to originate Money Bills, but that it was the Right of the Council to alter and amend the same, so far as respected the Regulations contained in such Bills, which was a right as appeared by the Journals of his Majesty's Council, the House had conceded; That his Majesty's Council was not disposed to differ with this House on the subject of its Priviledges.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act to amend an Act passed in the second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act, for the better preventing the Introduction and spreading of contagious Distempers, in the Province of Nova-Scotia*, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion of Mr. Solicitor-General, *resolved*, That a present further Conference by Committee be desired with his Majesty's Council on the subject Matter of the last Conference, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

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The Clerk *reported*, That the Council agree to a present further Conference, as desired by this House by Committee immediately 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. *Wallace*, *reported*, That the Committee had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference as follows, viz. That his Majesty's Council did not consider the Bill, intituled, *an Act to continue in Force the several Revenue Acts herein mentioned*, and to amend and alter the same, as remaining with his Majesty's Council for further Consideration, and thereupon.

On Motion *resolved*, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council with the Resolution of this House to send the said Bill to his Majesty's Council by three Members, and the Report of such Members that such Bill had been delivered to his Majesty's Council on Saturday last, also

Resolved, That his Majesty's Council be requested by Message to inform the House whether the Council agree or disagree, to said Bill,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolutions to his Majesty's Council.

Mr. *Tonge*, moved, That a Committee be appointed to examine into, and report Precedents to this House, respecting the Privileges of the House on the Claim made by his Majesty's Council, to alter and amend the Money Bills originating in this House, which being seconded, and put, passed in the negative.

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. *Sargent*, 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 Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

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

TUESDAY, 2d JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS:

A Bill to compel the Attendance of the Justices of the Peace at the General Sessions of the Peace, was read a second Time,

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

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bills intituled; *an Act, for the preventing the Introduction and spreading of contagious Distempers, &c.* and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do not agree to the first Amendment made by the Council to said Bill.

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Council by Committee on the subject Matter of the second Amendment, and that the Clerk do desire the same,

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. *Tonge*, and Mr. *Sargent* do manage the said Conference.

Mr.

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a *Bill*, for establishing a publick Market in the Town of Liverpool, and the same was read a first Time.

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

The Clerk reported, that he had pursuant to Order delivered to his Majesty's Council, the several Resolutions passed by the House yesterday, and also requested, that his Majesty's Council would inform the House by Message, whether they agree or disagree to the *Bill*, intituled, an *Act* to continue in Force the several Revenue Acts, therein mentioned, and to amend and alter the same.

The Order of the Day being read,

On Motion *resolved*, That this House will To-morrow consider further the present State of the Province respecting its pecuniary Concerns, and the expediency of appointing a fit Person to be Agent for the Province, 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. *Millidge* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed by his Majesty's Council to inform this honorable House, that to avoid Controversy and Irritation, the Council had determined to take no Notice of the resolve sent up on Saturday, nor could they take any further Notice of the *Bill* which the Committee of this House left on their Table with the resolve; because the *Bill* had been fully acted upon, and was lost by the previous Proceedings upon it. The Council had a Right to suppose the House so considered it, as well for that they threw away the Amendments proposed thereto, as because they Yesterday sent up a new *Bill* for continuing the same Laws mentioned in the first for Ten Days. The Council direct me further to say, that they have not objected, nor have they any desire to object to a *Bill* for continuing the Revenue Laws for another Year, or for reviving the same,

And then the Messenger withdrew:

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council doth agree to a Conference, as desired by this House, on the subject of the *Bill* for preventing the Introduction and spreading of contagious Distempers, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion *resolved*, That the said Conference with his Majesty's Council be deferred until To-morrow, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

The Clerk *reported*, that the Council doth agree to defer the Conference, as desired by the House.

The House having considered the Message of his Majesty's Council on the Subject of the Revenue Bills.

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *resolved*, That the House do now *resolve* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the present State of the Province, with respect, to the Situation of its Revenue, and thereupon,

Mr.

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

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, 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 it was read, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the House should appoint a Committee, to prepare, and bring in a Bill to provide a sufficient Revenue for the Support of his Majesty's Government the present Year, in the stead of the Revenue, which has been suffered to expire by Reason of his Majesty's Council refusing to agree to, or disagree to a Bill for continuing the same,

The said Resolution was read a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, and thereupon,

Ordered, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Tonge, do prepare, and bring in a Bill agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

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

WEDNESDAY, 3d JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

On Motion *resolved*, That the reading of the proceedings of Yesterday be postponed until three of the Clock Post Meridian this Day.

A Bill for *establishing a public Market in the Town of Liverpool*, was read a first Time,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do inform the Council, that the Committee of this House are ready to confer on the subject of the Bill for preventing the Introduction and spreading of contagious Distempers.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew,

Ordered, That the Managers do attend accordingly, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

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

On Motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to confer with his Majesty's Council on the Privileges of this House, by the Council claiming a Right to alter and amend Money Bills,

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Millidge, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Sargent, and Mr. Howe, do manage the said Conference, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend accordingly, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference.

And being returned.

Mr. *Tonge*, stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Report of the Committee of Conference on the Subject of the Bill for preventing the introduction and spreading of contagious Distempers; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do not agree to the Amendments made by the Council to the said Bill,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that the House adhere to their Bill as sent up for Concurrence.

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 in the Committee Room of the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

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

And then the Messenger was again called in,

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

And 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. *Tonge*, reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference; and that the Committee appointed on the Part of the Council, had on the Conference to prevent Mistakes delivered to the Managers of this House a written Paper, which he read, and is as follows; That the Committee of the Council are desired to say for the Satisfaction of the House, That his Majesty's Council although authorized by the Royal Instructions to frame Money Bills, equally with the *House of Assembly*, yet they are not disposed to insist on the Exercise of such Right; but will as they usually have done agree or disagree generally to such Bills, for imposing Taxes, as may be sent up from the House, *Provided*, Clauses are not therein inserted, which relate to foreign Subjects, or Matters of Regulation, not necessarily connected with the Rate or Duty intended to be imposed or levied. The Council will adopt a like Mode of passing the Bill for appropriating the Supplies, provided no Grants or Votes for Money are therein made, but such as have been previously sent up to the Council in the Course of the Session, and agreed to, or any other foreign Matters inserted therein.

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

THURSDAY, 4th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *Stuart*, *resolved*, That the Report from the Committee of Conference had yesterday with his Majesty's Council on the subject of the Privileges of this House be taken into Consideration in a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Millidge, took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had taken into Consideration the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he read the said Resolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a further Conference by Committee should be desired with his Majesty's Council,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that as the Subject of Privilege is of the utmost Importance to the *House of Assembly*, the said Committee of Conference should be instructed to say to his Majesty's Council; That the *House of Assembly*, have trusted none to give their Words but themselves, and have ordered it to be in writing.

And that the House have desired this Conference to preserve a good Correspondence with his Majesty's Council, and to prevent the ill Consequences that may happen from the Misunderstandings which have already interrupted the Harmony of the present Session, and will interrupt all future Sessions of *General Assembly* if not speedily removed. The *House of Assembly* most sensibly feel how unbecoming it is for two Branches of the Legislature to disturb the public Mind with a dispute about the Privileges of either House at a time, when all the Privileges of civilized Society are in the utmost Danger, and when it is the Duty of all British Subjects to rally round the King's Throne, and with their Lives and Fortunes to maintain and defend the British Constitution under which alone the Liberties of British Subjects can be secure. The *House of Assembly* are free to confess, that they have ever considered the Rights and Privileges of the Upper House to be as necessary to the Support of the British Constitution, as those of the lower House, and the *House of Assembly* pledge themselves, that should the constitutional Rights of his Majesty's Council as the higher Branch of the Legislature ever be invaded, his Majesty's Council will find, that the *House of Assembly*, will as zealously defend their Privileges, as they would their own; with Sentiments of this kind the *House of Assembly*, cannot help feeling hurt, that his Majesty's Council should think for a Moment, that the *House of Assembly*, would frame a Bill to be sent to his Majesty's Council in such a Manner as to preclude his Majesty's Council from having it in their Power freely to deliberate thereupon.

The *House of Assembly* being well convinced, that the best Rule for deciding Questions of this kind, is the Usage and Custom of both Houses, and the best Evidence of that Usage and Custom is, the most frequent and authentic Precedents, therefore the *House of Assembly*, have caused Precedents to be sought for on the Subject, and they find, that it has been almost the unvariable Usage and Custom of the Legislature of this Province, that when it has been found necessary to continue and amend a Temporary Law, it has been (almost without Precedent to the contrary) the uniform Practice to continue and amend such Act in one Bill; the Precedents on this head are so exceedingly numerous, that it would incur the charge of this proceeding too much to cite them all. The *House of Assembly* therefore beg, that his Majesty's Council will take the trouble to look over the Temporary Laws from the first Formation of the Legislature of this Province to the present Time, and if they do, the House think, that very few Sessions of *General Assembly* will be found, in which Temporary Acts for raising a Revenue have not been continued, altered and amended by one and the same Act, and the same Thing has been done as frequently respecting Temporary Acts of local Regulation. The *House of Assembly*, have also caused their Journals to be searched, to see if there was any precedent contained therein, whereby this Uniform mode of proceeding had been altered or changed, and the *House of Assembly*, can assure his Majesty's Council, that no such Precedent can be found, the House therefore flatter themselves, that this Explanation will convince his Majesty's Council, that when the *House of Assembly* passed and sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, *an Act to continue in Force*

