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1806.





PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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 I have thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, to DISSOLVE the present General Assembly of this Province, which now stands prorogued to Tuesday the 17th day of June next; I do, for that end, publish this Proclamation, and accordingly by these Presents do dissolve the said General Assembly.

Notifying the MEMBERS of the KING'S COUNCIL; as well as, the REPRESENTATIVES of this His Majesty's Province, severally, as they are returned from the Counties and Towns, that they are discharged from further attendance in the said General Assembly.

And by these presents, I further declare, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, that I have this day given orders to issue Writs, in due form, for calling a new General Assembly; which Writs will bear test on Thursday the twenty-ninth day of May, instant, and to be returnable on Thursday the seventh day of August next.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, this 28th day of May in the 46th year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the year of Our Lord 1806.

J. WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command,

B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.

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 to Thursday the Second day of October next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY, to Thursday the 13th of November. 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 9th day of September, 1806, in the 46th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

J. WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command,

B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.

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, is summoned to meet for the Dispatch of Business on Thursday the 13th instant :

I have thought it expedient to prorogue the Meeting thereof, until Tuesday the 18th instant, at One o'Clock, P. M.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 10th day of November, 1806, in the 47th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

J. WENTWORTH.

By His Excellency's Command,

B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Of the Province of NOVA-SCOTIA, begun and held at HALIFAX, on Tuesday the Eighteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and six, in the Forty sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on Earth the Supreme Head.

HIS Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, having by his three Proclamations (hereunto annexed) dated the 28th day of May, the 9th day of September, and the 10th day of November last, dissolved the last General Assembly and called a new one, and appointed the same to meet and sit at Halifax, this day, being the Eighteenth day of November, 1806; the following are the names of the Members, returned by the several Sheriffs, for the several Counties and Towns within this Province, to represent the same, in the said General Assembly, summoned to meet as before mentioned:—Viz.

<i>County of Halifax.</i>	Shubael Dimock.	<i>Town of Lunenburg.</i>
Edward Mortimer	<i>County of Shelburne.</i>	John Bolman.
Simon Bradstreet Robie	Jacob Van Buskirk	<i>Town of Amherst.</i>
Samuel G. W. Archibald	James Lent.	Edward Baker.
William Lawton.	<i>County of Sydney.</i>	<i>Town of Horton.</i>
<i>County of Annapolis.</i>	Joseph Marshall	Daniel Dewolf.
Thomas Ritchie	Edward Irish.	<i>Town of Cornwallis.</i>
Henry Rutherford.	<i>Town of Halifax.</i>	Lemuel Morton.
<i>County of Lunenburg.</i>	John George Pyke	<i>Town of Liverpool.</i>
Lewis Morris Wilkins.	Foster Hutchinson.	Joseph Barfs.
Edward James.	<i>Town of Truro.</i>	<i>Town of Windsor.</i>
<i>County of Cumberland.</i>	Thomas Pearson.	Wm. H. Otis Haliburton.
Henry Purdy	<i>Town of Onslow.</i>	<i>Town of Pالمouth.</i>
Thomas Roach.	Nathaniel Markers.	Jeremiah Northup.
<i>King's County.</i>	<i>Town of Londonderry.</i>	<i>Town of Newport.</i>
Jonathan Crane	Samuel Chandler.	Thomas Allen.
John Wells.	<i>Town of Annapolis.</i>	<i>Town of Shelburne.</i>
<i>Queen's County.</i>	Thomas Walker.	Colin Campbell.
Snow Parker	<i>Town of Granville.</i>	<i>Town of Barrington.</i>
George Collins.	Haiah Shaw.	John Sargent.
<i>County of Hants.</i>	<i>Town of Digby.</i>	<i>Town of Yarmouth.</i>
William Cottnam Tonge.	John Warwick.	Samuel Sheldon Pool.

The Honorable Andrew Belcher, one of his Majesty's Council came, about Two o'Clock, into the House where the Members of the House of Assembly usually sit; and the following

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ing Members, who appeared, took the Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual declaration in his presence, viz.

<i>County of Halifax,</i>	<i>County of Hants.</i>	<i>Town of Granville.</i>
Edward Mortimer	William Cottnam Tonge	Isaiah Shaw, Esquire.
Samuel G. W. Archibald	Shubael Dimock, Esquires.	<i>Town of Digby.</i>
William Lawson, Esquires.	<i>County of Shelburne.</i>	John Warwick, Esquire.
<i>County of Annapolis.</i>	Jacob Van Buskirk, Esqr.	<i>Town of Lunenburg.</i>
Thomas Ritchie, Esquire.	<i>County of Sydney.</i>	John Bolman, Esquire.
<i>County of Lunenburg.</i>	Edward Irish, Esquire.	<i>Town of Amherst.</i>
Lewis Morris Wilkins	<i>Town of Halifax.</i>	Edward Baker, Esquire.
Edward James, Esquires.	John George Pyke	<i>Town of Horton.</i>
<i>County of Cumberland.</i>	Foster Hutchinson, Esquires.	Daniel Dewolf, Esquire.
Henry Purdy	<i>Town of Truro.</i>	<i>Town of Cornwallis.</i>
Thomas-Roach, Esquires.	Thomas Pearson, Esq.	Lemuel-Morton, Esquire.
<i>King's County.</i>	<i>Town of Onslow.</i>	<i>Town of Windsor.</i>
Jonathan Crane	Nathaniel Marsters, Esquire.	W. H. O. Haliburton, Esq.
John Wells, Esquires.	<i>Town of Londonderry.</i>	<i>Town of Falmouth.</i>
<i>Queen's County.</i>	Samuel Chandler, Esquire.	Jeremiah Northup, Esquire.
Snow Parker	<i>Town of Annapolis.</i>	<i>Town of Newport.</i>
George Collins, Esquires.	Thomas Walker, Esquire.	Thomas Allen, Esquire.

After which a Message was delivered from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary, to acquaint the Members that it was his Excellency's pleasure, they should proceed to choose a fit person to be their Speaker; and to present the Member chosen for his Excellency's approbation:

Mr. Northup then proposed to the House, William Cottnam Tonge, Esq. his Majesty's Naval Officer, and Member for the County of Hants, and Mr. Pyke, proposed Lewis Morris Wilkins, Esq. Member for the County of Lunenburg, for their Speaker; and the choice of the House having fallen upon William Cottnam Tonge, Esqr. he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred on him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by Jeremiah Northup, and Shubael Dimock, Esqrs. and conducted to, and placed in the Chair, accordingly; and thereupon Mr. Speaker, elect, addressed the Members as follows:

GENTLEMEN,

A second time elevated by the general voice of my fellow Members to this dignified station, I receive, with the deepest sensibility, the honor you have conferred on me, and with a humble sense of my own Merits, submit myself to your choice. Allow me, Gentlemen, to offer the tribute of my gratitude, for the truly honorable manner of my Election, and my assurance that I shall endeavour by an assiduous attention to the duties of my station, and a steady, upright, and impartial conduct, to merit a continuance of the confidence you have reposed in me.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary of the Province, commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker, elect, was presented to His Excellency by Mr. Northup, when His Excellency was pleased to say that he did not approve of the choice the House had made, and desired them to return and make another choice, and present the Member whom they should elect for His Excellency's approbation To-morrow at One o'Clock.

The Members being returned,

Mr. Northup reported that the Members had been in the Council Chamber, where his
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Excellency had not been pleased to approve of the choice they had made of William Cottnam Tonge, Esq. to be their Speaker ; and had directed they would make another choice, and present the Member whom they should elect for His Excellency's approbation at One o'Clock To-morrow.

And thereupon, the Clerk, by direction of the Members present, adjourned the House until To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 19, 1806.

The Members met agreeably to the adjournment of yesterday ; and the Clerk, by Order, adjourned the House till To-morrow at Ten of the Clock.

Thursday November 20, 1806.

The Members met agreeably to the adjournment of yesterday ; and, in obedience to the Commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, in the place of William Cottnam Tonge, Esq. who had not been approved by His Excellency ; and, thereupon,

Mr. Mortimer proposed Foster Hutchinson, Esq. Member for the Town of Halifax, and Mr. Pyke proposed Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq. for their Speaker ; and the choice of the House having fallen upon the latter Gentleman, he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred on him by the House, submitted himself to their choice, and he was taken out of his place by John George Pyke and Jeremiah Northup, Esquires, and conducted to, and placed in, the Chair accordingly ; and, thereupon, Mr. Speaker, elect, addressed the Members as follows :

GENTLEMEN,

I cannot express the very high sense I feel of the honor you have this day done me ; I shall, therefore, only observe, that it shall be my endeavour so to conduct myself, in the exalted situation in which you have placed me, as to leave no cause to regret the confidence you have reposed in me.

A Message was delivered from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary, commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker, elect, was presented to his Excellency by Mr. Northup, upon which his Excellency approved of the choice the House had made.

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

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he had spoken to the following effect :

May it please your Excellency,

THE House of Assembly having chosen me their Speaker, and your Excellency having approved of their choice, I have to observe to your Excellency, that I feel, very sensibly, the weight and importance of the duties incident to that Office, and my inability to perform them ; I trust, however, that an honest and fervent zeal to promote the ease and comfort of your Excellency's administration, the peace and harmony of the different Branches of the Legislature, and the general good of the Province, will, in some measure, compensate for all other deficiencies ; I beg leave to require of your Excellency, on the part of the House of Assembly, that their words and actions may receive the most favorable construction : and that the Members may from time to time have access to your Excellency, and that they may enjoy their usual privileges.

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Mr. Speaker also reported, that his Excellency, in reply, said, I most cheerfully grant your request.

After which Mr. Speaker said, his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy ; which he read to the House, and is as follows :

Mr. PRESIDENT, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,

Mr. SPEAKER, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I HAVE the greatest pleasure in commencing our public intercourse, with cordial congratulations upon the important and brilliant victories and conquests obtained by His Majesty's fleets and armies, over His Majesty's enemies in all instances where they could not escape from pursuit, or elude the contest. Every British subject will venerate the exalted names, whose glorious achievements have added splendour to the Throne of our august Sovereign, and resources of prosperity through all his dominions.

The blessings of health—reciprocal kindness, and prosperous result of industry, throughout the Province, are also among the happy subjects, demanding our humble thankfulness to the FOUNTAIN of all GOOD. The Legislature is assembled to maintain and promote this enviable situation ; which can only be effected by temperate consideration and unanimity, wherein my co-operation may always be relied upon.

I shall direct the accounts of the public expenditure of the last year to be prepared for your examination, by the proper Officers ;—and estimates of the various services which appear to me to be necessary for the ensuing year ; and it is my duty to recommend them to be provided for by such supplies and grants, as, in your wisdom and liberality, may be most expedient.—This branch of your consideration will lead to useful information relative to the bounty lately granted by this Province, for the encouragement of the fisheries. It will be found, that, although great cost has been incurred, yet all the good purposes intended, have not been acquired—Some further arrangements may, therefore, be necessary herein.

Whatever may be further requisite on my part, shall be communicated in due time, to expedite the business of the Sessions ; which is important to the welfare of the Province, and indicative of our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and, therefore, must be the first object of our duty and ambition.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Ritchie, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

The House then proceeded to the choice of Officers.

James Boutineau Francklin, Esqr. was chosen Clerk.

Mr. Charles Stewart Powell, Serjeant at Arms, and

Mr. Israel Conkey, Messenger.

The Clerk, took the usual oaths.

Ordered, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Wells, Mr. Roach, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Irish, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Northup, Mr. Buskirk, Mr. Parker, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Pool, be a grand Committee of Justice.

Ordered, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Haliburton and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee, to report what Laws are near expiring, and for preparing and bringing in a Bill for continuing the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Crane, Mr. Lawson, Mr. James, and Mr. Pearson, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk, do acquaint the Council therewith.

Resolved,

Resolved, That no Petition of a private nature, be received after Monday the first day of December next.

A Petition of William Cochran, Esq. was presented by Mr. Pyke and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, together with Edward Mortimer, S. W. G. Archibald, S. B. Robie, and William Lawson, Esquires, were Candidates at the last Election for four Members to serve in General Assembly for the County of Halifax, that, at the close of the said Poll, the number of votes, as they stood on the Sheriff's books, were as follows : Edward Mortimer, 1,049; S. W. G. Archibald, 962; Simon B. Robie, 904; William Lawson, 712; and, the Petitioner, William Cochran, 614; the Petitioner having the fifth greatest number of Votes. That at the opening of the Poll at Halifax, it was well known the said William Lawson was not qualified, in point of property, required by the Laws of the Province; and at the close of the Poll at Pictou, the Petitioner protested against the Sheriff, for returning the said William Lawson duly elected. it being notorious that the said William Lawson, had not any Freehold Estate in said County; that, notwithstanding these proceedings, the said William Lawson, has been returned as one of the Representatives for the County of Halifax, although as the Petitioner now begs leave to set forth to the House, the said William Lawson, hath not, within the said County, an Income of forty shillings per annum in Freehold Estate, or a dwelling house with the ground whereon the same stands; or one hundred acres of land, whereof five are cultivated, or any other Freehold Estate to qualify him to be elected for the said County, which fact was well known to the Freeholders of said County, so, that the Votes given for the said William Lawson, under the circumstances herein stated were of no force or effect, and the Petitioner having the next greatest number of Votes, was duly elected and ought to have been returned; and praying the House would take the premises into consideration, and order the Sheriff of the county of Halifax, to amend his return, by inserting the name of the Petitioner, in the place of the said William Lawson, or grant the Petitioner such relief, as to the House, in their wisdom, may appear just.

A Petition of Thomas Law Dixon, was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read; setting forth, that at the late Election for the Township of Amherst, of a Representative in the present House of Assembly, the Petitioner, and Mr. Edward Baker, stood Candidates. That the said Mr. Baker, at the time of such Election, and Return, was not eligible to serve as a Member of Assembly, for the said Township of Amherst, according to the intent and meaning of an Act, passed in the 37th year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act, in amendment of an Act, passed in the 29th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act for the better regulation of Elections; and the Petitioner, did at the time of the Election, object to the eligibility of the said Mr. Baker, for the reasons aforesaid. And the Petitioner, humbly conceives that the Election and Return of the said Mr. Baker is void. That many illegal practices were made use of, by, for, and on behalf of, the said Mr. Baker, in order to procure him to be elected a Representative for the said Township of Amherst. That several women and persons, having no legal qualification, were polled for the said Mr. Baker, although objected to by the Petitioner. That the Poll was closed by Proclamation, at 40 minutes past six o'Clock in the Evening, although there were several Freeholders who would have voted for the Petitioner, had the Poll been kept open another day; there was also a Freeholder present, who tendered his vote for the Petitioner, which was objected to by Mr. Baker, unless he took the oath of qualification, which he conscientiously declined doing, on account of his not knowing whether his Title Deed, was registered, although he had left it for that purpose with the Deputy Register, the Father of Mr. Baker, the Candidate; and the said Deputy Register, who was present, refused to inform him, or go to his Office with him, until the next day, before which time the Sheriff, closed the Poll, as aforesaid, and praying that the House would order the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland, to amend his return, by striking out

out the name of Edward Baker, and inserting the name of the Petitioner, instead thereof, or grant such other relief, as to the House shall seem meet.

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

On motion of Mr. Pyke, *ordered*, That Mr. Dickson and Mr. Cochran be heard by themselves, or their Counsel, on the merits of their respective Petitions, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, the Petition of Thomas L. Dixon, and the return of the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland, on the writ for the Township of Amherst, were severally read by the Clerk; and, thereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner be notified, that this House will hear the Petitioner, or Counsel on his behalf, on Monday next, solely on the objection made by the Petitioner to the qualification of the sitting member.

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

Friday, November 21, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Edward Whitman, was presented by Mr. Northup, and read, setting forth, that Thomas Walker, of Annapolis, merchant, and the Petitioner, were Candidates at the last Election for one Member to represent, in General Assembly, the Township of Annapolis; that the Poll was opened on the 14th July last, and kept open for the space of three days; that, during the said Election, William Winniett, Esq. the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, did suffer divers persons, not resident nor having any freehold in the Township of Annapolis, to come to the said Poll, and vote for a Member to represent the said Township, and did receive their suffrages, for the said Thomas Walker, notwithstanding the Petitioner did oppose, and object to, his polling the said persons: that by receiving the Votes of the said persons, who at the Election acknowledged they had no freehold within the present limits of the Town of Annapolis, (which limits have been fixed and established for upwards of twenty years) a majority of Votes was unjustly obtained for the said Thomas Walker. That the numbers at the close of the Poll, in which are included the persons, who have no freehold within the Township of Annapolis, but who vote by right of their freeholds, in the Township of Clements, were, for Mr. Walker, 106, and for the Petitioner, 79. That the number of Voters, within the present Township of Annapolis is, only, 139, of which Mr. Walker had 61, and the Petitioner 78, having a majority of 17 legal voters in favor of the Petitioner; notwithstanding which, the said Sheriff declared the said Thomas Walker, duly elected, and has returned him as the Member to represent the said Township of Annapolis; that, admitting the right of the persons to Vote, who reside within the ancient bounds of the Township of Annapolis, a part of which is now called Clements, (the equity or legality of which, the Petitioner humbly begs leave to submit to the consideration of the House) the numbers will stand for Mr. Walker, 72, for the Petitioner, 78, still having a majority of six, in favor of the Petitioner. That if the House should be of opinion, that the persons resident in that part of the Township of Clements, which is within the ancient limits of the Township of Annapolis, have a right to vote for a Member to serve in General Assembly, for that Township; upon any fair legal grounds, yet the Petitioner humbly conceives, that the persons whose freeholds are in other parts of Clements, have no such right; and that their Votes must be rejected; that the Petitioner also states, that, during the said Election, the Sheriff undertook to reject the vote of John Hicks, one of the people called Quakers, who would have voted for the Petitioner, because the said John Hicks, refused to take an oath in support of his freehold, and the said Sheriff also rejected the vote of Fairfield Woodbury, in favor of the Petitioner,

ner, because the Deed of his freehold, was not registered at the time of his polling, although the said Sheriff, who is register of the County, well knew that the said Deed had remained in his Office two years and upwards, previous to the Election. That the said Sheriff did also at the said Election, admit Levi Rice, a Minor, to vote for the said Thomas Walker; and did also receive the vote of one Thomas Clarke, in favor of the said Thomas Walker, although the said Thomas Clarke, had no deed whatever, of the freehold upon which he presumed to vote. That the Petitioner further states that independent of these objections, to the proceedings of the Sheriff, in admitting improper persons to vote for the said Thomas Walker, the Petitioner, has to acquaint the House, that undue influence was made use of by the said Thomas Walker, to obtain the vote of one Jonathan Payson. That the unwarrantable and illegal mode of procuring the said vote, was a promise on the part of the said Thomas Walker, to discontinue a suit, which he had instituted in the Inferior Court at Annapolis, against the said Jonathan Payson, if he the said Jonathan Payson would vote for the said Thomas Walker, and that the said Jonathan Payson, under the influence of the said promise, did vote for the said Thomas Walker, although he expressly came to Town for the purpose of voting for the Petitioner, all which the Petitioner, will be able to prove to the satisfaction of the House. That at the close of the Poll, a scrutiny was demanded by the Petitioner, and proceeded upon by the Sheriff, the return whereof the Sheriff has made to the House, the result of which scrutiny, without reference to all the other circumstances in the Petitioner's favor, leaves the Petitioner in the possession of a majority of four votes, provided the persons residing within the ancient limits of Annapolis, are allowed to vote, and a majority of fifteen, if the voters are confined to the present limits of the Township of Annapolis, and praying that in consideration of the facts before stated, that the name of the said Thomas Walker, may be rated from the Sheriff's return, and the name of the Petitioner inserted, or that the House would afford the Petitioner such other relief as in its wisdom may seem proper.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A message from the Council acquainting the House they had appointed a Committee, to join the Committee of this House, on the examination of the Public Accounts.

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

Saturday, November 22, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Andrew Murdoch, an Insolvent Debtor, confined in the County Jail of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Northup, and read, praying for relief.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Joseph Marshall, Esqr. returned duly elected, as a Representative for the County of Sydney, took the usual oaths and his seat.

Mr. Hutchinson, *reported*, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address, in answer to his Excellency's Speech; and presented an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read by the Clerks, and, upon the Question put thereupon, unanimously agreed to, 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 Commons of his loyal Province of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to approach your Excellency with our sincere thanks for your Speech at the opening of this first Sessions of the General Assembly.

The glorious and decisive Victories gained by His Majesty's Fleets and Armies over equal and superior numbers of the Enemy, have diffused the most lively joy throughout this Province. Our hearts are impressed with the strongest sentiments of gratitude and veneration for those illustrious Heroes who have obtained such great honors and advantages for their Country, by the blessing of Him who is the giver of all Victory.

We view with pleasure the increasing industry and prosperity of the Inhabitants of this Province, and will make it our study to maintain and improve their present happy situation.

We shall most readily grant the supplies necessary for the support of His Majesty's Government, and shall also give due attention to the information we may receive relative to the Bounty granted for the encouragement of the Fisheries ; and we shall endeavour to make such regulations on the subject as may be requisite to check any abuses of the liberality of the Province.

While we lament that Your Excellency has been pleased to exercise a branch of His Majesty's prerogative, long unused in Great-Britain, and without precedent in this Province, we beg leave to assure Your Excellency, that we shall not fail to cultivate assiduously a good understanding between the different branches of the Legislature, and to prosecute with diligence the business of the Sessions.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Crane and Mr. Ritchie, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency, to know his pleasure, when he will receive the Address of the House.

Mr. Hutchinson moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That in all cases of contested Election, wherein it may be found necessary to enquire into the qualification of the fitting Member, such Member shall be required to declare to the House, what freehold Estate he is seized of, in respect of which he claims the right to retain his seat, and he shall also be notified what evidence he is expected to produce, to establish his Title to the Estate in question, which being seconded, thereupon,

Mr. Dimock moved, that the consideration of the foregoing resolution be deferred until this day three months ; which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for Mr. Dimock's motion, Nineteen, against it, Ten.

For the Motion :

Against the Motion :

Mr. Marshall

Mr. Wells

Mr. Pyke

Mr. Archibald

Mr. Dimock

Mr. Bolman

Mr. Ritchie

Mr. Morton

Mr. Tonge

Mr. Marsters

Mr. Warwick

Mr. Crane

Mr. Walker

Mr. Shaw

Mr. Chandler

Mr. Pearson

Mr. Collins

Mr. Northup

Mr. Roach

Mr. Allen

Mr. Irish

Mr. Haliburton

Mr. Dewolf

Mr. Hutchinson

Mr. James

Mr. Parker

Mr. Buskirk

Mr. Mortimer

Mr. Purdy.

So it passed in the affirmative.

