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PROCLAMATION,

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR GEORGE PREVOST, BARONET,

*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 consent of His Majesty's Council, to dissolve the present General Assembly, which now stands prorogued to the 5th day of September next: I do for that end publish this Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said General Assembly accordingly.

And the Members of His Majesty's Council, and the Representatives of the several Counties and Towns within this Province, are discharged from any further attendance.

And I do further declare, that with the advice of His Majesty's Council, I have this day given orders to issue out Writs in due form, for calling a new General Assembly; which Writs are to bear Test on Saturday the 17th day of August instant, and to be returnable on Thursday the 10th day of October next.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax,
this 14th day of August, 1811, in the 51st year of
His Majesty's Reign.

GEORGE PREVOST.

By His Excellency's Command,

S. H. GEORGE.



PROCLAMATION,

BY HIS HONOR
ALEXANDER CROKE,

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

WHEREAS, the Writs issued for calling the General Assembly, and which bear test the 17th of August last, are made returnable at Halifax, on Thursday the 10th day of October:—

And Whereas the attendance of the Members chosen, or to be chosen, for the respective Counties and Towns within the Province, is not required on the said 10th day of October:—

I have thought fit to prorogue the meeting of the General Assembly until Thursday the 12th day of December next, and all Sheriffs, and others who it may concern, are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 20th day of September, 1811, in the 51st year of His Majesty's Reign.

ALEXANDER CROKE.

By His Honor's Command,

SAM. HOOD GEORGE.

PROCLAMATION,

BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL
Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,

*Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, 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 12th day of December next:—

I have thought fit, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, until Thursday the 6th day of February, 1812, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business, of which all persons concerned, are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 4th day of November, 1811, in the 52d year of His Majesty's Reign.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

SAM. HOOD GEORGE.

God Save the King.

JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA,

Begun and holden at Halifax, on **THURSDAY**, the sixth Day of **FEBRUARY**, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve, in the Fifty Second 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 Sir **GEORGE PREVOST**, Baronet, then Lieutenant Governor having, by his Proclamation (hereunto annexed) dated the 14th August, 1811, dissolved the last General Assembly, and called a new Assembly; and the said Assembly, by virtue of two subsequent Proclamations: One by his Hon^r **ALEXANDER CROKE**, President and Commander in Chief, bearing date the 20th day of September following; and the other by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir **JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE**, K. B. dated the 4th day of November last, (which Proclamations are also hereunto annexed) having been prorogued, and afterwards appointed to meet and sit at Halifax, this day, being the sixth day of February, in the year 1812, the following are the names of the Members returned by the several

several Sheriffs of the several Counties, within this Province, to represent the same in the said General Assembly, summoned to meet as before mentioned, viz :—

County of Halifax.

Edward Mortimer,
Samuel G. W. Archibald,
Simon Bradstreet Robie,
William Lawson.

County of Annapolis.

Thomas Ritchie,
Peleg Wiswall.

County of Lunenburg.

Lewis Morris Wilkins,
Francis Joseph Rudolf.

County of Cumberland.

Thomas Roach,
Henry Purdy.

King's County.

Jonathan Crane,
John Wells.

Queen's County.

Snow Parker,
George Collins.

County of Hants:

Wm. H. Otis Haliburton,
Shubael Dimock.

County of Shelburne.

Jacob Van Buskirk,
James Lent.

County of Sydney.

John Ballaine,
John George Marshall.

Town of Halifax.

John George Pyke,
John Pryor.

Town of Truro.

James Kent.

Town of Onslow.

Nathaniel Marsters.

Town of Londonderry.

James Flemming.

Town of Annapolis.

John Harris.

Town of Granville.

Isaiah Shaw.

Town of Digby.

John Warwick.

Town of Lunenburg.

John Creighton.

Town of Amherst.

Edward Baker.

Town of Horton.

Samuel Bishop.

Town of Cornwallis.

William Allen Chipman.

Town of Liverpool.

Joseph Freeman.

Town of Windsor.

Loran Dewolf.

Town of Falmouth.

John Maning.

Town of Newport.

John Allison.

Town of Shelburne.

Colin Campbell.

Town of Barrington.

John Sargant.

Town of Yarmouth.

Samuel Marshall.

In virtue of a Commission from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to the Honorable *Richard John Uniacke*, His Majesty's Attorney General; and the Honorable *James Stewart*, His Majesty's Solicitor General, a copy of which is as follows, viz :

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

(L.S.)

BY His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

To all whom these Presents shall come—GREETING.

KNOW ye, that I, the said Lieutenant-Governor, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, have named, constituted and appointed, and do, by these presents, constitute and appoint, the Honorable *Richard John Uniacke*, His Majesty's Attorney General, and the Honorable *James Stewart*, His Majesty's Solicitor General, to be a Commissioner or Commissioners, or either of them, to tender and administer the usual State Oaths, according to Law, to all and every person and persons, who is, are, or shall be, elected a Member of the House of Assembly in this Province; giving them, or either of them, full power and authority

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ty to perform the matters herein before mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever the said Commissioners, or either of them, shall do and perform on this behalf.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and caused my Seal at Arms to be hereunto affixed, at Halifax, this 6th day of February, 1812, in the 52d year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. H. COGSWELL,

Deputy Secretary.

The said Commissioners came, between one and two o'clock, into the House, where the Members of the House of Assembly usually sit; and the following Members, who appeared, took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, in their presence, Viz.

<i>County of Halifax.</i>	<i>County of Sydney.</i>	<i>Town of Amherst.</i>
Simon Bradstreet Robie	John Ballaine,	Edward Baker.
William Lawson	John George Marshall.	<i>Town of Horton.</i>
<i>County of Annapolis.</i>	<i>Town of Halifax.</i>	Samuel Bishop.
Peleg Wiswall.	John George Pyke,	<i>Town of Cornwallis.</i>
<i>County of Lunenburg.</i>	John Pryor.	William A. Chipman.
Lewis Morris Wilkins.	<i>Town of Truro.</i>	<i>Town of Liverpool.</i>
<i>County of Cumberland.</i>	James Kent.	Joseph Freeman.
Henry Purdy.	<i>Town of Onslow.</i>	<i>Town of Windsor.</i>
<i>King's County,</i>	Nathaniel Marsters.	Loran Dewolf.
Jonathan Crane.	<i>Town of Londonderry.</i>	<i>Town of Falmouth.</i>
<i>Queen's County.</i>	James Flemming.	John Maning.
Snow Parker.	<i>Town of Annapolis.</i>	<i>Town of Newport.</i>
<i>County of Hants.</i>	John Harris.	John Allison.
Wm. H. Otis Haliburton,	<i>Town of Digby.</i>	<i>Town of Barrington.</i>
Shubael Dimock.	John Warwick.	John Sargant.

After which, a Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Cogswell, Deputy-Secretary, as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands your attendance immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Members went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber; when the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's command, said:

Gentlemen,

It is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person as your Speaker; and that you present such person, whom you shall so choose, here immediately, for His Excellency's approbation.

And the House being returned,

Mr. Sargant proposed to the House, Simon Bradstreet Robie, Esq. Member

for the County of Halifax; and Mr. Chipman, proposed Lewis Morris Wilkins, Esq. Member for the County of Lunenburg, for their Speaker; and the choice of the House having fallen upon Lewis Morris Wilkins, Esq. he stood up in his place, and expressing the honor proposed to be conferred upon him by the House, submitted himself to their choice; and he was taken out of his place, by John George Pyke, Esq. Member for Halifax, and conducted to, and placed in the Chair accordingly; and thereupon,

Mr. Speaker, Elect, addressed the Members as follows:

Gentlemen,

It would be in vain for me to attempt, by any form of words, to express the high sense I entertain of the honour you have this day done me by placing me again in the Chair; it will be sufficient, therefore, for me to declare and assure you, that my constant endeavours shall be exerted to preserve the privileges and promote the comfort of every Member of this House, and so to conduct myself in the exalted situation in which you have placed me, as to afford no cause to regret the confidence you have reposed in me.

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Cogswell, 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. Pyke, Member for the Town of Halifax, who addressed his Excellency as follows:

May it please your Excellency,

The House of Assembly, agreeably to your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq. to that Office.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to say:

I approve of the Speaker which the House of Assembly have chosen.

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 feel myself invested with the arduous and important duties of that exalted station; fourteen years experience in the Assembly has taught me its forms, and I have learnt that the surest way to preserve the harmony and good understanding of the different branches of the Legislature is to preserve inviolate the privileges of either; it shall therefore be my study to maintain the privileges of the Assembly, and cautiously to guard against any intrusion on the rights of the other Branches; and your Excellency may rely on my exertions to promote the ease and comfort of your administration.

I beg leave to demand, on the part of the Commons of Nova-Scotia; the enjoyment of their usual and ancient privileges; that they and their Servants may be free from

from arrest; that they may, from time to time, have access to your Excellency's person, and that your Excellency will be pleased to put the most favourable construction on all their words and actions.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that his Excellency in reply said: I most cheerfully grant your request, conformable to Ancient Usage, the Law of the Land, and the Royal Instructions.

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 Assembly:—

HIS Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, having been pleased, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, most graciously to commit to me the Administration of the Government of this Province, I feel great satisfaction in now meeting you in General Assembly; as it affords me an opportunity of personally assuring you, that my best endeavours shall be used to promote the prosperity and welfare of this valuable Colony.

The flattering accounts which I have received of the improving state of the Trade, Fisheries and Agriculture of the Province, have been particularly gratifying to me; and I trust, that by our joint exertions and endeavours to advance the public good, these indications of rising prosperity will continue rapidly to increase.

The very commendable attention you have paid to the Roads, and to the establishing a respectable Constitutional Force for the defence of the Province, are measures of very great public utility.

I regret, that the advanced season of the year in which I arrived here, has prevented my inspecting the Militia; but I am happy to inform you, that I have received such favourable reports of the progress made by several of the Battalions in their discipline, as give me reason to believe (should circumstances require their being called into more active service) that a considerable part of this Force is already in a state to render very essential benefit to the Country, and to perform their duty in such a manner as will reflect honour upon themselves and the Province.