the several Revenue Acts herein mentioned, and to amend and alter the same. The House of Assembly, had no Idea that such Bill was framed in an unusual Manner, or that it differed from the uniform Course of Precedents in like Cases, or that the Mode of its Formation could in any shape whatsoever embarrass the free Deliberation of his Majesty's Council, and the House is fortified in thinking, that this will be the Opinion of the Council more especially if his Majesty's Council will but for a Moment consider, how trivial the Alterations were, which the House of Assembly thought necessary to be made in the several Revenue Acts, which were proposed to be continued, and of how little Importance it was, whether such Alterations were made or not. The House of Assembly with that open Candor which should ever accompany Legislative Proceedings, will not hesitate a moment in declaring that it is the inherent Right and constitutional Priviledge of his Majesty's Council, being the higher Branch of the Legislature in this Province to reject or agree to all Money Bills, which originate in the House of Assembly, and that it is likewise the inherent Right and constitutional Priviledge of such Upper House to originate if they shall think proper, or otherwise, to reject or agree to, amend, or alter all other Bills. Provided there is nothing contained in such Bills that can operate to impose a Tax, Toll or Rate upon his Majesty's Subjects, or to levy or raise any Money from the King's Subjects, by any Ways or Means whatsoever. The House of Assembly with equal freedom declare, that all Bills should be framed in such a Way as to admit both Branches of the Legislature freely to deliberate thereupon, and the House hesitates not to say, that it would be an Infringement on the Priviledges of the Upper House, was any Matter different or foreign to what should appertain to forming the Tax or Taxes, Rates, Tolls or Duties regulating the Mode of levying, receiving or recovering the same, and the Appropriation of the Proceeds thereof, to be introduced into a Money Bill, either by Rider, or otherwise, a Practice which this House never has, or will adopt: The House of Assembly, has uniformly for many Years past sent all new Votes for Money seperately to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence, and have never during the same Period inserted in the annual Appropriation Bill any Grant of Money, except such as was warranted by a similar Grant the past Year, unless such Grant of Money had received the seperate Assent of his Majesty's Council: The House of Assembly, with the same Liberality and Candor hesitate not to say, that if his Majesty's Council wish to alter the mode which has so uniformly prevailed, of continuing, altering and amending Temporary Acts, whether of Revenue or otherwise in the same Bill; The House will in future frame seperate Acts for continuing and amending the same; yet the House wishes his Majesty's Council to consider, whether such Mode of Proceeding will not unnecessarily multiply Acts, without producing any very material Advantage. The House of Assembly, further assure his Majesty's Council, that they will find the House of Assembly ready on all Occasions to join with his Majesty's Council in any Mode they shall point out to strengthen and secure the constitutional Priviledges of the Upper House, and the House of Assembly, flatter themselves with the hope that his Majesty's Council will with the same Liberality join the House of Assembly, in strengthening and securing the Liberties of the lower House; and the House fervently pray, that no Attempt will ever be made by the Upper House to infringe on the constitutional Priviledges of the lower House, and thereby compel the House of Assembly, to depart from a System which it will be their Pride and Ambition to transmit in its Purity to the latest Posterity. The House of Assembly appeal to the feelings of his Majesty's Council very many of whom have heretofore been Members of the same House, and pray his Majesty's Council but for a moment to think with what Astonishment they received from his Majesty's Council a Declaration, that it was the Right of his Majesty's Council to frame Money Bills, equally with the House of Assembly; could the House of Assembly, be base enough to surrender the Priviledges transmitted to them by their Ancestors, the Exercise of such a Right could only embarrass his Majesty's Council, and bring his Majesty's Government into Disgrace and Dispute amongst his Subjects. The House of Assembly unanimously avow, and solemnly declare, that it is the sole inherent and unalienable Right of the Representatives of the People to frame and originate all Money Bills; that it is by the Law and Constitution of Great-Britain, so established from Time immemorial; and that such

such Right is one of the main Pillars of the British Constitution, and is a Right which British Subjects will never surrender, but with their Lives;— Was the *House of Assembly*, to attempt to offer Reasons or Precedents to shew, that this claim is well founded, it might imply the Possibility of there being a doubt on the Subject. His Majesty's Council claiming the Right or giving it up cannot change that which is already fixed and established; but the *House of Assembly*, submit to the Consideration of his Majesty's Council, what uneasiness this declaration has caused in the minds of all his Majesty's Subjects in this Country, and how necessary it is that the Causes of such uneasiness should be immediately removed.—The wisdom and good understanding of his Majesty's Council will convince them, that the Declaration of a Right will by no Means establish or create such Right, and that it can answer no good Purpose, but to create Uneasiness in the Minds of his Majesty's Subjects, and to disturb the Harmony of the several Branches of the Legislature, which is so essentially necessary for the Support, and Honor of his Majesty's Government. The *House of Assembly* therefore relying on the Wisdom and constitutional Knowledge of his Majesty's Council have no doubt that they will without hesitation withdraw such Declaration, and in unequivocal Terms relinquish a Claim, which can do his Majesty's Council no kind of Service, but will, on the contrary, Disgrace and dishonor his Majesty's Government, and sow the Seeds of eternal Jealousy and Discord amongst his Majesty's Subjects in this Country.

The said Resolutions 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 desire a further Conference with his Majesty's Council on the Subject of the Priviledges of this House.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference with the Council on the Subject of Priviledge do manage this Conference.

Mr. *Wallace*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill to provide a Revenue for the Support of his Majesty's Government, and presented a Bill to provide for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by reviving, altering and continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and the same was read a first time.

On Motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be now read a second time, and the same was read accordingly.

On Motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and thereupon,

The House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House on 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 said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any Amendment, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Mc Monagle*, reported from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in a Bill in Amendment of the Insolvent Debtors Act, and presented a Bill in Amendment of the Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, 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.

FRIDAY, 5th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS,

An engrossed Bill to Provide for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province by reviving, altering, and continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, was read a third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *An Act to provide for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by reviving, altering, and continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and which are herein particularly mentioned*,

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

A Bill in Amendment of the Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, 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. *Sargent* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to a further Conference as desired by this House, on the subject Matter of the last Conference on Wednesday, respecting the Priviledges of this House.

The Council desire a Conference by Committee on the Subject of the Revenue Bill sent up this Day for Concurrence, immediately in the Committee Room in the Council,

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House agree to the Conference as desired by the Council on the subject of the Revenue Bill,

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith,

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the Conference on the subject of Priviledge, do manage the Conference on the Revenue Bill, 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 have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act to provide for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province by reviving, altering and continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and which are herein after particularly mentioned*, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands the Attendance of this House 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,

An Act to provide for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, by reviving, altering, and continuing the several Revenue Laws, which were in Force the last Year, and which are herein after particularly mentioned.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Managers on the Subject of Priviledge do attend at the Conference with his Majesty's Council, 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 that they had delivered to the Committee of his Majesty's Council in writing the reply of this House, in answer to the declaration of his Majesty's Council on Wednesday last.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Belcher*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the summary Trial of Actions, and had agreed to the same, with several Amendments, 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; the Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the several Bills to them referred.

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

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

SATURDAY, 6th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for the summary Trial of Actions, was read a third Time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, and for the more easy Recovery of small Debts within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and also to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, throughout the Province.*

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

Mr. Solicitor General reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the regulating of Introduction of the small Pox into the Province, and presented a Bill to regulate the practice of Inoculating for the Small Pox, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for the repairing and amending the Roads, Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, &c. and the same was read a first time.

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

On Motion of Mr. *McMonagle*, *resolved*, That it be recommended to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to appoint three or more Persons in the County of *Hants*, Agents for the People, who are settled on Colonel *Small's* Grant and Location in that County, with Instructions to such Agents to examine the Rights and Claims of all the Persons, who are actually settled or have made Improvements on any part of the said Tract of Land and to have each settler's Lots of Land, conveniently laid out, so as to comprehend the Improvements made by such Person or Persons, and that his Excellency will Please to order the Surveyor General to appoint one of his Deputies to assist such Agents, and to furnish such Deputy with proper Plans and Instructions to effect the foregoing Purpose, and that when such Survey shall be made, returned and approved, that his Excellency will be pleased to pass a Grant to such People, so as to confirm to them their Titles to the respective Rights of Land which they have a just Claim to, within said Grant, and this House will consider what part of the Expences of carrying this Resolution into Effect, it will be proper that the public should Pay, also

Resolved

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider, and Report to this House what the probable Expence will be of carrying the foregoing Resolution into Effect.

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

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. Sargent, took the Chair,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported*, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for repairing or rebuilding the Market House, &c. in the Town of *Halifax*, and had agreed to the same with several Amendments, 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. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the several Bills to them referred

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

On Motion, *ordered*, That no Motion be received by this House from any Member for the granting of Money for public or private Purposes after the Adjournment of the House on Tuesday next; unless previous to such Adjournment, such Motion be delivered to the Clerk in writing, expressing the particular Service, for which such Money is required.

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

MONDAY, 8th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS,

A Bill to regulate the practice of Inoculating for the small Pox and, also

A Bill for the repairing and mending the Roads, Streets, and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*, &c. were severally read a second time,

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

An engrossed Bill for repairing or rebuilding the Market House, erecting a Country Market House, and regulating the several Markets in the Town of *Halifax*, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for repairing and rebuilding the Market House, erecting a Country Market House, and regulating the several Markets in the Town of *Halifax*, and also to revise, alter, amend, and bring into one Act, the Act for the preventing frauds by Butchers and Fishmongers, and the Act made in the Thirty fourth Year of his late Majesty's Reign for regulating and establishing a public Market in the Town of *Halifax*,

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

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. Millidge, took the Chair,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred to the next Sessions the Consideration of the Bill for reviving an Act made in the 5th Year of his Majesty's Reign for raising Money by Presentment for defraying County Charges, and also the Bill for establishing a Court of Sessions of the Peace, and Common Pleas, for the Western District of *Annapolis*. That the Committee had gone through the engrossed

fed Bill, from his Majesty's Council, intituled, *an Act for the better Regulation of the Circuit Courts, &c.* also the Bill for *establishing a public Market in the Town of Liverpool.* The Bill to regulate the *Practice of inoculating for the Small Pox,* and also the Bill for *altering the Time of holding the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for King's County,* severally with Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the said Bills with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The said Report of the Committee, and the Amendments to the Bills, were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Amendments to the engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *an Act for the better Regulation of the Circuit Courts* be engrossed, and that the said Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the several other Bills with the Amendments respectively as reported by the Committee be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary *Wentworth* by Order of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, delivered to the House an Estimate of the charge towards the support of his Majesty's Government of *Nova-Scotia,* and other expences from the first day of *July, 1799* to the first day of *July, 1800.* And.