A Petition of Thomas Millidge, Esq. was presented by Mr. Hutchinson, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner, and Mr. Isaiah Shaw, were Candidates at the late Election for a Representative to serve in General Assembly for the Township of Granville; which Election took place on the 28th day of July last, and the Poll was kept open for three days: That the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, who is the returning officer for the said Township of Granville, appeared to the Petitioner, and his friends, to be strongly influenced in favor of the Petitioner's opponent, Mr. Isaiah Shaw: That the Petitioner agreeably to the Law of the Province, nominated Benjamin Dodge, Esq. one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and a respectable Freeholder of the Township of Granville, to be his Inspector at the said Election, and he was so appointed accordingly. That the said Isaiah Shaw, nominated Foster Woodbury, of the Township of Wilmot, who is not a Freeholder in the said Township of Granville, and who had no right to interfere in the said Election, or to concern himself in the event thereof, to be his Inspector; who, notwithstanding his want of qualification, was so appointed. That James Tatterfal, a well known Freeholder, in the Township of Granville, Voted for the Petitioner, at the said Election, that his Vote was taken by the said Sheriff, and entered in his Poll Book; that, after his vote was so taken and entered, the said Tatterfal was required to take the Freeholder's oath, by the said Foster Woodbury, who had no right to demand the same, on which the said Tatterfal observed, that the Deed of the Lands on which he voted, had been long lodged with the Sheriff, who was then taking the Poll, and who is also the Register of the County, but he was not certain it had been entered by him in his Book of Records, but he would go and search the Records, return to the Hustings, and take the oath, if he found the Deed so entered. That the said James Tatterfal, was denied the time to satisfy his mind on this subject, and his Vote was actually expunged by the Sheriff; that he, Tatterfal, notwithstanding, went to the Registry, found his Deed was on record, returned to the Poll, and offered to swear to his qualification, but the Sheriff refused to administer the oath, or to restore his Vote to the Petitioner. That Ferdinand Schaffner, a well known Freeholder, in the Township of Granville, voted for the Petitioner, that his vote was received by the Sheriff, and entered on his Poll Book; when he also was required to swear to his qualification by Mr. Woodbury, which he refused to do, thinking Mr. Woodbury had no right to make the requisition, on which the Sheriff erased his Vote from the Poll Book; that the said Schaffner was informed a very few minutes afterwards, his vote might be lost, if he did not take the oath, on which he immediately returned to the Hustings, and offered to swear to his qualification, but was not permitted to do so, and his vote was not restored to the Petitioner. That, notwithstanding these refusals, to the Petitioner's Voters, the said Sheriff allowed time, to Gideon Witt, Sylvanus Wade, Benjamin Wheelock, Luke Ryder, and Joseph Anthony Senior, Voters for Mr. Shaw, to see if their Deeds were on Record, that when they had satisfied their minds upon that subject, they returned to the Hustings to qualify themselves some time after, first giving their votes, that they were received, their Votes retained by the Sheriff, and now stand on the Poll Book in favor of the said Isaiah Shaw. That William Kerr, the Schoolmaster, to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel, who possesses lands allotted by Government, for the support of a Schoolmaster, in which he has an Estate for life, provided he continues Schoolmaster in the said Township, which lands he has rented for upwards of forty shillings per annum, for twenty years past, also voted for the Petitioner, and his vote was struck out of the Poll Book after it was received by the said Sheriff, on the application of the said Foster Woodbury, on the ground that the Estate he held in those Lands was not a freehold. That Samuel Willett, Abraham Gesner, and Phineas Millidge, who own large freehold Estates in the said Township, also voted for the Petitioner, and after their votes were received and entered, they were questioned as to their qualification, by the said Foster Woodbury, who they conceived had no right to examine them, and they stated to the Sheriff, that the

Deeds of their respective properties, had been lodged in his hands as Register, and the execution thereof, had been duly sworn to before him, for more than six months before the said Election; but they did not know whether he, the said Sheriff, as Register, had copied them into his Book. That, notwithstanding such statement, which the said Sheriff knew to be true, the said Foster Woodbury insisted on their taking the Freeholder's Oath, which he had no right to require, and they refused doing, on which the said Sheriff struck out their names from the Poll Book. That the said Sheriff hath recorded the said Phineas Millidge's Deed, and has annexed a Certificate thereto, by which it appears, that the same was recorded, on the Seventh Day of August last, subsequent to the Election, on the oath of Thomas Millidge, Junior, a subscribing witness, that the said Thomas Millidge, Junior, was the subscribing witness to the said Deed, and did make oath to the execution of the same, before the said Register, about three years ago; shortly after which time he left this Province, and hath never returned to it since. That many votes were given for the said Isaiah Shaw, by persons who were not qualified, to which votes the Petitioner objected at the time they were given, and requested the Sheriff to mark his objection on the poll-book, which request the Sheriff, in many instances, neglected to comply with, but the same were marked down at the time the Vote was given, in the Book kept by the Petitioner's Clerk, who was sworn by the Sheriff, at the commencement of the Election, in pursuance of the Law of the Province. That, in consequence of expunging so many of the Petitioner's fair and good votes from the poll-book, and the admission of many votes for Mr. Shaw which ought to have been rejected, the said Mr. Shaw had a majority of ten votes at the close of the poll: the number of voters for Mr. Shaw being seventy-four, and for the Petitioner sixty-four. That the Petitioner demanded a scrutiny, which was granted by the Sheriff, who commenced the same with his assistants, Mr. John Bath, and Mr. Isaac Woodbury, two freeholders of the Township of Granville, on the day following the close of the poll; that the Petitioner scrutinized no vote at the said scrutiny but such as he had objected to at the Poll, and which were marked down as objected to by his clerk; that the Sheriff permitted Mr. Isaiah Shaw to scrutinize many votes on the said scrutiny, to which no exception had been taken at the poll; that the said Sheriff, and his assistants, proceeded on the scrutiny on a most erroneous principle, and averred that they would consider the oath of the party at the poll as sufficient evidence of his right to vote, and would pass every vote as good which had been supported by an oath: that this principle was prejudicial particularly to the Petitioner, who produced witnesses at the scrutiny to prove that thirteen of Mr. Shaw's voters were unqualified, but did not operate against Mr. Shaw, who could not have struck off one, or not more than one of the Petitioner's votes on the scrutiny; that if the said scrutiny had been conducted upon proper and legal principles, the Petitioner would have proved, that he had a majority of good votes, at the said election, without seeking the restitution of the six votes in his favor, which had been improperly rejected by the Sheriff at the poll, but he was precluded from so doing by the adoption of the before-mentioned erroneous principles, and by the hurried mode in which the scrutiny was conducted by the Sheriff; that the said Sheriff returned the said Mr. Isaiah Shaw, as the person duly elected, before the said scrutiny was closed, and while some of the Petitioner's objections to his Voters remained undetermined, that almost all the facts the Petitioner has stated in the Petition, appear upon the face of the Poll, and of the Scrutiny. That the Petitioner is prepared to verify the whole of them, and he is well assured that it will appear to the House, upon investigation, that a majority of legal Votes at the said Election, was given in his favor, and praying that the Sheriff may be directed to amend his return, by raising the name of Mr. Shaw therefrom, and inserting that of the Petitioner.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, November 24, 1806.

PRAYERS,

Mr. Pyke, stated to the House, that, in consequence of their determination on Thursday last, respecting the petition of Thomas Law Dixon, the Petitioner had requested that his petition should be withdrawn; and the said petition was, by leave of the House, withdrawn accordingly.

On motion, the order of the day was read, and thereupon,

The House proceeded on the consideration, of the Petition of William Cochran, Esqr. and having heard counsel, at the bar of the House, on behalf of the petitioner,

Mr. Roach moved, that the said petition be dismissed, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Ten, against it Eighteen, so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Hutchinson moved that the further consideration of the petition be deferred till To-morrow at Eleven o'Clock, which, being seconded and put, passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he would receive the Address of the House; that his Excellency had appointed to-morrow at two o'clock, at the Government House.

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 25, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

The House proceeded on the further consideration of the Petition of William Cochran, Esq. and the Petitioner and his Counsel having appeared at the Bar of the House, the sitting Member, William Lawson, Esq. stood up in his place, and declared himself ready to state to the House, the nature of his qualification, which he did, by exhibiting an extract from a Grant under the Seal of the Province; by which it appeared that he was entitled to two hundred and fifty acres of land, at Dartmouth, in right of his wife, and produced one Thomas Donaldson, a witness, to prove the same to be worth forty shillings per annum; and thereupon,

Mr. Pyke moved, that William Cochran, Esq. be allowed 'till to-morrow, to be further heard on the merits of his Petition, which being seconded, and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Three, against the motion, Twenty-Seven.

For the Motion :

Against the Motion :

Mr. Pyke	Mr. Crane	Mr. Pearson	Mr. Wells
Mr. Bólman	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Allen	Mr. Chandler
Mr. Northup	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Irish	Mr. Marsters
	Mr. Haliburton	Mr. Marshall	Mr. Roach
	Mr. Walker	Mr. Warwick	Mr. Shaw
	Mr. Dewolf	Mr. Tonge	Mr. Mortimer
	Mr. Purdy	Mr. James	Mr. Buskirk
	Mr. Morton	Mr. Collins	Mr. Parker
	Mr. Ritchie	Mr. Dimock	Mr. Baker.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. James, moved that the said Petition be dismissed, which, being seconded and put, passed in the Affirmative; and the Petition, was dismissed accordingly. On

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that the House will proceed this day on the consideration of the Petition of Edward Whitman, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Annapolis, immediately after their return from attending his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with their Address, and that the Petitioner have notice thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that this House will not enter into the merits of the Petition of Thomas Millidge, Esqr. complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Granville, until the Petitioner proves to the House, that the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, has been served with a copy of the Petition, presented by Thomas Millidge, at least ten days prior to the day of entering upon the merits of the same.

A Petition of Asaph Wheelock, and others, freeholders in the Township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Tonge, and read, setting forth, that, on the 14th July last past, the freeholders of the said Township, by the advertisement of William Winniett, Esq. the Sheriff of the County, by virtue of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's writ, opened a Poll for the choice of a fit and proper person to represent the said Township in General Assembly, and after Candidates had offered, and sundry Votes of the Freeholders of the said Township were taken, the said Sheriff suffered sundry freeholders of the Township of Clements, to Vote in said Election, although the said Clement voters declared that they had no freehold property in the Township of Annapolis, neither would they take the oath required by Law, and although the freeholders of said Township, objected and protested against the Sheriff's proceedings, in allowing the freeholders of Clements to give their Votes in the said Election; nevertheless, at the close of the Poll, the said Sheriff declared, Thomas Walker lawfully elected, when, in fact, and of right, Edward Whitman had the majority of the freeholders Votes of Annapolis; and the Petitioners consider the proceedings of the Sheriff, in the said Election, contrary to Law, to the writ to him directed, and to the notice by his advertisement for the election, and entirely taking away the privilege of the right of election from the freeholders of the Township of Annapolis, and destroying or evading the very principle and essence of the Law in that case made and provided, and praying the House would enquire into, and do justice in, the premises.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

And being returned,

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

GENTLEMEN,

I RETURN you my thanks for this Address; it is very gratifying to me, that I am therein fully justified in expecting the Public Business will be pursued with cordial views of unanimity and dispatch, which cannot fail of being duly accomplished in a Legislature governed by such principles.

On motion, the order of the day was read, and thereupon,

The Petition of Edward Whitman; and also the resolution of the House, passed on Wednesday the Twenty-sixth day of March, 1800, touching the right of voting for a Representative for the Township of Annapolis, were read by the Clerk, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, *resolved*, that this House will adhere to the aforesaid resolution of the 26th March, 1800.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Petition of Edward Whitman, and having heard counsel on behalf of the petitioner, and likewise counsel on the behalf of the sitting Member, Thomas Walker, Esqr. at the Bar of the House, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that a select Committee of fifteen, be chosen by Ballot from all the Members present attending this House, with leave for the petitioner
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Edward Whitman, or his counsel, and the sitting Member Thomas Walker, Esqr. or his counsel, to strike off from the said number of fifteen alternately (beginning on the part of the petitioner) to the number of five; whom together with a nominee to be named on the part of the petitioner, by himself or counsel; as also on the part of the sitting Member, are to compose the Committee, for the purpose of trying the merits of the contested Election for the Township of Annapolis, and reporting thereon to this House.

The House then proceeded to the balloting for the said Committee, as follows:

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

Two lists of the names of the fifteen Members, so drawn, having been prepared by the Clerk, one of the said lists was delivered to the Counsel for the Petitioner, and the other to the Counsel for the sitting Member, who were attending at the bar; and the Counsel for the Petitioner, and the Counsel for the sitting Member, beginning on the part of the Petitioner, alternately struck off one of the said fifteen Members contained in the said lists until the number was reduced to five, and there was delivered in to the Clerk of the House, one of the said lists so struck, together with a new list of the names of the five Members then remaining unstruck, which last mentioned list was read, and is as follows, Joseph Marshall, Esqr. Edward James, Esqr. Samuel Chandler, Esqr. Thomas Roach, Esqr. and Foster Hutchinson, Esqr.

Mr. Speaker then called on the Petitioner, to nominate one from amongst the Members then present, whose names had not been drawn, to be added to those chosen by Lot, to serve on the said select Committee, as also on the sitting Member, to nominate one in like manner on his part, thereupon, the Petitioner named George Collins, Esqr. and the sitting member Lemuel Morton, Esqr.

The names of the before mentioned five Members, and the names of George Collins and Lemuel Morton, Esqrs. nominated as aforesaid, were called over, and being come to the Table, they were acquainted by Mr. Speaker, that they were a select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Contested Election for the Township of Annapolis.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee do meet to-morrow morning, at Ten of the Clock; in the Committee Room of the House.

On motion, the House proceeded to the choice of a Chaplain, when the Reverend Robert Stanfer, Rector of St. Paul's, was chosen Chaplain to the House; and thereupon,

Mr. Hutchinson acquainted the House, that Mr. Stanfer was in England; and that the Reverend Mr. Wright would do his duty in his absence, to which the House agreed.

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

Wednesday, November 26, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Lawfon, *resolved*, that the Members of his Majesty's Council, and of this House, not already provided with the Laws of the Province, may each be furnished with a set at the expence of the Province.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

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Mr. Pyke presented to the House an Account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all Monies received by him into, and payments by him made from, the Province Treasury between the 31st October 1805, and the 31st October, 1806.

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

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *ordered*, That the Petition of Asaph Wheelock and others, be referred to the select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Contested Election for the Township of Annapolis.

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, November 27, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Samuel Sheldon Pool, Esq. returned duly elected as a Representative for the Town of Yarmouth, took the usual oaths, and his seat.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that a Committee of this House be appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, for the purpose of examining the building at present occupied by the General Assembly, and to report what rooms should be specifically appropriated for the accommodation of the Legislature.

Ordered, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Morton and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Council for concurrence.

A Petition of John Newton, and Hibbert N. Binney, Esquires, Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, (recommended by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor) was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, setting forth that, between the 1st and 16th of January last, (during the expiration of the Revenue Laws) seven vessels arrived with numerous articles which were sold duty free, and consumed within the Province; that, in consequence of the sale of the said articles free of duties, the Petitioners have sustained a loss of Commissions, as it prevented the sale of the like quantity, upon which the duties had been secured, that the duties upon those articles, so sold, would have amounted to the sum of 1552l. 3s. and their commissions at 4 1-2 per cent. to £.69 16 10, and praying the House would allow them the said sum of £.69 16 10.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Friday, November 28, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Laws for the regulation of Elections, and that they do prepare and bring in a Bill, to alter, and amend the same, in such manner as to them may appear expedient.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Roach and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report to this House, what monies have been applied from the Treasury, to the building and repairing the Meat and Fish Markets, in the Town of Halifax, and what monies have been received into the Treasury for the rents of the said Markets.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Roach, Mr. Parker, Mr. Pyke, and Mr. Wells, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of Jonas Fawson, Esqr. Sheriff of the County of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, praying the reimbursement of two pounds paid by him, for the erection of a temporary Platform and Seats, for the accommodation of the Candidates and Electors, at the late General Election for the County of Halifax, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the Petition be dismissed, the House being of opinion that the above demand should be claimed from the County of Halifax.

A Petition of Robert King, (recommended by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor) was presented by Mr. Haliburton and read, praying the aid of the Legislature to assist him in making a suitable settlement, on the road half way between Windsor and Chester, where he proposes to keep a House of entertainment for the accommodation and comfort of travellers.

A Petition of John Melhman and others, inhabitants of Lunenburg, settlers on the new road lately opened between Lunenburg and Annapolis, was presented by Mr. James, and read, praying for the assistance of the Legislature, to make a road from the petitioner's location to Lohnes's settlement, and also for building a bridge over the river La-have.

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

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in amendment of the Act for the appointment of Firewards, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Saturday, November 29, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for establishing Schools in the several Townships within the Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill in amendment of the Act for the appointment of Firewards, &c. was read a second time, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, and the House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Roach took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and that the Committee had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the said amendments were read throughout

a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

A Petition of George Henkel, of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying compensation for services performed by him as Health Officer for the Port of Annapolis, since the 14th August, 1799.

A Petition of James Eager and others, settlers on the new road leading from Annapolis to Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying a grant of Money for improving that part of the said Road which leads from the Settlement of Nictaur, to the Mill Brook, so called, a distance of 23 miles from the said settlement.

A Petition of Samuel V. Bayard, and others, Inhabitants of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying the aid of the Legislature, to alter and complete the road leading from Theodosius Palmer's to Edward Gouger's, in that Township, for the benefit of the public.

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

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *ordered*, that three fair copies of the Bill for establishing Schools in the several Townships within this Province, be prepared for the use of the Members, and that the said Bill be read a second time on Monday the eighth day of December next.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the Committee appointed to try the merits of the contested election for the Township of Annapolis, 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 having heard the parties by their counsel, and examined the evidence laid before them, found the majority of votes to be in favor of the sitting Member. That the Petitioner claimed time to produce evidence, and establish the act of undue influence having been used by the sitting Member to obtain the Vote of one Jonathan Payson, which, if granted, the Committee is of opinion should be heard before the House; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that this House will, on Monday the 8th day of December next, hear the Petitioner, Edward Whitman, by his counsel at the Bar of the House, touching the charge of undue influence used by the sitting Member as above reported by the Committee.

A Petition of Francis Smith, and others, Inhabitants of Newport, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying the aid of the Legislature to enable them to alter and improve the main road leading from that Township to the Halifax road, and also for building a bridge over the Meander River, which would greatly benefit them in carrying their produce to market, and be otherwise advantageous to the public.

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

A Petition of John Henderon, Mason, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, in the month of July last, entered into a contract to build a stone Arch, and repair the Bridge at Sackville; that he had nearly completed the Arch, &c. when a violent flood of water, owing to heavy rains, swept away the wood work upon which the Arch was constructed, in consequence of which the whole work fell; and praying to be relieved from his contract, and, also, that the House would grant him such further relief as to them may seem meet; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Warwick,
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Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Marsters; and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report their opinion thereon to the House.

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

Monday, December 1, 1806.

PRAYERS,

On motion of Mr. Roach, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to examine into the expenditure of all monies voted for roads and bridges, which have not yet been accounted for to the Legislature; and also to consider the amount of the compensation to be allowed to Commissioners for expending such part of the said monies as were granted prior to the last Session of General Assembly, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, that Mr. Roach, Mr. Crane, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Collins, and Mr. Mortimer, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of David Currie was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Excise Duty on a quantity of British Merchandise by him exported to Jamaica the 2d August, 1800, amounting to 5*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*

A Petition of Alexander Scott, and others, inhabitants of Douglafs, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying that the sum of, 100*l.* may be granted for improving the road leading from James M'Phee's Farm, on the Nine Mile River, in said Township, towards Shubenaccadie Bridge, to enable them to have access to a market with their produce.

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

A Petition of John Archibald was presented by Mr. Pearson, and read, setting forth that the Petitioner was appointed a Commissioner for the expenditure of 445*l.* granted in the last Session of Assembly for repairing the Roads and Bridges between Fletcher's and Picou; that the Petitioner finding the sums so granted to be quite insufficient to complete the repairs of the said Road and Bridges had expended, of his own monies, the additional sum of twenty-six pounds two shillings and eight pence, and praying to be repaid the said sum so expended by him.

Mr. Roach moved, that the said Petition be dismissed, which being seconded and put; passed in the negative.

A Petition of Robert M'Elhenny was presented by Mr. Chandler, and read, praying compensation as a Commissioner for expending the sum of 80*l.* in building a Bridge over the river Cheganoise in the year 1801.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that his Excellency would direct the Secretary of the Province to lay before this House, all Accounts of the Expenditures of Monies on roads and bridges with vouchers for the same, which have been transmitted to him by the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the last Session of General Assembly; and also, that his Excellency would be pleased to direct, that the accounts and vouchers of the expenditure of monies for the service of the Island of Sable, and the public buildings be laid before the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Dewolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of Samuel Hart was presented by Mr. Tonge, and read, praying for a Draw-back of the Duties on 3,326 Gallons of Rum imported from Jamaica in the year 1804, amounting to 41l. 11s. 6d.

A Petition of James M'Curdy was presented by Mr. Chandler, and read, praying for a compensation for his services as a Commissioner in expending the sum of 100l. on the road from Onflow to Tatamagushe, granted in the fifth and last Session of General Assembly.

A Petition of Abel Beel was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying to be allowed the sum of 2l. 10s. as a compensation for his services as a Commissioner in expending the sum of 50l. on the road on the South side of the Annapolis river, granted in the last Session of General Assembly.

A Petition of John Andrews was presented by Mr. Northup, and read, praying permission to export out of the Province, a certain Horse called *Simon*, formerly imported by his Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, and afterwards purchased by Colin Campbell, Esq. without prejudice to the said Colin Campbell, or his Securities.

A Petition of Walwood Waugh, of Tatamagushe, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying the aid of the Legislature, to enable him to open roads of communication from the house of the Petitioner to Onflow, for the purpose of settling the land contiguous to the same, which would be highly beneficial to the Province.

A Petition of Jacob Tobias was presented by Mr. Warwick, and read, praying to be allowed the sum of 4l. 5s. for his services as a Commissioner in expending the sum of 85l. on certain roads in Digby, granted in the last Session of General Assembly.

A Petition of David Crandell was presented by Mr. James, and read, praying to be reimbursed the sum of 37l. 10s. for money expended by him in building, a Bridge over the Middle River of Chester, in the County of Lunenburgh, in addition to the sum of 54l. 15s. being the amount of his contract with Government for performing the said work.

A Petition of Joseph Biggs, and others, inhabitants on the rivers Macan and Napan, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Baker, and read; praying for the aid of the Legislature to enable them to open and improve a road from the Saw Mill, on the said river Mecan, to the river Philip, a distance of 14 Miles; which road would be of great public utility.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

An Engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act for the appointment of Firewards, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in further addition to, and amendment of, an Act made in the second year of his present Majesty's Reign, intitled, An Act for the appointment of 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.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House, on the subject of the Building at present occupied by the General Assembly.

The Council agree to the Resolution of this House, passed on the 26th November, respecting furnishing the Members, &c. with the Laws of the Province, with an amendment,

Vizt.

Viz. at the end of the Resolution, add the words following : “ and that the Prothonotary be also furnished with a set for each of his Deputies, in the several Counties and Districts, for their respective Offices.”

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House doth agree to the amendment proposed by the Council to the Resolution above-mentioned, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of his Majesty's Council to examine the public accounts, 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 :

Treasurer of the Province.

His Accounts have been received to the 31st October last, properly stated, and all charges regularly vouched, there appears to be a balance of

£.6469 4 3

Collectors of Impost and Excise, Halifax.

Their Accounts to the 30th Sept. last, have been received, and are correct, there appears to be in their hands, Bonds for collection subject to the usual drawbacks, amounting to

£21,380 5 7

It appears by their Accounts, that Bonds remain in the Attorney General hands, amounting to

£ 3,133 0 7

From which deduct the following doubtful

Debts :

John M'Masters	£.71 11 11
James Kingston	25 9 5
R. Amcs	31 9 3
D. Rudolph	82 17 8
And a balance of commissions	5 17 6

217 5 9

£.2915 14 10

Since which it appears by the Treasurer's Account there has been paid by the Attorney General

1371 12 2

1544 2 8

22,924 8 3

The Treasurer reports that, since closing his Account, he has received from the Attorney General the further sum of

£.129 19 1

Lunenburg.