The Treasurer has received my directions to lay before you a statement of the Public Accounts for the last year, to which I feel it my duty to call your most serious attention, as the Expenditures appear thereby to have exceeded the Receipts of the Revenue:—And the Deputy Secretary of the Province will, by my order, present to you the Estimate for the Civil Establishment of the Government, and for such other public Services, as appear to be necessary to be provided for in this Session.

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

From the patriotic and loyal spirit, which has I find so often manifested itself in the conduct of the Representatives of this Province; I can have no doubt but that you will make the necessary provision for the Civil Establishment, and the other services specified in the Estimate; and I shall confide in your liberality and wisdom to grant such further Supplies as the public good, or the exigencies of

affairs may be found to require:—On my part, you may rest assured, Gentlemen, that no care or vigilance shall be wanting to ensure a strict observance of the most rigid œconomy in the public expenditure, and a faithful application of the Revenue to the purposes for which it may be granted.

Gentlemen of the Council.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

It is with deep concern I acquaint you, that the latest accounts which have reached me, of the state of our beloved Sovereign's health, are not of a nature so favourable as to warrant our indulging very sanguine hopes of his Majesty's speedy recovery. I should have forborne adverting to this melancholy circumstance now, did I not suppose that you would, on this occasion, expect such information from me, as I might be in possession of upon this most interesting subject.

I shall hope, Gentlemen, to be favoured upon all occasions with the assistance of your advice; and I trust you will never find me backward in affording my most zealous support to any measures which may have for their object the encouragement of industry and good morals among the People, and the advancement of the prosperity, improvement and security, of this Province.

On motion, *ordered*; That Mr. Robie, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Wiswall, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

The House then proceeded to the choice of Officers, when James Boutineau Francklin, Esq. was chosen Clerk.

The Reverend Robert Stanfer, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Chaplain.

Mr. John Angus, Sergeant at Arms; and

Mr. Israel Conky, Messenger.

The Clerk took the usual Oaths.

Ordered, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Warwick, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Allison, Mr. Crane, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Sargant, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Dimock, and Mr. Pryor, be a grand Committee of Justice.

Resolved, That no petition of a private nature, be received after Monday the 17th instant.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at two of the clock.

Friday, 7th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

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 Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1811.

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

Thomas Ritchie, Esq. Member for the County of Annapolis; and John Wells, Esq. Member for King's County, took their Seats, having previously taken the Oaths

Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration, at the Table of the House in the presence of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Letter from Scroope Barnard Moreland, Esq. the Provincial Agent, dated London, 11th March, 1811; which the Speaker said he had received during the recess of the House; also a copy of a Letter from him in answer, dated Halifax, 20th May last; also,

A copy of a Letter from Mr. Speaker to William Sabatier, Esq. Chairman of the Committee of Merchants, at Halifax, dated 25th April, 1811; and Mr. Sabatier's Letter in answer thereto, dated 1st May last; also,

A Letter from the Speaker of the Assembly in New-Brunswick, dated 15th March, 1811, addressed to Mr. Speaker, on the subject of Gypsum or Plaster of Paris.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, that he had received a Letter from Lawrence Hartshorne, Esq. enclosing a Note from the Chairman of the Committee of the Halifax Exchange Coffee-House, tendering the privileges of the same to the Members of the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do request the Chairman of the Exchange Coffee-House, in the name of the Members, to thank the Subscribers for their attention.

Ordered, That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Ballaine, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Crane, 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Wiswall, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Pyke, be a committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws.

Mr. Wiswall 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 read, and is as follows:—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL
Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,

Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies,
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WE, the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal and affectionate Subjects, the People of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of this Session of the General Assembly.

The gracious care of this Province, manifested by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in committing the Administration of its Government (in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty) to a person of your Excellency's distinguished rank and talents, calls forth our warmest gratitude. We confidently rely upon the assurance that your endeavours will be used to promote the prosperity of this Colony; and

we beg leave to assure your Excellency, that nothing on our part shall be wanting to make those endeavours effectual to the end proposed.

We are happy to find that the past measures of the General Assembly of this Province, respecting the Militia and Road Establishments, meet with your Excellency's approbation; and are much gratified to learn from your Excellency, that the progress made by several of the Militia Battalions, in their discipline, is such, as to afford your Excellency ground to hope for essential service (should circumstances require it) from this loyal and useful body of His Majesty's Subjects — And we make no doubt, but that, under the directing eye of your Excellency the whole Militia of Nova Scotia may be brought to perform their duty in such a manner as to reflect honor upon themselves and the Province.

We shall give our most serious attention to the state of the Public Accounts, when laid before us. It is with great concern, that we learn from your Excellency that the Expenditures for the last year have exceeded the Receipts of the Revenue. The causes leading to this circumstance we shall endeavour minutely to investigate; — and to provide and adopt such cautionary measures as may tend in future to prevent a like occurrence.

Your Excellency may confidently rely on our disposition to make a suitable provision for the necessary Civil Establishments of this Province, and also for such other things, connected with the general good, as the exigency of Public Affairs may be found to require; and we have the fullest persuasion that your Excellency will promote the observance of that rigid economy in the public expenditure which the present prospect of affairs seems to require; and also enforce the faithful application of the Revenue, to the purposes for which it may be granted.

It is with the most distressing feeling that we turn to the melancholy subject adverted to in your Excellency's Speech, which regards our revered and beloved Sovereign. We can only offer our prayers on this occasion to Divine Providence, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, that he may in his goodness restore him once more to his family and people.

We thank your Excellency for your offers of support to any measures which may have for their object the encouragement of industry and good morals among the people, and the advancement of the prosperity, improvement and security, of this Province. — And we beg leave to assure your Excellency of our ready and zealous assistance towards the attainment of such valuable ends.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Crane, and Mr. Purdy, be a committee to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock

Saturday, 8th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the Letter from the Speaker of the Assembly in New Brunswick, on the subject of Gypsum or Plaster or Paris, was read; and thereupon,

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On motion, the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Letter.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned 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 Speaker should be directed by the House, to write to the Speaker of the Assembly of New-Brunswick, and acknowledge the receipt of his Letter, and inform him that the House will give the subject contained therein, an early consideration, and from time to time communicate with the Assembly of New-Brunswick respecting the same ; and further that Mr. Speaker should request the Speaker of the Assembly of New-Brunswick, to acquaint this House, from time to time, of their proceedings on the subject of said Letter.

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

Mr. Pyke reported from the committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House ; that the committee had, pursuant to order, waited on his Excellency accordingly ; and that his Excellency was pleased to appoint this day, at two of the clock, at the Government-House.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended his Excellency with their Address, pursuant to the resolution of yesterday ;

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that his Excellency had been pleased to give this Answer :

Mr. SPEAKER, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :—

THE fervent wishes you offer for the re-establishment of our beloved Sovereign's health ; the ready disposition you shew to make such a Provision as the exigency of Public Affairs may be found to require ; and the very flattering sentiments you are pleased to express of my Public Services, render your Address particularly acceptable to me.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

Government-House, 8th February, 1812.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 10th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Christian Muller, Sheriff of the County of Sydney, was presented
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by Mr. Ballaine, and read, praying for the sum of £.32 11 0, to defray expenses incurred by him for removing Walter Lee, charged with Murder, from the Goal in Guysborough, to Halifax, under a Writ of Habeas Corpus, as per account annexed.

A petition of Abraham Webster, jun. of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, praying relief for an injury he alledges he sustains by the Post Road leading to Annapolis, running in a very crooked direction, through part of his Land.

A petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Barfs, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying for a drawback of the duty on 4738 gallons of Rum, purchased with the produce of the Province at the Island of St. Croix, and imported from thence into the port of Halifax, in April last.

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

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act for laying an Imposit Duty on all Articles imported into this Province from the United States of America ; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the state of the Plaster Paris or Gypsum Trade of this Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the business to them referred, and that the committee had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows :—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient that a Duty should be imposed upon all Plaster of Paris or Gypsum, which may be hereafter exported from this Province.

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

On motion, *ordered,* That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Dewolf, and Mr. Wiswall, do prepare and bring in a Bill conformable to the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Pyke, (Quarter-Master-General of Militia) delivered to the House, an account of Arms and Accoutrements purchased for and issued to the Militia, from May, 1808, to July, 1811, amounting to £.14,921 14 7½d.

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

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved,* That a conference be desired with His Majesty's Council, by committee, on the subject of the Plaster of Paris, or Gypsum Trade, of this Province ; and that the Clerk do request the same.

Francis Joseph Rudolf, Esq. Member for the County of Lunenburg ; and John Creighton, Esq. Member for the Town of Lunenburg, took their Seats, having previously taken the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual Declaration,

claration, at the Table of the House in presence of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a return of the proceedings had upon a Scrutiny in the late Election for King's County ; together with copies of certain Deeds and Affidavits accompanying the same ; which papers Mr. Speaker said he had received under a cover from the Sheriff of the said County.

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

Mr. Deputy-Secretary Cogswell, 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 :

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

I take the earliest opportunity of communicating to the Assembly, that I have received directions from His Majesty's Ministers, to assure the Council and Assembly of this Province, that the Address of the General Assembly, respecting the suspension of His Majesty's Quit Rents here, having been considered, His Majesty will suspend any demand for Quit Rents now due, or that may hereafter be due, in respect of Lands held of His Majesty in Nova-Scotia. *on condition*, That some suitable provision be made for the Clergy of the Established Church in this Colony ; and that such suspension will take place immediately on the completion of measures on the part of the Provincial Legislature, providing an annual allowance for such Clergy.

Without particularly adverting to the manifest advantage which this arrangement will afford to the land-holders subject to the Quit Rents (of which the Assembly must be fully sensible,) I feel confident that they will duly appreciate his Majesty's gracious attention to their Memorial, and be disposed to adopt such measures on their part, as will comport with his Majesty's wishes in behalf of the Clergy.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

Mr. Cogswell also delivered to the House, by order of His Excellency :

An Estimate of the expense for the support of the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Government for the year 1812 ; and thereupon,

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

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that this House will on Friday next, the 14th inst. take into consideration the foregoing Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *ordered*, that Mr. Robie be excused from his attendance on the House, in consequence of the death of his Father.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 11th February, 1812:

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of the Act for laying a duty on articles imported into this Province from the United States of America, was read a second time.