Also a Petition of *William Forsyth* and others, Merchants of *Halifax,* in behalf of the Accadian Settlers residing in the *Gut of Canso,* and other Parts of the Island of *Cape Breton,* for the Consideration of this House.

The Petition was read and is as follows, That the said Accadian Settlers have till the present War, maintained themselves and their Families by the Fishery, which they have been obliged to relinquish in Consequence of the War. That since that Event had taken place, the Situation of those Persons and their Families have been deplorable, and, they would have been altogether destitute of Support, if they had not been employed in bringing Fuel for the Town and Garrison of *Halifax*: That such Employment affords them but a scanty Provision for the Support of their Families, owing in Part to the Light Duty, they are obliged to pay under the Act of the Province, in consequence of their Residence out of the same; and praying the said Accadians may be relieved from paying the Duty above mentioned, and thereupon.

On Motion, leave was given to Mr. Solicitor General, to prepare, and bring in a Bill for affording the Relief prayed for in the said Petition,

Ordered, That the Estimate for the Support of the Government to 1st *July 1800,* do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members.

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

TUESDAY, 9th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *an Act for the better regulating of the Circuit Courts, and for granting new Trials in Causes brought up from Inferior Courts with the Amendments,* was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, this House have agreed to the same, with several Amendments.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the *Practice of inoculating for the Small Pox,* was read a third time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be *an Act to regulate the practice of inoculating for the Small Pox.*

An engrossed Bill for altering the *Time of holding the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for King's County,* was read a third time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be *an Act for altering the time for holding the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for King's County.*

And engrossed *Bill for establishing a public Market in the Town of Liverpool*, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for establishing a public Market in the Town of Liverpool*.

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

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in Addition to an *Act for raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties, &c.* and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions and for the more easy Recovery of small Debts within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and also to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace throughout the Province*.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act for repairing or rebuilding the Market House, erecting a Country Market House, and regulating the several Markets in the Town of Halifax; and also to revive, alter, amend and bring into one Act, the Act for preventing Frauds by Butchers and Fishmongers, and the Act made in the Thirty fourth Year of his late Majesty's Reign for regulating and establishing a public Market in the Town of Halifax, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House*.

The Council have passed a Bill, intituled, *an Act for continuing the several Acts therein mentioned; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House*,

And then the Messenger withdrew,

On Motion the said Bill was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the said Bill 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. Sargent, 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 practice of inoculating for the Small Pox*, and also

The Bill, intituled, *an Act for altering the Time of holding the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, and for chusing Town Officers for King's County, severally without any Amendment*.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *an Act for establishing a public Market in the Town of Liverpool*, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Council desire a present Conference with this House by Committee on the Bill for the better regulating of the Circuit Courts, &c. in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the Conference with the Council, as desired by them, and

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council with the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. M^o Monagle, do manage the said Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

Pursuant to leave given, Mr. Rutherford presented the two following Petitions, viz.

A Petition of John Taylor, and others, Inhabitants of the District of Scissabou and Township of Clare in the County of Annapolis, and the same was read, setting forth that

that the Petitioners labour under much Inconvenience and Difficulty in their Communication with the Market at *Halifax*, and other Parts of the Province for want of a Bridge over the River *Sciffabou*, and praying the House will take their Case into Consideration, and grant them some Aid out of the public Treasury towards erecting a Bridge over the said River. Also

A Petition of *Robert Timpany*, and others, Inhabitants residing between the Head of *Saint Mary's Bay*, and *Petit Passage* in the Town of *Digby*, and the same was read, setting forth; That the Petitioners are settled on a Neck of Land of great Extent, by which their Road of Communication with *Digby* and *Annapolis*, runs a course of Thirty Miles, Part of which Road is extremely Difficult to make. That the said Petitioners in Addition to their Statute Labour have raised £.50. by Subscription, to be expended on the said Road, which they find will not be sufficient to make the Road passable at all Seasons of the Year, and praying the House will grant them a sufficient Aid out of the public Treasury to complete the said Road, or such other Relief as to them may seem fit.

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

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. *Sargent*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported*, from the Committee, that they had taken under Consideration the engrossed Bill from the Council, intitled, *an Act to authorize the Sale or Exchange of Glebe Lands in certain Cases*, and had come to a Resolution thereupon as follows. *Resolved*, That the Committee cannot agree to the Clauses contained in said Bill, but they however recommend to the House to provide Relief for such Missioneries and Parishes, as shall appear to the House to stand in need of having the Glebe or Church Lands exchanged, the Committee being further of Opinion, that any general Law on this Subject would be highly injurious to the Province at large.

The Chairman also *reported*, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for repairing and mending the Roads Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of *Halifax*. Also through the Bill to compel the Attendance of the Justices of the Peace at the General Sessions of the Peace, &c. And also through the Bill to amend the insolvent Debtors Act, and had agreed to the said Bills severally with Amendments. The Chairman also acquainted the House that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the several Bills to them referred.

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

Resolved, That this House do not agree to the engrossed Bill from the Council, intitled, *an Act to authorize the Sale or Exchange of Glebe Lands in certain Cases*.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House have not agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the several Bills with the Amendments, as reported by the Committee be engrossed.

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

WEDNESDAY, 10th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS,

An Engrossed Bill from the Council, intitled *an Act for reviving and continuing the several Acts therein mentioned*, Also,

A Bill in Addition to *an Act for raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties*, &c. were severally read a second Time.

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

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The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill for repairing or rebuilding the Market House in the Town of *Halifax*, and also to the Bill for establishing a public Market at *Liverpool*, severally into Consideration, and the said Amendments being read throughout a first and second Time, were upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the Amendments made by them to the said Bills respectively.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported from the Committee, appointed to take into Consideration the several Acts, which regulate the Celebration of Marriage in this Province, and presented a Bill to prevent *Clandestine and irregular Marriages*, and the same was read a first Time.

Mr. Solicitor General, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for allowing a Fee to the Clerks of the Peace, and the same was read a first Time.

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

Mr. Treasurer *Wallace* pursuant to a Resolution of the House, delivered to the House,

A Report of the Commissioners of the Bridge and Road Lottery.

Also, an Account of Demands on the Government of this Province for sundry Supplies furnished and Services performed, amounting to £1041 18 7. And also,

A Report of the proceedings of the Commissioners for public Buildings under the Act up to the 29th June last.

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

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of the Government Estimate, and the pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

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 had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read and are as follows ;

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of four Hundred Pounds should be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province for his Salary, as Treasurer, and as Comptroller and Auditor of Public Accounts, and in Lieu of Office Rent, Clerk, and all other Contingent Expences for the present Year.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee. that the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy two Pounds four Shillings and five Pence, be granted and paid out of the Treasury of the Province for the Expence of the Picture of *Sir Thomas Andrew Strange*, late Chief Justice of this Province, to commemorate the Memory of an Upright Judge and an honest Man,

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred, which the House agreed to.

The first Resolution of the Committee was read a first and second Time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second Resolution was read a first and second Time, and upon the Question being put, that the House should agree to the same, the House divided and there

there appeared for agreeing to the said Resolution Seventeen, against it Seven.

For the Motion,		Against the Motion,
Mr. Solicitor General,	Mr. Pyke,	Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Cochran,	Mr. Embris,	Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Hartshorne,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Rutherford,
Mr. Dewolf,	Mr. Campbell	Mr. Leonard,
Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Lushby,	Mr. Moody,
Mr. Belcher,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. McElhinney.
Mr. Schwartz,	Mr. Cutler,	
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Gracie,	
Mr. Archibald,		

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Resolutions to His Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

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

THURSDAY, 11th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to compel the Attendance of the Justices of the Peace at the *General Sessions*, &c. was read a third Time.

And thereupon, Mr. *Tonge*, moved that the said Bill do not pass this House which being seconded and put, passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to compel the Attendance of the Justices of the Peace, at the several General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the respective Counties in this Province.*

An Engrossed Bill, in Amendment of the *Insolvent Debtors Act*, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in Amendment of an Act, made in the third Year of His Majesty's Reign intitled, *an Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.*

An Engrossed Bill, for repairing and mending the Roads, Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act to provide for the repairing, cleansing, and mending the Roads, Streets and Bridges within the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and also for granting to His Majesty a Duty upon Wheel Carriages within the said Town and Peninsula.*

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

A Bill to prevent clandestine and irregular Marriages, and Also,

A Bill for allowing a Fee to the Clerks of the Peace, were severally read a second Time.

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

Mr. *Millidge*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of *Granville*, the same was read a first time:

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

Mr. *Stewart*, reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the Application of £200 granted in the last Sessions for repairing Roads, &c. in the County of *Hants*, and *King's County*, 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: That the Committee have examined into the Expenditure of the above Sum, and find the Money has been laid out with great Judgment and Advantage to both Counties, except Twenty five Pounds in the hands of *Jeremiah Noribup*, Esq. which have not been accounted for, to the Satisfaction of the Committee.

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

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

The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House, in Favor of the Treasurer of this Province, And also,

The Resolve to defray the Expence of the Picture of Sir *Thomas Andrew Strange*.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled an Act in Amendment of an Act, made in the third Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors*, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Tonge*, moved that the House do come to the Resolution following, *resolved*, That the Situation chosen for the public Buildings is inconvenient, being in one of the Extremities of the Town of *Halifax*, and the same being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution Fifteen, against it Sixteen.

For the Resolution 15.