There still appears to be due by the former Collector a balance of

18 0 4

The present Collector's Accounts have been received to the 30th September, they are incorrectly stated ; there appears to be in his hands, in bonds and cash

544 3 2

The Treasurer reports he has received, since closing his accounts, 58l.

Liverpool.

There are no Returns.

It appears by the Treasurer's Accounts that he has received from the Collector

£263 0 0

The balance stated to be due in last year's report is

902 11 4

Annapolis.

The balance due by the former Collector still remains unpaid, amounting to

301 5 2

The Executors of the late Collector, Robert Dickson, have to account for a balance due by his Estate of

620 5 1

The present Collector's Returns have been received to 30th September last,

by which there appears to have been secured by him

£.1487 8 3

It

It appears by the Treasurer's Accounts that he has received from him

67 10 10

1419 17 5

And, since closing his Accounts, the further sum of 32l.
Shelburne.

The former Collector still appears to owe - £.116 18 7½

The Collector's Account Current to 30th June, has been received, which is very correct, the balance due by him - 757 1 0

Yarmouth.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 30th Sept. by which there appears to be a balance of 279 18 1½

No remittance since the 30th September, 1805.

Cumberland.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 30th October, by which there appears a balance due by him of 2 18 7½

Colchester.

No Returns.

Sydney.

No Returns.

It appears by the Treasurer's Accounts, that the Duties secured last year, have been settled and paid.

King's County.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 1st October, 1805, by which there appears duties secured, amounting to £.174 4 9

The Treasurer reports, that since closing his Accounts he has received - £60 0 0

Hants.

The Collector's Accounts to the 30th September have been received, and are very correct; the balance stated to be due has since been paid into the Treasury - £.120 12 1

Picton.

No Returns.

The Treasurer reports that, since closing his Account, he has received a remittance of £.15 3 4

Light Houses.

Halifax.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 30th September, and are correct, the amount of which has been paid into the Treasury 566 4 0

Shelburne.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to the 30th June, there appears to be due at that period 30 17 8

Yarmouth.

No Returns or Remittance.

Liverpool.

The Collector's Accounts have been received to 30th June, and are correct, the amount paid the Treasurer 26 5 1

Annapolis.

No Returns.

The Treasurer's Accounts of Receipts and Expenditures, have been received to 31st October, and are correct, there is a balance due by him on Light House Account of

£.152 15 3

COMMITTEE ROOM, HALIFAX, 1st Dec. 1806.

JOHN HALLIBURTON, } Committee of Council.
 ANDREW BELCHER, }

EDWARD MORTIMER,
 THOMAS PEARSON,
 EDWARD JAM,
 WILLIAM LAWSON,
 JONATHAN CRANE,

} Committee of the House of Assembly

Dr. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA,

Contra Cr.

1806.

October 31. To the following Sums appropriated, and not yet drawn from the Treasury, viz.

Roads and Bridges	-	1083	10	9
Agricultural Vote	-	2000	0	0
Balance on Emigrant Vote	-	25	4	7
Ditto Philadelphia Grant	-	50	0	0
Ditto Survey of Douglafs Grant	-	72	9	4
Ditto Purchase of Hemp Seed	-	180	0	0
Ditto on Vote of £ 400, to enable the Lieut Governor, to order repairs to be made to broken or decayed bridges & causeways, &c.	-	183	3	0
Ditto Vote for Annapolis Light-House	-	163	12	9
Ditto on Fish Bounties	-	2730	0	0
Alterations and repairs to Old Government House	-	300	0	0
Bounty to Seamen	-	500	0	0
Support of transient Poor	-	400	0	0
To Balance	-	7688	0	5
		12889	5	0
		£.20,577	5	5

1806.

October 31. By Balance Treasurer's Account to this Day

By Ditto Ditto on Light House Account	6469	4	3
By securities in the hands of the Collectors of Import and Excise, and the Attorney General	£22924	8	3
Deduct for probable Drawbacks	12000	0	0
By Balances unremitted, and Securities in the hands of Out Port Collectors	10,924	8	3
Deduct for probable Drawbacks	2062	6	6
By Balance from Collector of Shelburne Light House	3000	0	0
		30	17
		577	5
		£20,577	5

COMMITTEE ROOM, HALIFAX, DECEMBER 1, 1806.

JOHN HALLIBURTON,
ANDREW BELCHER, } Committee of Council.

EDWARD MORTIMER,
THOMAS PEARSON,
EDWARD JAMES,
WILLIAM LAWSON,
JONATHAN CRANE, } Committee of the House of Assembly.

Ordered,

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

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

Tuesday, December 2, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the resolution of yesterday, respecting the Accounts of the Expenditure of Monies for Roads and Bridges, &c. that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and was pleased to say he would give directions for the several Accounts to be laid before the House immediately, agreeably to their resolution.

Pursuant to leave of the House, Mr. Collins presented a Petition of Richard Carder, and others, residing on the new road, leading from Liverpool to Niçtaur, and the same was read, praying the aid of the House to enable them to erect a Saw Mill for the benefit of their Settlement, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, *resolved*, that the Petition be dismissed, and the same was dismissed accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Morton, *resolved*, that this House will on Saturday next, take into consideration the several private Petitions before the House.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Petition of Samuel Hart, and the Petition of David Currie, be severally referred to Mr. Chandler and Mr. Dimock, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

A Petition of John M'Elhenny and others, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read, complaining of the exaction of exorbitant fees by the Custom House Officers, within the Province, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Archibald and Mr. Roach, and that they do examine into the allegations set forth by the Petitioners, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary, by order of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, delivered to the House an estimate of the expence for the support of the Civil Establishment of his Majesty's Government, for one year from the first day of January, 1807.

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

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that this House will, on Thursday next, 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.

A Petition of Garret Miller, of Halifax, Merchant, was presented by Mr. Hutchinson, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner, Lewis M. Wilkins and Edward James, Esqrs. were Candidates at the late Election for two Representatives to serve in General Assembly for the County of Lunenburg, which Election took place on the seventh day of July last. That the friends and supporters of Mr. James, conducted themselves in a most turbulent and riotous manner during the whole of the said Election, and in numerous instances prevent-

ed the freeholders from coming forward to the Hustings to give their Votes agreeably to their consciences and inclinations. That during the time the Poll was so open, George Adam Eisenhaur, a well known freeholder in said County, came to the Court House, where the Poll was then open, with a fixed determination of voting for the Petitioner and L. M. Wilkins, Esq.; that when he, the said George A. Eisenhaur, was within the door of the Court House and proceeding to the Hustings for the purpose of voting as aforesaid, he was attacked in a violent manner by Casper Ernest, John Arenburg, William Cole, and several other persons, supporters of the said Mr. James, who voted for him, and took a warm interest in his Election. That the said Casper Ernest demanded of the said George A. Eisenhaur who he intended voting for, to whom he answered for the Petitioner and Mr. Wilkins, on which they, the said Ernest, Arenberg, Cole, and others, seized him by the hair and neck, and threatened if he did not vote for Mr. James, they would then beat and ill treat him, and take his life on the following evening, from which threats and fear of his life, he was compelled to vote for Mr. James, and his vote was lost to the Petitioner. That while the Poll was so opened, and the freeholders of said County were giving their suffrages for the respective Candidates, Ferdinand Miller of said Lunenburg, carpenter, entered the Court House, and abused the Petitioner during the greater part of the time the Poll continued open, also threatening and abusing, in the name of the freeholders of the Township of Lunenburgh, all those persons who had voted for the Petitioner, particularly the freeholders of Chester, who had voted for the Petitioner. That the Petitioner often requested Mr. Caulbach, the Sheriff, to take the said Ferdinand Miller into custody, or prevent his abuse, to which request the said Sheriff attended on the first day of the Poll, and ordered the said Miller out of the Court House, but would not interfere on the succeeding days when the said Miller was much more violent and abusive, but allowed him to interrupt the freeholders who came to vote for the Petitioner, and to abuse the Petitioner most grossly. That immediately after the Poll was opened on the third day, Matthew Ernst, John Arenburg, Jacob Sellock, and others, entered the Court House, in a very tumultuous manner, and placed themselves in the Jurors' Boxes and elsewhere, when one John Findle came forward to vote for Mr. James, that, upon being questioned as to his qualification by the Petitioner, he insisted that he had right to vote, but positively refused to take the Oath required by Law; that when Mr. Wilkins explained to him what the law required of a freeholder, the said John Findle acknowledged that he derived his title to vote from a promise of a licence of occupation: when he was told his vote was not good, and could not be taken, the said Ernest, Arenburg, Sellock, and others, asserted, in a most violent and riotous manner that it was a good vote, that they came there for the purpose of supporting such votes, that they would make them good, and insisted upon their being taken, upon which the petitioner, in presence of Thomas Thompson, Esq. and David Crandle, requested the Sheriff to attend to those unlawful proceedings, of which complaint would be made to this House. That the Petitioner, in consequence of the riotous conduct, and threats from Mr. James's party, was induced to decline a contest which could not be continued without danger of bloodshed and most violent riots, and for the preservation of peace and order, consented to close the Poll after he was assured by his friends that the majority of the votes of the freeholders would be in his favor, but he was convinced an Election, so conducted, could never be deemed valid by the House, and he therefore determined on putting an end to the tumults which prevailed, and resort to the House for redress, and praying that the House would take his case into consideration, and grant him such relief as to their wisdom may appear just.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 3, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, That Mr. Garret Miller be heard by himself or his counsel at the Bar of the House on the merits of his petition on Friday next, or at such previous time as the Petitioner may be ready.

Mr. Haliburton moved, that in future no Petition against the Seat of a sitting Member, or against the proceedings at an election, be received after ten days from the commencement of each Session of the General Assembly, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *ordered*, That Mr. Collins, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee to take into consideration the Laws for establishing the Assize of Fish Barrels, &c, and that they do prepare and bring in a Bill in amendment of the same.

On motion, the Petition of Garret Miller was read by the Clerk, and the House proceeded on the consideration of the said Petition, and the Petitioner having been heard by his Counsel, and several persons examined at the Bar of the House in support of the same, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *ordered*, That this House will, on Friday next, proceed to the further consideration of the said Petition.

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, December 4, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in amendment of the 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, Shops, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion the Order of the day was read, and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of a supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Business to them referred, and 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 the sum of Eighteen Thousand Pounds, should be granted and appropriated for the General Service of the Province, under the following heads :

A sum not exceeding seven thousand five hundred pounds to defray the expence of the Civil Establishment, and miscellaneous services, for the ensuing year.

A sum of six thousand pounds for the service of Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province, for the ensuing year, in addition to the sums already appropriated, and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

A sum of two thousand five hundred pounds for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province for the ensuing year, in addition to the sum already appropriated, and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

A Sum of two thousand pounds, for the further Encouragement of the Agriculture of the Province, in addition to the sum already appropriated, and not yet drawn from the Treasury. And that the whole of the foregoing appropriations should be severally divided under their respective Heads, as may hereafter be agreed on by the Legislature.

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 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 foregoing Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, *resolved*, that this House will attend the Funeral of the late Edward Irish, Esqr. Member for the County of Sydney, at such time as his Friends shall appoint.

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

Friday, December 5, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in Amendment of the 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, Shops, &c. was read a second time.

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

Mr. Pyke delivered to the House, from the Commissioners of the Island of Sable, an Account of receipts and expenditure for that establishment, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1806, amounting to £.755 15 2. with the several Vouchers, for the same, and also sundry Letters received by the Commissioners from the Superintendent of the said Island.

The said Papers were read, and, thereupon, *ordered*, that they do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members.

On motion, the order of the day was read and thereupon,

The House proceeded on the further consideration of the Petition of Garret Miller, and the Petitioner having been fully heard by his Counsel, and several Persons examined at the Bar of the House, in support of the same, and the sitting Member, Edward James, Esqr. having also been heard in his place, touching the said Petition, thereupon,

Mr. Lawton moved that the Petition of Garret Miller be dismissed, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative, and the said Petition was dismissed accordingly.

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

Resolved, That Casper Ernett, John Arenburg, William Cole, Leonard Rost and Benjamin James, be summoned to attend this House, forthwith, to answer to charges of using violence on the Person, and of threats against, George Adam Eifenhour, and threats against
David

David Crandel, George Bensanfon, Henry Hutt, and Michael Bochner, to prevent them from giving their Votes, according to their conscience, at the late Election for the County of Lunenburg.

Resolved, That the said George Adam Eifenhaur, David Crandell, George Bensanfon, Henry Hutt, and Michael Bochner, be summoned to attend this House, as witnesses, to give evidence on such charges; and, thereupon, the said Resolutions, being severally seconded and put to the House, passed in the negative.

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

Saturday, December 6, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Pyke delivered to the House, from the Secretary of the Province, the Accounts of the Expenditures of Monies on Roads and Bridges, with the Vouchers for the same, which had been transmitted to him by the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the last Session of the General Assembly; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Papers be referred to the Committee appointed to examine into the Expenditures for Roads and Bridges, &c.

On motion, the Order of the day was read, and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of private Petitions.

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,

I am directed by the Council to deliver to the House several Petitions, and also a written paper accompanying the same,—and he delivered them to the House accordingly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said paper from the Council was read, and is as follows:

The Council on considering the several Petitions undermentioned for Drawbacks, which were sent up at the close of the last Session of Assembly, and not then concurred in by the Council, were influenced by the wish they had to have the facts previously submitted to the Commissioners of the Revenue for verification; they, therefore, referred them to the Commissioners, and having understood that the facts are fairly stated, and that the Petitioners have an equitable Claim to the Drawbacks they pray for, think it proper to return the the Petitions, with the resolves of the House thereon, that grants maybe made if the House think proper, agreeably to the prayer of the respective Petitioners, in which the Council will concur.

The said Petitions were also read, and are as follows, viz:

A Petition of Thomas Dobson, praying for a Drawback of	}	£. 13 14 10
Duties, amounting to		
Henry Rutherford ditto		26 1 8
Alexander Mitchell ditto		15 17 6
Thomas Goudge ditto		29 17 6
John Pryor and Rufus G. Taylor ditto		34 11 3

Amounting to £. 120 2 1

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee to whom the Petition of David Currie, and the Petition of Samuel Hart were referred, 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 having examined the evidence in support of the facts stated in the Petition of David Currie, are of opinion, the facts stated therein are true, and that the Petitioner is entitled to relief.

That the Committee state the following facts respecting the Petition of Samuel Hart, viz. That the Petitioner, in the month of July, 1804, purchased from on board the Brig George, then laying in the Harbour of Halifax, Freeman Allen, Master, owned by Messrs. Nash and Rutherford, who are resident within this Province, Thirty Puncheons of Jamaica Spirits, containing 3325 Gallons, which said quantity of Liquor, was entered at the Custom-House, in the name of the said Samuel Hart, and the several duties thereon amounting to £.152. 8. 10. were paid by the said Samuel Hart. That the said Samuel Hart, in the month of September next ensuing, shipped on board a certain other Vessel, called the Liverpool, owned in, and belonging to, this Province, Fifty Hogsheads of Dry Cod-Fish, and two Hundred Barrels of Pickled Fish, which said Fish were exported from the Province, in part payment for the said Thirty Puncheons of Rum so imported as aforesaid, and whether the said Samuel is entitled to the relief prayed for, in the said Petition, the Committee refer to the House to decide upon the facts stated.

Ordered, That the said Report and Petitions, be referred to the Committee of the whole House, who are to consider of the several private Petitions now before the House, and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of private Petitions accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and that he was directed, by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

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

Monday, December 8, 1806.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read, thereupon,

A Bill for establishing Schools, in the several Townships within the Province, was read a second time.

Resolved, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Tonge, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Roach, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Pool, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Buskirk, and that they do examine into the same, and report such alterations and amendments to the said Bill, as to them may appear expedient.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the Committee on the subject of the Laws for the regulation of Elections, and accordingly presented a Bill in further amendment of the Act for the better regulating of Elections, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Accounts and Vouchers of the Expenditure for the Establishment on the Island of Sable, be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Purdy and Mr. James, and that they do examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill in amendment of the 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, Shops, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and that the Committee had directed him to report the same without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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. 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 further consideration of the same, which report the House agreed to.

An engrossed Bill, in amendment of the 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, Shops, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in further amendment of an Act, made and passed in the 39th year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, 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.

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

Mr. Dimock delivered to the House, an account of John M'Monagle, Esq. for his services as Health Officer for the Port of Windsor, between the 15th July and 7th October, 1806, amounting to £.39, and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, that the foregoing Account, and also the Petition of George Henskell, and likewise such other Accounts as may be delivered to this House by Health Officers for their services, be referred to Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Wells, and that they do examine into the merits of the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petition of Andrew Murdoch, be referred to Mr. Pearson, Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Lawson, and that they do examine into the allegations set forth by the Petitioner, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, *ordered*, that the Order of the day for hearing Edward Whitman, by himself, or Counsel, at the Bar of the House be discharged, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will peremptorily proceed on the consideration of the Petition,

of Edward Whitman, on Wednesday next, or sooner if the Petitioner should be ready to be heard by himself or Counsel.

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

Tuesday, December 9, 1806.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk informed the House, that Mr. Speaker having been summoned to attend in his official capacity, as Speaker of this House, at a meeting of the Governors of King's College, which would prevent him from being in the House for some time after the hour of adjournment from yesterday, thereupon, the Clerk, by Order, adjourned the House, till To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 10, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Henry Rutherford, Esq. returned duly elected as a Representative for the County of Annapolis, took the usual oaths and his seat.

A Petition of James Yuill, and others, inhabitants of the Old Barnes, on the River Shubenaccadie, was presented by Mr. Pearson, and read, praying for the sum of 50l. to repair the road leading from the said Yuill's House to the black rock, on the said river; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary Wentworth,
Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act in amendment of an Act, made and passed in the Thirty ninth year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, 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, without any amendment.

The Council have not agreed to the Resolution of this House, passed on the fourth instant, for appropriating the sum of £18000.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

The House proceeded on the further consideration of the Petition of Edward Whitman, and having heard Counsel on the behalf of the Petitioner, as also on behalf of the sitting Member, and likewise examined several Witnesses at the Bar of the House, thereupon,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the Petition of Edward Whitman, be deferred until To-morrow at Two o'Clock, P. M.

Mr. Secretary Wentworth, acquainted the House, that he had a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, signed by his Excellency, respecting John Newton, Esq. one of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the District of Halifax: and also an Estimate for making and repairing Roads and Bridges, for the year 1807, to be delivered to the House, and he presented the said Message and Estimate to the House.

And

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

GENTLEMEN,

The advanced age and infirmities of John Newton, Esq. renders the active services of one of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, impracticable to him. The very long and faithful services of this Gentleman, now surrounded by a numerous unprovided family, makes it an incumbent duty on me to recommend him to your liberality to make a comfortable provision for his remaining years.

J. WENTWORTH.

The Title of the said Estimate was read ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Message and Estimate from his Excellency, do lie on the Table.

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

Thursday, December 11, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in further amendment of the Act for the better regulating of Elections, was read a second time.

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

Mr. Archibald moved, that the House do come to the following Resolutions, Viz :

Resolved, That attendance on the service of this House is the first duty of its Speaker, and one to which every other duty, incident to its station, should yield, unless otherwise allowed by the House : which resolution, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That this House considers a summons to the Speaker to attend another duty, at a time appointed for its sitting, and with so short notice as not to allow the opportunity of communicating with the House, to be highly disrespectful to this Branch of the Legislature ; and if such a case should recur, the Speaker will be bound not to attend such summons until he has the direction of the House to that effect ; which resolution, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, eighteen ; against it, twelve ; so it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee, to whom the Accounts of the Expenditure for the Establishment on the Island of Sable were referred, 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 had examined the Accounts, find them correctly stated, and a	
Balance due the 31st December, 1805,	£276 16 1½
Disbursed since that period, chiefly Provisions	234 19 0½
Wages due the Superintendant and Servants, to 31st Dec. 1806,	244 0 0

£755 15 2

Of which there has been paid, viz :

Salvage received from the Brig Springs	£66 0 0
Proceeds of damaged Cotton,	5 4 5
Ditto of Seal Oil, Skins, and old Iron,	95 16 4
Warrants on the Treasury,	400 0 0

567 0 9

Sum necessary to enable the Commissioners to pay the Balance on the Establishment,	£188 14 5
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Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The Order of the day being read, thereupon,

The House proceeded on the further consideration of the Petition of Edward Whitman, and, having heard Counsel for the Petitioner, as also Counsel on the behalf of the sitting Member, and likewise examined one Jonathan Payson, as a witness, touching the charge of undue influence used by the sitting Member, at the Bar of the House ; and the said Counsel and Witness, having withdrawn from the Bar ; thereupon,

Resolved, That by the evidence given before the House, it appears that undue influence was used by the sitting Member, Thomas Walker, Esqr. at the late Election for the Town of Annapolis, to obtain the Vote of one Jonathan Payson.

Resolved, That the seat of the said Thomas Walker, in this House, for the cause aforesaid, is vacated, and that the Speaker do take the usual steps to procure a new writ for the Election of a Member to represent the said Town of Annapolis in this House.

On Motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, hear Thomas Millidge, Esqr. by himself or his Counsel, at the Bar of the House, on the merits of his Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Town of Granville.

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

Friday, December 12, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On Motion, the Order of the Day was read, and thereupon,

The Petition of Thomas Millidge, Esq; was also read, and Counsel having appeared, and been heard at the Bar of the House, in behalf of the Petitioner,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the said Petition, and report thereon to the House ; which being seconded, Mr. Tonge, thereupon, moved that the consideration of the said motion be deferred ; which being seconded and put, passed in the Affirmative.

The Counsel for the Petitioner then proceeded in support of the Petition ; and thereupon

Mr. Crane moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to hear evidence, at the Bar of the House, in support of the Petition of Thomas Millidge ; which being seconded and put, passed in the Negative.

Mr. Archibald then moved, that a Select Committee, be appointed to take into consideration, the merits of the said Petition of Thomas Millidge, and report thereon to the House ; which being seconded,

Mr. Tonge, thereupon, moved the previous question, which being, also seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the same Eighteen ; against it Eleven.

For

For the previous question :

Mr. PARKER,	Mr. RITCHIE.
Mr. MORTIMER,	Mr. MARSHALL,
Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. COLLINS,
Mr. MARSTERS,	Mr. BUSKIRK,
Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. JAMES,
Mr. ALLEN,	Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. MORTON,	Mr. ROACH,
Mr. NORTHUP,	Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. WELLS,	Mr. TONGE.

Against the question :

Mr. HALIBURTON,	Mr. BAKER,
Mr. HUTCHINSON,	Mr. PEARSON,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,	Mr. PURDY,
Mr. PYKE,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. CHANDLER,	Mr. DEWOLF.
Mr. POOL,	

So it passed in the affirmative,

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, That the Counsel at the Bar be allowed to proceed in further support of the Petition of Thomas Millidge.

The Counsel for the Petitioner being then called upon by Mr. Speaker, to proceed in support of the Petition declared, That the difficulty and labour of prosecuting the Petitioner's claim at the Bar of the House was such, that he found himself unequal to the task ; that he had originally advised his Client upon the presumption that a Committee would be appointed as in former cases, but the House having in their wisdom determined to hear the same at their Bar, he felt himself justified in requesting the House would give him leave to withdraw his Petition.

Mr. Pool then moved that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition, agreeably to the prayer of his Counsel, which being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative ; and the said Petition was withdrawn accordingly.