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

A petition of John D. Hawthorn and James Barfs, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying to be allowed the tonnage bounty on the schooner Polly, employed in the Fishery; and also the bounty on a quantity of Fish, caught by them in the said vessel, between the 5th June and 30th September last, and which Fish were destroyed in a gale on the 30th September, at Guyfborough.

A petition of Archibald Carr and others, inhabitants of Douglass, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying an aid to enable them to open a Road from Noel Village, down the Shore to Petit.

A petition of Caleb Nickerson, George C. Dauphiney and others, Fishermen, residing on the shores of the Province, was presented by Mr. Pryor, and read, praying the Bounty may be extended to vessels under thirty tons employed in the Cod Fisheries, and on all Cod Fish caught in boats: likewise on all Mackarel, caught and brought to Market, in Barrels of the size and description prescribed by Law.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts.

The Council agree to the conference as desired by this House, on the subject of Plaister of Paris, immediately in the Committee-Room of the Council.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Dewolf, and Mr. Wiswall, do manage the said conference; and that they attend accordingly.

And they went to the conference.

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 laying an Impost Duty on all articles imported from the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 12th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell 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 :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

WHEN I received the possession of Government House I found that the Roof had been so much injured by Storms as to render immediate repairs necessary, not only for the comfortable occupation of the Building, but also for its preservation. Some repairs have been done by my orders, and I think that an accurate survey should be made by proper persons to ascertain what further may be required.

I request the Assembly will take the subject into consideration, and grant such sums of Money as may be necessary to defray the charge incurred, and to put the whole Premises into good tenantable condition.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

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

A petition of Jared Ingersol Chipman, and David Borden, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, setting forth :

That on the seventeenth day of August last past, in the year of our Lord 1811, a Writ was issued by his Excellency Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Bart. the then Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia, &c. directed to George Chipman, Esq. the High Sheriff of King's County, commanding him to open a Poll at the County Court House in Horton, for the election of two Members to represent the said County in the General Assembly of this Province, which said Writ was returnable on the tenth day of October then next following. That the said Sheriff, in obedience to the said Writ so to him directed, having given such previous notice as the Law requires, did on Wednesday the twenty-fifth day of September next following the test of the said Writ, open a Poll at the County Court House in Horton, for the election of two Members to represent the said County as aforesaid. That at the opening of the said Poll, the Petitioners, and Jonathan Crane, and John Wells, Esquires, offered themselves as Candidates for the said Election ; the said Jonathan Crane and John Wells having agreed to join their interest, and act in concert during the said Election. That the Poll continued open at Horton aforesaid, until Saturday the 28th day of September aforesaid, when, in pursuance of an application made by the said Jonathan Crane and John Wells, on the day of opening the Poll, the same was adjourned to Parrsborough, in said County, where being again opened on the seventh day of October, it continued until the eighth day of the same month, when it was finally closed, and the said Jonathan Crane and John Wells were, by the said Sheriff, declared duly elected to serve in the General Assembly of this Province. That during the holding of the

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faid Poll, a large number of votes were objected to by each of the faid Candidates, and marked by the Sheriff on the Poll Book, and that immediately after the close of the faid Poll the Petitioners, agreeably to Law, demanded a scrutiny on such votes as were severally objected to by them, and marked by the Sheriff at the time of polling. That the Sheriff on the day after the close of the Poll, with the Inspectors by him chosen according to Law, proceeded to scrutinize the votes so objected to as aforesaid; and, after several adjournments of the faid scrutiny, the same was closed on the fifth day of February instant.

And the Petitioners further shew unto this Honorable House, that at the faid scrutiny, they produced to the faid Sheriff and Inspectors, copies of certain Deeds made by the faid Jonathan Crane to divers persons therein named, under which many persons who voted at faid Election, claimed their right to vote, and which Deeds were objected to by the Petitioners as insufficient, and having been fraudulently made by the faid Jonathan Crane, for the purpose of qualifying the persons therein named to vote at the faid Election, all which copies of the faid Deeds are certified by the Deputy Registrar for the township of Horton, and are annexed to the scrutiny book, returned by the faid Sheriff to this Honorable House, and are numbered from one to eight, as by reference to the faid scrutiny book and copies of Deeds, will more fully appear.

That in several of the abovementioned Deeds there are conditions restricting and prohibiting the Grantees therein named, from alienating or disposing of the Lands therein granted, and also stating that the faid Lands are not subject to alienation or attachment, until the consideration money therein mentioned should be paid to the faid Jonathan Crane; that the Tracts of Land in many of the faid Deeds mentioned, are situated in different parts of King's County, and at great distances from each other, and that a much greater number of Grantees is comprehended in most of the faid Deeds, than is ever contained in Deeds of Lands, where a real and *bona fide* sale is intended to be made, and a full and legal property conveyed; and further that there is such manifest confusion and uncertainty in the description of the Lands and Premises in faid Deeds mentioned, as render it plain and certain that they were not intended to vest a full, absolute and legal, Estate in the persons to whom the faid Lands are pretended to be conveyed.

That in others of the faid Deeds, the faid Jonathan Crane has pretended to sell and convey parts of the Common and undivided Lands in the Township of Horton, which belong indiscriminately to the proprietors of the faid Township. That in others the faid Jonathan Crane has given and granted away large tracts and parcels of land to several persons, who voted under the Deeds thereof from the faid Jonathan Crane, at the faid Election; to which faid lands and premises it manifestly appears, that the faid Jonathan Crane had no right or title at the time of the faid Election, or at any time previous thereto; and that since the faid Election, and during the faid scrutiny, the faid Jonathan Crane has procured conveyances from the true owners of lands, of which he, the faid Jonathan Crane, had, long before the faid Election, given Deeds to persons, who then voted for him and the faid John Wells under the same.

That in some of faid Deeds, the same lands and premises are twice conveyed to different persons by the faid Jonathan Crane; and that in other instances, the faid

said Jonathan Crane has mortgaged lands for real debts, due by him ; which lands he had before conveyed to other persons ; whereby it manifestly appears, that the said Jonathan Crane did not consider himself as having conveyed away any legal estate, whatsoever by the Deeds first made.

And the Petitioners further state, that many of the persons, to whom such fraudulent Deeds were made by the said Jonathan Crane, never knew of the same until they were informed by him, or some of his agents, that they had good titles on record, and were requested to vote for the said Jonathan Crane and John Wells at the said Election.

And the Petitioners further shew unto this Honorable House, that the said Jonathan Crane hath used various other frauds, contrivances and illegal means, for the purpose of obtaining votes at the said Election, which will manifestly appear to this Honorable House, on reference to the said certified copies of Deeds and other Documents annexed to the said scrutiny book, whereby the said Jonathan Crane hath in a corrupt, fraudulent, unjust and illegal manner, procured and obtained an unfair and undue majority of votes to be given for himself, and the said John Wells, at the said Election, and hath procured himself, and the said John Wells, to be returned as Members for the County aforesaid, to this Honorable House.

And the Petitioners further state, that the said Jonathan Crane hath used many other corrupt, fraudulent, undue and illegal, practices to procure himself and the said John Wells to be so returned as aforesaid : to the manifest injury and prejudice of the Petitioners, and the fair and lawful Electors and Freeholders of the said County, and in open violation of the Rights, Privileges and Constitution, of this Honorable House.

And the Petitioners further state, that several other persons, who voted at said Election for the said Jonathan Crane and John Wells, besides those who voted under the aforesaid Deeds, and whose votes were objected to by the Petitioners, and marked at the time of polling—were not legally qualified and entitled to vote at the said Election, as will fully appear to this Honorable House by the evidence produced to the said Sheriff and Inspectors at the said Scrutiny, and by the said Sheriff reported to this Honorable House, and also by further evidence, which the Petitioners are ready to produce, that the said votes ought to be struck off as bad and insufficient.

The Petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that this Honorable House would take their case into consideration, and be pleased to declare the Seats of the said Jonathan Crane and John Wells vacant, on account of the beforementioned corrupt, fraudulent, and illegal practices of the said Jonathan Crane, or would be pleased to order the said Sheriff to amend his return by inserting the names of the Petitioners, instead of the said Jonathan Crane and John Wells, or will grant such other relief as to your wisdom shall seem fit ; and the Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, the Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was read by the Clerk ; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Creighton, Mr. Pyke, and Mr. Sargent, be a committee to enquire

enquire into, and report upon, the state of the Government House, and also to cause an estimate to be made of the necessary repairs which will be required to put the same into good tenantable condition.

Mr. Haliburton reported that the Managers had held a conference with a committee of the Council on the subject of the Plaster Paris or Gypsum Trade of the Province, and he stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 13th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A petition of William Parker, and others, inhabitants of Petit, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid to repair the Road leading from that Settlement to Newport, on the main road to Halifax.

Ordered, that the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that the petition of Jared I. Chipman and David Borden, complaining of an undue Election for King's County, together with the proceedings had upon the scrutiny returned to this House by the Sheriff of the said County, be referred to a select committee to be appointed by the House, and thereupon,

The House proceeded to the balloting for the select committee agreeably to the mode practised by the House on the 25th March, 1793, and the names of the five Members remaining unstruck were read, and are as follows: Mr. Creighton, Mr. Harris, Mr. Warwick, Mr. Purdy, and Mr. Baker.

Mr. Speaker then called on the Petitioners to nominate one from amongst the Members then present who had not been drawn, to be added to those chosen by lot, to serve on the said select committee; as also, on the sitting Members to choose one in like manner on their part; and thereupon, the Petitioners named Peleg Witwall, Esq. and the sitting Members Simon B. Robie, Esq. The names of the before mentioned five Members, and the names of Peleg Witwall, and S. B. Robie, nominated as aforesaid, were called over, and being come to the Table, they were acquainted by Mr. Speaker, that they were a committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Jared I. Chipman and David Borden, complaining of an undue Election for the County of King's County, and proceed thereon, agreeable to the Resolution of this day.