Mr. <i>Tonge</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lusby</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mullidge</i> ,	Mr. <i>McMonagle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schwartz</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leanard</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dimock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Freeman</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sargent</i> ,	Mr. <i>Moody</i> ,
Mr. <i>James</i> ,	Mr. <i>Gracie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bolman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Solicitor General</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ruiberford</i> ,	

Against the Resolution 16.

Mr. <i>Harrisborne</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cochran</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dewolf</i> ,	Mr. <i>Archibald</i> ,
Mr. <i>Campbell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Howe</i> ,
Mr. <i>Northrup</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wallace</i> ,
Mr. <i>Belcher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eaton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Embrie</i> ,	Mr. <i>Pyke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>McElbinny</i> ,
Mr. <i>Stuart</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cutler</i> .

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Tonge*, then moved, that the House do come to the two following Resolutions, viz.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Commissioners for superintending the Erection of the public Buildings to enquire forthwith, whether a more central Situation cannot be procured, and to report thereon immediately to this House.

Resolved, That no Contracts for, or Purchases of Materials are warranted by the Law for appointing Commissioners for the public Buildings, a Peace not having yet taken place, and the said Resolutions having been seconded and put, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, not agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared and brought in the Bill for repairing or rebuilding the Market House at *Halifax*, &c. do procure Estimates of the probable Cost of the same, and report thereon to this House.

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

FRIDAY, 12th JULY, 1799:

Mr. Speaker,

A Bill for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of *Granville*, 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. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred the Consideration to the next Sessions of the Bill to prevent clandestine and irregular Marriages; and Also the Bill for regulating the Wages of Journeymen Taylors. That the Committee had also gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled,

an Act for reviving and continuing the several Acts therein mentioned. Also the Bill in Addition to an Act for raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties, and had agreed to the said Bills severally without Amendment. And that the Committee had also gone through the Bill for the Sale of the Glebe Lands in the Township of Granville, and had agreed to the same with several Amendments, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, together with the several Bills above mentioned; and he delivered the Bills, and the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The said Report and the Amendments to the Bill for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question being put, that the House should agree to the same.

Mr. Tonge, moved, That the House do not agree to the Report of the Committee so far as it relates to the Bill to prevent Clandestine and irregular Marriages, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 12, against it 16.

For the Motion,

Mr. Tonge,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. James,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Gracie,
Mr. Rutherford,

Mr. Sargent,
Mr. Lusby,
Mr. Moody,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cutler,

Against the Motion.

Mr. Leonard,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Solicitor General,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Belcher,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Northup,

Mr. McElhinny,
Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Bolman,
Mr. Howe,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Embrie,
Mr. Archibald.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Council intituled, an Act for reviving and continuing the several Acts therein mentioned, be read a third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the several Bills as passed by the Committee, and also the Amendments made to the Bill for the sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, be engrossed.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill in Amendment of the Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors into Consideration, and the said Amendments being read throughout a first and second time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Mr. Solicitor General, moved, that a Committee be appointed to ascertain what Sums of Money may be necessary towards defraying the Expences that have hitherto attended the Maintenance and Support of Jails and Jailers for the respective Counties in this Province, which being seconded and put passed in the negative.

On Motion, resolved, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of private Petitions.

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

SATURDAY, 13th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, an Act for reviving and continuing the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to His Majesty's Council, and acquaint them this House have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

An engrossed Bill for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, was read a third Time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, and for purchasing another Estate as a perpetual Glebe for the Resident Minister of the established Church in said Township.*

An engrossed Bill, *in Addition to an Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties*, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in Addition to an Act made in the fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for the raising Money by Presentment on the several Counties of this Province for the defraying certain County Charges*, therein mentioned.

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

Mr. *Wallace*, reported, from the Committee appointed to procure Estimates of the probable Expence of repairing the present Market House at *Halifax*, and extending the same, or building a new Town and Country Market House, 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.

That the Committee have not been able to obtain all the Information that would be necessary to make correct Estimates, or give a Plan of such Repairs and additional Building, but they have consulted several Tradesmen on the subject, and are of Opinion, that such a Building would be of great Benefit to the Province at large, and essentially necessary for the Accommodation of the Country People, that resort to the Market of *Halifax*; the Committee therefore recommend that a Sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds be granted by the House to the Commissioners, that may be appointed to carry on the said Repairs and Building, the Expence of which to be accounted for by them to this House, and that the said Commissioners be instructed to proceed without delay in forwarding the same.

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

The Order of the day being read.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Sargent*, 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 compel the Attendance of the Justices of the Peace, at the several General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the respective Counties of this Province*, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Secretary *Wentworth* acquainted the House, that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to this House signed by his Excellency,

And he presented the said Message to the House,

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

His Majesty having been pleased to reduce the Salary of the Attorney General of the Province; and to order, that a Table of Fees should be established for the future Support of that Officer. I have taken Measures to carry his Majesty's Commands into Effect; and as many of the Fees, which the Attorney General under this Regulation will be intitled to receive, will be Fees, to be paid by his Majesty for Services of a public Nature; I have thought it proper to inform the *House of Assembly* thereof, that Provision may be made to enable me to pay to the Attorney General such Fees as he may be entituled to receive from his Majesty, for Services performed by him for the Public.

J. WENTWORTH.

On

On Motion of Mr. *Wallace*, *Resolved*, that this House will on Monday next take the foregoing Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor into Consideration.

Mr. *Millidge*, reported from the Committee, to enquire into, and report what the probable Expence will be of carrying into Effect the Resolution of this House on Saturday the 7th instant, respecting the Settlers in the Township of *Douglafs*, 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; That the Committee are of Opinion that the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, will be required for that Purpose, to pay the Surveyor or Surveyors, that the Surveyor General may employ to complete the several Surveys. The Committee further report, that in Order to have this essential and necessary Business completed, the Inhabitants who may want the said Surveys made, should find Chainmen, Flag Bearers and Ax Men, *gratis*, to carry into Effect the said several Surveys, whenever the Surveyor or Surveyors may want their Assistance for that Purpose. The Committee are further of Opinion, that the exterior Lines round each Square or Tract containing several Divisions of Land; should be carefully ascertained and well marked, and each Division Line between the several Possessors to be well marked for the Distance of five Chains.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *McMonagle*, took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

The Petition of *Henry Taylor*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner is not entitled to the Relief prayed for in his Petition.

The Petition of *Robert Barry*, and Co. was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioners *Robert Barry*, and Co. should be allowed Six Months from the Publication hereof, to produce their Proofs to the Commissioners of the Revenue of their having exported from the District of *Liverpool*, and landed in the Island of *Newfoundland* 1450 Gallons of Spirits agreeably to the Statement made in their Petition, and it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to allow the Petitioners the Drawback claimed, if such Proof be made as the Law requires within the Time before mentioned.

The Petition of the Grand Jury, and others Inhabitants of the Town of *Halifax*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House to consider and report what Remedy, if any shall be thought necessary, to relieve the Town of *Halifax*, from the present Burthen, it is asserted to labour under on Account of supporting a certain description of Poor Persons, who are not properly chargeable to any Part of this Province.

The Petition of *Andrew Wallace*, was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that if Judgment be given against the said *Andrew Wallace*, Inspector and Searcher for the District of *Colchester*, upon a Verdict obtained against him in his Majesty's Supreme Court at the Suit of *Simeon Lynds*, that his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be authorized to pay the Amount of such Judgment out of the Province Treasury.

The Petition of *David Thomson*, was read and considered and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, should be impowered to pay out of the contingent Money voted this Session to the said *David Thomson*, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, as a Compensation to him, for certain Services he performed at the request of Government in Drawing Plans, and superintending the Building of the Light House at *Shelburne*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Pyke*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Dewolf* and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution and that they do report to this House accordingly,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution in Favor of *Robert Barry*, and Co. the Resolution in Favor of *Andrew Wallace*, and also the Resolution in favour of *David Thomson*, to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported from the Committee appointed, to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Statute Labour throughout the Province, and presented a Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the first year of his Majesty's Reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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

MONDAY, 15th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS,

The House proceeded to take the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intitled, *an Act to compel the Attendance of the Justices of the Peace at the several General and Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the respective Counties of this Province*, into Consideration, and the said Amendment being read throughout a first and second Time, was upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

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

A Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for the Repairing and mending Highways, &c. was read a second time.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had considered the Message 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 Provision should be made to enable his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to pay the Attorney General for such Services as he may officially be called upon to perform for the Province, either by a Table of Fees, or by an annual Allowance.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that in Order to obtain the necessary Information, as to what annual Compensation may be adequate to the Fees, that the Attorney General may be legally intitled to receive for his Services, that a Committee be appointed for that purpose by the House, and that they do report thereon accordingly.

The said Resolutions were upon the Question severally put thereupon agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Wallace*, and Mr. *Sargent*, be a Committee agreeable to the foregoing Resolution.

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

The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House in Favor of *Robert Barry*, and Co. and also,

The Resolve in Favor of *Andrew Wallace*,
And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Tonge*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act passed in the 37th Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for appointing Commissioners respecting the Erection of public Buildings, &c. Also for appointing Commissioners for directing the Building of a Government House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereupon, there appeared for the Motion, Fifteen, against the Motion Seventeen.

So it passed in the Negative.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of the Government Estimate, and the pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

TUESDAY, 16th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge*, 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 for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, and for purchasing another Estate, as a perpetual Glebe for the Resident Minister of the Established Church in said Township*, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew,

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council to the said Bill into Consideration, and the said Amendments being read throughout a first and second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the Amendments made by them to the said Bill. On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Millidge* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Mr.

Mr. *Tonge*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for appointing Commissioners to determine upon a proper Situation in the Town of *Halifax*, and to purchase Lots of Ground if necessary, to erect a public Building, for the Accommodation of the *General Assembly*, &c. And also to provide for the temporary Accommodation of the Legislature, Courts of Justice and the public Offices, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereupon, there appeared for the Motion Twenty-one, against it Eight.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

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

WEDNESDAY, 17th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS,

The Order of the Day being read.