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

Saturday, December 13, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Josiah Jones, and others, inhabitants of Scissabou, was presented by Mr. Rutherford, and read, praying that the sum of 100l. may be granted to reimburse them for labour expended towards repairing the Bridge over the River Scissabou, which is at present in a very ruinous state, and for completing the repair of the said Bridge.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Estimate for the support of the Civil Establishment of the Government for the year 1807, be referred to the Committee of Supply ; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved 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. 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 the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred pounds, should be granted and appropriated for the general service of the Province, under the following heads :

A Sum of five thousand eight hundred and seventy two pounds for the Salaries on the Civil Establishment, the support of the Island of Sable, the contingent expences of the House of Assembly, and the support of Sambro and Shelburne Light Houses.

A Sum not exceeding one thousand one hundred and twenty-eight pounds for the payment

payment of Coroners, Adjutants of Militia, Health Officers, Arrearages to Road Commissioners, repair of Light Houses, and other public buildings, transient poor, the Governor's contingent expences, and other public Services.

A Sum of six thousand pounds for the service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province for the ensuing year, in addition to the sums already appropriated, and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

A Sum of two thousand five hundred pounds for the encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province for the ensuing year, in addition to the sum already appropriated, and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

A Sum of two thousand pounds for the further encouragement of the Agriculture of the Province, in addition to the sum already appropriated, and not yet drawn from the Treasury, and that the whole of the foregoing appropriations be severally divided under their respective heads as may hereafter be agreed on by the Legislature.

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 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 foregoing resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, December 15, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That the appropriation of seventeen thousand five hundred pounds, passed on Saturday last, is to be satisfied from the monies now in the Treasury, and from the proceeds of a Revenue, which it is the intention of this House to provide for the ensuing year.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the foregoing resolution to the Council.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that he will be pleased to direct a Writ to be issued for the Election of a person to represent the Town of Chester; and also a person to represent the Town of Wilmot, in General Assembly, agreeably to the Law of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Bolman, Mr. Marsters, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. James; be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Pyke reported from the Committee on the subject of the building at present occupied by the General Assembly, &c. 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, having made the necessary survey of the House, are of opinion,

That the apartments fitted up for the Supreme Court, and for Grand and Petit Juries, are very suitable and proper. That the Room now used by his Majesty's Council for their fittings, is also suitable for the purpose; and that the room adjoining it to the Northward, should be appropriated for a Committee Room to his Majesty's Council. That the room fitted up for the House of Assembly, is as commodious as the situation of the Building will admit. That the room at present used by the Prothonotary, and that lately used by the Deputy Secretary, should be appropriated for Committee Rooms to the House of Assembly. That the building facing Granville Street, commonly called the New Kitchen, should be fitted

fitted up for the reception of the Law Library, and for a Prothonotary's Office, &c. and that the Old Kitchen, with the rooms upstairs, occupied by Mrs. M'Colla, the Keeper, are proper and comfortable for her accommodation; and during the present Session, the two rooms intended for the Grand and Petit Juries, should be used as Committee Rooms for the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request his Excellency will direct an account to be laid before this House of 250l. granted to his Excellency for Contingent Expences, in the last Session.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Haliburton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

Tuesday, December 16, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that the President of His Majesty's Council, and the Speaker of this House be requested to undertake the Superintendance of the Grounds and Premises by Law vested in the Province, for the accommodation of the Legislature and Public Offices, and to make such further arrangements therein as may, in their opinion, best conduce to such accommodation: and that such sums of money as may be granted for the repair or alteration thereof, be laid out, and applied, under their direction, and drawn for as they may, under their hands, require.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg and District of Pictou, &c. and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill in further amendment of the Act for the better regulating of Elections.

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 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.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House passed this day, respecting the Building occupied by the General Assembly, &c.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Buskirk moved, That the resolution passed yesterday, respecting the sum granted to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for Contingent Expences, be rescinded; which

being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon; there appeared for the motion, Seventeen; against it Thirteen.

For the motion :

Against the motion :

Mr. POOL,
Mr. MARSHALL,
Mr. BUSKIRK,
Mr. NORTHUP,
Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. CHANDLER,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. HUTCHINSON,

Mr. PARKER,
Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. ALLEN,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. BOLMAN,
Mr. SHAW,
Mr. PURDY.

Mr. JAMES,
Mr. MORTON,
Mr. BAKER,
Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. TONGE,
Mr. WELLS,
Mr. LAWSON,

Mr. PEARSON,
Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. WARWICK,
Mr. DIMOCK.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 17, 1806.

PRAYERS,

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, an Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg and District of Picou, &c. was read a second time.

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

Mr. Pyke reported from the Committee on the subject of the Laws which are near expiring, and accordingly presented a Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That a Conference be requested with his Majesty's Council, by Committee, on the subject of the Roads and Bridges, the Fisheries and Agriculture of the Province.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the subject of the Fisheries, and Agriculture, 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 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 of Mr. Parker, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report to the House, the best mode of applying Bounties for the encouragement of the Fisheries.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Pool, Mr. Collins, and Mr. Mortimer, be a committee for the above purpose.

On motion *resolved*, That a select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the situation of the several Counties and Districts throughout the Province, with respect to Roads and Bridges, and that they do make a distribution of the Monies appropriated for that service the present Year, and report thereon, to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Buskirk, Mr. Parker, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Roach, Mr. Marshall,

Marshall, Mr. James, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee for that purpose.

Then the House adjourned until To-Morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, December 18, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a second time.
Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House

Mr. Lawson reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the best mode of applying Bounties for the encouragement of the Fisheries, 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 have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion, that the regulations adopted last year, are fully adequate to answer the purpose intended.

Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Fisheries and Agriculture of the Province.

On motion, the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the 10th instant, respecting John Newton, Esq. was read, and the House having taken the said Message into consideration, thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare, and bring in, Bills to embrace the objects of his Excellency's Message, and also to regulate the office of Collectors of Imposit and Excise.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Ritchie, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Pearson, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare, and bring in, a Bill, to enable Justices of the Peace to issue a Writ of Attachment for sums not exceeding three pounds.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Pearson, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request that he will be pleased to direct the Collector of his Majesty's Customs for the Province of Nova-Scotia, to furnish this House with a copy of the fees taken in the several offices under his jurisdiction for the entering and clearing of vessels, and the authority under which they are so taken.

Ordered, That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Roach, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Shaw moved, that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next, to take into consideration the subject of establishing a circulating medium, or paper currency, in the Province : which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Twelve : against it Fifteen.

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Pyke, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Fisheries and Agriculture of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that they 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 as much of the sum of two thousand pounds proposed to be appropriated this Session for the encouragement of Agriculture as will be necessary, in addition to the sum granted last year, to pay fifteen shillings per acre on the claims allowed under the Act of the last year, should be applied to that purpose, and the remainder appropriated at the rate of ten shillings per acre, on lands cleared, fenced, and sown; agreeably to the Provisions of that Act.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the best mode of encouraging the Fishery, will be by continuing the Bounty on the Tonnage of Vessels agreeably to the regulations of the Act, passed in the last Session, with additional guards.

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 request a conference with the Council agreeably to the resolution of yesterday.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Wentworth :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Roach and Mr. Parker, do manage the said conference, and they went to the conference accordingly.

Mr. Pyke, delivered to the House an Account of the expence incurred for the support of transient Poor, from the 1st January, 1806, amounting to £554 7s.

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

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

Friday, December 19, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bolman reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the representation of the Townships of Chester and Wilmot in General Assembly; and presented an address accordingly: 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 :

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 Commons of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to Address your Excellency in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Townships of Chester and Wilmot, and to state to

to your Excellency, that in, and by, a certain Law of this Province, passed in the fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, entitled "An Act to establish the number of Representatives to be elected in the several Counties and Townships which are now established in this Province." It is enacted, that whenever the said Townships of Chester and Wilmot, shall consist of the number of fifty families each, they shall be entitled to elect a fit person to represent them in General Assembly. That it hath been made appear to this House, as per Certificates annexed, that the said Townships of Chester and Wilmot, contain each more than double the said number of resident families, who are freeholders in the said Townships, and who have not yet received the benefit of the said Act. We therefore beg leave to request your Excellency will be pleased to direct a Writ to be issued in the usual form, for the electing a fit person to represent the said Township of Chester, and a fit person to represent the said Township of Wilmot in General Assembly.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Bolman, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. James, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Warwick, and Mr. Mortimer, be a Committee accordingly.

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

Mr. Shaw reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the resolution of yesterday, respecting the Custom-House, that his Excellency had been waited on accordingly, and was pleased to say, that he would send to the Collector of his Majesty's Customs, and that immediate steps should be taken to comply with the wishes of the House.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the Managers appointed yesterday to confer with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, on the subject of the Roads and Bridges, the Fisheries and Agriculture, of the Province, that they had conferred accordingly on the said subjects, and communicated to the Committee of Council the sentiments of the House thereon, and that the said Committee would communicate their sentiments to the Council this day, when they presumed a further Conference would be held on those subjects.

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. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned; and, also, the Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg and District of Pictou, &c. and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills, severally, without any amendment: and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed.

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. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

to them referred, and had come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows :

The Petition of John Newton and Hibbert N. Binney was read, and thereupon,

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

The Petition of Robert King was read and considered, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of thirty pounds should be granted to the Petitioner; and, also, the like sum of Thirty pounds to Henry Card, both of Windsor, to enable them to improve, and settle upon, the lands laid out to them on the Road between Windsor and Chester; the said sums to be paid to them respectively, on their becoming bound to his Majesty, with two Sureties to be approved of by the Court of General Sessions at Windsor, that they will each clear five acres of their said lands, and will severally build and reside thereon for a term of six years from the period when the Money shall be paid to them.

The Petition of John Melhman, and others: the Petition of James Eager, and others: the Petition of Samuel S. Bayard: the Petition of Francis Smith, and others: the Petition of Alexander Scott, and others: the Petition of Walwood Waugh, and the Petition of Thomas Biggs, and others, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be severally referred to the select Committee, who are to consider and report on the distribution of the Monies granted for Roads and Bridges.

The Petition of James M'Curdy, the Petition of Robert M'Elhinny, the Petition of Abel Beels, and the Petition of Jacob Tobias, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Prayer of the said Petitions should be respectively granted, upon the House receiving a report from the Committee appointed to examine into the expenditure of the sums granted for Roads, Bridges, &c. that the Petitioners have faithfully expended the sums for which they have been appointed Commissioners, agreeably to Law.

The Petition of David Crandell, and, also, the Petition of John Andrews, were severally read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the said Petitions should be dismissed.

The Petition of David Currie, and also the Report of the Committee to whom the said Petition, and the Petition of Samuel Hart, were referred, were read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Prayer of the Petition of David Currie, should be granted.

The Petition of Samuel Hart was read, and thereupon,

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

The Petition of John Archibald was read, and thereupon,

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

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 Petition of Robert King, and the Petition of David Currie, and also the foregoing Resolutions of the Committee of the whole House respecting the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petition of John Mellman, and others, and the several other Petitions be referred to the select Committee for Roads and Bridges, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution of the Committee of the whole House respecting the same.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a supply to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a further conference by Committee, on the subject matter of the last conference, immediately in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to a further Conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference, and that they do attend accordingly.

And they went to the Conference,

And being returned

Mr. Hutchinson reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated to the House that they had received from the Committee of the Council a written paper, which he read, and is as follows :

The Committee of his Majesty's Council are instructed to state to the Committee of the House of Assembly, in answer to what had been stated by them yesterday on the conference with regard to the Vote respecting Roads and Bridges, the Fisheries and Agriculture, of the Province.

That the Council are of opinion, that on the supposition the Revenue Laws should be continued for another year, the resources of the Country, including the unappropriated monies in the Treasury, or expected to be paid in, will not warrant the expenditure of more than Sixteen Thousand pounds in the present Session, and that therefore they could not agree to the appropriation of Seventeen thousand five hundred pounds.

That in their opinion the sum of Five thousand pounds is as much, if not more than can be advantageously expended on roads and bridges during the ensuing year, and is certainly as large a sum as should be allotted to those services in any one year. That no part of the bounty for the encouragement of agriculture having been yet claimed, it is impossible to judge whether the end proposed thereby will be answered or not. That the Council have always entertained doubts of the propriety of the modes adopted by the late Act, and are persuaded when the result shall be known, it will be evident that a change of it should be made, as they think the bounty should have been granted on the growth of wheat and other corn, as a more efficacious encouragement, and less liable to frauds. That the Council also think the bounty for encouragement of the Fisheries, should have been given on the export of Fish to the West-Indies, as well as to meet the views adopted by the Government at home, as to lay the foundation of further encouragement to our Fisheries from thence. As now given it operates as a bounty to the United States on the Fish they purchase from us, which we certainly should not grant.

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 until To-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, December 20, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald moved, that the resolution of yesterday for presenting to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Address of this House, on the subject of the representation for Chester and Wilmot, be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion eight, against it sixteen. So it passed in the negative.

The Clerk reported, that he had, pursuant to the order of yesterday, waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know his pleasure, when he would receive the Address of the House, and that his Excellency had appointed Monday next, at Twelve o'Clock, at the Government House.

On motion, the order of the day was read, and thereupon,

The House resolved 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. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

On motion of Mr. Pearson, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare, and bring in, a Bill for appropriating the sum of two thousand pounds for the further encouragement of the agriculture of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Pearson, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Ritchie delivered to the House an account of Nathan Tupper for his services as Health Officer at Liverpool, between the 26th July and 27th September, 1806, amounting to £.18; also

An account of William E. Bonnell, Health Officer of Digby, for his services between 23d July and 2d November, 1806, amounting to £.5

Ordered, That the said accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine the claims of Health Officers.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, December 22, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in addition to, and amendment of, an Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg and District of Pictou, &c. was read a third time. *Resolved*,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the forty sixth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act, for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg, and District of Pictou, and for amending the several Acts now in force relative to the Circuit Courts.

A 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.

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

On motion of Mr. Pyke, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to 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 the system of Revenue now in force, should be continued for the support of his Majesty's Government.

The said resolution was read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare and bring in Bills for continuing the several Revenue Acts now in force.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee on the subject of preparing and bringing in a Bill for the further encouragement of the Agriculture of the Province, and accordingly presented a Bill to encourage the raising Bread Corn, on new Lands, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Bolman reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of the House of Friday last, that the Committee had waited on and delivered to his Excellency the said Address, and that his Excellency was pleased to say he would take the same into his immediate consideration.

On motion, the House resolved 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. 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.

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

Tuesday, December 23, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the Committee, on the subject of his Excellency's Message respecting John Newton, Esqr. &c. and accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the appointment of Collectors of Impost and Excise, and also a Bill for granting an annuity to John Newton, Esqr. and the said Bills, were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Clerk, pursuant to the order of yesterday, delivered to the House, the Bills following, viz.

A Bill for continuing the Halifax Grammar School Act.

A Bill for continuing the Act, for laying an Impost Duty on articles imported from the United States of America.

A Bill for continuing the several Revenue Acts, for the support of his Majesty's Government.

A Bill for continuing the several Acts respecting Licence Duties, and also

A Bill, to continue an Act, passed in the 32d year of his Majesty's Reign, for the further increase of the Revenue, &c.

And the said Bills were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Petition of William Johnson and others, Inhabitants of Digby, was presented by Mr. Warwick, and read, praying the aid of the House to enable them to improve the Road, leading from the Sea Wall to Henderson's Farm, on the North Side of St. Mary's Bay in said Township.

A Petition of William Bayley, and others, Inhabitants of Long Island and Briar Island, in the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Warwick, and read, praying for the grant of £.100, for opening and improving the Road from the Grand Passage to Petit Passage.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the select Committee, who are to consider and report on the distribution of the monies granted for Roads and Bridges.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, made in the forty-sixth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburg and District of Pictou, and for amending the several Acts now in force relative to the Circuit Courts, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment made by the Council to the above-mentioned Bill, and the same was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendment made by the Council to the said Bill, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

On

On Motion, the House resolved 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. 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 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 the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds, should be granted for the Salaries on the Civil Establishment, the support of the Island of Sable, the Contingent Expences of the House of Assembly, and the support of Sambro and Shelburne Light Houses.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Sum, not exceeding One Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds, should be granted for the payment of Coroners, Adjutants of Militia, Health Officers, Arrearages to Road Commissioners, Repairs of Light Houses and other public Buildings, Transient Poor, the Governor's Contingent Expences, and other usual public services.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of One Thousand Pounds should be granted to make good any deficiency that may arise in the Agricultural Vote of last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds should be granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province for the ensuing year, in addition to the Sums already appropriated and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds should be granted and applied (in addition to any balance which may remain in the Treasury of the appropriation of the last year for the Encouragement of the Fisheries) in Bounties on the Quintal and Barrel of all Fish that shall be caught and cured within the year 1807, by His Majesty's Subjects resident in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and exported in Vessels belonging to the said Province, to the Islands and Colonies in the West Indies.

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.

The three first resolutions passed in the Committee, were read, throughout a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The Resolution passed in the Committee for granting the sum of £.5000 for Roads and Bridges, was read throughout a first and second time, and thereupon

Mr. Tonge moved, that the said Resolution be amended, by striking out the word "five" and inserting the word "six" in the place thereof; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Thirteen. Against it Sixteen.

For the Motion.

Mr. MORTIMER, Mr. MORTON,
Mr. RITCHIE, Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. ARCHIBALD, Mr. WARWICK,
Mr. TONGE, Mr. SHAW,
Mr. HALIBURTON, Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. BAKER,
Mr. PEARSON,

Against the Motion.

Mr. PYKE, Mr. WELLS,
Mr. BUSKIRK, Mr. HUTCHINSON,
Mr. ROACH, Mr. CRANE,
Mr. ALLEN, Mr. POOL,
Mr. PARKER, Mr. PURDY,
Mr. JAMES, Mr. CHANDLER,
Mr. NORTHUP, Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. COLLINS, Mr. MARSTERS,

So it passed in the Negative; and the said Resolution was then put and agreed to by the House.

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The Resolution passed in the Committee for granting the Sum of £.2,500 for the Fisheries, was read throughout a first and second time; and, thereupon, Mr. Mortimer moved, that the same be recommitted to the Committee of Supply; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Fifteen. Against it, Fourteen. So it passed in the Affirmative. And thereupon,

On Motion, the House resolved 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. 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 the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds should be granted and applied (in addition to any balance which may remain in the Treasury of the appropriation of the last year for the encouragement of the fisheries) in Bounties on the Tonnage of Vessels employed in the Fisheries during the ensuing year, by continuing last year's Act on that subject with such guards as may be found expedient to further the object of such bounty.

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.

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.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Ten of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 24, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Isaac Smith, and others, inhabitants of Douglafs, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and the same was read, praying for the aid of the House to open and improve the Road from the mouth of Shubenaccadie River to Mr. Wardrobe's House, and from thence to Petit.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee, who are to consider and report on the distribution of monies granted for Roads and Bridges.

A Bill for continuing the Halifax Grammar School Act:

A Bill for continuing the Act for laying an Impost Duty on articles imported from the United States of America:

A Bill for continuing the several Revenue Acts for the support of his Majesty's Government:

A Bill for continuing the several Acts respecting the Licence Duties:

A Bill to continue an Act, passed in the 32d year of his Majesty's reign, for the further increase of the Revenue, &c.:

A Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands:

A Bill to regulate the appointment of Collectors of Impost and Excise: and also,

A Bill for granting an annuity to John Newton, Esq. were severally read a second time.

Resolved,

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

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the foregoing Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred ; and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same : which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Ritchie moved, That the several sums voted yesterday for the general service of the Province for the ensuing year, be sent to his Majesty's Council in the form of one entire resolution, agreeably to the mode adopted last Session ; which motion being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Ten ; against it, Nineteen :

For the Motion :

Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. PEARSON,
Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. WARWICK,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. TONGE,
Mr. MORTON,
Mr. SHAW.

Against the Motion :

Mr. PYKE,	Mr. BOLMAN,
Mr. BAKER,	Mr. COLLINS,
Mr. BUSKIRK,	Mr. JAMES,
Mr. HUTCHINSON,	Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. DEWOLF,	Mr. CHANDLER,
Mr. NORTHUP,	Mr. PURDY,
Mr. POOL,	Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. WELLS,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. MARSHALL,	Mr. PARKER,
Mr. HALIBURTON,	

So it passed in the negative,

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, *resolved*, That the following words be added to the two resolutions passed yesterday for granting the sum of £.5872, and £.1128 for the Civil Establishment, &c. and also to the resolution for granting £.5000, for Roads and Bridges, viz. " to be distributed in such manner only as shall be hereafter agreed on in the Appropriation Act of the present Session."

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the several Resolutions passed by this House yesterday for granting Monies for the general Service of the Province, to his Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

Resolved, That a conference be desired with his Majesty's Council, on the subject matter of the above mentioned resolutions, and that the Clerk, do desire the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Parker, do manage the said conference, and they went to the conference accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. Hutchinson reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and had made known to the Committee of the Council, the sentiments of this House, on the subjects of Agriculture and Fisheries, and that the said Committee would communicate their sentiments to his Majesty's Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a further conference by Committee on the subject matter of the last conference.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the Conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference do manage this conference, and that they do attend accordingly.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned.

Mr Hutchinon reported, that the managers had been at the conference, and that the Committee of his Majesty's Council, informed them, that they had reported to the Council, the substance of the arguments used by the House, in support of their resolution relative to the Fisheries; that his Majesty's Council were not convinced by those arguments that the mode adopted last year ought to be continued, and therefore adhered to their opinion that the Bounty ought to be granted on exports to the British West-India Islands.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, resolved that a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council by the Clerk, to request they will return to this House the several Resolutions for granting monies for the general service of the Province sent up for their concurrence this day, agreed to, or not agreed to.

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. Pool 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,

To-morrow being Christmas, his Majesty's Council will adjourn until Monday next on Account of the Holidays.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Supply for the support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Then the House adjourned 'till Friday at Eleven of the Clock, the Morrow being Christmas Day.

Friday, December 26, 1806.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer resolved, that this House will attend the Funeral of the late Judge Brenton, one of the Members of his Majesty's Council, To-morrow at Two o'Clock.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for continuing the Halifax Grammar School Act. The Bill, for continuing the Act, for laying an Impost Duty on Articles imported from the United States of America. The Bill, for continuing the several Revenue Acts, for the support of his Majesty's Government. The Bill, for continuing the several Acts, respecting Licence Duties. And also the Bill, to continue an Act, passed in the 32^d Year of his Majesty's Reign, for the further increase of the Revenue, &c. and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills, severally, without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table. 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 Bills to them referred, which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine into the institution and foundation of the Grammar School in Halifax, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee, for the above purpose.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands, and the Bill to regulate the appointment of Collectors of Impost and Excise, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill for granting an Annuity to John Newton, Esq. and that the Committee had directed him to report the same without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the said Bills and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed.

On Motion, the House resolved 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. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned 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 they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds should be granted for encouraging the Agriculture of the Province, by granting

granting a bounty upon Wheat raised in the Province in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven, at a rate per bushel to be agreed upon by the Legislature.

Resolved That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum of One Thousand Pounds, should be granted and applied in Bounties to encourage the importation of Salt, to be distributed in such manner as shall be agreed on by the Legislature.

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.

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.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, December 27, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Rutherford, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in further addition to the Act for the choice of Town Officers and regulating Townships; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Pursuant to leave given, a Petition of David Archibald was presented by Mr Mortimer and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner in the year 1802 expended the sum of £.111, in erecting a Bridge over the French River at Margomish, which exceeds the sum granted by the Legislature for that service, 49l. and praying relief; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Pearson, *resolved*, That that the said Petition be dismissed.