Ordered, That the select committee do meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, in the committee-room of the House.

Samuel Marshall, Esquire, Member for the Town of Yarmouth, took his seat, having previously taken the usual oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual declaration at the Table of the House, in presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

A petition of Archibald Smith was presented by Mr. Warwick, and read, setting forth :—

That a Writ bearing date the seventeenth day of August last, was directed to William Smith, Esquire, the Sheriff of the County of Hants, commanding him to call together the Freeholders of the Township of Newport, to elect one fit and proper person to represent that Township in the General Assembly of this Province. That in obedience to such Writ, the said William Smith, gave the notice required by the Law of the Province, and appointed Saturday the 28th day of September following, to be the day on which the Freeholders should meet for that purpose.

That on that day the Petitioner went to the place at which the Sheriff had appointed the Election to take place, and offered himself a Candidate for the suffrages of the Freeholders of the said Township, to represent them in the General Assembly of this Province. That at the same time, Mr. John Allison, of the County of Hants, came to the Hustings, and offered himself a Candidate to represent the said Township, whereupon a Poll was opened, according to Law, but before any vote was taken by the said Sheriff, the Petitioner objected to Mr. Allison, as not being qualified to represent the Township of Newport, he not owning a Freehold, such as the Law of the Province requires, within the lines and boundaries of that Township, as fixed and settled in the Grant, passed under the Great Seal of the Province, bearing date the 21st July, 1761, by which that Township was erected and established, as by reference to the said Grant will more fully appear; and the Petitioner at the same time requested the said Sheriff to make a minute of such objection on the Poll Book, which he did not think proper to do. That the Election then proceeded, and the Sheriff continued to take the votes of such of the Freeholders as came forward to vote, until four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, when, by the consent of the two Candidates, he adjourned the Poll until ten o'clock on the following Monday. That during the time the Poll was opened on the first day, two persons, the one named William Hsnley, and the other Stephen Wilcox, came forward to the Hustings, and voted for the Petitioner, and their names were entered on the Poll Book, but Mr. Allison objecting to them as unqualified, not being Freeholders in the Township of Newport, their names were expunged by the Sheriff, notwithstanding the Petitioner objected to it, and told him to make a mark opposite to their names, and let them remain subject to a scrutiny, if Mr. Allison chose to demand one.

That on the said Monday, at the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon, the Poll was again opened at the same place, and the Petitioner, and Mr. Allison, appeared at the Hustings, but on account of a tremendous storm and gale of wind which arose on that day, many persons were prevented from coming to vote, as the bridges were carried away, and the lives of many would have been endangered, if they had attempted to come across the dykes, which were overflowed, and without crossing which they could not get to the Hustings. That the Petitioner represented this to the Sheriff, and requested him to adjourn the Poll to the following day, as it was impossible for many of his friends to come that day, but the Sheriff, notwithstanding this, kept the Poll open for an hour and a half after dark, until the Petitioner's last vote was taken, and then closed the Poll, declaring Mr. Allison to be duly elected, he having at that time a majority of twelve votes.

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That a great many persons, who had been prevented coming to the Hustings, for the reasons before stated, were actually on their way the next day, to vote for the Petitioner, when they were informed that the Poll had been closed; and the Petitioner is certain, that if the Poll had not been improperly and illegally closed at the time it was, he would have had a majority of votes, and praying that the House would take the subject of his petition, and the proofs in support of it, into consideration, and if it should appear that Mr. John Allison, the sitting Member, was not at the time of the Election duly and legally qualified to represent the Township of Newport, then that the House would declare his Seat to be vacant, and direct the Sheriff to amend his Writ, and return the Petitioner duly elected; and if it should appear that any improper or undue advantage was given to the said John Allison at the said Election, by erasing the names of any of the Electors who had voted for the Petitioner from the Poll Book, or in closing the Poll at an improper time, instead of adjourning it, or in any other way; then, that the House would be pleased to declare the Seat of the said John Allison to be vacant, or do whatsoever in its wisdom it may deem expedient for the relief of the Petitioner; and that the Petitioner have permission of the House to be heard at its Bar, by his Counsel.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Wiswall, *ordered*, that Archibald Smith, be heard by himself or Counsel, at the Bar of the House, on Tuesday next the 18th instant, on the merits of his petition.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for regulating the holding of Courts for the Trial of Criminal Offences, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday, 14th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A petition of John Higgins, and others, inhabitants of the upper Settlement in Rawdon, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid to improve the Road leading from thence to the main road through Rawdon.

Ordered, that the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Bill for regulating the holding of Courts for the Trial of Criminal Offences, was read a second time.

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

Edward Mortimer and Samuel G. W. Archibald, Esquires, Members for the County of Halifax, severally took their seats, having previously taken the usual oaths prescribed by Law, and subscribed the usual declaration at the Table of the

the House, in the presence of the Honorable Richard John Uniacke, one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, That this House will on Thursday next, the 20th instant, take into consideration the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to this House on the subject of the Quit Rents.

A petition of Leonard Maxiner, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying payment of the sum of £.16 10, due to him for work performed in repairing the Tanner's Hill (so called) in Windsor, in the year 1803, agreeably to certificates and affidavits annexed to the petition.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A petition of Terence Cockran, one of the Candidates at the late Election for the County of Hants was presented by Mr. Warwick, and read, complaining of undue and improper influence having been used by William Smith, Sheriff of the said County, tending to prejudice the minds of the Freeholders against the Petitioner, after a Writ for the Election of Members to represent the County had come into the hands of the said Sheriff; and praying relief.

A petition of Thomas Pearson, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth :

That in pursuance of His Majesty's Writ, bearing test on the 17th August last past, directed to Jones Fawson, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Halifax, and requiring him to return a fit and proper person to represent the Township of Truro in General Assembly, a Poll for the Election of such Representative was begun at Truro, on Monday the 23d day of September last; when James Kent, of Truro, Esq. and your Petitioner, appeared at the Hustings, and declared themselves Candidates for the said Election. That the Poll was continued until late in the afternoon of Tuesday the 24th day of the same month, when it was closed; and there appearing then for the said James Kent, fifty three votes, and fifty for the Petitioner, being a majority of three votes in favor of the said James Kent, the said Sheriff declared him duly elected, and has returned him as the Representative of the said Township. That during the said Election, and at the times of their respective polling, the Petitioner objected and opposed himself to the receiving the votes of James Flemming, of Londonderry, Esq. who is returned as the Representative for that Township, of Jacob Wortman, Daniel Drue, John Smith, and John Johnstone, on the grounds that the four first mentioned persons were not qualified to vote according to the requisites of the Law of this Province, in that case provided; and that he the said John Johnstone was a person deaf and dumb from his birth, and totally incapacitated from taking the Freeholder's oath, and designating by himself, and without the intervention of others for whom he intended to vote; but notwithstanding his objections, which the Petitioner conceived to be valid, the votes of the persons above-mentioned were received and taken for the said James Kent, and thereby the aforesaid majority obtained, when, if their votes had been rejected, the majority of legal votes was and

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would have been in favor of the Petitioner. That immediately on the close of the Poll, the Petitioner demanded a scrutiny of the votes he had objected to, which was granted by the Sheriff, and proceeded on before him and his Assistants, on the twenty-fifth day of the same month, when the Petitioner scrutinized the votes of the five persons above-mentioned only, and produced such evidence as induced him to believe that those persons were not at the time of the Election qualified to vote, and that the votes then given by them were null and void, and that a majority of two legal votes remains in favor of the Petitioner. That all the proceedings on the said Scrutiny, are returned to the House, whom the Petitioner begs leave to refer to them and to the Poll Book for the particulars of the objections to the aforesaid persons, and of the evidence adduced in support of them, and if the House shall require any further evidence thereon, the Petitioner is prepared to produce such as he trusts will be perfectly conclusive in his favor, if that now before the House is considered in any respect deficient. And the Petitioner is well assured, that upon an investigation of the whole proceedings at the said Election and Scrutiny, the House will be of opinion that the majority of legal votes is in his favor: and praying that the House will take the above facts into consideration, and direct the Sheriff of the County of Halifax to amend his Return to the aforesaid Writ, by returning the Petitioner to be duly elected to represent the aforesaid Township, or that the House would grant him such other relief as in their wisdom they shall think proper.

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

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *ordered*, that Terence Coekran be heard by himself, or Counsel, at the Bar of the House, on Friday next the 21st instant.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that this House will on Friday next take into consideration the Petition of Thomas Pearson.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference, by committee, on the subject of the Plaster Paris Trade of the Province.

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 the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Haliburton reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, the House resolved itself into a committee of the

the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill for regulating the holding of Courts for the Trial of Criminal Offences.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had deferred the consideration of the said Bill to this day three months; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton 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, ten;

So Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote for the motion; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be re-committed to a committee of the whole House.

On motion, of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved*, that George Chipman, Sheriff for King's County; Daniel Bigelow, Arunah Rathburn, John Dickey, and David Dickey, be summoned to attend at the Bar of the House, on Tuesday next, the 18th instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as witnesses on the part of Jared I. Chipman and David Borden, Petitioners against the Election of King's County, and that the Clerk do summon the said persons accordingly.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday, 15th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A petition of George Bayne, and others, inhabitants of Digby, was presented by Mr. Warwick, and read, praying an aid to improve the Road, leading over the North Mountain, from Digby to Broad Cove and Gulliver's Hole, and the main road to Grand Passage.

A petition of Messrs. Black & Co. and Messrs. Foreman, Grassie & Co. of Halifax, Merchants, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying payment of the Bounty on a quantity of Salt, imported by them from Great-Britain, in the year 1810, and sold at Public Auction, agreeably to Law.

A petition of James Ewing, Merchant, was presented by Mr. Pryor, and read, praying that the Collector of Impost and Excise for Halifax, may be authorised to cancel a certain Bond given by him for the Excise Duty on a quantity of Furniture, imported from Scotland, in the Ship Greenock, to Pictou, amounting to £.107.6, it appearing that the said Duty had been previously paid to the Collector at Pictou.