On Motion of Mr. *Millidge*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to confer with his Majesty's Council on the subject of the public Building to be Erected.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Millidge* and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee for the above purpose, and that the Clerk do desire the said Conference.

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

The Council have agreed to the *resolve* of this House in favor of *David Thomson*.
And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke* took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed by his Majesty's Council to inform this House, that his Majesty's Council in Answer to the Message just received from the *House of Assembly*, requesting a Conference with the Council on the Subject of the public Building to be erected, think it their Duty to state to the House, that there being no Bill or Resolution before them, relating to the public Building, they conceive it not consonant to Usage or Precedent to agree to such Conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate and Pecuniary concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

THURSDAY, 18th JULY 1799.

PRAYERS.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. *Fyke*, 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 come to two Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows ;

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and paid towards the Expences of Surveying and laying out the Land at *Douglafs*, for the Settlers under Colonel *Small's* Grant, agreeable to the Report of the Committee of the House.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Pounds be granted, and appropriated, for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred, which the House agreed to,

The first Resolution passed in the Committee, was read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second Resolution passed in the Committee was read a first and second time, and upon the Question being put, that the House should agree to the same, the House divided thereupon, and there appeared for agreeing to the said Resolution, Twenty, against it Eleven.

For the Motion,

<i>Mr. Millidge,</i>	<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>
<i>Mr. Moody,</i>	<i>Mr. Leonard,</i>
<i>Mr. Sargent,</i>	<i>Mr. Lusby,</i>
<i>Mr. Rutherford,</i>	<i>Mr. Gracie,</i>
<i>Mr. James,</i>	<i>Mr. Noribup,</i>
<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>
<i>Mr. Eaton,</i>	<i>Mr. Baxter,</i>
<i>Mr. Dewolf,</i>	<i>Mr. Tonge,</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>	<i>Mr. Bolman,</i>
<i>Mr. M^r Elbinny,</i>	<i>Mr. Cutler,</i>

Against the Motion.

<i>Mr. Schwartz,</i>
<i>Mr. Cochran,</i>
<i>Mr. Solicitor General,</i>
<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>
<i>Mr. Stuart,</i>
<i>Mr. Howe,</i>
<i>Mr. Morris,</i>
<i>Mr. Hartshorne,</i>
<i>Mr. Belcher,</i>
<i>Mr. Embrie,</i>

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolutions to the Council and desire their Concurrence to the same.

Ordered, That the several Accounts for Repairs to the Government Buildings, and all other Accounts for Demands against the Government now before this House, be referred to *Mr. Gracie*, *Mr. Dewolf*, and *Mr. Belcher*, and that they do examine into the same, and Report thereon to this House.

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

FRIDAY, 19th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS,

The Proceedings of yesterday being read,

Mr. Wallace, moved, That the Resolution of this House for granting a Sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Pounds for the making, and repairing of Roads, and Bridges throughout the Province, be rescinded ; which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Tonge, moved, That the sending the foregoing Resolution to his Majesty's Council for Concurrence be suspended, which being seconded thereupon.

Mr. McMonagle, moved, the following Amendment, that after the Word suspended ; be added the words, "to the next Session of *General Assembly*," which being

seconded and put, passed in the negative Mr. *Tonge's* Motion was then put to the House and passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Gracie*, reported, from the Committee to whom the several Accounts for Demands on Government was referred; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

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

The Council have agreed to the *Resolve* of this House, respecting the Settlers at *Douglafs*.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this House, that it is necessary during the present Session, that an Act passed in the 37th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for appointing Commissioners to determine upon a proper Situation in the Town of Halifax, and to purchase Lots of Ground if necessary, to erect a Building for the Accommodation of the General-Assembly, &c. should be amended.

Resolved, That it will expedite the Business of the Session, that a free Conference should be held by Committee with his Majesty's Council on the Subject Matter of the foregoing Resolution,

Resolved, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council to deliver a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions, and to request that his Majesty's Council will appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of this House on the subject Matter thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallace*, Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Millidge*, and Mr. *Campbell*, be a Committee to manage the foregoing Conference with the Council.

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

The Council agree to the Conference, as desired by this House, on the subject Matter of the Resolutions sent up this Day immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend the Conference, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

Mr. *Pyke*, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in Addition to an Act, to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which the Committee 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 the Sum of £400, should be granted and paid for the Repair of the main Road and the Bridges, lying between the *Sackville* Bridge and *Pence's* Farm, on the Boundary Line of the County of *Hants*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £800, should be granted and paid, for the Repair of the Road and Bridges, lying between *Pence's* Farm

Farm adjoining the Boundary Line of the County of *Halifax*, and the three Mile Plain so called near *Windsor*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £250, should be granted and paid, for making and repairing a Road leading from the three Mile Plain near *Windsor*, by the shortest Course to the new Bridge now erecting over the River *Avon*.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the further Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Resolutions and Report of the Committee were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing Resolutions to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

On Motion a Bill in Addition to *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor*, was read a second Time,

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

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

SATURDAY, 20th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

The Proceedings of Yesterday being read.

A Motion was made, that the sending the several Resolutions of this House of Yesterday for granting Monies for the Repair of Roads to the Council for Concurrence, be suspended, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Fourteen, against it Fifteen.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Wallace*, reported from the Committee appointed Yesterday to confer with His Majesty's Council, that they had been at the Conference, and stated the Substance of the said Conference to the House.

Pursuant to leave given, Mr. *Tonge*, presented a Bill to amend the Act for appointing Commissioners to determine upon a proper Situation to purchase Lots of Ground if necessary, to erect a public Building, for the Accommodation of the *General Assembly*, &c. And also to provide for the temporary Accommodation of the Legislature, Courts of Justice, and the public Offices, and the same was read a first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair to receive a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by Mr. Secretary *Wentworth*, as follows;

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 Bills following, viz.

An Act for altering the Time of holding the Court of Common Pleas and General

neral Sessions of the Peace, and for chusing Town Officers for King's County.

An Act to regulate the Practice of inoculating for the Small Pox.

An Act for the better Regulation of the Circuit Courts, and for granting new Trials in Causes brought up from Inferior Courts.

An Act for the Sale of the Glebe Land in the Township of Granville, and for purchasing another Estate as a perpetual Glebe for the resident Minister of the established Church in said Township.

An Act for repairing or rebuilding the Market-House, erecting a Country Market-House, and regulating the several Markets in the Town of HALIFAX, and also to revive, alter, amend and bring into one Act, the Act for preventing Frauds by Butchers and Fishmongers, and the Act made in the Thirty-fourth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, for regulating and establishing a public Market in the Town of Halifax.

An Act, for establishing a public Market in the Town of LIVERPOOL.

An Act, for reviving and continuing the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act, to compel the Attendance of the Justices of the Peace at the several General and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the respective Counties in this Province.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the three several Resolves of this House, for granting £1450. for the Road leading from *Sackville* Bridge, to the Bridge erecting over River *Avon*.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which the Committee 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 the Sum of £.600, should be granted and paid for opening and making a Road from the Bridge building over the River *Avon* to *Bishop's* Bridge in *Horton* ; and the further sum of £100, for repairing the present Road between the Mill Brook in *Falmouth*, and the said *Bishop's* Bridge, and that it be recommended to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and his Majesty's Council, to appoint Commissioners to direct the Expenditure of those Sums, who reside in the Townships, which have subscribed to the said Bridge over the River *Avon*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £50, should be granted and paid to assist the Inhabitants of *Barrington*, in rebuilding the Bridge over Mill-River, so called, in said Township.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £50, should be granted and paid, to repair the Road from *Webster's* House on the *Annapolis* Road to the Western Boundary of *King's* County.

Resolved

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £50, should be granted and paid, for the repair of the Road from the Western Boundary of *Aylesford* to *Hicks's Ferry*, in the County of *Annapolis*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £700, should be granted and paid, for repairing of the Bridge over *Allen's Creek*, and the Road from said Bridge to *Digby*, leading over *Bear River Bridge*, four Hundred Pounds of said Sum to be laid out from *Bear River Bridge* to *Allen's Creek* aforesaid, including the Repairs of said Bridge.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £500, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road leading to the District of *Colchester* from the *Windsor Road* to *Gay's River*.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred;

The said Report and Resolutions 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 Resolutions to his Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