A Petition of the Magistrates and Foreman of the Grand Jury of the District of Pictou, in behalf of themselves and the Inhabitants of the said District, was presented by Mr Mortimer and read, praying that a Law may be passed to levy a Tax, on the Inhabitants of the said District, for the repair of Roads, in lieu of the statute labour to be performed under the existing Acts of the Province.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Chandler, resolved that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Act, passed in the last Session of General Assembly, to regulate the expenditure of Monies, for the Service of Roads and Bridges, and that they do prepare and bring in a Bill, to alter and amend the said Act, in such way as to them may seem expedient.

Ordered, That Mr. Chandler, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Marsters, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Mortimer, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Then the House adjourned 'till Monday at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, December 29th, 1806.

PRAYERS:

Mr. Purdy, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, in amendment of the Act, for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, and the same was read a first time.

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

An engrossed Bill to encourage the raising Bread Corn on new Lands, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to encourage the raising Bread Corn on new Lands.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the appointment of Collectors of Impost and Excise, was read a third time.

Resolved, that the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors and other Officers of Impost and Excise.

An engrossed Bill for granting an annuity to John Newton, Esq. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for granting an annuity to John Newton, Esq. one of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill for continuing the several Revenue Acts for the support of his Majesty's Government 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 Laws for the support of his Majesty's Government in this Province.

An engrossed Bill for continuing the Halifax Grammar School Act was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-fourth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to provide for the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained.

An engrossed Bill for continuing the Act for laying an Impost Duty on articles imported from the United States of America, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on articles imported into this Province from the United States of America.

An engrossed Bill for continuing the several Acts respecting Licence Duties, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-ninth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, 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; Also the Act passed in the fortieth year of his Majesty's reign in amendment of the above recited Act; also an Act passed in the forty-first year of his Majesty's reign in amendment of the above recited Act; and, also, an Act passed in the forty-sixth year of his Majesty's reign, in amendment of the above recited Act.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act passed in the 32d year of his Majesty's reign for the further increase of the Revenue, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act to continue an Act passed in the 32d year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province, and also the Act in amendment thereof passed in the forty-first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to alter, amend and continue an Act made and passed in the thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province.

On Motion of Mr. Haliburton, *ordered*, That the Resolution for granting £2000 for encouraging the Agriculture of the Province, by giving a Bounty on Wheat; And also, the Resolution for granting £1000 for encouraging the importation of Salt, passed on the 26th instant, be severally sent to His Majesty's Council for concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. Marsters, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to establish the current value of Gold Coins in this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Marsters, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Lawton moved, that the House do now 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, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Twelve; against it, Fourteen. So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable Justices of the Peace to issue Writs of Attachment; and accordingly presented a Bill to enable Justices of the Peace to issue attachments, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Parker, *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with his Majesty's Council on the subject matter of the several resolutions of this House for appropriating monies for the general service of the Province now before the Council, and that the Clerk do request the said Conference.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Parker, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Archibald, do manage the said conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Hutchinson reported, that the Managers had been at the conference; and that they were authorized to say, That His Majesty's Council considered themselves pledged by their former Message to the House, to concur in the appropriation of the sum of £.16,500, for the public service the ensuing year. That His Majesty's Council had already signified their assent to applying £.5872 of that sum to the Civil List; £.1128 for miscellaneous services; and £.5000 for Roads and Bridges; and would also concur in the Resolutions for applying £.2000 to a Bounty on Agriculture; and £.1000 to a Bounty on Salt; and that the application of a sum of money for the encouragement of the Fisheries was still open for the consideration of the House. That His Majesty's Council considered that the detailed appropriation of those monies was to be pursued in the usual manner, originating in the House and sent up for the concurrence of His Majesty's Council, and afterwards to be inserted in an Appropriation Bill, for the assent of His Majesty's Council and the Lieutenant Governor; and, that whenever the Revenue Bills were sent to his Majesty's Council, the Resolutions above mentioned would be concurred in, and sent down to the House.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *ordered*, that the Clerk do carry the several Revenue and other Bills which have this day passed the House, to his Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence to the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting £.2000, for encouraging the Agriculture of the Province, by giving a Bounty on Wheat. And also to the Resolution for granting £.1000; to encourage the importation of Salt.

And then the Messenger withdrew

Mr. Shaw moved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to regulate the exportation of Plaster of Paris, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Fourteen ; against it, Ten ; so it passed in the Affirmative, and thereupon.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Mortimer, be a Committee accordingly.

On motion, *ordered* that Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Pearson, and Mr. Archibald, do prepare and bring in a Bill, for applying the sum of £.2000, for encouraging the Agriculture of the Province, agreeably to the Resolution of the House.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Hutchinson, do prepare and bring in a Bill, for applying the sum of £.1000, to encourage the importation of Salt, agreeably to the Resolution of the House.

A Petition of George Johnson and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Horton and Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Morton, and read, setting forth, that they are Proprietors of large Tracts of Marsh Land in said Townships, which they had undertaken to dyke in from the sea ; that, after great exertions, they had nearly completed the same last summer, when they were so unfortunate as to lose four of their largest Aboiteaus which they had built at an expence of nearly Five Thousand Pounds, and praying the House would take the premises into consideration, and grant the Petitioners such a sum as to the House may seem meet, to enable the petitioners to persevere in finishing a work of great public utility.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, the House resolved 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. 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.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 30th, 1806.

PRAYERS.

A Bill, to enable Justices of the Peace to issue Attachments.

A Bill, in further addition to the Act, for the choice of Town Officers and regulating Townships. And also,

A Bill, in Amendment of the Act, for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Shaw pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for erecting a Light House on Briar Island, 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 agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act to continue in force the several Revenue Laws, for the support of his Majesty's Government in this Province, also

A Bill, entitled, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the Thirty-fourth Year

of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to provide for the Grammar School in Halifax, and for other public purposes therein contained. Also,

A Bill, entitled, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the better support of the poor in the respective Counties in this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on articles imported from the United States of America. Also,

A Bill, entitled, an Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the 39th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, 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 or Shops. Also,

The Act passed in the 40th year of his Majesty's reign in amendment of the above recited Act. Also, an Act passed in the 41st year of his Majesty's reign, in amendment of the above recited act. And, also, an Act passed in the 46th year of his Majesty's reign, in amendment of the above recited Act. And, also,

A Bill, entitled an Act to continue an Act passed in the 32d year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Province: And, also, the Act in amendment thereof, passed in the 41st year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to alter, amend, and continue, an Act, made and passed in the 32d year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Province, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Pursuant to leave given, Mr. Hutchinson presented a Petition of Elizabeth Brenton, widow of the Honorable James Brenton, deceased, late one of the Assistant Justices of his Majesty's Supreme Court, and a Member of his Majesty's Council, and the same was read, setting forth, That her late husband held the Office of Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court for twenty-five years, and having a numerous family to support, his Salary was inadequate to maintain them, and was paid for, many years, in warrants subject to a considerable discount, that, under these circumstances, he had contracted debts which an appointment to the Office of Judge of the Admiralty had alone enabled him to discharge. That the family had been, of late, visited by sickness, and had been put to many expences in sending one of their daughters abroad, where she still remained for the recovery of her health. That the personal property of her husband, was insufficient to discharge debts lately contracted, and she expected their dwelling house must be sold for that purpose, and praying relief for herself and four fatherless daughters.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary, 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 in the Council Chamber,

And being returned.

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber,

ber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent, to the several Bills, following,

An Act to continue in force the several Revenue Laws for the support of his Majesty's Government in this Province.

An Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-fourth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to provide for the Grammar School in Halifax; and for other public purposes therein contained.

An Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the twenty-ninth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on articles imported into this Province from the United States of America.

An Act to continue an Act, passed in the 32d year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province; and also, the Act in amendment thereof passed in the forty-first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to alter, amend, and continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Province.

An Act to continue an Act, made and passed in the thirty-ninth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, 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; Also, the Act passed in the fortieth year of his Majesty's reign in amendment of the above recited Act; also, an Act passed in the forty-first year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, the above recited Act; and, also, the Act passed in the forty-sixth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the above recited Act.

An Act, in addition to, and amendment of an Act, made in the forty-sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for establishing a Circuit Court in the County of Lunenburgh, and District of Pictou, and for amending the several Acts now in force, relative to the Circuit Courts.

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

An Act in further amendment of an Act, made and passed in the thirty-ninth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, 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.

On motion, the House resolved 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. 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 Business to them referred, and that the Committee had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Four Hundred Pounds, should be granted and paid to Elizabeth Brenton, Widow of the Honorable James Brenton, deceased late one of the Assitant Justices of his Majesty's Supreme Court, to assist in relieving her, and her daughters, from their present distresses.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of two Thousand Pounds, should be granted to encourage the Fisheries, by giving a Bounty upon the Quintal, on all Fish caught and cured by the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, the ensuing year, and exported to his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in the West-Indies.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of a Supply.

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.

Mr. Pyke delivered to the House, an Account of the Expenditure for the New Government House, by the Commissioners from the 30th December, 1805, to the 27th December 1806, amounting to £.2298 3 9, together with the Vouchers for the same, and thereupon.

On motion, *ordered*, that the said Account and Vouchers be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Morton, who are to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 31st, 1806.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the select Committee, on the subject of Roads and Bridges; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and thereupon.

Resolved, That the said Report, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, *resolved*, that the House do now 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. 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 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:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the following Sums should be granted and applied for the service of Roads and Bridges, Viz.:

Two hundred and fifty pounds for repairing the Road from Sackville, to the Bounds of the County of Hants.

One hundred pounds for building a Bridge over Great Salmon River, and repairing the Road to Musquodoboit.

Thirty pounds for repairing the Road from Chezencook to Preston.

Twenty-five pounds for repairing the Road from Sheet Harbour to Musquodoboit.

One hundred and twenty-five pounds for repairing the Road from Gay's River to Truro.

Twenty pounds for repairing Salmon River Bridge in Truro.

Twenty-five pounds for building a Bridge over the North River in Onslow, on the post road, in addition to sixty pounds granted last year, and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

Eighty pounds for building a Bridge over Folly River in Londonderry.

Thirty

Thirty pounds for repairing the Great River Bridge in Londonderry, and the Road from said Bridge, to the line of the County of Cumberland.

Forty pounds for repairing the Road from Dickey's to the Upper Sewack.

Forty pounds for repairing the Road from Campbell's to Musquodoboit.

Fifty pounds for repairing the Road from Onflow to Tatamagushé.

Twenty pounds for repairing the Road from Brown's in Londonderry, towards Remshég.

Twenty-five pounds for repairing the Road from the Ferry at the mouth of Shubenacadie, to the Old Barns in Truro.

Fifty pounds to open the Road from the East River of Pictou, to Taylor's, at the Forks of Saint Mary's River.

One hundred pounds for repairing the Road from John Christie's in Truro, to the District line dividing Pictou from Colchester.

Two hundred pounds for repairing the Road from the District line, dividing Colchester from Pictou, to the Gut Bridge.

Thirty pounds for repairing the Road from the River John to Pictou.

Thirty pounds for clearing out the wind-falls, and repairing small Bridges, from the upper settlement of the East River of Pictou to Musquodoboit : commonly called Sir John Wentworth's Road.

Thirty pounds for clearing out the Road from William Robson's, on the East River of Pictou, to Frazer's point, being a continuance of Sir John Wentworth's road.

Sixty-five pounds for repairing the Road and Bridges from the West side of the West river of Margomishé to the East side of the East river of Margomishé.

One hundred and fifty pounds to improve the Road from Musquodoboit to the East Branch of Saint Mary's River.

Fifty pounds to improve the Road from the Indian Gardens at Antigonishé, to Malignant Cove.

One hundred and thirteen pounds to improve the main road, leading from Guysborough to the East Branch of St. Mary's River.

Forty pounds to improve the Road from the Town of Stormont at Country Harbour, to the Main Road from Guysborough to Saint Mary's river.

Fifty pounds to improve the Main Road from Guysborough to the North Branch at the head of Milford Haven, leading to Antigonishé.

One hundred pounds for repairing the road from the South Bounds of the County of Hants at Pence's farm, to the Ardoise Hill.

One hundred pounds for repairing the road from the Ardoise Hill to the Three Mile Plain, near Windsor.

Fifty pounds for repairing the road from the bridge over the Kenetcook river, near Douglaf's Church, to the river Shubenacadie, near Hall's, on the road leading to Colchester.

One hundred pounds to assist the inhabitants of Douglaf's, to improve the road from Captain Maclean's to the mouth of Shubenacadie.

Forty pounds to assist the settlers on the river Shubenacadie, to open a road of communication to the Capital from David Whidden's in Douglaf's, to the lower bridge over said river, near Wardrobes.

Forty pounds to assist the inhabitants of Rawdon, to improve the main road from the Church in Rawdon, to the main road in Douglaf's.

Twenty-five pounds to assist the inhabitants in the Eastern part of Newport and Western part of Rawdon, to improve the road from James Harris's in Newport, to the main road through Rawdon, leading to Halifax.

Sixty pounds to assist the inhabitants of Newport, in completing the Bridge over the River.

River Kenetcook: they having subscribed and paid, towards said Bridge, more than that sum.

Twenty five pounds to aid the inhabitants of Newport, to rebuild the Bridge over the river Herbert, being on the main road from said Township to the capital.

Fifty pounds to assist the inhabitants of the Shore of the Basin of Minas, to improve the road between Petit and the river Cockmagou.

One hundred pounds, for improving the road from Avon bridge, to the Stone bridge in Horton.

Forty pounds for improving the road from Greenwood's to Pineo's, on the road leading to Annapolis.

Fifty pounds for improving the road from Pineo's to Clermont, in Aylesford.

Seventy two pounds for improving the road from Silas Rand's, in Cornwallis, to Aylesford Church.

Thirty pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence for improving the road leading from Scotch Bay in Cornwallis, in addition to the sum granted last year, and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

Twelve pounds ten shillings for improving the road leading from Black Rock towards Cornwallis, in addition to the sum granted last year, and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

Twenty pounds to explore and enable the inhabitants in Horton to improve a road leading from the main road in Horton, through new Canaan to Nictaur.

Ninety pounds for improving the road from Avon Ferry, to the New Bridge on the river Casperau, by Mount Denon.

Fifteen pounds to aid the exploring and cutting a road from the main road from Patridge Island and Cumberland, across the river Macan, towards the main road leading from Londonderry towards Winkert.

Twenty pounds ten shillings, to improve the road leading from the main road which leads from Patridge Island towards Leondmy.

Forty pounds for improving the road leading from Patridge Island, towards Cumberland.

One hundred and twenty pounds for repairing the Bridge over the river Sciffabou.

Forty pounds for repairing the road between Marr's Brook and Sciffabou Bridge, on the public road from Digby and Clare.

Forty pounds to aid the Inhabitants of Long Island and Briar Island to open a road from the Grand Passage in the Township of Digby.

One hundred pounds for repairing the road on the Peninsula below Digby, between the Petit Passage and Gay Brook, a distance of twenty miles.

Fifty pounds for repairing that part of the Liverpool road, commencing at the Southern line of the Township of Annapolis, and ending at the Ten Mile Tree on the said road.

Fifty pounds for repairing that part of the public road in the township of Annapolis, between the house of Richard Armstrong, and the house of Obadiah Morfe.

Thirty pounds for altering the main road at Annapolis, at or near Gouger's.

Twenty pounds for repairing the bridge at or near Captain Bath's Farm in Granville, on the public road leading through that township.

Fifty pounds for repairing the road from Delap's in Granville to the Bay of Fundy.

Twenty pounds for repairing the lower road leading from Annapolis to Digby.

Twenty pounds six shillings and eight pence for erecting a Bridge over Bloody Creek (so called) on the post road leading through the Township of Annapolis.

Fifty pounds for improving the road from Nictaur, leading to Eunenburgh.

Seventy five pounds for improving the road from Shelburne to the bounds of Queen's County.

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One hundred and twenty-nine pounds ten shillings for improving the road from Shelburne to Barrington.

One hundred pounds for improving the road from Barrington to Pubnico.

One hundred pounds for improving the road from Saunder's Mill, in the Township of Yarmouth, to the boundary of Annapolis.

Fifty pounds for repairing the bridge over Tusket river and the road from the head of Jaboug to Pubnico.

One hundred pounds for repairing the road from Liverpool to Port Mutton.

Thirty pounds for repairing the road from Port Mutton to Port Jolly.

Thirty pounds for repairing the road from Port Jolly to the bounds of Shelburne County,

One hundred and fifty pounds for repairing the road from Liverpool Falls, towards half way Tree, on the Nictaur road.

Forty pounds for repairing the road from Liverpool towards the bounds of Lunenburg County.

One hundred and fifteen pounds for building Bridges over two Rivers, between the German Settlement on the Nictaur road and the falls of Lahave river.

Seventy pounds for improving the road from Pernette's Mills to Port Mitway.

Thirty five pounds for improving the road from Lahave river to the Town of Lunenburg.

Eighty pounds for improving the road from Chester to Moofe Horn Hill, on the road leading from Chester to Windfor.

Fifty pounds for improving the road from Peter Hertle's on Mahone Bay, to Chester.

One hundred and sixty pounds for repairing the road from the South Bounds of the County of Cumberland, on the road from Londonderry to Amherst.

Sixty pounds for repairing the road from the bounds of King's County on the Parrsborough road to Henry Furlong's on the river Macan.

Thirty five pounds for repairing the road from the Harbour of Remsheg, to the Cumberland road by Gabriel Purdy's.

Twenty five pounds for repairing the road from Remsheg by Andrew Fushner's to Richard Thompson's on the river Philip.

Twenty pounds for repairing the road from Remsheg to Colchester, by Folly river.

Forty pounds for repairing the road from the upper end of Amherst to the Gulph of St. Lawrence and the river Shinimcas.

Thirty pounds for repairing the road from Barronsfield to Parrsborough by the river Hebert.

Thirty pounds to aid the Inhabitants of the river Macan, to open a road to the river Phillip, a distance of about Twelve Miles, and part of which has been cut by the said Inhabitants.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply.

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.

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. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred the consideration of

of the Bill to enable Justices of the Peace to issue Attachments. That they had gone through the Bill in further addition to the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating Townships; and, also, the Bill in amendment of the Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again, on the Bills to them referred.

The said Report and amendments to the foregoing 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, be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, January 1st, 1807.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, *ordered*, That the Committee appointed on the subject of the Custom-House Fees, do again wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and request that his Excellency will be pleased to direct the Collector of his Majesty's Customs, to furnish this House with a copy of the fees taken in the several Offices under his jurisdiction, agreeably to the resolution of this House on the 18th December last.

On motion, *ordered*, That the several resolutions passed yesterday for the distribution of the sum of five thousand pounds for the service of Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year, be sent to his Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

Mr. Archibald *reported* from the Committee, on the subject of the Act, for regulating the expenditure of Monies for Roads and Bridges, and accordingly presented a Bill, to alter and amend the Act, to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated, for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Pearson *reported* from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Andrew Murdock, was referred, 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 it appears to the Committee, that the facts stated in the Petition are generally true, and should the House think it proper to pass a Law to grant relief to the Petitioner, they are of opinion, that the same should not take effect, until his Majesty's pleasure is known thereon.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, January 2d, 1807.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, in further addition to the Act for the choice of Town-Officers and regulating Townships, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act, in further addition to an Act,

Act, passed in the fifth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the choice of Town-Officers, and regulating Townships.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act, in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the 34th year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Commissioners of Sewers.

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

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee, on the subject of the resolution for granting a bounty on Wheat; and accordingly presented a Bill to encourage the raising of Wheat by granting a bounty thereon: and the same was read a first time. And thereupon,

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

A Bill to alter and amend the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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.

Then the House adjourned 'till to-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock,

Saturday, January 3d, 1807.

PRAYERS.

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. James 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 entitled, An Act for granting an Annuity to John Newton, Esq. one of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled, An Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors and other Officers of Impost and Excise, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew:

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On motion the House proceeded to take the amendment made by the Council, to the Bill before mentioned 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 that the House hath agreed to the amendment, made by them.

Mr. Pearson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the relief of Andrew Murdock, an Insolvent Debtor, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Lawson *reported* from the Committee appointed to take into consideration, the Laws for establishing the Assize of Fish Barrels, &c. and accordingly presented,

A Bill in further amendment of the Act, for regulating the exportation of Fish and the Assize of Barrels, &c. and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Roach *reported* from the Committee, to whom the Petition of John Henderson, was referred, 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 have carefully examined the Contract, Account and other Documents exhibited to them by the Petitioner and have also made personal inspection of the Bridge and River at Sackville, and enquired of different persons relative to the cause of the accident stated in the Petition, and have procured information as to the state of the River in times of Flood, and are of opinion that no blame whatsoever is imputable to the Contractor on Account of the loss of the work, and that therefore he is entitled to relief. The Committee allowing the full amount of the Contract (which was £.50 more than the sum granted for the Bridge, making £.300 but which was necessary to be added if the work was carried on at all,) and also an extra sum for clearing the ruins and providing a temporary covering to the Old Bridge, and deducting from that amount for such parts of the Contract as were not performed (the clearing of the Bed of the River excepted) are of opinion that the Petitioner should be allowed the sum of £.260, and be released from his whole Contract, except that part which relates to clearing the Bed of the River; the materials saved, remaining the property of Government. The Committee having taken every means in their power to gain information on the subject, beg leave to add as their opinion, that from the oblique position of the Bridge on the River, its situation in the very centre of the rapids, and from the weakness of the Old Abutments there is every reason to believe that the duration of a Stone Arch (if ever so well executed) would have been very precarious, and that it would be by no means prudent to recommend such an erection on the present foundation which is much injured; and that the Committee are further well satisfied, that the Abutments may be repaired and a complete wooden covering insured to last seven years, may be procured for little more than one year's interest of the sum necessary for building a Stone Bridge in a secure and suitable situation; proposals having been offered to put a good and sufficient covering of wood over said River, when the Abutments are repaired for the sum of £.30, to last the above term of seven years.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to request that he will be pleased to direct the Commissioners of the Public Markets in Halifax, to lay before this House the Accounts of the receipts and expenditures of Monies respecting the said Markets.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Wells and Mr. Hutchinon, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to alter and amend the Act, to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges. And, also, the Bill, to encourage the raising of Wheat, by granting a Bounty thereon, and had made several amendments to the said Bills, respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the said Bills, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table. 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 Bills to them referred.

The said report and amendments to the Bills, were read, throughout the first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, January 5th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to encourage the raising Wheat, by granting a Bounty thereon, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to encourage the raising of Wheat, by granting a Bounty thereon.

An engrossed Bill to alter and amend the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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

A Bill for the relief of Andrew Murdoch, an Insolvent Debtor, and also,

A Bill in further amendment of the Act for regulating the exportation of Fish and the Affize of Barrels, &c. were severally read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the appointment of Collectors and other Officers of Impost and Excise, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to lay before this House a Message, signed by his Excellency, on the subject of the Revenue Laws; also a Message respecting the Collector of his Majesty's Customs: and a Letter received by his Excellency from the said Collector; and he accordingly presented the said Messages and Letter, to the House.

The said Messages were severally read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follows:

*Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

As it appears to me, upon the fullest consideration, that the extension of the Revenue Laws to the 31st March, 1808, instead of the 31st December, 1807, will be greatly advantageous to the financial arrangements of the Province, and enable me to appoint the most convenient time for our Legislative business; I am therefore induced to recommend the adoption of this measure to your consideration.

J. WENTWORTH.

GENTLEMEN,

Herewith is accompanied a Letter from the Collector of his Majesty's Customs, in answer to my requisition to him, at your request, respecting the Fees taken in his Office.

J. WENTWORTH.

The said Letter to his Excellency was read, and is as follows:

CUSTOM-HOUSE, HALIFAX, 3d January, 1807.