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

On motion of Mr. Lawton, *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 Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, to attend the Committee of Public Accounts; and also to lay before the said Committee, such Official Papers in his possession, as they may deem requisite for the examination of the Public Accounts of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Parker, be a committee accordingly.

The Sheriff of the County of Halifax, laid before the House, a Return of the proceedings had upon a Scrutiny on the Election for the Town of Truro.

Ordered, That the Return do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that Archibald Frazer, William Singer, Mrs. Singer, his wife; Francis Denfmore, William O'Brien, Esquire, George Mother, Mrs. Scott, the wife of Alexander Scott, Esquire, William Wier, Esquire, and Robert Chambers, be summoned to attend at the Bar of this House, on Friday the 21st inst. at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as witnesses on the part of the Sheriff of Hants County, and that the Clerk do summon the said persons accordingly.

Mr. Pyke reported from the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, that the committee had waited on his Excellency accordingly, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would give immediate directions to the Collector to comply with the request of the House.

A petition of Joseph Frampton, was presented by Mr. Crane, and read, praying he may be allowed a Bounty on a quantity of Salt, imported by him from St. Ubes, into the port of Halifax, in August last.

A petition of Thomas Scott, was presented by Mr. Crane, and read, praying he may be allowed a Bounty, on a quantity of Salt, by him imported from Lisbon, into the port of Halifax, in August last.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Wiswall reported from the committee, on the subject of Plaister Paris, and accordingly presented a Bill for regulating the exportation of Gypsum, or Plaister of Paris, from this Province, and for imposing a Duty thereon, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the o'clock.

Monday, 17th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A petition of the Reverend George Wright, Master of the Halifax Grammar School, was presented by Mr. Pryor, and read, praying for the payment of

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£.450, being for the Salaries in arrear, for the Master and Usher of the said School for the years 1808, 1809, and 1810, and due to the petitioner.

A petition of Charles R. Prescott, William Lawson, and Joseph Allison, Merchants, was presented by Mr. Haliburton, and read, praying for an extension of time for the payment of certain Duties on Sugar and Coffee, imported by them from the West Indies.

Ordered, that the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Bill for regulating the exportation of Gypsum or Plaster of Paris from this Province, and for imposing a Duty thereon, was read a second time.

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

Thomas Roach, Esquire, Member for the County of Cumberland; and Isaiah Shaw, Esquire, Member for the Town of Granville, severally took their seats, having previously taken the usual oaths, and subscribed the usual declaration at the Table of the House, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, by granting a Bounty on the importation of Salt, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands, and the same was read a first time.

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

A petition of Rufus G. Taylor and John Osborne, Merchants, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Sunk Duty on a quantity of Coffee, imported by them from St. Domingo, and afterwards exported to Liverpool, in England, in the year 1810, amounting to £47 18 7.

A Petition of Phineas Lovett, jun. was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Impost Duty, by him paid on a quantity of Rum, Coffee and Molasses, imported from the Island of Jamaica, in the year 1809, amounting to £40 6 11.

A Petition of George M. Haliburton was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying for a Drawback of the Excise Duty, by him paid on a quantity of Prize Goods exported to Boston in the year 1806, amounting to £11 15 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Wells, *resolved*, that this House will on Monday next, the 24th inst. take into consideration the several Private Petitions before the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 18th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the Fisheries of this Province, by granting a Bounty on the importation of Salt; and also,

A Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands, were severally read a second time.

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

On motion, the Order of the Day; and also the Petition of Archibald Smith, complaining of an undue Election for the Town of Newport, were severally read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said Petition; and having heard Counsel, as also several witnesses and other evidence, on the behalf of the Petitioner; and likewise the Sheriff of the County of Hants, at the bar of the House, and the fitting Member for Newport, John Allison, Esquire, having also been fully heard in his place, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that the petition of Archibald Smith be dismissed, and the petition was dismissed accordingly.

Then the House adjourned until Thursday, at eleven of the clock, the Morrow being appointed as a Fast Day, by Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Thursday, 20th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that this House will on Tuesday the 27th instant, take into consideration his Excellency's Message on the subject of the Quit Rents.

On motion of Mr. Robie, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow take into consideration the Petition of Thomas Pearson.

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. Dimock 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 until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday,

Friday, 21st February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. S. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to explain, alter and amend, an Act, passed in the fiftieth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Commanding Engineer at Halifax, to enclose a part of the Highway, leading from Fort Massey to the Exercising Ground, on the Common of Halifax, 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.

On motion, the Order of the Day; and also the Petition of Thomas Pearson, complaining of an undue Election for the Town of Truro, were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that the Petitioner be heard by himself, or his Counsel, at the Bar of the House, and that he also have leave to produce evidence before the House in support of his Petition.

On motion, *resolved*, that James Kent, Esquire, the sitting Member for the Town of Truro, have leave to examine witnesses at the Bar of the House, on his behalf, if he shall think proper.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Petition of Thomas Pearson; and having heard Counsel, as also the Sheriff of the County of Halifax, and several witnesses, on the behalf of the Petitioner; and likewise several witnesses at the request and on the part of the sitting Member, at the Bar of the House; thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will to-morrow proceed further on the consideration of the Petition of Thomas Pearson, and the merits of the Election for the Town of Truro.

Mr. Lawson 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 to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; there appears a balance due him of £.1,682 18 3¹/₂, advanced out of the Monies appropriated for the payment of Arms.

The balance due on Bonds transmitted him by the Collector of Liverpool of £.48 3 6, on examination we find cannot be recovered, and is not included in the account current.

Collectors of Impost and Excise.

Halifax.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; there is a balance of Bonds in his hands for collection of

£.23,117 4 7

and for appropriated Wine Duty

1,635 2 6

£.24,752 7 1

Balance of Bonds in the hands of the Attorney General

3,240 18 7

£.27,993 5 8

His account of the appropriated duty for the payment of Arms has been received to the 31st December last ; he has paid into the Treasury the last year the sum of £.4,500 ; he has also a balance of Bonds in his hands for collection, of

2,497 13 0

Lunenburg.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct ; he has bonds for collection in his hands of

£.174 5 4

Cash in hand to be remitted

221 0 2

395 5 6

From the balance of the appropriated duty for the payment of Arms of £.369 19 4, reported to be due last year, he has paid into the Treasury, as appears by the Treasurer's account,

£.294 8 1

By his Returns he has secured the sum of

3 3 4

leaving a balance, due by him, to be accounted for, of

72 7 11

Liverpool.

His Accounts have been received, and are, as usual, incorrect, and not properly stated ; the Committee have again been obliged to make a statement of his account, by which it appears he is accountable to the 31st December last, for £.3,354 13 3¹/₂, in which is included the sum of £.539 15 10 appropriated duty, secured in June, and September Quarter last ; when deducted, leaves a balance of

2,814 17 5¹/₂

On

On the appropriated duty for the payment of Arms he is accountable for the balance reported last year of £ 394 4 0 Secured, as appeared by his Returns in June } and September Quarter last, } 539 15 10

£.933 19 10

The Committee have given him credit for Drawbacks the sum of £.48 14 11, which appears to have been allowed by the Commissioners of the Revenue, in December Quarter, and omitted by him in his account.

Shelburne.

It appears by the Treasurer's account, he has paid the balance reported to be due last year. No Account has been received ; by his Returns, it appears he has secured, and is accountable for

279 13 11

The balance of the appropriated duty reported to be due last year, of £ 80 2 4, has been paid, as appears by the Treasurer's account.

By his Returns he has secured the last year, and is accountable for

119 9 0

Yarmouth.

No Account Current has been received for the last three years : he still remains accountable for the balance reported last year of

£.562 2 7

His Quarterly Returns have been received } to the 31st Dec. last, amounting to the } 1,671 19 8½ } the sum of

£.2,234 2 3½

It appears by the Treasurer's account, he has paid him £.503 18 7, leaving a balance due by him, subject to the usual drawbacks, and his commissions on the whole, of The balance of the appropriated duty reported to be due last year of £.146 1 0, is paid, as appears by the Treasurer's Account.

1,730 13 8½

By his Quarterly Returns, it appears he has secured, and is accountable for

340 0 0

Annapolis.

An Account has been received from the former Collector, by which it appears, after deducting his commissions, from the sum reported to be due last year, leaves a balance, which has been paid the Attorney General, and for which he is accountable, of

56 5 8

No payments have been made from the Estate of the late Robert Dickson ; it appears, for want of Administrators, or some other cause, the property he left has not been accounted for;

by

by information from the Attorney General, no bond of his could be found. The debt is therefore a loss to the Province.

The present Collector's accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; it appears he has taken credit for £.25, which the Treasurer reports he has received since closing his accounts; he is therefore accountable for the sum of

£.437 11 6^e

From the balance of appropriated duty for the payment of Arms of £.154 7 4; reported to be due last year, he has paid the Treasurer, as appears by his account, the sum of £.40. By his quarterly returns he has secured the last year a sum of £.19 17 4, making a balance to be accounted for by him of

134 4 8

Cumberland.

No returns or remittances.

Colchester.

No returns or remittances.

Sydney.

No returns or remittances.

King's County.

No returns or remittances.

Hants.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct; the balance of £.35 13 5 paid into the Treasury.

Balance appropriated duty last year, paid the Treasurer of £.3 6 8.

Pictou.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct; he is accountable for a balance of £.10 12 3, amount received on account of appropriated Duty last year

239 0 8

LIGHT-HOUSES.

Halifax.

The Collector's Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received, and are correct: the amount paid the Treasurer of £.594 16 7.

Shelburne.

He has paid the Balance reported to be due last year of £.31 0 8.

Returns have been received to the 30th September last; the amount paid the Treasurer of £.23 15 8.

Liverpool.

Liverpool.

Returns have been received to the 30th September last and are correct; he has paid the Treasurer the sum of £.25 14 6.

Yarmouth.

No returns or remittances.

*Briar Island.**New Edinburgh.*

A Return has been received, by which it appears he has collected and is accountable for the sum of

£.19 18 6

The Treasurer's Account to the 31st December last has been received and is correct; there is a balance due him of

£.206 19 8

And to L. T. Hughes, for lighting Briar Island }
Light-House } 79 18 0

£.286 17 8

Isle of Sable.