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

MONDAY, 22d JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS,

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate and Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the four several Resolves of this House for granting £1500, for the Repair of the Road from the Bridge erecting over the River *Avon* to the Town of *Digby*; also the Resolve for granting £500, for the Road leading from the *Windsor Road* to *Gay's River*; and also the Resolve for granting £50, to rebuild the Bridge over Mill River at *Barrington*.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which the Committee 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 is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £400, should be granted and paid for the Repair of the Road leading from *Gay's River* to *Truro*, including the Expence of erecting a Bridge over the River *Sewack*, and making a Causeway to the same.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £300, should be granted and paid, for making and repairing the Road from *William Vances*'s House in *Londonderry* to the South Boundary of the County of *Cumberland*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £500, should be granted and paid, for making and repairing the Road from the Southern Boundary of the County of *Cumberland* to *Alpheus Morse's* House in the Township of *Amberst*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £500, should be granted and paid for the making and repairing the Road from *Truro* to *Piñou*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £400, should be granted and paid, for making and repairing the Road leading from *Sbelburne* to *Yarmouth*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £260, should be granted and paid, for the opening a Road from *Yarmouth* to *Monteagon* River.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £150, should be granted and paid, to the Inhabitants of the Township of *Clare*, towards erecting a Bridge over the *Salmon*, *Beaver* and *Monteagon* Rivers in said Township.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £260, should be granted and paid, for the Repair of the Road, leading from the Church at *Sciffabou*, to *Philip Wortman's* House on the Road from *Saint Mary's Bay*, to *Digby*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £300, should be granted and paid, for opening a Road leading from *Lunenburg* to *Chester*, and erecting a Bridge over *Gould's* River.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £300, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road from *Chester* to *Palmer's* in *Windsor*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road from *Onslow* to *Tasamagushe*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100, should be granted and paid, for making and repairing the Road between *Rbensbeg*, and the Road from *Cumberland* towards *Halifax*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £400, should be granted and paid, for opening a Road from the Head of *Milford Haven* River, in the County of *Sydney*, to the Post Road, leading from *Piñou* to *Halifax*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100, should be granted and paid, to explore a direct Road from the Head of *Chebadoùtton Bay*, to the *Musquodoboit* Road leading to *Halifax*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £250, should be granted and paid, to the Inhabitants of the County of *Liverpool*, and to the Inhabitants of the Upper Part of the County of *Annapolis*, for the further opening and repairing the Road from *Niñour* Falls, to the Town of *Liverpool*, which was cut through a Distance of Sixty four Miles last Summer by a Subscription from said Inhabitants.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £50, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road between *Scotch Bay* in *King's* County, and the Top of *Cornwallis* Mountain.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road leading from the River *Musquodoboit* to *Preston*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £325, should be granted and paid, for the repairing of the Roads in the Township of *Douglafs*, £225, of which Sum for the Road between the Village of *Noel*, and the Great Road from *Colchester* to *Halifax*, including the Expence of erecting a Bridge over the River *Shubenaccadie*, and £100, for the Road between the Eastern Boundary of *Newport*, and the Northern Boundary of *Rawdon*. *Provided*, that nothing herein shall be construed to extend to affect the Vote of £200, in the Appropriation Act of the Year 1797, under the Conditions therein expressed.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200, should be granted and paid, for the Repair of the Road leading from the Northern Boundary of the Township of *Rawdon*, to *Pigor's* Lake on the Main Road leading to *Halifax*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £200, should be granted and paid, for making and repairing the Road between *Newport*, and the *Halifax* Road, including the Bridges over the Rivers *Hebere* and *Meander*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be

be granted and paid for repairing the Road from the Bridge over the River *Cockmagun* to the District called *Man of Wars Land* on the *Basin of Minas*, in the County of *Hants*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road leading from the Bridge over the River *Kentecook* to River *Petit* on the *Basin of Minas*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sum of £250, should be granted and paid, to complete the Road from *Liverpool* to *Sbelburne*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £200, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Roads and Bridges leading from *Partridge Island* to the Bridge over the River *Napan* in the Township of *Amberst*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road leading from the Head of *Cole Harbour* to *Lawrence Town*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £75, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road leading from *Spryfield* to *Saint Margaret's Bay*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £75, should be granted and paid, for repairing the Road leading from *Saint Margaret's Bay*, to *Chester*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £130, should be granted and paid, for opening and repairing the Road leading from *La Have* to *Liverpool*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £50, should be granted and paid for opening and repairing the Road leading from *Partridge Island* to *Cape Doree*.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £25, be granted and paid, to assist the Settlers at *Black Rock* on the North side of *Cornwallis Mountain* in making a Road to the first Settlement on the South Side of said Mountain.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £100, should be granted and paid, for making the Road leading from *Petit Passage* in the Township of *Digby*, to the Head *Saint Mary's Bay*.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Report and Resolutions 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 Resolutions to his Majesty's Council, and desire their Concurrence to the same.

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

TUESDAY, 23d JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

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 in Addition to the Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor. And also the Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the first year of his present Majesty's Reign, for the repairing and mending Highways, &c. and had agreed to the said Bills severally with Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the Bills with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table, and thereupon.

Mr. McMonagle, moved, that the Report of the Committee so far as relates to the Bill respecting Highways, &c. be not received by the House, and that the third reading of the said Bill be deferred to the next Sessions, which being seconded and put, passed in the Affirmative.

The Amendments to the Bill in Addition to the Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor, 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.

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

WEDNESDAY, 24th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in Addition to the Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, *an Act in Addition to an Act made in the third year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor.*

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

On Motion of Mr. Wallace, resolved, That the Commissioners of the Bridge and Road Lottery, be directed to proceed as soon as possible, and fix a Day to commence drawing the second Division of the fifth Class, and that all such Tickets as may remain unfold at the commencement of Drawing, shall be taken on Account of the Province.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to his Majesty's Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read.

Mr. Millidge, moved, That a Bill to amend an Act for appointing Commissioners to determine upon a proper Situation to purchase Lots of Ground, if necessary, to erect a public Building for the Accommodation of the General Assembly, &c. And also to provide for the temporary Accommodation of the Legislature and Courts of Justice, and the public Offices, be now read a second time, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Seventeen, against it Twelve. So it passed in the Affirmative.

The said Bill was read a second Time, and thereupon a Motion was made, that the House do proceed to the Order of the Day, and the same being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion 13, against it 15.

For

For the Motion,		Against the Motion.	
<i>Mr. Cochran,</i>	<i>Mr. Pyke,</i>	<i>Mr. Millidge,</i>	<i>Mr. Gracie,</i>
<i>Mr. Wallace,</i>	<i>Mr. Howe,</i>	<i>Mr. Schwartz,</i>	<i>Mr. McMonagle,</i>
<i>Mr. Belcher,</i>	<i>Mr. Archibald,</i>	<i>Mr. Solicitor General,</i>	<i>Mr. Moody,</i>
<i>Mr. Freeman,</i>	<i>Mr. Morris,</i>	<i>Mr. Leonard,</i>	<i>Mr. Baxter,</i>
<i>Mr. Stuart,</i>	<i>Mr. Eaton,</i>	<i>Mr. Bolman,</i>	<i>Mr. Lusby,</i>
<i>Mr. Northup,</i>	<i>Mr. Hartshorne,</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock,</i>	<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>
<i>Mr. Embrie,</i>		<i>Mr. M'Elbinny,</i>	<i>Mr. Tonge.</i>
		<i>Mr. James.</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

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

On Motion *resolved*, That a further Conference be desired with his Majesty's Council on the subject Matter of the last Conference respecting the public Building to be erected.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

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

The Council do agree to the Conference as desired by this House this Day, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

The Council have agreed to the Resolve for granting £400, for the Road from *Gay's River* to *Truro*. The Resolve for granting £300, for the Road from *Londonderry*, to the Southern Boundary of the County of *Cumberland*. The Resolve for granting £500, for the Road from the Southern Boundary of *Cumberland* to *Amberst*. The Resolve for granting £500, for the Road from *Truro* to *Pistou*. The Resolve for granting £250, for the Road from the *Nisaur Falls*, to the Town of *Liverpool*, and also the Resolve for granting £200, for the Road from *Patridge Island* to the Bridge over the River *Napan* in the Township of *Amberst*.

Then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the Conference with his Majesty's Council on the subject of the public Buildings, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly,

And being returned.

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

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that they had come to a Resolution thereupon, 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 it was read, and is as follows,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds should be granted and paid for repairing or rebuilding the present Market-House, and erecting a Country Market House in the Town of *Halifax*, agreeable to the Act passed in the present Session of Assembly.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Report, and Resolution were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question being put to the House, thereupon, *Mr. McMonagle, moved*, that the House do not agree to the Resolution, which being seconded and put,

and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Seven, against it Fourteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. *McMonagle*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *James*,
Mr. *Leonard*,
Mr. *Bolman*,
Mr. *Rutherford*,
Mr. *Lusby*,

So it passed in the Negative.

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Cochran*,
Mr. *Stuart*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *Solicitor General*,
Mr. *Belcher*,
Mr. *Hartshorne*,
Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Wallace*,
Mr. *Gracie*,
Mr. *McElbinny*,
Mr. *Pyke*,
Mr. *Embrie*,
Mr. *Freeman*,
Mr. *Archibald*.

The Report and Resolution were then agreed to by the House.

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

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to enquire for, and report to this House a suitable Situation for the Erection of a Government House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Gracie*, Mr. *Solicitor General*, Mr. *James*, and Mr. *Bolman*, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

THURSDAY, 25th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

The Proceedings of Yesterday being read,

Mr. *McMonagle*, *moved*, That the Resolution of the House passed yesterday for granting a Sum not exceeding £1000, for the repairing or rebuilding the present Market-House, &c. in the Town of *Halifax*, be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon there appeared for the Motion Fifteen, against the Motion Fifteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. *McMonagle*,
Mr. *Moody*,
Mr. *Tonge*,
Mr. *Rutherford*,
Mr. *Campbell*,
Mr. *Millidge*,
Mr. *Schwartz*,
Mr. *Gracie*,
Mr. *James*,
Mr. *Lusby*,
Mr. *Bolman*,
Mr. *Leonard*,
Mr. *Baxter*,
Mr. *Dewolf*,
Mr. *Freeman*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Solicitor General*,
Mr. *Hartshorne*,
Mr. *Northrup*,
Mr. *McElbinny*,
Mr. *Dimock*,
Mr. *Stuart*,
Mr. *Belcher*,
Mr. *Archibald*,
Mr. *Wallace*,
Mr. *Morris*,
Mr. *Cochran*,
Mr. *Embrie*,
Mr. *Pyke*,
Mr. *Eaton*,
Mr. *Cutler*,

Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote against the Motion.

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to Twenty seven Resolutions of this House for granting the following Sums for the repairing of Roads and Bridges, viz.

- £400, for Road from *Shelburne* to *Yarmouth*.
- 260, From *Yarmouth* to *Montegan River*.
- 150, For erecting Bridges in the Township of *Clare*.
- 260, For the Road from *Sciffabou* to *Digby*.
- 300, From *Lunenburg* to *Chester*.
- 300 from *Chester* to *Windsor*.
- 200, From *Onslow* to *Tatamagushe*.