SIR,

In consequence of the Message from your Excellency, this morning, relative to the Fees taken by the Officers of his Majesty's Customs, for this District of the Province, we have the honor to inform your Excellency, that the Table by which the Officers are so governed, is already before the House of Assembly, and appears by their records of the year 1790.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble servants,

THOMAS N. JEFFERY, *Collector.*

J. SLAYTER, *Comptroller.*

To His Excellency Sir JOHN WENTWORTH, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

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

On motion *resolved*, that the House do now take into consideration the Message from his Excellency on the subject of the Revenue Laws, and thereupon, the said Message was read by the Clerk, and the House having considered the same,

Mr. Mortimer, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, for extending the continuance of the Revenue Laws; 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, entitled, an Act, in further addition to an Act, passed in the 5th year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the choice of Town-Officers and regulating Townships; and also,

The Bill entitled, An Act, in addition to, and amendment of an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth

fourth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment to the above mentioned Bill; and thereupon,

On motion, *Resolved*, That a conference be desired, by Committee, with his Majesty's Council on the subject of the said amendment, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Pyke do manage the said conference, and that they do attend accordingly.—And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Hutchinson reported, that the managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the said conference to the House; and thereupon,

The House proceeded to the further consideration of the amendment made by his Majesty's Council to the Bill above mentioned, and the same having been read throughout a first and second time,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendment made by the Council to the said Bill, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Market House Accounts, that his Excellency had been waited on pursuant to the resolution of Saturday, and was pleased to say, that he would give immediate directions for the said Accounts to be laid before the House.

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. Pool took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the relief of Andrew Murdoch, an Insolvent Debtor, and that they had directed him to report the said Bill, without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill in further amendment of the Act for regulating the exportation of Fish and the affize of Barrels, &c. and had made several amendments to the said Bill, and he afterwards delivered the said Bill, and the amendments, together with the Bill first mentioned, in at the Clerk's Table. 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.

The said Report and amendments to the Bill, as reported from the Committee, were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills, and the amendments be engrossed.

Mr.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee to whom the Claims of Health Officers were referred ; 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 have examined the several Accounts to them referred, and are of the opinion, that the sum of five pounds, should be allowed to George Henkel, in full for his services to the 4th October, 1805.

That the sum of four pounds, be allowed to William F. Bonnell, in full for his services to the 1st November, 1806. That the sum of seven pounds, be allowed to John Bolman in full for his services to the said 1st November, 1806. That the sum of Twelve Pounds be allowed to Nathan Tupper, in full for his Services to the 1st October, 1806.

And that the sum of Twenty three pounds be allowed to John M'Monagle, in full for his services to the 8th October 1806.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday, January 6th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, for the relief of Andrew Murdoch, an Insolvent Debtor, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for the relief of Andrew Murdoch, an Insolvent Debtor.

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

An engrossed Bill, in further amendment of the Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, &c. was read a third time ; and thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that the said Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House ; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill, and also, the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pool took the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House for granting £.2000 to encourage the Fisheries, &c.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act, to encourage the raising Bread Corn on new Lands, without any amendment.

The Council, have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act, to encourage the raising Wheat, by granting a Bounty thereon.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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. Pool took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had deferred the consideration of

of the Bill for erecting a Light-House on Briar Island. That the Committee had gone through the Bill, in further amendment of an Act, for regulating the exportation of Fish and the affize of Barrels, &c. and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The said Report and 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.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That a conference be desired with the Council, on the subject of the resolution for granting 2000*l.* for the encouragement of agriculture, which has been agreed to by his Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of a Supply, to be granted for the support of his Majesty's Government.

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 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 Bill for extending the continuance of the Revenue Laws, was read a second time.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, January 7th. 1807.

PRAYERS.

A Bill, in further amendment of an Act, for regulating the exportation of Fish and the Affize of Barrels, &c. was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act, in further amendment of an Act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Fish, and the Affize of Barrels, Staves, Hoops, and Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey the same.

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

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to order, presented to the House an account of the receipt and expenditure for the Public Markets in Halifax, by the Commissioners of the said establishment, commencing the 10th May, 1804, and ending 17th December, 1806, amounting to 1043*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* together with the Vouchers for the same.

Ordered, That the said account and vouchers, be referred to the Committee on the subject of the public Markets in Halifax.

Mr. Hutchinson, reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to encourage the importation of Salt; and accordingly presented a Bill, to encourage the importation of Salt into this province; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Chandler, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill for extending the continuance of the Revenue Laws.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 the conference on the subject of the Vote for £.2000 for the encouragement of Agriculture, as requested by this House. And, also, request a conference by Committee, on the subject of Roads and Bridges, immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference, as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Mortimer, do manage the conference with the Council, on the subject of the Agriculture Vote, and that they do attend accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, resolved, that a Committee, be appointed to draw up for publication in the Royal Gazette, a Statement of the information before the House, respecting the Fees authorized to be taken by the Custom House.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Lawson, be a Committee, for the above purpose.

Mr. Haliburton, *reported*, that the managers had been at the conference on the subject of the Agriculture Vote, and that the Committee of his Majesty's Council, informed the managers that the Council considered themselves pledged to appropriate the Sum of £.2000 to encourage the raising of Wheat, and that the Bill which they had agreed to embraced that object; that they had no objection, if the House thought proper, to amend the Bill agreed to, by making such alterations as should comport with the resolution of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Buskirk, Mr. Parker, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Roach, Mr. Chandler, Mr. James, Mr. Bolman, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Lawson, do manage the conference with the Council, on the subject of Roads and Bridges, and that they attend accordingly.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Mortimer *reported*, that the managers had been at the conference, and stated the subject of the conference to the House.

On motion the House *resolved*, itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill for extending the continuance of the Revenue Laws.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman *reported* from the Committee, that they had deferred the consideration of the Bill to them referred to the next Session ; and thereupon, Mr. Mortimer, moved, that the report of the Committee be not received by the House ; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, Ten ; against it, Seventeen.

For the Motion :

Mr. RUTHERORD, Mr. CRANE,
Mr. BUSKIRK, Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. WARWICK, Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. NORTHUP,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. CHANDLER,
Mr. MORTIMER,

Against the Motion :

Mr. POOL, Mr. LAWSON, Mr. MORTON,
Mr. COLLINS, Mr. SHAW, Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. TONGE, Mr. BOLMAN, Mr. ROACH,
Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. DIMOCK, Mr. PYKE,
Mr. PARKER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. JAMES.
Mr. WELLS, Mr. PURDY,

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Shaw, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating the exportation of Plaister of Paris, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That Mr. Tonge, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Collins, do prepare and bring in a Bill to appropriate the sum of £.2000 for the encouragement of the Fisheries, agreeably to the resolution of this House, on the 30th December last.

On motion, the House *resolved* 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. 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 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 Eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, January 8th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for regulating the exportation of Plaister of Paris, was read a second time ; and thereupon,

Mr. Baker moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred to the next Session ; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Eight ; against it, Eleven.

For the Motion :

Mr. ROACH, Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. BUSKIRK,
Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. BAKER,

Against the Motion :

Mr. CRANE, Mr. SHAW,
Mr. PYKE, Mr. RUTHERFORD,
Mr. MORTIMER, Mr. JAMES,
Mr. NORTHUP, Mr. WELLS,
Mr. WARWICK, Mr. MORTON ;
Mr. PURDY,

So it passed in the negative.

A Bill to encourage the importation of Salt into this Province, was read a second time.
Resolved, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the agriculture of the Province by granting a Bounty on Wheat; and the same was read a first time.
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, *resolved*, That this House will not receive any Bill, not already ordered by the House, after to-morrow.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill to encourage the importation of Salt into this Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had made several amendments thereunto which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The said amendments were read throughout, a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for granting the sum of 400l. to Elizabeth Brenton.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the relief of Andrew Murdoch, an Insolvent Debtor.

The Council have agreed to Seventy-three Resolutions of this House for granting the following Sums for Roads and Bridges, Viz.

250l. for the road from Sackville to the County of Hants.

100l. for building a Bridge over Great Salmon River.

30l. for the Road from Chezencook to Preston.

25l. for the Road from Sheet-Harbour to Musquodoboit.

125l. for the Road from Gay's river to Truro.

20l. for repairing Salmon River Bridge in Truro.

25l. for building a Bridge over the North river at Onflow.

80l. for building a Bridge over Folly River.

30l. for repairing Great River Bridge in Londonderry.

40l. for the Road from Dickey's to Upper Sewack.

50l. for the Road from Onflow to Tatamagouche.

20l. for the Road from Brown's, in Londonderry, to Remsheg.

25l. for the Road from the Ferry at Shubenacadie, to the Old Barns.

100l. for the Road from Truro to the District line dividing Pictou from Colchester.

200l. for the Road from line of Colchester and Pictou, to the Gut Bridge.

30l. for the Road from the River John to Pictou.

30l. for the Road from the upper settlement of East river Pictou, to Musquodoboit.

30l. for the Road from Robson's, on the East river Pictou, to Fraser's.

65l. for the Road from West river Margomishe, to East river Margomishe.

50l. for the Road from Musquodoboit, to East Branch St. Mary's river.

- 113l. for the Road from Guylborough, to the East Branch St. Mary's river.
 40l. for the Road from Stormont to the main Road from Guylborough.
 50l. for the Road from Guylborough to the head of Milford Haven.
 100l. for the Road from South bounds County Hants, to Ardoife-Hill.
 100l. for the Road from the Ardoife Hill to the Three Mile Plain.
 50l. for the Road from Kenetcook, near Douglafs Church, to River Shubenaccadie.
 40l. for the Road from David Whidden's to lower Bridge on Shubenaccadie.
 40l. for the Road from Rawdon Church to main Road in Douglafs.
 25l. for the Road from Harvie's in Newport, to main Road of Rawdon.
 60l. for completing the Kenetcook Bridge.
 25l. for the Bridge over the river Hébert, in Newport.
 50l. for the Road between Petit and Cockmagun.
 100l. for the Road from Avon Bridge to the stone Bridge in Horton.
 40l. for the Road from Greenwood's to Pineo's.
 50l. for the Road from Pineo's to Clermont.
 72l. for the Road from Silas Rand's to Aylesford Church.
 30l. 16s. 8d. for the Road from Scotch Bay in Cornwallis,
 12l. 10s. for the Road from Black-rock towards Cornwallis.
 20l. for a Road in Horton through new Canaan to Nictaur.
 90l. for the Road from Avon Bridge to new Bridge, on Gasperau river.
 15l. for a Road from Patridge Island road, across river Macan, towards road leading
 from Londonderry to Amherst.
 20l. 10s. for the Road from Patridge-Island towards Economy.
 40l. for the Road from Patridge Island towards Cumberland.
 125l. for repairing Bridge over Sciffabou River.
 40l. for the Road between Marr's Brook and Sciffabou Bridge.
 40l. for a Road from Grand-Passage to Petit-Passage, in Digby.
 100l. for the Road between Petit-Passage and Gay Brook.
 50l. for the Liverpool road from the Southern boundary of Annapolis, &c.
 50l. for the Road between Richard Armstrong's and Obadiah Morfe's, in Annapolis.
 20l. for repairing Bridge near Capt. Bath's in Granville.
 20l. 6s. 8d. for erecting a Bridge over Bloody Creek in Annapolis.
 50l. for the Road from Nictaur to Lunenburgh.
 75l. for the Road from Shelburne to the Bounds of Queen's County.
 129l. 10s. for the Road from Shelburne to Barrington.
 100l. for the Road from Barrington to Pubnico.
 50l. for repairing Tusket River Bridge and Road from Jabong to Pubnico.
 100l. for the Road from Liverpool to Port Mutton.
 30l. for the Road from Port Mutton to Port Jolly.
 30l. for the Road from Port Jolly to the bounds of Shelburne County.
 150l. for the Road from Liverpool Falls towards the Half-Way-Tree, on the Nictaur
 Road.
 40l. for the Road from Liverpool, towards bounds of Queen's County.
 70l. for the Road from Pernette's Mills, to Port Metway.
 35l. for the Road from Lahave river to Lunenburgh.
 80l. for the Road from Chester to Moose Horn Hill, leading to Windfor.
 50l. for the Road from Peter Hertle's, on Mahone Bay, to Chester.
 160l. for the Road from South bounds Cumberland on the Road from Londonderry to
 Amherst.
 60l. for the Road from the bounds of King's County, to Henry Furlong's on the river
 Macan.

- 35l. for the Road from the Harbour of Remsheg, to the Cumberland Road.
 25l. for the Road from Remsheg to Richard Thomson's, on the river Philip.
 20l. for the Road from Remsheg to Colchester, by Folly River.
 40l. for the Road from the upper end of Amherst, to the Gulph of St. Lawrence and the River Shimcas.
 35l. for the Road from Barronsfield to Parrborough, by the River Hebert.
 30l. for a Road from the river Macan to the river Philip.
 The Council have not agreed to Nine Resolutions of this House for the service of Roads and Bridges, Viz.
 4cl. for the Road from Campbell's to Musquodoboit.
 50l. for the Road from the East river of Picou to Taylor's, at the Forks of Saint Mary's river.
 50l. for the Road from the Indian Gardens at Antigonishe, to Malignant Cove.
 30l. for altering the main Road at Annapolis, near Gouger's.
 20l. for the lower Road leading from Annapolis to Digby.
 115l. for building Bridges over the rivers between the German Settlement on the Nictaur road and the Falls of Lahave river.
 100l. for the Road from Saunders's Mill in Yarmouth, to the boundary of Annapolis.
 50l. for the Road from Delap's in Granville, to the Bay of Fundy.
 100l. for the Road from Capt. Maclean's in Douglafs, to the mouth of Shubenaccadie River.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

An engrossed Bill, to encourage the importation of Salt into this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act, to encourage the importation of Salt into this Province.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of John Henderson, the report of the Committee, and the several papers before the House respecting the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved 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. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Morton 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 at 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 appears to this Committee, that the loss sustained by John Henderson, in consequence of the overflowing of Sackville river, before the Bridge was completed, amounts to Two Hundred and Sixty pounds; and as it appears by the Letter of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, now before this Committee, that his Excellency would provide Fifty pounds, in addition to the monies appropriated to repair said Bridge, *Resolved*, therefore, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Ninety pounds (including what may have been already paid him by the Commissioner) should be allowed to the said John Henderson, towards repairing his said loss, and that he be released from his said Contract, except so much thereof as relates to the clearing the bed of the river:

river. And that a further sum of Twenty pounds be paid to him, when he shall have performed the Contract in that respect, and the same is so certified by the Commissioner; the materials on hand, at Sackville, to remain the property of Government. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply.

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.

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

Friday, January 9th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the Agriculture of the Province by granting a Bounty on Wheat, was read a second time.

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 resolution for granting £.2000 for the encouragement of the Agriculture of the Province, and that the Clerk do desire the same.

Mr. Tonge reported from the Committee appointed to prepare, and bring in, a Bill to appropriate the sum of £.2000 for the encouragement of the Fisheries, and accordingly presented a Bill to encourage the export of Dry Fish to the West-Indies; 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 agree to the Conference as desired by the House, immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Mortimer, do manage the said Conference, and that they attend accordingly.

And they went to the Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated to the House, that they had communicated the sentiments of this House to the Committee of his Majesty's Council; and that the said Committee informed the Managers they would make the same known to the Council.

Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary, 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 follows:

Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council, and

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

It is incumbent on me to recommend, that Provision be granted for the disbursements incurred, and toward completing the Government House Buildings, which will require

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Two Thousand Pounds. At the same time, I wish to represent the great advantage that would be derived to this valuable and permanent Establishment, by adding to the Premises the obscure and useless Lane adjoining the Southern Boundaries, by an Act of the Legislature for that purpose.

J. WENTWORTH.

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

Mr. Roach, *reported* from the Committee appointed to examine into the expenditure of all Monies voted for Roads and Bridges, &c. 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 :

County of Halifax.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from Sheet Harbour, *James Benvoie*, Commissioner. Certified according to Law. Compensation 2l. 10s.

Vote of 1803. 175l. Road from Fletcher's to Gay's river. *John Archibald*, Commissioner. Remains as reported last year.

Vote of 1805. 200l. Road from Mitchel's Tavern on the Windsor road, to the East end of the New Ardoise road. *Jonathan Snelling*, Commissioner. Expended, and certified by the Inspectors, including Commissions.

Vote of 1805. 20l. Road from Bower's Farm to Prospect. *John Drysdale*, Commissioner, expended by Day's Work. No Certificate.

County of Sydney.

Vote of 1803. 40l. For clearing the Falls of St. Mary's river. *William Taylor*, Commissioner.

Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from Country Harbour to Musquodoboit. *George Dawkins*, Commissioner.

Vote of 1801. 980l. } Road from Guysborough to Musquodoboit. *Alexander Henry*,
1803. 980l. } Commissioner. Compensation 49l.

Vote of 1805. 25l. Road from Milford Haven to the Gut of Canso. *William Atwater*, Commissioner, account of expenditure by days work, including commission.

Vote of 1805. 15l. Road from Manchester to Tracadie. *Thomas Cutler*, Commissioner. Account of expenditure by day's work, including commission.

Vote of 1805. 33l. For a Bridge over Goose Harbour. *William Atwater*, Commissioner, expended and certified by the Inspectors, including commissions.

Vote of 1805. 50l. For Bridges over the North East and West rivers at the Head of Milford Haven. *Thomas Cutler*, Commissioner. Contracts appear for part of the sum, but no account of expenditure.

Vote of 1805. 50l. Road from Guysborough to the East Branch of Saint Mary's river. *Christian Miller*, Commissioner. Account of expenditure by days work, and certified by the Inspectors.

Vote of 1805. 150l. Road from Guysborough to the East river of Saint Mary's. *Alexander Henry*, Commissioner. Contracts for One Hundred and Eighteen pounds, Eleven Shillings, but no further Vouchers appear.

County of Hants.

Vote of 1802. 100l. For a Bridge over the Shubenaccadie river. *David Whidden*, Commissioner, remains as reported last year.

Vote of 1802. 50l. Road between Falmouth and half Way River Bridge. *William Sbey*, Commissioner. Expended, and certified by Grand Jury. Compensation 2l. 10s.

Vote of 1803. 75l. Road from River Kenetcook to Lawrence's on the Halifax road. *William Salter* and *William Parker*, Commissioners. Remains as reported last year.

Avon Bridge. *Jeremiah Northup*, Commissioner. Remains as reported last year.
 Vote of 1805. 25l. Road from Falmouth to Horton. *William Sbey*, Commissioner.
 Contracts for the whole sum, including his Commissions. Certified according to Law.

Vote of 1805. 30l. Road from Windsor Church to Avon Bridge. *Richard Cunningham*, Commissioner. Certificate of Expenditure, according to Law.

Vote of 1805. 100l. } Road from Chester to Windsor, *William Sbey*, Commissioner.
 50l. } Account rendered from the Commissioner for the amount, and
 Certificate from the Inspectors.

Vote of 1805. 60l. Bridge over Kenetcook river. *William Parker*, Commissioner.
 Certificate of Expenditure by the Inspectors.

Vote of 1805. 50l. } Road from the Halifax Road to Rawdon Church.

1805. 30l. } Road from the Widow Wier's, to the Rawdon Church. *Benjamin
 Whittear*, Commissioner. An Account appears for the sum of
 50l. and Contracts for the sum of 30l. and no Certificate, but the Commissions are retained.

Vote of 1805. } 25l. Road from Newport to the Ferry at Wilcock's. } *Robert Alexander*,
 } 20l. Road from Windsor to Douglass Coal Pit. } Commissioner.
 An Account of Expenditure rendered, and Certificate of Inspectors. Commissions retained.

Vote of 1805. 40l. Road from Kenetcook to Douglass Church. *William Smith*, Commissioner. An Account of the Expenditure, including his Commissions, but no Certificate from the Inspectors.

County of Lunenburg.

Vote of 1805. 43l. Road from Lunenburg to Nictaur. *George M. Smith*, Commissioner. Account of Expenditure and Certificate of Inspectors. Commissions retained.

Vote of 1805. } 25l. Road from Lunenburgh to Lahave. } *John Pernette*, Commis-
 } 25l. Road from Lahave to Petit River. } sioner.

No Account of Expenditure—but Certificate from the Inspectors.

Vote of 1805. 50l. Bridge over Middle River. *David Crandle*, Commissioner. A Contract entered into for Fifty-four Pounds. Certified by the Inspectors.

Vote of 1805. 50l. Road from Middle River to Gold River. *Thomas Thomson*, and *David Crandle*, Commissioners. Contract produced, and Account of Expenditure; also Certificate from the Inspectors. Compensation, 2l. 10s. The Commissioners not having retained their Commissions.

Vote of 1805. 50l. Road from Gold River to Lunenburg. *Anthony Vaughen*, Commissioner. Contracts produced, and an Account of Expenditure. Certified by the Inspectors. Commissions included.

Vote of 1801. } 75l. Road between Shaffelburger's Mill and Lahave } *John Pernette*,
 River. } Commissioner.
 1803. } 70l. Road between Lahave River and Petit Rivere. }

Certificates of Expenditure according to Law. Compensation, Seven Pounds Five Shillings.

County of Shelburne.

Vote of 1804. 95l. } Road from Shelburne to Barrington.
 1805. 22l. }

1805. 90l. Road from Shelburne to the Bounds of Queen's County. *Jacob Van Buskirk*, Commissioner. A correct Account of Expenditure, including commissions, and certificate of Inspectors.

Vote of 1803. 100l. Road from Yarmouth to Montegan. *Samuel S. Pool*, *Samuel Marshal*, and *Gabriel Van Norden*, Commissioners. Certificate of Expenditure. Compensation, Five Pounds.

Queen's County.

Vote of 1805. { 50l. Road from the Bounds of Shelburne to Port Mutton.
 43l. Road from Liverpool to Port Mutton.
 50l. Road from Herring Cove Bridge to the Bridge over Port Metway.
 30l. Road from the Bridge over Port Metway to the Bridge over Petit Ri-
 vere. *Joshua Newton*, Commissioner. Accounts and contracts for the several sums, inclu-
 ding commissions and certificates, according to Law.

District of Colchester.

Votes of 1805. 50l. } Road from Onslow to Tatamagushe. *James M'Curdy*, Com-
 50l. } missioner. Contracts and accounts for the whole sum. Certi-
 fied by the Inspectors according to Law. The Commissioner has not deducted his com-
 missions.

Vote of 1805. 68l. Bridge over Portepeck River, and the Road to Economy. *William Davison*, Commissioner. Contracts and Accounts of Expenditure, including commissions, certified by the Inspectors.

Vote of 1805. 20l. Road from Alexander Fleming's to Remshieg. *James Fleming*, Commissioner. Contracts and Accounts of Expenditure, including commissions, certified by the Inspectors.

Vote of 1805. 40l. Bridge over River Sewack, on the road leading to Dickey's; *Samuel Tupper*, Commissioner. Contracts and Account of expenditure, including Commissions. Certified by the Inspectors.

Vote of 1805. 30l. Road from George Campbell's to Musquodobit. *David Archibald*, Commissioner. One contract for the whole sum, certified by the Inspectors.

District of Pictou.

Vote of 1805. { 60l. Bridge over the East river of Pictou.
 53l. Road from the East river of Pictou, to the West river of Margomishe.
William McKay, Commissioner. Certified by the Inspectors, that the Money was faithfully expended.

Vote of 1805. 25l. Road from the West river to the Middle river of Pictou. *David McCoul*, Commissioner. Contracts appear for the whole sum, including Commissions.