The Commissioner's accounts to the 31st December last have been received, and are correct; there is a balance remaining in his hands of

127 17 7½

The Commissioner is still accountable for salvage on Cotton, and other articles retained in his hands, by direction of His Excellency Sir GEORGE PREVOST, for which he intends to make a special report.

Committee-Room, Halifax, 21st February, 1812.

CHARLES HILL,	} Committee of	WILLIAM LAWSON,	} Committee	
RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE,		WILLIAM ALLEN CHIPMAN,		of the
		JOHN PRYOR,		House of
		JOHN BALLAINE,		Assembly.
		JONATHAN CRANE,		

Dr. The Province of NOVA-SCOTIA,

1811.

December 31. To the following Sums appropriated and not yet drawn from the Treasury.

For Roads and Bridges	£.2,027	11	3
Balance of Emigrant Vote	7	14	7
Stone Magazine	180	0	0
Building Cranberry Island Light House	400	0	0
Furnishing Council Chamber and House of Assembly balance	89	14	0
Completing the Statutes do.	6	13	8
Plan of the Province	30	0	0
Stoves for the House of Assembly	30	0	0
Settler on West Branch of St. Mary's	30	0	0
Provincial Records balance	50	0	0
Pier at Arifrag	500	0	0
Liverpool Light House	500	0	0
Work House at Halifax	1,000	0	0
Balance Vote for Knapsacks	375	0	0
Balance Vote Province House	2,600	0	0
Bounty on Iron Works	1,200	0	0
Fish Bounties for 1811	2,943	10	0
	£11,970	3	6

Due the Treasurer on Light House Accounts
 J. T. Hughes for Briar Island Light House
 Balance due the Treasurer in General Account Current
 Left Vote for Settlement of Douglas Grant
 Balance of Vote for Philadelphia Grant

To Balance	14,023	6	11
	12,976	13	10
	£.27,000	0	0

CHARLES HILL,
 RICHARD JOHN UNLACKE, }
 Committee of
 Council.

COMMITTEE-ROOM,
 Halifax, 21st February, 1812.

WILLIAM LAWSON,
 WILLIAM ALLEN CHURMAN,
 JOHN PRYOR,
 JOHN BALLAINE,
 JONATHAN CRANE, }
 Committee of the
 House of Assembly.

Contra Cr.

1811.

Decr. 31. By Securities in the hands of the Collector of Impost and Excise, Halifax,
 Deduct for probable Drawbacks

£.27,993	5	8
5,993	5	8
£.22,000	0	0

By Balances unremitted, and Securities in the hands of Out Port Collectors—Viz:

Lunenburg	395	5	6
Liverpool	2,814	17	5½
Shelburne	279	13	11
Yarmouth	1,730	3	8½
Annapolis	£.56	5	8
Do.	437	11	6½

Picou	493	17	2½
	239	0	8

£.5,952	18	5
952	18	5

Deduct for probable Drawbacks

5,000	0	0
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Appropriated Duty for the Payment of Militia Arms.

Dr.

1811. Decr. 31.—To amount of cost of Arms and Accoutrements issued per account, rendered by the Quarter-Master-General, to this date

£.14,921 14 7½

Cr.

1810, Decr. 31.—By amount paid into the Treasury, by different Collectors, to this date } £.5,787 14 10
1811, Decr. 31. By cash paid into the Treasury, by the different Collectors last year—Viz:

Halifax	£.4,500	0	0
Lunenburg	294	8	1
Shelburne	80	2	4
Yarmouth	146	1	0
Annapolis	40	0	0
Hants	3	6	8
Pictou	10	12	3
			<u>5,074 10 4</u>

By amount of Bonds in the hands of the Collector of Halifax,

£.2,497 13 0

Deduct for probable Drawbacks,

497 13 0

2,000 0 0

By do. in the hands of Out Ports' Collectors, Viz.:

Lunenburg	£.72	7	11
Liverpool	933	19	10
Shelburne	119	9	0
Yarmouth	340	0	0
Annapolis	134	4	8
			<u>£.1,500 1 5</u>

Deduct for probable Drawbacks

500 1 5

1,100 0 0

By Balance

959 9 5½

£.14,921 14 7½

£.14,921 14 7½

Committee-Room, Halifax, 21st February, 1812.

WILLIAM LAWSON,
WM. ALLEN CHIPMAN,
JOHN PRYOR,
JOHN BALLAINE,
JONATHAN CRANE,

Committee

of the

House of Assembly.

CHARLES HILL,
RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE,

Committee of
Council.

Mr. Lawton also delivered to the House an Abstract of Grants for Roads and Bridges remaining unpaid the 31st December, 1811 :

1803.	Road from Remfleg to Tatamagushe	£.15	0	0
	Altering road at Round Hill, Annapolis	25	0	0
	Hammond Plain to Chester	50	0	0
1805.	Caribou Harbour to Halifax Road	12	0	0
	Sackville Bridge	99	2	9
	Clearing Shubenacadie River	46	5	9
1808.	Road from Windsor to Chester	35	0	0
1809.	Hammond Plain to Lunenburg	250	0	0
	Cole Harbour to Eastern Battery	25	0	0
	Bridge over Meander River from Newport to Halifax	50	0	0
	From Settlement on Briar Island to the Light House on said Island	45	0	0
1811.	Windsor Road to Fletcher's	65	0	0
	Ditto Ditto	135	0	0
	Fletcher's to Canty's	25	0	0
	Key's to Gay's River	8	3	0
	Cole Harbour to Cow Bay	50	0	0
	Lower Musquodoboit, by Porter's Lake, to Salmon River	11	0	0
	Gay's River to Truro	13	3	0
	Dorchester to the East Branch of St. Mary's River	96	0	0
	St. Mary's River to the head of the Tide	37	0	0
	Pugwash Harbour to John Ripley's	20	0	0
	New Canaan Road from bounds of Annapolis	30	0	0
	Aylesford to Cornwallis	35	0	0
	Township of Granville to North Mountain	50	0	0
	Ferry at Shubenaccadie to the Bridge at Wardrobe's	40	0	0
	River Herbert to Brown's	200	0	0
	To rebuild Cheverie Bridge	30	0	0
	Road called Cheverie, and to repair the Bridge over Bass River	100	0	0
	Beaver Creek in Rawdon	50	0	0
	Hammond Plains, on Road from Chester to Windsor	250	0	0
	Balance of Casualty Vote	129	16	9
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		£.2,027	11	3
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Ordered, That the said Report, Accounts and Abstract, 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.

Saturday, 22d February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the Order of the Day; also the Poll Book, and the Return of the Proceedings had on the Scrutiny in the Election for the Town of Truro, were severally read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Mr. Roach moved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the vote of James Flemming, given at the late Election for a Representative for the Town of Truro is a legal vote, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion twelve; against it, twenty.

For the Motion :

Mr. PARKER,
Mr. FREEMAN,
Mr. WISWALL,
Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. WARWICK,
Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. PURDY,
Mr. CREIGHTON.

Mr. MANNING,

Mr. SHAW,

Mr. J. G. MARSHALL.

Against the Motion :

Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. BALLAINE,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. DIMOCK,

Mr. BAKER,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. WELLS,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. MORTIMER.
Mr. S. MARSHALL.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Roach moved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the vote of Jacob Wortman, given at the Election for a Representative for the Town of Truro is a legal vote, which being seconded and put passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Chipman moved, that it is the opinion of this House, that the vote of John Smith, given at the Election for a Representative for the Town of Truro, is a legal vote, which being seconded and put passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Robie moved, that it is the opinion of this House, that John Johnstone, whose name appears on the Poll Book kept by the Sheriff at the late Election of a Member to represent the Town of Truro, was incapable of giving a vote at that Election: the said John Johnstone being a person born deaf and dumb, and having continued deaf and dumb ever since his birth, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared: for the motion, twenty; against it thirteen.

For the Motion,

Mr. PARKER,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. WELLS,
Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. BAKER,
Mr. ROACH,

Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. BALLAINE,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. CREIGHTON.

Against the Motion,

Mr. SHAW,
Mr. MANNING,
Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. PURDY,
Mr. FREEMAN,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. WARWICK,
Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. WISWALL,
Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. S. MARSHALL.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the o'clock.

Monday, 24th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Charles Baker, and others, was presented by Mr. Roach, and read, praying an aid to enable them to open a Road from the Bridge over the Napan River, near William Pipes's, to the Road leading from Amherst to Cobiquid, near William Black's, in the County of Cumberland.

A petition of William Morton, and others, was presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, praying an aid to improve the Road leading from the Church in Aylesford to the Bay of Fundy.

A petition of Alexander Scott, and others, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid to improve the Road in Douglafs, leading from Captain Maclean's old Farm towards the Shubenaccadie Bridge.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion of Mr. Haliburton, *resolved,* that this House will on Saturday next, the 29th inst. take into consideration the several Private Petitions before the House.

Pursuant to leave given, Mr. Mortimer presented a petition of Henry Taylor, Merchant and Distiller, and the same was read, praying for a remission of the Duty on such Sugars as may hereafter be distilled into Rum or Spirits, within the Province.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Kent moved, that the House do reconsider the Resolution of Saturday last, by which it was declared that John Johnstone, a dumb man, was not qualified to vote at the late Election for Truro, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared: for the motion sixteen; against the motion, sixteen:

For the Motion,

Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. WELLS,
Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. SHAW,
Mr. WARWICK,
Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. WISWALL,
Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. MANNING,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. S. MARSHALL,
Mr. PARKER,
Mr. PURDY,
Mr. CREIGHTON,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL.

Against the Motion,

Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. BAKER,
Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. BALLAINE.

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote for the motion.

So it passed in the affirmative.

On

On motion of Mr. Chipman, *resolved*, that this House will now proceed on the consideration of the Petition of Terence Cockran; the said petition was accordingly read by the Clerk; and the House having heard the Petitioner, by his Counsel, and also two witnesses in his behalf; and likewise the Sheriff of the County of Hants, by his Counsel, and also several witnesses on behalf of the said Sheriff, at the Bar of the House,

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Ezekiel Foster, and others, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read, praying an aid to enable them to open and improve a road from the main road in Granville, to the Bay of Fundy, between lots No. 101 and 102.