- £100, Between *Ramsbeg* and the *Cumberland Road* leading to *Halifax*.
 400 For opening a Road from *Milford Haven* River in the County of *Sydney*,
 to the Post Road leading from *Piñou* to *Halifax*.
 100, For exploring a Road from the Head of *Cbedabuffou Bay* to the *Musquodoboit* Road.
 50, For the Road between *Scotch Bay* and *Cornwallis Mountain*.
 200, From River *Musquodoboit* to *Preston*.
 325, For the Roads in the Township of *Douglafs*.
 200, From Northern Boundary of *Rawdon* to *Halifax Road*.
 200, Between *Newport*, and the Road leading to *Halifax*.
 50, From the Bridge over the River *Cockmagun* to the District Man of Wars
 Land in County of *Hants*.
 50, From *Kenetcook* Bridge to the River *Petit*.
 250, From *Liverpool* to *Shelburne*,
 50, From Head of *Cole Harbour* to *Lawrence Town*,
 75, From *Spryfield* to *St. Margaret's Bay*.
 75, From *St. Margaret's Bay* to *Chester*.
 25, From *St. Margaret's Bay* to *Prospect*.
 25, From *Halifax* to *Ketch Harbour*.
 130, From *Labave* to *Liverpool*.
 50, From *Partridge Island* to *Cape Doree*.
 25, From *Black Rock* to South side of *Cornwallis Mountain*.
 100, From *Petit Passage* to the Head of *St. Mary's Bay*, in the Township of

80.
Digby.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and 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 the sum of One Hundred and Ninety Nine Pounds, should be granted and paid for repairing the Road leading from *Onslow* to *Tatamagusha*.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Report, and Resolution 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 Resolution to the Council and desire their Concurrence to the same.

On Motion of Mr. *Tonge*, resolved, That a present free Conference be desired with the Council on the subject Matter of the foregoing Resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire the said Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tonge*, Mr. *Moody*, Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Belcher*, and *Wallace*, do manage the said Conference.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House for granting £1000 for re-building the Market-House, &c. in the Town of *Halifax*.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act in Addition to an Act, made in the third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to enable the*
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Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor, with several Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Council do agree to the Conference as desired by this House immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take the Amendments made by the Council to the abovementioned Bill into Consideration, and the same having been read throughout 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 the House have agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the Conference with the Council, 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 have not agreed to the Resolve of this House for granting the Sum of £199. for the Road leading from *Onslow* to *Tatamagusbe.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion *resolved,* that in the Opinion of this House, it is necessary, that in Addition to the Sum of £5650 already Voted this Session, and agreed to by his Majesty's Council, the further Sum of £4350, should be granted to be expended in making and repairing Roads and Bridges throughout the Province. *Provided,* that no part of such further Sum shall be drawn out of the Treasury until the Inhabitants of the several Townships and Districts in which such Sum is to be expended shall satisfy the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, and his Majesty's Council, that such Inhabitants have already expended a Sum equal to one third Part of the Sum appropriated to the making such Roads or Bridges, then it shall be lawful to appoint Commissioners to expend the Sum appropriated for such Roads or Bridges thereby to aid such Inhabitants, and encourage their future Exertions in completing the same.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be sent to his Majesty's Council, and that a Conference be desired with them on the subject Matter thereof.

Ordered, That the Clerk do desire the said Conference.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last Conference with his Majesty's Council do manage this Conference.

On Motion the House *resolved,* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Bilcher,* took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

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

FRIDAY, 26th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill

Bill in Amendment of the Act passed in the 37th Year of his Majesty's Reign respecting the erecting of public Buildings.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *McMonagle*, 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 agree to the Conference as desired by this House on the subject of the Resolution respecting the granting a further Sum for Roads immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the 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, as follows;

That the Managers had in obedience to the Instructions of the House commenced offering to the Committee of his Majesty's Council the Reasons which had induced the House to come to the Resolution which was the Ground of the Conference, but the Committee from his Majesty's Council stating it as their private Opinion that the Council would not on any Account agree to the said Resolution, and that it was needless to offer Arguments to induce them thereto, the Committee of this House had stated to the Committee of his Majesty's Council their Instructions bound them to offer such Arguments, and to request the decision of the Council on the Subject, either by further Conference or by returning the Resolution agreed or not agreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the further Sum of £4350, for the Repair of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. *Tonge*, moved, That the House do come to the following Resolution. *Resolved*, That in the present Circumstances of this Province it is inexpedient to grant any Money this Session for the Purpose of carrying on publick Buildings, and the same having been seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Fourteen, Against it Sixteen.

For the Motion

Mr. *McMonagle*,

Mr. *Campbell*,

Mr. *Dewolf*,

Mr. *Dimock*.

Mr. *Rutherford*,

Mr. *Eaton*,

Mr. *Lusby*,

Mr. *Baxter*,

Mr. *Tonge*,

Mr. *Leopard*,

Mr. *Gracie*,

Mr. *Bolman*,

Mr. *James*.

Mr. *Moody*,

Against the Motion.

Mr. *Millidge*,

Mr. *Cochran*,

Mr. *Schwartz*,

Mr. *Belcher*,

Mr. *Hartshorne*,

Mr. *Wallace*,

Mr. *Northrup*,

Mr. *McElbinney*,

Mr. *Pyke*,

Mr. *Archibald*,

Mr. *Stuart*,

Mr. *Freeman*,

Mr. *Solicitor General*,

Mr. *Cutler*,

Mr. *Howe*,

Mr. *Embrie*.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Tonge*, reported, from the Committee, to enquire for and report to this House a suitable Situation for the Erection of a Government House, as follows,

That the Committee had examined three several Situations which they propose for the choice of the House, viz. The Lot purchased from Messrs. *Cochran*, with the Addition of the School Lot, and the Lot formerly belonging to *John Grant*, Esq; and contained within the high Stone-Wall, and also a part of the Lot South of the Burying Ground, by which a Communication will be opened with the Governor's South Farm. The second Situation is the Estate of the late *Benjamin Gerrish*, Esq; near his Majesty's Careening-Yard; and the Third the Governor's South

Farm ; The Committee further Report that the Agent for the Heirs of the late *Benjamin Gerrish*, is willing to dispose of that Estate for their Behoof ; and that the Proprietors of *Grants Lot* before mentioned, are not willing to alienate the same, and that it appears to the Committee that the South Farm, cannot be procured without the Consent of his Majesty being obtained, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it appears to this House, that the most eligible Situation for the Erection of a Government-House, is on the Lot of Ground belonging to the Heirs of the late *Joseph Gerrish*, Esq; near to his Majesty's Careening-Yard.

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

SATURDAY, 27th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Pyke*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had 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,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it should be Lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, to draw on the Treasury from Time to Time for a Sum not exceeding £250, for the Relief of such Poor Persons in this Province, who have no legal Claim for a Maintenance in any particular Township, the same to be disposed of, and applied in such Manner as Commissioners to be appointed from Time to Time by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council shall think best ; such Commissioners to render a just and faithful Account of the Expenditure of such Money to the *General Assembly*. at the next Session.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the Consideration of the Business to them referred.

The said Resolution was read throughout a first and second Time, and thereupon, Mr. *McMonagle*, moved, that the said Resolution be not agreed to by the House, which being seconded and put, the House divided thereon, and there appeared for the Motion Fourteen, again it Fifteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. *McMonagle*,

Mr. *James*,

Mr. *Bolman*,

Mr. *Millidge*,

Mr. *Leanard*,

Mr. *Lusby*,

Mr. *McElbinny*,

Mr. *Dimock*,

Mr. *Dewolf*,

Mr. *Campbell*,

Mr. *Moody*,

Mr. *Gracie*,

Mr. *Rutherford*,

Mr. *Baxter*,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Stuart*,

Mr. *Hartshorne*,

Mr. *Cochran*,

Mr. *Archibald*.

Mr. *Pyke*,

Mr. *Solicitor General*,

Mr. *Belcher*,

Mr. *Schwartz*,

Mr. *Howe*,

Mr. *Wallace*,

Mr. *Morris*,

Mr. *Eaton*,

Mr. *Tonge*,

Mr. *Embrie*,

Mr. *Freeman*,

So it passed in the Negative.

On Motion the House, *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill in amendment of the Act passed in the 37th Year of his Majesty's Reign, respecting the Erecting of Public Buildings.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *McMonagle* took the Chair,

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

Mr.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House for granting the Sum of £250 for the relief of Poor Persons,
And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the 37th Year of his present Majesty's Reign respecting the Erecting of public Buildings.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *McMonagle*, 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 Consideration of the same, which Report the House agreed to.

Mr. Solicitor General *reported*, from the Committee appointed to consider and report on the Subject of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, respecting Fees to be allowed the Attorney General, and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows.

The Committee state it as their Opinion, that an Allowance of Two Hundred Pounds for the Probable Services of the Attorney General for one Year would be a reasonable Compensation, in Lieu of all Fees established by the Table accompanying the Message received from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

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

MONDAY, 22d JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS,

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the 37th Year of his Majesty's Reign, respecting the Erecting of public Buildings.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *McMonagle*, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Mr. *Tonge*, *moved*, That the following Clause be added to the said Bill, viz. " And be it further Enacted, That the said Commissioner shall be enabled to receive a Commission of *five per Cent.* on the Monies by them disbursed in the Performance of the Duties prescribed by this Act, and the said Commissioners shall be responsible in their Property for the due Execution of the said Duties, and that the said Government House with all its Offices and Appendages shall be completed and finished for the Sum of Ten Thousand five Hundred Pounds, according to the True Intent and Meaning of this Act," which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion Five, Against it Eighteen.

For the Motion,

Against the Motion,

Mr. *Moody*,

Mr. *Schwartz*,

Mr. *McElbinney*,

Mr. *Stuart*,

Mr. *Dimock*,

Mr. *Howe*,

Mr. *Wallace*,

Mr. *Gracie*,

Mr. *Tonge*,

Mr. *Hartshorne*,

Mr. *Belcher*,

Mr. *Cochran*,

Mr. *Baxter*,

Mr. *Millidge*,

Mr. *Campbell*,

Mr. *Lusby*.