Vote of 1805. { 30l. Bridge over the French river of Margomishe.
 45l. Bridge over the West river of Margomishe. *George Roy*, Com-
 missioner. Contracts entered into for the whole sum.

County of Cumberland.

Vote of 1802. 50l. Road from Napan Bridge to Amherst. *Alpheus Morse*, Commissioner. Expenditure certified according to Law. Compensation, Two pounds Ten Shillings.

Vote of 1805. 60l. Road from Parrsborough to Amherst. *Robert Reed*, Commissioner. Certified by the Inspectors according to Law.

Votes of 1805. 190l. *Gabriel Purdy*, Commissioner. Expended and certified according to Law.

Vote of 1805. 15l. Road from Amherst to the Gulph of St. Lawrence. *Thomas Roach*, Commissioner, three Contracts, and an Account of Expenditure.

Vote of 1805. 33l. Road from Remshieg Harbour to Richard Thompson's, at the River Philip. *Alexander McNabb*, Commissioner. Expended and certified.

Vote of 1805. 20l. Road from the South Bounds of County of Cumberland, on the Parrsborough road to Macan Bridge. *James Noble Shannon*, Commissioner. Two Contracts for Nineteen Pounds only. Certificates from the Inspectors for Fourteen Pounds.

King's

King's County.

- Vote of 1805. } 25l. Road from the Five Islands to Parrsborough.
 } 30l. Road from Parrsborough to Macan Bridge. *James Noble Shannon,*
 Commissioner. Contracts, including commissions, for the above sums. No certificate.
- Vote of 1804. } 105l. Road from Mount Denison to Gaspereau river. *Sherman Dennison,*
 and 1805. } Commissioner. Expended, and certified, including the commissions.
- Vote of 1805. 25l. Old Road from Falmouth to Horton. *William Allison,* Commis-
 sioner. Expended by Day's Work, including commissions. Certified by the Inspectors.
- Vote of 1805. } 60l. Road from Silas Rand's to Alyesford Church.
 } 25l. Road from Greenwood's to Pineo's. *Elijah Crane,* Commissioner.
 Two contracts for a part of those sums. No certificates for expenditure.
- Vote of 1805. 25l. Road from the Cumberland road to Advocate Harbour. *John Smith,* Commissioner. Contracts for the sum, including commissions, and certified according to Law.
- Vote of 1802. 30l. Road from Cumberland to Advocate Harbour. *John Smith,* Commissioner. Certified according to Law. Compensation, One Pound Ten Shillings.
- Vote of 1801. 100l. } Road from Avon Bridge to Bishop's Bridge, in Horton. *William*
 1803. 75l. } *Campbell,* Commissioner. Certified according to Law. Compensa-
 tion, Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings.

County of Annapolis.

- Vote of 1803. 50l. Road from Moose river to Bear river. *Dowie Ditmars* and *William Winniett,* Commissioners. Certified by the Commissioners, as faithfully expended.
- Vote of 1805. 120l. Bridge over Allen's River. *Dowie Ditmars* and *William Winniett,* Commissioners. Expended, and certified, only by the Commissioners.
- Vote of 1805. 50l. Road from John Chipman's to Abel Beal's. *Abel Beal,* Commis-
 sioner. The Commissioner expended the full amount, as appears by a certificate. The con-
 tracts, however, have not been forwarded.
- Vote of 1805. 127l. 13s. Bridge over the Annapolis river. *Robert Fitz Randolph*
 and *John Ruggles,* Commissioners. No contract or certificate of expenditure.
- Vote of 1805. 48l. Road from Ezekiel Cleaveland's to Charles Whitman's House on
 the Nictaur road. *Elias Wheelock,* Commissioner. Contracts and Accounts of expendi-
 ture, including commissions. Certified by the Inspectors.
- Vote of 1805. } 60l. Road between Lee's Mill and Rowe's Mill on the Main road from
 } Annapolis to Yarmouth.
 } 25l. Road from Rowe's Mill to Marr's in Digby. *Jacob Tobias,* Commis-
 sioner. Account of expenditure, and a certificate from the Inspectors. The Commissioner
 not deducting his commissions. The Committee recommend that he be allowed a com-
 pensation of Four Pounds Five Shillings.
- Vote of 1805. 50l. Road from Salmon river to Montegan river. *Samuel Marshall*
 and *William Robertson,* Commissioners. A certificate appears for one contract of Forty-six
 Pounds.

From the best information the Committee can obtain, the Bridge over the river Chiga-
 noise, was faithfully built in the year 1801, under the direction of the Commissioner, *Robert McElbinney,* and certificates of the expenditure forwarded by the Commissioner; but have
 since been mislaid. The Committee therefore recommend a compensation of Four
 Pounds five Shillings, to be paid to the said Commissioner.

The Committee further report specially as follows :

County of Annapolis Vote of 1805. One Hundred Pounds, for the road from Liver-
 pool

pool to Niſtaur. *Foster Woodberry*, Commissioner, who has, in the opinion of the Committee, expended the ſaid Money contrary to the intention of the Legislature, by beginning at Niſtaur, inſtead of Liverpool, giving extravagant Wages, and having made many very improper charges. The Committee therefore recommend, that the Houſe ſhould adopt ſuch meaſures as will prevent the like conduct in future.

Vote of 1805. { 100l. Road from Fletcher's Bridge, to Moore's on the road from Halifax,
to Truro.
150l. Road from Moore's to Truro.
195l. Road from Truro to Piſcou.

John Archibald, Commissioner. Accounts appear for the above ſums, and certified by the Inſpectors; but the Committee are of the opinion, that the ſaid Commissioner expended part of the ſaid ſums in a very improper manner, and has made ſome very improper charges for Rum, &c. as will more fully appear by reference being had to the ſaid Accounts; and recommend that the Houſe ſhould adopt ſuch meaſures as will prevent the like conduct in future.

The Committee further report that there are ſeveral other ſums of Money granted in the laſt Sefſions of Aſſembly, for the ſervice of Roads and Bridges, not yet accounted for, no contracts or vouchers being yet forwarded for their inſpection.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker, having informed the Houſe, that, upon referring to the papers received from his Maſteſty's Council yeſterday, with their Meſſage reſpecting the Reſolutions of this Houſe, appropriating monies for the repair of Roads and Bridges, it appears that thoſe papers are only copies of the Reſolutions of this Houſe, and that the originals are retained by his Maſteſty's Council: which the Speaker conceived was not conformable to the uſual way of transmitting any Reſolution of this Houſe from the Council; and thereupon

Mr. Hutchinſon moved, that a Committee be appointed to ſearch for precedents on this Subject.

Ordered, That Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Pyke and Mr. Hutchinſon, be a Committee, for that purpoſe.

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. James 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.

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

Saturday, January 10th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the export of Dry Fiſh, to the Weſt-Indies, 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 conſideration of the ſeveral Bills which ſtood committed.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. James took the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to the resolution of this House, in favor of John Henderson. And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Mortimer reported from the Committee, appointed yesterday, to search for precedents, that they could find no precedents for his Majesty's Council retaining the original resolutions of this House for the application of Money, and sending copies thereof to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Clerk do go to his Majesty's Council, and take with him the copies of the Resolutions of this House, sent from his Majesty's Council on Thursday last, appropriating certain sums of Money to the repair of Roads and Bridges, and inform his Majesty's Council, that it appears to this House, that the sending down copies of the Resolutions of this House, instead of returning the originals, has happened by mistake, it being contrary to the established mode of transmitting Resolutions from his Majesty's Council to this House.

The Clerk *reported*, that he had, pursuant to order, delivered the foregoing message to his Majesty's Council, who informed him, that there was no mistake in sending down the copies of the resolutions respecting Roads and Bridges ; and that his Majesty's Council, were ready to receive any papers, that he should leave with them ; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that this House will on Monday next, take into consideration the subject matter of the foregoing communication with his Majesty's Council.

On motion, the House *resolved* 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. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Morton 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 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 the sum of Thirty pounds should be granted to James Gautier, Esq. for extra services performed by him, as Deputy Clerk to his Majesty's Council in General Assembly, the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Thirty pounds should be granted to Robert King ; and the like sum to Henry Card, agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House, on the 19th December last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum, not exceeding Four Hundred Pounds should be granted to discharge the balance, now due to the Commissioners of the Island of Sable, and for the support of that Establishment for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Four Hundred Pounds, should be granted, for the repair of Sambro and Shelburne Light-Houses : the expenditure of which, to be accounted for at the next Session of General Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum, not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, should be granted, to defray the expence of such unforeseen public

services as may arise during the ensuing year : the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of General Assembly.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ten Pence, should be granted to Thomas Dobson, and Co. for a drawback of the duties on a certain quantity of Molasses, by them imported from Tobago, in the year 1805.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six-pence, should be granted to Alexander Mitchell, in full, for a drawback of the Duties on a certain quantity of Rum and Sugar, by him exported to Newfoundland in March, 1805.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-six Pounds One Shilling, should be granted to Henry Rutherford, for a drawback of the Duties on 2084 gallons of Rum, imported from Grenada, in the year 1799.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Thirty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Three pence, should be granted to John Pryor and Rufus G. Taylor, for a drawback of the Duties on 2,765 Gallons of Rum, imported from Grenada in the year 1804.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six-pence, should be granted to Thomas Goudge, for a drawback of the Duties on 2,390 Gallons Rum, imported from Grenada in the year 1804.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of a Supply.

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.

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. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for regulating the exportation of Plaister of Paris, and had made several amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House : and he afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table. 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 which stood committed.

The said report and 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 until Monday, at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, January 12th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, for regulating the exportation of Plaister of Paris, was read a third time ; and thereupon

Mr. Haliburton moved, That the Bill do not pass : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Nine ; against it, Fourteen.

For

For the Motion :

Mr. DEWOLF, Mr. CHANDLER,
 Mr. PYKE, Mr. MORTIMER;
 Mr. MARSTERS,
 Mr. HALIBURTON,
 Mr. WELLS,
 Mr. HUTCHINSON,
 Mr. ARCHIBALD,

Against the Motion :

Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. LAWSON,
 Mr. DIMOCK, Mr. BAKER,
 Mr. WARWICK, Mr. RITCHIE,
 Mr. PURDY, Mr. CRANE,
 Mr. SHAW, Mr. JAMES,
 Mr. MORTON, Mr. COLLINS,
 Mr. NORTHUP, Mr. TONGE ;

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for regulating the exportation of Gypsum, or Plaster of Paris.

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

On motion, The Order of the Day was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the subject matter of the Order of the Day ; and, also, the Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the 9th instant ; and thereupon, the House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly.

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 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, unanimously, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the detaining the original Resolutions of the House, by his Majesty's Council, and sending down copies in their stead, is contrary to the established mode of transmitting Resolutions from his Majesty's Council to the House, and to the practice of the Council in respect to other Resolutions passed in the present Session, applying monies to the public service.

Resolved, unanimously, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House should not, in future, receive from his Majesty's Council, copies of any resolutions of this House, applying Monies for the public Service, while his Majesty's Council, retain the originals of such resolutions.

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, unanimously, by the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by Committee, on the subject matter of the Bill, entitled, an Act to encourage the importation of Salt, into this Province.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act, in further Amendment of an Act, made in the 2d year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the exportation of Fish, and the Assize of Barrels, &c. with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, resolved, that this House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Mortimer, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Hutchinson reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, the amendment, proposed by the Council, to the Bill, relating to the Affize of Barrels, &c. was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with his Majesty's Council, on the subject matter of the said amendment, and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Rutherford, and Mr. Collins, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and he stated the substance of the conference to the House.

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 follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The increased business of the Treasury, owing to the large and multitudinous expenditures, as well as numerous collections of Revenue for the support of those expenditures, all of which, require various documents, has already arisen to such a magnitude, and a prospect of their being still augmented with the progressing prosperity of the Province, that I find it an incumbent duty on me, to recommend, that an augmentation be granted to the Salary of the Treasurer of the Province ; whose diligence, integrity, and abilities, are, and have been, faithfully exerted, to the great benefit of the public, whose best interests obviously recommend, that an Officer, of such merit and importance to the community, should be aided in conducting his duties to the best advantage.

J. WENTWORTH.

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

A message from the Council by Mr. Gautier,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference on the subject matter of the last conference, immediately, in the Committee Room of the Council.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, an Act, to encourage the importation of Salt into the Province, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the said Bill, to encourage the importation of Salt into this Province, together with the amendments, be thrown under the Table, as the House cannot receive any amendment from the Council to a Money Bill.

On

On motion, *resolved*, that this House, doth agree to a further conference, as desired by his Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

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

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Lawson reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the said conference to the House.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on Salt ; 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 now committed to a Committee of the whole House ; and accordingly the House, *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Mortimer, *reported* from the Committee, to whom the Account of expenditure for the New Government House, was referred ; 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 have examined the said Accounts, and find them stated agreeable to the Vouchers produced, amounting to £.2322 10 2. including the Balance of £.24 6 5. due the Commissioner, at the end of last year ; that there has been drawn from the Treasury during last year, the sum of £.2000, and credit given for the sale of the Old Building on the Lot, £.30, leaving a balance due the Commissioner, of £.292 10 2, up to the 27th December, 1806. The Committee, for the further information of the House, subjoin a List of all charges.

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

On motion, the House *resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, on the subject of the New Government House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

The Chairman, *reported* from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the Business to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of the same ; which report the House agreed to.

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

Tuesday, January 13th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the importation of Salt, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the importation of Salt.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the 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 consideration of the several Bills, which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the importation of Salt, without any amendment.

The Council desire a conference, by Committee, on the subject of the Accounts of John Henderson, now before the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House doth agree to the conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Mortimer, and Mr. Tonge, do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Hutchinson reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and that his Majesty's Council had suggested to the Managers the appropriation of public Monies ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will not take the said proposition into consideration.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Morton took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to encourage the Agriculture of the Province, by granting a bounty on Wheat ; and, also, the Bill to encourage the export of dry Fish to the West-Indies, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively : which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, and the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

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

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, To-morrow, take into further consideration his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, respecting the new Government House.

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

Wednesday, January 14th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, to encourage the Agriculture of the Province, by granting a bounty on Wheat, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to encourage the Agriculture of the Province, by granting a Bounty on Wheat.

An engrossed Bill, to encourage the export of dry Fish to the West-Indies, was read a third time ; and thereupon

Mr. Tonge moved, an amendment to the first clause of the said Bill, as follows,—to strike out the words “ One shilling and six-pence,” and insert in the place thereof “ Two shillings” : which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Ten ; against it Eleven.

For the Motion :

Mr. MORTIMER, Mr. TONGE,
Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. COLLINS,
Mr. WARWICK, Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. BAKER, Mr. ARCHIBALD ;
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. SHAW,

Against the Motion :

Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. WELLS,
Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. NORTHUP, Mr. JAMES,
Mr. DIMOCK, Mr. PURDY,
Mr. MARSTERS, Mr. CRANE,
Mr. PYKE,

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to encourage the export of dry Fish to the West-Indies.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference, by Committee, on the subject matter of the Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Gypsum, or Plaster of Paris.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House doth agree to a conference as desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Crane, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Archibald, do manage the said Conference.

And they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Ritchie, *reported*, that the Managers had been at the conference, and that they had received from the Committee, of his Majesty's Council a written paper, which he read to the House, and is as follows :—We are directed to state, that the Council, have neither information or means sufficient at present to come to a conclusion on the Bill, and therefore are disposed to defer the consideration thereof, to the next Session, and to join with the House in requesting his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to communicate the proposed

ted Law to the Provincial Agent in England, and, also, to the President, or Commander in Chief, of New-Brunswick, for their sentiments on the subject; which may tend to afford the Legislature further light thereon, and to render any Law that should be passed, more effectual; than it can otherwise be made, to answer the end proposed.

On motion, *resolved*, That a copy of the report of the Committee of Conference with his Majesty's Council yesterday, and the Resolution of this House thereon, be sent to his Majesty's Council by the Clerk.

On motion, the House resolved 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. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Morton 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 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 the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, should be granted to James Sutherland, to enable him to keep open, during the Winter, the Road from West Chester Settlement, on Cumberland Mountain, to Andrew M'Kimm's.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, should be granted to Andrew M'Kimm, to enable him to keep open, during the Winter, the Road over the Cumberland Mountain, from his House to Londonderry.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, should be granted to Israel Amory, to enable him to keep open, during the Winter, the Road from Amherst to the River Philip.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifteen Pounds, be granted, in equal proportions, to John Christie, David Archibald, and Alexander Cameron, for breaking the Road from Truro to Pictou, during the Winter, and cutting out the Windfalls thereon throughout the year; the same to be paid to the said John Christie, David Archibald, and Alexander Cameron, on their producing a Certificate from three Justices, resident in that quarter, that the said work has been performed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Five Pounds, should be granted to Robert King, and the like sum of Five Pounds to Henry Card, both of Windsor, for cutting Windfalls, and keeping open the Road between Windsor and Chester, to be paid to them on a Certificate of a Magistrate in Windsor and Chester, of the faithful performance of those services.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty Pounds, should be granted to James Ratchford and James Noble Shannon, for the encouragement of a Packet to run between Windsor and Patridge Island, under such regulations as may be made and ordered by the Justices in Session for the County of Hants, for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Forty Pounds, should be granted to improve that part of the great road leading from Annapolis to Shelburne, between Augustine Jodrie's House in Clare, and the division line that separates the County of Annapolis from the County of Shelburne.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds, should be granted to improve that part of the main road from Digby to Sciffabou Bridge, between

between the House of Obadiah Griffen and John Saxon's House, being a distance of four Miles.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Seventy-five Pounds should be granted for improving the Road from Saunders's Mill, in the Township of Yarmouth, to the boundary of the County of Annapolis.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted to repair the Road and Bridges from St. Margaret's Bay towards Bowen's Farm, at Goodwood.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted to repair the Road from Prospect to the St. Margaret's Bay Road.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-three Pounds Eight Shillings, granted in the year 1803, for the Road from Chester to St. Margaret's Bay, and not yet drawn from the Treasury, should be appropriated and applied to the rebuilding the Bridge over Eastern River, lately burnt down on the above Road, which Road is now impassable without said Bridge.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Forty Pounds should be granted to open a Road from Antigonishe to near the Bridge over the East Branch of St. Mary's River.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifteen Pounds should be granted to repair the Road from Kalback's Mill to Peter Hertle's, at Mahone Bay, between Chester and Lunenburg,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty Pounds, granted in the year 1803, for the Road from Chester to Hammond Plain, and not yet drawn from the Treasury, shall be appropriated and applied towards completing the Road from Chester to Avon Bridge in the County of Hants.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Forty Pounds should be granted to improve that part of the Post Road leading from Annapolis to Digby, between Lee's Mill and Long's Tavern.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted to open a Road from Moore's, at Gay's River, to the River Musquodoboit.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That the sum of Twenty Pounds should be granted to repair the Bridge near the House of Edward Thorne, Esq. on the main Road leading through the Township of Granville.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted to improve the Road and erect Bridges between Lunenburg and Nictaur.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds should be granted to improve the Road from the Bridge over the Le Brau Creek to the Avon Bridge in Windfor.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Eighty Pounds should be granted to improve the main Road through Douglafs, from the Rawdon Road, to the River Shubenaccadie, leading to Colchester.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Five Pounds, should be granted to David Currie, for a drawback of the Excise Duty on a quantity of British Merchandise, by him exported to Jamaica in the year 1800.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds, formerly appropriated for the purchase of Hemp Seed, and, also, the sum

of Forty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, being the balance remaining of the sum granted to Hugh Ald, for carrying on the Manufactory of Salt, and which sums have not yet been expended, shall be granted and applied for the repair or rebuilding of Causeways and Bridges on the great public Roads of the Province, to be drawn for by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in addition to the balance of Four Hundred Pounds, granted in the last Session of General Assembly for that service—now remaining in the Treasury of the Province.

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 same.

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 foregoing Resolutions, and the several other Resolutions which have passed this House for granting monies, be sent to his Majesty's Council for concurrence.

On motion, the Order of the Day was read ; and thereupon

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message of the 9th instant.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a Committee should be appointed by the House, to prepare an Answer to that part of his Excellency's Message, which respects the new Government House.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the further consideration of that part of his Excellency's Message, which relates to the Lane adjoining the new Government House premises, should be deferred to a future day.

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 Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Tonge, be a Committee to prepare an Address to his Excellency, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

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

Thursday, January 15th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved 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. 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,

I am directed by his Majesty's Council to inform this House, that, after the Message sent

yesterday, on the subject of the Conference, by Committee, on the Memorial of John Henderson, the Council can have no further communication with the House, until a satisfactory explanation of the Message shall be given.

The Council consider it as an attack of the constitutional authority, vested in the Board, as an integral branch of the Legislature, and an offensive violation of the decency essential to the accomplishment of the business of the Session.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the Committee, appointed to prepare an Address, in answer to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message of yesterday; and presented an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it on the Clerk's Table where it 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,

THE House of Assembly have taken into consideration, your Excellency's Message of the 9th instant, recommending, that provision be granted for disbursements incurred, and towards completing the Government House Buildings, which your Excellency informs the House, will require Two Thousand Pounds.

That part of the public Accounts, which respects the expenditure of monies, granted at the last Sessions of General Assembly, for finishing those Buildings, and for furnishing the State Rooms, not having been presented to the House until the 30th December, and no official notice having been communicated to the Assembly, that a further grant of Money would be required, the House being also engaged in other important business, their Committee considered it too late in the Sessions to enter into the examination of those Accounts, until your Excellency's Message induced them to proceed in that investigation.

At the moment the Committee made its Report, a Letter addressed from the acting Commissioner to the Speaker, was communicated to the House, stating that nearly Two Thousand Pounds, in addition to the balance of Two Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Ten Shillings and Two-pence, on the Abstract last delivered, would be wanting to pay off debts, now due, on account of the Government Buildings. And the House, have every reason to believe, that without a further sum were granted, the appendages to the Buildings would still remain unfinished and incomplete.

The House cannot but observe to your Excellency, that the acting Commissioner appears to have drawn, and blended, with his general disbursements, the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, appropriated by the Legislature for the express purpose of furnishing the State Rooms of the Government House.

It would be irksome to enter into a detail of past proceedings, on the subject of monies required for the Government Buildings; but the House begs leave to refer your Excellency to the Resolution of the Assembly, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Four, and to the Estimate which the Commissioners, by your Excellency's order, submitted to the Assembly at the last Sessions; by which the public were induced to believe, that the grant of monies, made at that time, would discharge all the debts, and enable the Commissioners, very nearly, to finish the Building, and all its appendages.

The House of Assembly, therefore, have received with much concern and surprize, the notice, that debts, to such an alarming extent, have been contracted by the acting Commissioner, without the authority of the Legislature, and contrary to the intentions of the late House, expressed in the Resolution already referred to.

In deference to your Excellency's Message, the House would be desirous to enter into an investigation of those debts, and to form a determination on the subject ; but the lateness of the Session, and the return home of many of the Members of the House, renders doubtful the possibility, or propriety, of effecting a due examination of those Accounts, at this period.

The House of Assembly, nevertheless, requests that your Excellency would be pleased to direct the acting Commissioner to lay all the Claims and Vouchers before the House, who will then consider what further proceedings can be had thereon at the present Sessions.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Roach, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Rutherford, be a Committee accordingly.

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

On Motion, the Message from His Majesty's Council received this day, was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Answer to the said Message.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Mortimer, be a Committee accordingly.

On Motion, his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message of the 12th instant, on the subject of the Treasurer, was read ; and thereupon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Answer to the said Message from his Excellency.

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Pyke took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progress in the business to them referred, and that 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 until To-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, January 16th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved 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.