A Petition of George Troop, and others, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read, praying an aid to improve the road from the Post Road in Granville to the Bay of Fundy, between the farms of James Chute and Joseph Fellows.

A Petition of Robert Thomson, and others, inhabitants of Hammond Plains in the County of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Lawson, and read, praying an aid to improve the road from that Settlement to the main road leading to Halifax.

Mr. S. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of William Robinson of Scissabou, in the County of Annapolis, Merchant, and the same was read, praying for the repayment of certain Light Duties, collected from him in the year 1810.

Ordered, that the Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Allison, the House proceeded on the further consideration of the Petition of Terence Cockran, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Lawson, *resolved*, that the Petition of Terence Cockran, so far as respects the sitting Members for the County of Hants, be dismissed, and the said petition was dismissed accordingly.

Mr. Wiswall then moved, that it is the opinion of this House, that William Smith, Esquire, Sheriff of the County of Hants, is highly reprehensible for having written a Letter, previous to the late Election for that County, directed to one Archibald Frazer, having a tendency to affect the said Election, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-two; against it, eleven.

For the Motion :

Mr. S. MARSHALL.	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. MARSTERS,	Mr. ROACH,
Mr. LAWSON,	Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. SHAW,	Mr. PYKE,
Mr. WELLS,	Mr. MANNING,
Mr. BAKER.	Mr. PURDY,
Mr. BALLAINE,	Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. DEWOLF,	Mr. KENT,
Mr. PRYOR,	Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. WISWALL,	Mr. CREIGHTON.

Against the Motion :

Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. FREEMAN,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. ROBIE.
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. DIMOCK.
Mr. MORTIMER,

So it passed in the affirmative.

An

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to authorize the Commanding Engineer at Halifax, to enclose a part of the Highway, leading from Fort Masley to the Exercising Ground, on the Common of Halifax; and also,

A Bill to explain, alter and amend, the Act. of the fiftieth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province; were severally read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on Ways and Means.

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 laying an Impost Duty on all Articles imported from the United States of America.

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 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.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 26th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dimock presented a Petition of Isaac Smith, and others, Inhabitants of the Nine Mile River District, in Douglafs, and the same was read, praying an aid for the Road leading through the same.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Pyke, Quarter Master General of the Militia, delivered to the House, an Account of Disbursements for the carriage of Arms, &c. between the 22d May, 1811, and 12th February, 1812, amounting to £. 11 19 0.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, an Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Halifax; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 32d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and

and to revive and continue the several Acts in amendment of the said Act ; to which Bills they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made some progress in the 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 it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it will be expedient to continue the present General Revenue Acts for the ensuing year, and also the Act for laying a duty of four pence per gallon on Rum, which duty was imposed for the purpose of paying for Arms furnished to the Militia of the Province; to be applied in such way as the House may hereafter direct.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the business to them referred; which the House agreed to.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 27th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Jeremiah Baker, and others, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying an aid to repair the upper Road in Newport, leading from Kenetcook, by Caleb Wollever's, to the Rawdon Road.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Lawton, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of John Osborn, and the same was read, praying for a drawback of the Excise Duty on a quantity of Coffee, exported to the United States of America, in July, 1810, amounting to £.44 18 8.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of Quit Rents; and also the Address of the House of Assembly to his

Excellency Sir GEORGE PREVOST, in the last Session, on the said subject, were severally read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Archibald, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of His Excellency's Message.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that this House will on Monday next, the 2d March, consider further His Excellency's Message.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates; and, also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act, in addition to an Act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire; to which Bills they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. J. G. Marshall moved, that it is the opinion of this House, that John Johnstone, who voted at the late Election of a Member to represent the Town of Truro, was capable of giving a vote at that Election, although he is a person who was born deaf and dumb, and has continued in that state ever since his birth, yet being of sane mind, and able to communicate his ideas by signs, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared: for the motion, nineteen; against it fourteen.

For the Motion:

Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. WISWALL,
Mr. WARWICK,
Mr. WELLS,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. MANNING,
Mr. PARKER,
Mr. SHAW,
Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. S. MARSHALL.
Mr. FREEMAN,

Mr. PURDY,
Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. FLEMING,
Mr. CREIGHTON,
Mr. CRANE.

Against the Motion:

Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. BAKER,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. BALLAINE,
Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. DIMOCK.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Then the House adjourned until to morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday,

Friday, 28th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Halifax ; also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to revive an Act, passed in the 32d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and to revive and continue the several Acts in amendment of the said Act ; also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates ; and, also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act, for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire ; were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of Thomas Lynds, and others, inhabitants and proprietors of the Township of Onslow, was presented by Mr. Marsters, and read, praying the House would grant a sum of money for making a new Road from the North River to Truro, as laid out by a Jury.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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. Dimock 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 Gypsum or Plaster of Paris from this Province, and for imposing a Duty thereon, 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.

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.

The said amendments were read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the first amendment in the fourth clause of said Bill, to add thereto the words following, viz : " In such manner as shall be hereafter agreed on by the Legislature," be not received by the House, which, being

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

For the Motion,

Mr. KENT,
Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. S. MARSHALL,
Mr. MANNING,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. SHAW,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. MARSTERS,

Against the Motion,

Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. CREIGHTON,
Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. FREEMAN,
Mr. PURDY,
Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. WISWALL,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. BAKER,
Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. WELLS,
Mr. PARKER,
Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. WARWICK,

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Haliburton then moved, that the second amendment to the last clause of the said Bill, to leave out the words following, viz: "And Cape Breton," be not received by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared: for the motion, nine; against it, twenty one.

For the Motion:

Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. SHAW,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. S. MARSHALL,
Mr. MANNING,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. FLEMMING.

Against the Motion:

Mr. KENT,
Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. CREIGHTON,
Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. FREEMAN,
Mr. PURDY,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. WISWALL,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. BAKER,
Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. WELLS,
Mr. PARKER,
Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. WARWICK.

So it passed in the negative.

The amendments were then put, and agreed to by the House.

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

Then the House adjourned until to morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday, 29th February, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of John Ruggles, and others, inhabitants of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying an aid of £ 60, for repairing the Public Road leading from the main Road, opposite to the settlement of the late General Ruggles, to the Bay of Fundy.

A Petition of John Wheelock, and others, inhabitants of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Ritchie, and read, praying an aid for the repairing of the west end of the Canaan Road, beginning at the Falls Road (so called) and from thence extending eastward until it reaches Allen Parker's farm.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Halifax, and that the committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment. That the committee had also gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 32d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and to revive and continue the several Acts in amendment of the said Act, and had made an amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he afterwards delivered the said Bills, and the amendment, 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 which stood committed; which report the House agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the amendment, be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to incorporate a company to be called The Halifax Insurance Company, for Insurance against loss or damage by Fire, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of Private Petitions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Shaw 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 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 :

The petition of Enos Collins and Joseph Baris : the petition of John D. Hawthorn and James Baris : the petition of James Ewing : the petition of Rufus G. Taylor and John Osborn : the petition of George Haliburton : the petition

of John Osborn; and the petition of Phineas Lovet, junr. were severally read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the said petitions should be referred to a committee to be appointed by the House, who are to examine into the merits of the same, and report severally thereon to the House.

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

Ordered, That the several petitions, as before mentioned, be referred to Mr. Lawson, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Pryor, agreeably to the foregoing resolution of the committee of the whole House.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Estimate for the Support of the Civil Establishment of the Government for the year 1812, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 2d March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read, thereupon,

Mr. Ritchie moved, That a committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper officers to lay before the House an account of the Quit Rents, and the amount thereof now payable annually, together with the amount received by way of fine or otherwise by the present Receiver-General; and also an account of the fees taken on the passing of Grants of Land within the Province; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion sixteen, against it fifteen. So it passed in the affirmative; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Mortimer, be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, accordingly.

On motion, 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. Sargent 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 a Supply; which report the House agreed to.

Mr.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the subject of the Quit Rents, that His Excellency had been waited on accordingly; and that he was pleased to say to the committee, that he would direct the proper Officers to lay before this House the information they had required, by twelve o'clock to-morrow.

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. Shaw took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire, and that they 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, which the House agreed to.

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 amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Tuesday, 3d March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. S. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of John Killam, junior, and others, Directors and Proprietors of the Yarmouth Lock and Canal Company, and the same was read, praying for the sum of £.300, to build a bridge at the head of Cape Forchu Harbour.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. J. G. Marshall, *resolved,* that the Petition of Thomas Pearson,

son, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Truro, be dismissed, and the same was dismissed accordingly.

Mr. Parker, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the support of a Light House on the south end of Coffin's Island, on the eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Archibald pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Samuel Peppard and Joseph Peppard, and the same was read, praying that the sum of £.60 be granted for rebuilding the bridge over Great Village River in Londonderry, on the main road to Cumberland.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, that a conference be desired by committee with His Majesty's Council, on the General State of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Roach and Mr. Mortimer, do manage the said conference.

On motion of Mr. Roach, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the appointment of a Special Agent for the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the business to them referred; and that the committee had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Council on the subject of the General State of the Province, should be instructed by the House to state, on the holding of such conference, that, in the opinion of the House, it is expedient that Nathaniel Atcheson, Esq. be appointed a Special Agent of the Province, and that the House will provide a suitable allowance for him during the time he may continue to hold that appointment.)

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

On motion, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the situation of the several Counties and Districts throughout the Province, with respect to the state of the roads and bridges therein, and that they do report to the House the several sums that shall, in their opinion, appear requisite for the improvement of the same; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Crane, Mr. Parker, Mr. S. Marshall, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Roach, and Mr. J. G. Marshall, be a committee accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

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 the Managers do attend accordingly.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had been at the conference, with a committee of His Majesty's Council, on the subject of the General State of the Province; and that, in holding the said conference, the Managers had acquainted the committee of the Council with the opinion of the House relative to the appointment of Mr. Atcheson as a Special Agent for the Province.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to incorporate a company to be called The Halifax Insurance Company, for Insurance against loss or damage by Fire, was read a second time.