Mr. *DeWolf*,

Mr. *James*,

Mr. *Archibald*,

Mr. *Embrie*,

Mr. *Pyke*,

Mr. *Rutherford*,

Mr. *Solicitor General*,

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

So

On Motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Government Estimate, and the Pecuniary Concerns of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke, took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman, *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions thereupon, on which they had framed a Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year 1799, 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 the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, where the Resolutions and Clauses therein contained, were read one by one, and thereupon,

Mr. Cochran, *moved*, that the Clause respecting the Government House as follows, Provided always, that the Sum of one Thousand Pounds shall be reserved in the Treasury until the whole of said Building and Offices are completed, and that it shall not be Lawful for the Treasurer to pay the said Sum of £1000, nor any Part thereof, until the whole of the said Building with Offices, &c. are completed as aforesaid, be not agreed to by the House, which being seconded and put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the Motion Thirteen, against it Fifteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. Hartshorne,
Mr. Cochran,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Pyke,
Mr. Belcher,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Howe,

Mr. Archibald,
Mr. Embrie,
Mr. Morris,
Mr. McElbinny,
Mr. Cutler,
Mr. Solicitor General,

Against the Motion,

Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Millidge,
Mr. James,
Mr. McMonagle,
Mr. Fonge,
Mr. Lusby,
Mr. Northup,

Mr. Ruberford,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Gracie,
Mr. Leonard,
Mr. Moody,
Mr. Dimock,
Mr. Dewolf,
Mr. Baxter,

So it passed in the Negative.

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 for the Service of the year 1799, 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.

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

TUESDAY, 30th JULY, 1799.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in Amendment of an Act passed in the 37th Year of his Majesty's Reign, respecting the erecting of public Buildings, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in Amendment of an Act passed in the 37th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act for appointing Commissioners to determine upon a proper Situation in the Town of Halifax, and to purchase Lots of Ground, if necessary, to erect a public Building for the Accommodation of the *General Assembly*, Court of Chancery, Supreme Court, and Court of Admiralty, and public Offices, and for procuring Plans and Estimates for a Building hereafter to be erected for the Residence of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being."

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

On

On Motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further Consideration of His Excellency the Governor's Message, respecting Fees to be paid to the Attorney General, and the Report of the Committee of this House on said subject.

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

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had considered the subject to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, 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 it was read, and is as follows,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, should be authorized to draw by Warrant on the Treasury the Sum of £.222 4 5, to be paid to the Attorney General for his Services for the ensuing Year, in lieu of all Fees he is entitled to receive from His Majesty; and thereupon,

On Motion, *resolved*, That a Copy of the said Resolution be delivered to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by a Committee of this House in Answer to his Excellency's Message.

Ordered, That Mr. Wallace, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Hartshorne, be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the Quarantine Bill, now before the Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith,

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Hartshorne Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Belcher, do manage the said Conference.

Mr. Wallace *reported* from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Resolution of this House, on the subject of an allowance to the Attorney General in lieu of Fees: that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House on the subject of an Allowance to the Attorney General, in lieu of Fees.

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

The Council desire a Conference with this House by Committee, on the subject of the Bill relating to Public Buildings.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the Conference as desired by His Majesty's Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who are appointed to confer with the Council on the Quarantine Bill do manage this Conference, and the Names of the Managers were called over, and they went to the Conference accordingly,

And being returned.

Mr. Solicitor General *reported*, That the Managers had held a Conference with the Council on the subject of the Quarantine Bill, and also the Bill relating to the public Building's respectively, and stated the Substance of the said Conferences to the House.

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

WEDNESDAY, 24th JULY, 1799

PRAYERS,

An Engrossed Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year, 1799, &c. was read a 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 nine, 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 to the same,

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Gautier*

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, Intituled, an *Act* in Amendment of an *Act*, passed in the 37th Year of His Majesty's Reign, intitled, an *Act* for appointing Commissioners to determine upon a proper Situation in the Town of Halifax, and to purchase Lots of Ground if necessary to erect a public Building for the accommodation of the General Assembly; Court of Chancery, Supreme Court, and Court of Admiralty and Public Offices, and for procuring Plans and Estimates for a Building hereafter to be erected for the residence of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intitled, an *Act* for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety Nine, 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, and also,

The Bill, intitled an *Act*, in Amendment of an *Act*, passed in the 1st year of His Majesty's Reign, intitled an *Act*, to prevent the spreading of contagious Distempers and also in Amendment of an *Act*, passed in the 16th year of the said Reign, intitled an *Act* in Addition to the before recited *Act*, severally without any Amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

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;

An *Act*, in Amendment of an *Act*, passed in the 1st year of His Majesty's Reign, intitled, an *Act* to prevent the spreading of contagious Distempers, and also in Amendment of an *Act* passed in the 16th Year of the said Reign, intitled, an *Act* in addition to the before recited *Act*.

An *Act*, in Amendment of an *Act* made in the Third Year of his Majesty's Reign, intitled, an *Act* for the Relief of insolvent Debtors.

An *Act*, in Addition to an *Act*, made in the Third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intitled, an *Act* to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor.

An *Act*, in Amendment of an *Act*, passed in the 37th Year of his Majesty's Reign, intitled, an *Act* for appointing Commissioners to determine upon a proper Situation in the Town of Halifax, and to purchase Lots of Ground if necessary to erect a public Building for the Accommodation of the General Assembly, Court of Chancery, Supreme Court and Court of Admiralty and Public Offices and for procuring Plans and Estimates for a Building hereafter to be erected for the Residence of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being.

After

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows,

May it please your Excellency,

Fifty Years have but just elapsed since the first English Settlers landed here. There are Members both of his Majesty's Council and House of Assembly, who recollect, when the first Tree was felled on the Spot where you now preside over the Legislature of a flourishing and happy Colony. We should be the basest and most unworthy of all People were not our Hearts filled with Sentiments of the most grateful and affectionate Attachment to our beloved Sovereign, who from the first Day of his Reign to the present Hour, has never ceased to heap Favours on this Province, and constantly to consult the Safety, Happiness and Security of his faithful People. The unparalleled Favor of our just and good King; and the Munificence of the great and powerful Nation from which we derive our Origin, have under divine Providence been the Cause of our Prosperity. This Country which, but a few Years past was a dreary Wilderness, is now a flourishing Province inhabited by a numerous, happy, brave and loyal People. It shall be our Duty to perpetuate these Sentiments to the latest Posterity, thereby to secure the present Connection between *Great-Britain*, and this Country to the end of Time.

I should ill discharge my Duty, was I not humbly to request, that your Excellency will take every favorable Opportunity to make our Sentiments of Loyalty and Attachment known to his Majesty; and to Assure his Majesty, that it is our firm Determination to stand or fall with the British Government. If it were possible to increase our Sense of the numerous Obligations we owe to our Most Gracious Sovereign, the recent Event of which, we have just received a Confirmation would have its full Effect; an Event which our most sanguine Hopes scarcely led us to expect. The prospect we have of the return of our beloved Prince to this Country fills every Heart with Joy and Gratitude; and when we consider, that his Majesty has deemed us worthy of being commanded by One of his Royal Family, - we must esteem it as one of the strongest Proofs of his paternal Regard to his People in this Country; and I am well convinced Your Excellency will join me, when I say, that the Day on which his Royal Highness, the Duke of KENT, shall again land in *Nova-Scotia*, will be as joyful, as the Day he left us, was the saddest the Province ever experienced.

It is my Duty to present to your Excellency the Appropriation Bill for the ensuing Year, and on behalf of his Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Province, humbly to request Your Excellency's Assent thereto; by it you will perceive, that we have made as ample a Provision for the Support of His Majesty's Government, as the Circumstances and Situation of this Province will admit.

~~We have not much to give, but what we have, we give cheerfully and with pleasure.~~ After seven Years of strict and rigid Oeconomy, we are enabled to Vote a considerable Sum of Money to erect a more suitable Building for the Representative of His Majesty to reside in; and also to repair the great public Roads throughout the Province. It was the wish of the *House of Assembly*, to have extended, if it could, the great Advantage of Roads to the more remote Settlements of the Province, but as that could not be effected the present Session, they can only flatter themselves with the hope, that a Measure of such great public Utility will not be long delayed. As this, most probably, is the last time the present *House of Assembly* will appear before Your Excellency, I should not think, that I had completely fulfilled my Duty, was I to omit expressing the just Sense which the House entertain of the many Marks of Attention and Regard, it has received from your Excellency, and that it has full Confidence in Your Excellency's Zeal to promote the true Interest of this Province.

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 nine, 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

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,

Your earnest and assiduous Attention having matured such Measures as are more immediately necessary, and which, I trust, will produce very beneficial Effects toward the Interests, Honor and general Prosperity of the Province: It now only remains for me to consult your Convenience, by affording a Rescess, to enable you to return to your own private Concerns, which, at this Season, must require your Care.

I Return you my Thanks for the liberal and wise Provision you have made for the Services recommended at the opening of the Session, also, for the handsome and generous Manner in which you have provided for building, a suitable Mansion for the Residence of His Majesty's Governor of this Province.

This Instance of your Loyal Attachment to our most gracious Sovereign, is particularly flattering to me, as I sensibly feel therein your kind Intentions to promote my personal Convenience. And I sincerely hope, that on returning to your private Avocations, you will find that Prosperity, Peace and Loyalty, which I am persuaded it will be your Inclination, no less than it is your Interest, individually to promote and secure by your Encouragement, and Example, and that the Continuance of those Blessings will afford us occasion for Congratulations and Thankfulness to the Supreme Disposer of all good.

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 Thirty first Day of *October* next, to be then here held, and this *General Assembly* is accordingly prorogued to the Thirty first Day of *October* next.