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Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of the same; which Report, the House agreed to.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address, in answer to his Excellency's Message of the 12th instant; and presented an Address accordingly; and read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it 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,

THE House of Assembly, having received your Excellency's Message of the 12th instant, respecting the Treasurer of the Province, stating the increased business of that Officer, and recommending an augmentation to his Salary, beg leave to inform your Excellency, that the House did, at an early period of the Session, when granting Supplies for the Civil List, take into their consideration, in some measure, the accumulated business of that Officer: when it appeared, to be the unanimous opinion of the House, that the usual Salary, of Four Hundred Pounds, should be continued to him, for the ensuing year, which was accordingly granted.

At this late period of the Session, when the public business is nearly drawn to a close, and many of the Members have returned to their homes, the House feel it incumbent on them, to state to your Excellency, the necessity of deferring the consideration of the subject matter of your Excellency's recommendation, for the present Session; and they assure your Excellency, that the high respect they have for your Excellency's recommendation of that Officer, for assiduity, integrity, and ability, will induce them to take your Excellency's Message into consideration, at an early period of the next Session.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Collins, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Pyke, be a Committee accordingly.

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

The Clerk reported, that he had, pursuant to the order of yesterday, waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House; and that his Excellency had appointed this day at Two of the Clock, at the Government House.

Mr. Hutchinson reported, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Message received from his Majesty's Council yesterday, and presented an Answer accordingly; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

THE House of Assembly, although his Majesty's Council had rejected, without explanation, the Resolution on the Petition and Claim of John Henderson, immediately acceded to the proposition of the Council, for a conference on the subject of his Accounts before that Board.

On their return from the Conference, the Committee of this House reported, that the Committee of the Council had suggested the expediency of appropriating a certain sum of money to a specific purpose, and had accompanied it, with a particular declaration, that the requisition did not proceed from the Lieutenant-Governor, but emanated solely from his Majesty's Council; on which report, the House, unanimously determined, not to enter into a consideration of that proposition.

In this constitutional exercise of the right, which this House, as an independent branch of the Legislature, undoubtedly possesses, of declining the consideration of a subject it is unwilling to discuss, the House disclaims every idea of giving offence to his Majesty's Council. The Message of the 14th instant, was designed to communicate the determination of the House, that his Majesty's Council might not remain in expectation of receiving a vote of appropriation of Monies, for the purposes suggested at the conference; and this House, does not conceive, that any constitutional authority of the Council was attacked by that communication, and utterly disavows any such intention.

By this full and candid explanation, and by avoiding all observation on the latter part of the Message, delivered yesterday, from his Majesty's Council, the House affords the most unequivocal proofs of its disposition for peace and harmony; and its desire to avoid all occasion of irritation and contest.

Resolved, That the said answer, be sent to his Majesty's Council, by the Clerk of this House.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Table of Fees, of the Officers of his Majesty's Customs, published in the Journals of this House in the year 1790, and recognized by the present Collector and Comptroller of the Port of Halifax, as still in force, be republished for the information of all concerned; together with the Section of the British Act of Parliament, referred to, in the Note subjoined to the said Table.

Mr. Hutchinson, *reported* from the Committee, appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of yesterday; that the Committee, had accordingly waited on and presented the said Address to his Excellency, and that his Excellency, was pleased to give this Answer:

GENTLEMEN,

THE difficulties which you suggest in this Address, may be relieved by recollecting, that the annual grants which are referred to, were always understood to contemplate progressive means for carrying on the Public Buildings; and could not be considered as embracing a re-imburement for the whole expenditures made, and, also to carry on the estimated works proposed. A recurrence to the Accounts of former years, approved, and ever since upon your files, establish this sentiment. On the Twenty third of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Three, at the request of the House, an estimate was presented of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Sixteen Pounds, toward completing the Premises; and at the same time was reported, a debt incurred, of nearly Twelve Hundred Pounds, by an abstract accompanying, it that the House might be possessed of every possible information. At this Session, Three Thousand Pounds only, was voted, for this service: It is therefore evident, that the service was intended to proceed, and that the means were progressive, and not final, being to the latter inadequate.—The same mode has been judiciously pursued in every succeeding Session; whereby all the other public Services were equally forwarded.

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The accounts of the Commissioner were necessarily arranged up to the Thirtieth Day of December, and then delivered to the House; since which, he has been always ready, and desirous for, and even solicited their investigation and settlement; which I trust, from their truth and perspicuity, might be done in a few hours. This measure I judged to be expedient previous to my Message, and from the time elapsed, hoped it had been done; as I had directed that all those accounts should be prepared, and was ascertained that the Commissioner had expressed his anxiety to this purpose; and he now continues ready to furnish every document and explanation the House may desire.

As to the lateness of the season, and the return home of many of your Members, I regret both; and sincerely hope and recommend, that the business remaining, will be so expedited, as to enable me to close the Session without delay.

J. WENTWORTH.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed by his Majesty's Council, to inform the House, that his Majesty's Council, willing at all times to avoid every occasion of irritation or difference with the Assembly, accept the disclaimer on the part of the House "of every idea of giving offence to the Council," as a satisfactory explanation of the Message, without discussing at present any question of right, privilege or authority, involved in it.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the exportation of Dry Fish to the West-Indies, with several amendments, to which, they desire the concurrence of the House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the consideration of the amendments to the Bill above-mentioned, be deferred to the next Sessions.

On Motion, the House resolved 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. 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 they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in, at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum, not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, be granted, and placed at the disposal of the President of His Majesty's Council and the Speaker of the House of Assembly, to repair and fit up the Rooms of the late Government House, for public use.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Five Pounds, should be granted to George Hankell, in full for his services as Health Officer for the Port of Annapolis, to the 4th October, 1805.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twelve Pounds, should be granted to Nathan Tupper, in full for his services as Health Officer for the Port of Liverpool, to the 1st October, 1806.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-three Pounds should be granted to John M' Monagle, in full for his services as Health Officer for the Port of Windsor, to the 8th October, 1806.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That the sum of Four Pounds, should be granted to William F. Bonnell, in full for his services as Health Officer for the Port of Digby, to the 1st November, 1806.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Seven Pounds, be granted to John Bolman, in full for his services as Health Officer for the Port of Lunenburg, to the 1st November, 1806.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Thirty-eight Pounds five shillings, should be granted for compensating the undermentioned Commissioners of Roads, for their services in expending the several sums as specified and recommended by the Committee of the House in their report, to be paid and distributed to each, and every, of the said Commissioners, in manner following, viz.

Two Pounds Ten Shillings to Alpheus Morie.

Five Pounds to Samuel Sheldon Pool, Samuel Marshal, and Gabriel Van Norden.

Seven Pounds Five Shillings to John Pernette.

Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings to William Campbell.

One Pound Ten Shillings to John Smith.

Two Pounds Ten Shillings to James Benvie.

Two Pounds Ten Shillings to William Shey.

Four Pounds to Robert M'Elhinny.

Four Pounds Five Shillings to Jacob Tobias.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings should be granted to William Burk, for cutting out Windfalls, and keeping open the Road from the Half Way Tree, on the Nictau Road, to the Eighteen Mile Bridge.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Five Pounds should be granted to Charles Whitman, for keeping open the Road from the Eighteen Mile Bridge, to Ezekiel Cleveland's, on the Nictau Road.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum, not exceeding Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, should be granted to John Miner, for cutting out Windfalls, and keeping open the Road from the Half Way Tree, on the Nictau Road, towards Liverpool.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum, not exceeding Thirty Pounds, be granted to the Surveyor General of Lands, to prepare a Plan of the Province, for the use of the General Assembly, with all the public Roads, &c. marked thereon, on an enlarged scale, of not more than two Miles to an Inch.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Three Pounds Ten Shillings be granted to Elias Wheelock, for cutting 220 Rods of the Road between Nictau and Lunenburg, as certified by the Commissioner of said Road.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Four Pounds, should be granted to William H. Shey, in full for his Services in exploring and laying out a Road from Windfor towards Chester.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Twenty-four Pounds seven Shillings and three-pence should be granted to the late Commissioners, for the relief of the Indians, in full for expenditures by them made, per Account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of One hundred Pounds should be granted for repairing the A von Bridge, and the two Causeways leading to the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum, not exceeding Twenty Pounds, should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expence of Stationary, furnished for the Commissioners of the Revenue and the House of Assembly.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum, not exceeding Six Pounds, should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for defraying the expence of Fuel for the House during the present Session.

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 carry the foregoing Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

Mr. Tonge, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for granting a Bounty on dry Cod and Scale Fish, exported to his Majesty's Islands, Colonies, and Plantations, in the West-Indies : and the said Bill was read a first time.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the 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 consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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

Saturday, January 17th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill, for granting a bounty on dry Cod and Scale Fish exported to his Majesty's Islands, Colonies, and Plantations in the West-Indies, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for granting a Bounty on dry Cod and Scale Fish, exported to his Majesty's Islands, Colonies, and Plantations in the West-Indies.

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

The Clerk reported that he had, pursuant to the Order of yesterday, waited on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of the House ; and that his Excellency had appointed this day, at Two o'clock, at the Government-House.

Mr. Crane delivered to the House, from the Acting Commissioner of the new Government-House, an abstract of demands against the Province, on account of the said House, &c. that remained unsatisfied on the 31st Dec. 1806, together with the several Accounts for the same, amounting to 2,013l. 6s. 4d. ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Abstract and Vouchers, be referred to Mr. Morten, Mr. Roach, and Mr. Dewolf, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act for the more equal distribution of the Estates and Effects of Insolvent Debtors to, and amongst, their Creditors, 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.

Mr. Morton reported from the Committee, to whom the Abstract and Accounts of demands against the new Government House was referred : 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 have examined the Abstract and Accounts, and find them regularly stated, except the sum of 200l. of Alexander Baird's, for which no Account appeared to the Committee. The whole Abstract amounts to the sum of 2013l. 6s. 4d. of which there is charged for furniture, 324l. 6s. 11d. The Committee, on examining the Accounts, find that many of them are for articles supplied, and labour performed, during the year 1806 ; and should, in the opinion of the Committee, have been charged by the Commissioner, in his Account of Expenditure ; and that the above sum for Furniture, should have come out of the grant last Session for that purpose. The Committee beg leave to refer the House, for any further information, to the Abstract and Accounts.

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, to consider further of a Supply to be granted for the support of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyké 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.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a bounty on dry Cod and Scale Fish, exported to his Majesty's Islands, Colonies, and Plantations in the West-Indies, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to Twenty-nine Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, Viz. :

100l. for Old Government House.

30l. to James Gautier.

400l. for the Island of Sable.

400l. for repair of Light Houses.

250l. for Contingent Expences.

13l. 14s. 10d. to Thomas Dobson and Co.

15l. 17s. 6d. to Alexander Mitchell.

26l. 1s. to Henry Rutherford.

34l. 11s. 3d. to John Pryor and Rufus G. Taylor.

29l. 17s. 6d. to Thomas Goudge.

50l. for the Parrsborough Packet.

5l. to David Currie.

5l. to George Henkell.

12l. to Nathan Tupper.

23l. to John M'Monagle.

4l. to William F. Bonnell.

7l. to John Bolman.

5l. to S. S. Pool, Samuel Marshall and G. Van Norden. 7l.

7l. 5s. to John Pernette.
 1l. 10s. to John Smith.
 2l. 10s. to James Benvie.
 2l. 10s. to William H. Shey.
 4l. to Robert M'Elhenny.
 4l. 5s. to Jacob Tobias.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

30l. to Surveyor General for Plan of the
 Province.
 4l. to William H. Shey.
 24l. 7s. 3d. to Commissioners of Indians.
 20l. to Clerk of Assembly for Stationary.
 6l. to Clerk of Assembly for Fuel.

Mr. Lawson, moved, that the consideration of the Abstract and Accounts for demands against the New Government House, be deferred to the next Session ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Seven; against it Fifteen.

For the Motion :

Mr. DIMOCK,
 Mr. RITCHIE,
 Mr. MORTON,
 Mr. BAKER,
 Mr. LAWSON,
 Mr. ARCHIBALD,
 Mr. TONGE,

Against the Motion :

Mr. COLLINS,	Mr. CHANDLER,
Mr. HUTCHINSON,	Mr. NORTHUP,
Mr. ROACH,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. RUTHERFORD,	Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. SHAW,	Mr. JAMES,
Mr. DEWOLF,	Mr. PYKE,
Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. PURDY,
Mr. HALIBURTON,	

So it passed in the Negative.

On Motion of Mr. Hutchinson, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, to be joined with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to examine the Abstract and Accounts of Demands against the new Government-House, delivered in this day by the Acting Commissioner, as well as all former Accounts which may be connected therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee accordingly.

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

Mr. Lawson, presented to the House an Account of David Thompson, for his services as Health Officer for the Port of Halifax, between the 25th July and 20th October, 1806, amounting to Fifteen Pounds ; and, thereupon, moved, That the said Account be referred to a Committee, for the purpose of examining the same ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion, Six. Against it, Fifteen. So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Collins, reported from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of yesterday, that the Committee had accordingly waited on, and presented the said Address to his Excellency ; and that his Excellency was pleased to give this Answer :

GENTLEMEN,

I AM obliged in the intentions of the House of Assembly, expressed in your Address, and am fully persuaded, they will be liberally perfected at the time referred to.

J. WENTWORTH.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, January 19th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the more equal distribution of the

the Estates and Effects of Insolvent Debtors, to, and amongst, their Creditors, was read a second time; and, thereupon,

Mr. Roach moved, that the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, Nine; against it Nine.

Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote for the motion. So it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. James 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 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.

On motion, the House resolved 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. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Chandler 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 a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and he 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 Forty-nine Pounds should be granted and paid to Alexander Henry, for his services as a Commissioner in expending the sum of £.980, on the road from Guyborough to the River Musquodoboit. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply.

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 foregoing Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

Then the House adjourned until Two of the Clock, P. M.

The House met agreeably to the adjournment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Fifteen Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, Viz:

- 3l. 10s. to Elias Wheelock.
- 8l. 15s. to William Campbell.
- 2l. 10s. to Alpheus Morse.
- 49l. to Alexander Henry.
- 10l. for the Road and Bridges between Lunenburg and Nictaur.
- 25l. for the Road from the Le Brau Creek to Avon Bridge.
- 80l. for the Road from the Rawdon Road to Shubenaccadie.

- 25l. for the Road from Digby to Sciffabou bridge.
 75l. for the Road from Saunders's Mill to the Boundary of Annapolis.
 25l. for the Road St. Margaret's Bay to Bower's Farm.
 25l. for the Road from Prospect to St. Margaret's Bay.
 40l. for the Road from Antigonishe to the East Branch of St. Mary's River.
 15l. for the Road from Kalbeck's to Peter Hertle's, at Mahone Bay.
 40l. for the Road from Lee's Mill to Long's Tavern, in Digby.
 100l. for the Road from Moore's, at Gay's River, to Musquodobit.
 And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, the House resolved 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. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Chandler 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 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 the sum of One Hundred Pounds, should be granted to improve the new Road, recently cut out, from Avon River towards Chester, and to cut out six miles of the Road between Chester and Windsor to the Northward of Moose Horn Hill.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Fifty Pounds, should be granted to repair the Road from the Windsor Road to Fletcher's, on the main Road leading to Colchester, Cumberland, and Pictou. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply.

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 foregoing Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Members of the House who have left it without leave, or any who shall hereafter depart without leave, shall not receive any Certificate to entitle them to pay this Session, but shall wait until the next Session.

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

Tuesday, January 20th, 1807.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House, to examine the Accounts respecting the new Government House, agreeable to the request of this House on Saturday last.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do attend accordingly.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of a Supply, for the support of his Majesty's Government.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Chandler took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to receive a Message from his Majesty's Council, as follows :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to Twelve Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, Viz. :

20l. for the Bridge, near Edward Thorne's, in Granville.

50l. for the Road from Chester to Avon Bridge.

23l. 8s. for Eastern River Bridge, on Road from Chester to St. Margaret's Bay.

40l. for the Road from Annapolis to Shelburne.

7l. 10s. to William Burk.

5l. to Charles Whitman.

7l. 10s. to John Menard.

7l. 10s. to Israel Amory.

15l. to John Christie, David Archibald, and Alexander Cameron.

7l. 10s. to Alexander Sutherland.

7l. 10s. to Andrew M'Kimm.

10l. to Robert King and Henry Card.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act, in further addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the appointment of Firewards, &c. 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 aforesaid Bill, into consideration ; and the said Amendments were read, throughout, a first and second time, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have not agreed to Five Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, Viz :

60l. to Robert King and Henry Card.

222l. 10s. for repair of public Roads, &c.

50l. for the Road from the Windsor Road to Fletcher's.

100l. for Avon Bridge.

100l. for the Road from the Avon River to Chester.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House resolved 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. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Chandler took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made further progress in
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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.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act, in further addition to, and amendment of, an act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the appointment of Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Clerk do inform his Majesty's Council, that the Committee of this House are ready to proceed on the examination of the Accounts respecting the new Government House.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at Twelve of the Clock.

Wednesday, 21st January, 1807.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved 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. 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 until To-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, 22d January, 1807.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the House resolved 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. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Chandler 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 a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the same 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 Five hundred pounds should be granted, and paid, to Commissioners, to be hereafter appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the purpose of erecting a Light-House on Briar Island, in the County of Annapolis ; no part of the said sum to be drawn from the Treasury, until a proper plan, of the said Light-House, shall be furnished

ed to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for his approbation, and a Contract entered into, to complete the Building, which Contract shall not exceed the said sum of Five hundred Pounds.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply.

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 foregoing Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

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

Friday, January 23d, 1807.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hutchinson, *reported*, from the Joint Committee of his Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Abstract and Accounts of demands against the New Government House, delivered by the Acting Commissioner, as well as all former Accounts, which may be connected therewith; 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, considering the advanced period of the Session, have confined their Investigation to the unsatisfied claims on the Government House, contained in the Abstract, and find the following Sums to be due to the undermentioned Persons, to the 31st December, 1806.

To Hartshorne and Boggs	£.769 14	To Thomas Goudge	-	4 0 0
Isaac Hildrith	- 472 10	Thomas Wallace and Co.	-	3 16 4
John Merrick	- 123 18 8	Ewing, Bowie and Co.	-	49 5 10
Richard Munday	- 50 18 1	Pescott and Lawson,	-	2 5 0
Jacob Miller and Son	- 35 17 8	Nicholas Crumb	-	14 8 1
John Henderson and Son	- 9 3 4	John Cogswell	-	0 15 0
John Clarke	- 5 9 2	Charles Hill and Co.	-	227 8 5
Benjamin Bridge	- 26 10 9	Winckworth Allan	-	26 11 0

Amounting to the Sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence, exclusive of the claim of Alexander Baird, which the Committee, at the request of the Commissioner and Claimant, have investigated and liquidated, at the Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Six-pence half-penny, which the Committee consider as the balance due to the Claimant, and recommend to be paid to him, upon his discontinuing the Suit commenced by him, against the Commissioner.

The Committee take leave to add, that it was stated to them by the Architect Mr. Isaac Hildrith, that he considers his Services as no longer necessary in that capacity, and wishes his discharge, and for the time he has been employed and attending since the Thirty-first of December, will be satisfied with any compensation the Legislature may be pleased to allow him. The Committee having a full conviction of the ability and professional skill of Mr. Hildrith, and satisfactory proofs of his zeal, integrity and diligence in conducting

conducting the work he has been engaged in, respectfully recommend, that, with his discharge, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, be granted him, as a Testimonial of the public opinion of his Merit and Services.

22d JANUARY, 1807.

ANDREW BELCHER,

Committee of his Majesty's Council.

FOSTER HUTCHINSON,

W. C. TONGE,

J. G. PYKE,

WILLIAM LAWSON,

LEMUEL MORTON,

} Committee of the
House of
Assembly.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee of Supply, and thereupon, On motion, the House *resolved* 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. 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 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 the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds, should be granted to Robert King, and the like Sum to Henry Card, both of Windsor, to enable them to settle and improve the Lands, laid out to them on the Road, between Chester and Windsor, the said Sums to be paid to them respectively, on their becoming bound to his Majesty with two Sureties, to be approved of, by the Court of General Session at Windsor, that they will each, clear five Acres of their said Land, and will severally build and reside thereon, for a term of six Years, from the period when the said Money shall be paid to them.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings and Four Pence, should be granted and paid to the several Persons before named in the Report of the Joint Committee of his Majesty's Council and this House, to discharge their demands against the New Government House, to the 31st December last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty Eight Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six Pence Half Penny, should be granted and paid to Alexander Baird, in full of all his demands against the New Government House, to the Thirty-first Day of December last, on his discontinuing the suit instituted by him in the Supreme Court, against the Acting Commissioner, and granting a receipt in full.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that Isaac Hildrith, the Architect, employed in building the New Government House, be discharged from the Thirty-first day of December last, and that the sum of Fifty Pounds, be granted and paid to the said Isaac Hildrith, as a Testimonial of the favorable opinion entertained by the Legislature, of his ability, integrity, diligence and zeal.

The Chairman acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to move for leave to sit again, on the further consideration of a Supply.

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 foregoing Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence to the same.

On motion of Mr. Tonge, *resolved*, That a conference be requested with his Majesty's Council, on the subject matter of the Resolution in favor of Robert King and Henry Card; and that the Clerk do request the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Gautier:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to Four Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, Viz:

500l. for building a Light-House on Briar Island.

1822l. 11s. 4d. to discharge sundry demands against the new Government House.

228l. 11s. 6½d. to Alexander Baird.

50l. to Isaac Hildrith.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Motion, the House resolved 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. 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 for the service of the year 1806; 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 severally read, throughout, a first and second time, and, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On motion, the said Bill 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.

On Motion, the House came to two Resolutions, as follows, viz.

Whereas the present Session of General Assembly, has been protracted to an unusual length, owing to the Public Accounts not being delivered in to this House in due time:

Resolved, therefore, that all Public Accounts ought to be laid before this House on the First day of the Sessions of General Assembly; and that unless those Accounts are delivered in within the First Week of any future Sessions, this House will not hold itself obliged to investigate the Accounts at such Sessions.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolution, and the Act of the General Assembly "for taking, examining, and stating, the Public Accounts of this Province," be published in the Royal Gazette.

An engrossed Bill, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year 1806, 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 1806, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in the present 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, entitled, an Act, for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year 1806, 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 then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Gautier, Deputy Secretary.

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, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills, following, viz. :

An Act, to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, on New Lands.

An Act, to encourage the Fisheries of this Province, by granting a Bounty on the importation of Salt.

An Act, for granting a Bounty on Dry Cod and Scale Fish, exported to his Majesty's Islands, Colonies and Plantations in the West-Indies.

An Act, to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges.

An Act, to regulate the appointment of Collectors and other Officers of Impost and Excise.

An Act, in further addition to and Amendment of an Act, made in the second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act, for the appointment of Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders, at the time of Fire.

An Act, for granting an Annuity to John Newton, Esqr. one of the Collectors of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

May it please your Excellency,

IT is my duty on the part of the Commons of Nova-Scotia, to present to your Excellency, a Bill, for appropriating the Supplies granted this Session, and to pray your Excellency's Assent to the same.

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, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in the present Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech :

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING no further Business, that it would be expedient to recommend to your consideration at present, I have great pleasure in releasing the Legislature to their own affairs, and hope the result of their long Sessions, will prove beneficial to the Public.

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

GENTLEMEN,

IT his Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this General Assembly, be prorogued to Thursday the Fourteenth Day of May next, to be then here held; and this General Assembly, is accordingly prorogued, to Thursday the Fourteenth Day of May next.