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

An engrossed Bill for regulating the exportation of Gypsum or Plaster of Paris from the Province, and for imposing a Duty thereon, was read a third time, and thereupon,

Mr. Archibald moved, that the Bill do not pass, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion eight; against it, twenty-four :

For the Motion,

Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. SHAW,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. MANNING,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. ROACH.

Against the Motion,

Mr. PARKER,	Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. FREEMAN,	Mr. WISWALL,
Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. KENT,	Mr. BAKER,
Mr. RITCHIE,	Mr. BALLAINE,
Mr. CREIGHTON,	Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,	Mr. WELLS,
Mr. LAWSON,	Mr. S. MARSHALL,
Mr. PURDY,	Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. PYKE,	Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. BISHOP,	Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. SARGENT.

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 from this Province, and for imposing a duty thereon.

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

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 4th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 32d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and to revive and continue the several Acts in amendment to the said Act, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an amendment.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Hants, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

An engrossed Bill, in amendment of the Act for laying an Impost Duty on all 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 in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, entitled, An Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties within this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on all Articles imported into this Province from the United States of America.

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

Mr. Crane, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of Nathaniel Randall, and others, inhabitants of the Township of Aylesford, and the same was read, praying an aid to improve the Road leading from the Post Road, near the western boundary of said Township, to the Bay of Fundy.

Mr. Crane, pursuant to leave given, presented a Petition of the Reverend Dr. Inglis, and others, inhabitants of Aylesford, and the same was read, praying an aid for improving a Road leading from the house of the Bishop of Nova-Scotia, to the Bay of Fundy, in said Township.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The

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. S. Marshall, *ordered*, that the Bill to explain, alter and amend, the Act of the fiftieth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province, be referred to Mr. Wiswall, Mr. S. Marshall, and Mr. Pryor, who are to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report to the House such alteration and amendment to the same, as to them shall seem expedient.

Pursuant to the order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Crofton Uniacke, Esquire, Receiver-General of the Quit Rents, delivered to the House a statement on the subject of the said Rents, which was read, and is as follows, viz:

Statement of the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Quit Rents in this Province.

In obedience to the commands of His Excellency Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE, to communicate to the House of Assembly any information it may require respecting the amount of Quit Rents annually payable in this Province to His Majesty, as well as the amount of the fees or fines received by me on docketing Grants in my office, I have the honor to state, for the information of the House, that from the third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, to the present time, the number of acres of land, granted in this Province, appears, by my Docket Book, to be two hundred and fifty-six thousand two hundred and eighty-one; the annual Quit Rents reserved on which, amount to the sum of two hundred and fifty-six pounds five shillings and seven pence half-penny.

Not having any books or rolls of any kind whatsoever in my office, except those kept by myself since my appointment, it is not in my power to afford the House any official information, prior to the period of my coming into office. The sums I have received, on account of the five shillings, which are directed by His Majesty's Instructions to be paid to me for every fifty acres above two hundred acres granted to each person, amount at this time to six hundred and forty three pounds six shillings and eight pence halfpenny, from which is to be deducted about eighty-three pounds seven shillings and seven pence halfpenny, to be returned to several Grantees, by the commands of His Excellency Sir GEORGE PREVOST, leaving a balance now in my hands of five hundred and fifty-nine pounds nineteen shillings and one penny. This is all the information I am able to give the House upon this subject, unless it shall require a more minute and particular account.

CROFTON UNIACKE,
Receiver General.

4th March, 1812.

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

Mr. Roach, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of D. Macfarlane, and

and others, inhabitants of Fox Harbour, in the County of Cumberland, and the same was read, praying an aid for the Road leading from that Settlement to Pugwash and Cumberland.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until to morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 5th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton moved, that a committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and to request that His Excellency will be pleased to give directions to the proper Officers to lay before this House as soon as possible, a Statement of the Revenue of the Province for three years last past, with an account of the actual Drawbacks allowed by the Collectors of Impost and Excise, the Commissioners of the Revenue, or by this House, in each of the said years. Also, a statement of the Net Revenue for each year; and likewise a statement of the amount of the Commissions (if any) taken by His Majesty's Attorney General on Money by him collected for the Province; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion nine, against it eighteen. So it passed in the negative.

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. Shaw 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

The petition of the Reverend George Wright was read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the petition should be dismissed.

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, which the House agreed to.

The said resolution was read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Robie moved, that the same be not received by the House, which, being

being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen ; against it, twenty :

For the Motion,

Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. SARGENT
Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. WISWALL,
Mr. BALLAINE,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. CREIGHTON,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. S. MARSHALL.

Against the Motion,

Mr. BAKER,	Mr. WELLS,
Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. ROACH,
Mr. PURDY,	Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. PARKER,	Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. SHAW,	Mr. MANNING,
Mr. FLEMMING,	Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. MARSTERS,	Mr. FREEMAN,
Mr. BISHOP,	Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,	Mr. KENT,
Mr. CHIPMAN,	Mr. HARRIS.

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then put to the House and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell 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 :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

A petition having been presented by several of the inhabitants of Water-Street, in this Town, to the Grand Jury of the County, and by the Grand Jury forwarded with a Memorial to me, I have deemed it expedient to order these papers to be laid before you, and as the Street in question appears to be the most frequented thoroughfare in Halifax, I recommend the House of Assembly to make such provision as shall remedy the evil of which the petitioners complain, either by paving the same, as pointed out by the Grand Jury, or by adopting such other means as shall appear to the House most likely to prove effectual.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

Mr. Cogswell also, by order of His Excellency laid before the House the following Papers, viz :

A Petition of several of the Inhabitants of Halifax to the Grand Jury, and the Memorial of the said Grand Jury to His Excellency on the subject of Water-Street, as referred to in the foregoing Message from His Excellency. Also,

A petition of T. W. Hierlihy, Christian Miller, and William Atwater, Commissioners of Roads, in the County of Sydney, addressed to His Excellency (and by him recommended to the consideration of the House), setting forth, that a considerable expense had been unavoidably incurred in cutting out the windfalls, and opening the public roads in that County, in consequence of a hurricane in September last ; and praying payment of the same. And, also,

A petition of William Hill, Attorney at Law, to His Excellency, praying for a remuneration for his services and expenses, in attending the Supreme Court at Lunenburg, and a Court of Oyer and Terminer for the County of Queen's County, in August last, on the part of the Crown.

The said Papers were read by the Clerk ; and thereupon, *ordered*, that His Ex-

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Excellency's Message, and the Papers, do lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. Cogswell, by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, likewise laid before the House, a Statement made by him respecting the Quit Rents, accompanied by a Copy of the amount of Fees paid upon Grants of Land, and a Letter from the Honorable Charles Morris, Surveyor General, and the same were read, and are as follows, viz :

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, 4th MARCH, 1812.

To the Honorable the House of Assembly,

In obedience to the commands of his Excellency the Governor, that I should lay before the Honorable the House of Assembly, "An Account of the Quit Rents, and the amount thereof now payable annually, together with the amount received by way of fine or otherwise by the present Receiver-General, and also an Account of the Fees taken on the passing of Grants of Land within the Province,"

I have searched the Records of this Office, and, from as accurate an examination as the time will allow, I humbly beg leave to state as follows ;

That, as it has never been considered the duty of this Office to keep any account of the Quit Rents, no attention has been paid in the arrangement of the Records to give a clear and satisfactory view of that subject, and critical accuracy is only attainable by the examination of each Grant, which would require much time and labour to accomplish.

Upon a general view of the subject it appears, that from the year 1731 to 1750, few Grants of Land passed, and of these few the greater part were of small Tracts, and Town and Fishing Lots. The most considerable were two Grants of 50,000 acres each, which were afterwards escheated. The usual Quit Rent reserved at this early time, was one penny, sterling, for every acre. In some cases a quintal of Fish was the Quit Rent for a whole Lot : and in some few instances where the Grant was very small, the Quit Rent was two shillings, or two shillings and six pence per acre.

From September 22d, 1750, to March 3d, 1812, inclusive, it appears, from the public Records, that 1806 Grants were made, conveying 5,991,961 acres ; of this number upwards of twenty Grants, conveying about 1,600,000 acres are marked as having been escheated ; so that the number not escheated, will be about 1786, and the number of acres conveyed by these 4,391,961, during this period of 62 years, the usual Quit Rent was two shillings for every hundred acres, or one farthing for every acre. The amount of Quit Rents upon the unescheated Grants, at 2s for every 100 acres, would be £:4,391 19 11, sterling, per annum ; and, as they were sometimes payable in two years after the date of the Grant, and in no instances later than ten years after date, a large sum is now in arrear.

But, as a large portion of the granted Lands in the Province is still in a wilderness state, and many of the Grantees absent, it is probable that no arrears of Quit Rents upon such Lands could ever be collected, and the Lands would escheat

to the Crown. Making, therefore, a fair allowance for such probable deductions, I conceive that the sum of £.40,000 at least is due to His Majesty for Quit Rents to the present time upon the cultivated parts of the Province, in the hands of Grantees, whose interest it would be rather to pay the arrears than suffer their Lands to be escheated; and I think it probable, that, after all reasonable allowances are made, the annual amount of Quit Rents in this Province will be equal to £.3,500, sterling.

In respect of the amount received by way of fine or otherwise by the present Receiver-General, I beg leave to refer this Honorable House to the statement made by that Officer.

For the Account of Fees taken on the passing of Grants of Land within the Province, I beg leave to refer to the copy of the Table of Fees, established by His Excellency the Governor and His Majesty's Council, which is hereunto annexed.

For further information upon this subject, I beg leave to refer the Honorable House to a statement made by the Surveyor-General of Land, which is hereunto annexed.

H. H. COGSWELL,
Deputy Secretary.

Statement of Fees paid upon Grants of Land, issued in the Province of Nova-Scotia :—

To His Excellency the Governor.

For the Great Seal upon all Grants not exceeding 1000 acres	£.3	10	0
For every 100 after 1,000		7	0

Secretary's Fees.

Upon all Grants not exceeding 500 acres	1	10	0
For every additional 100 do.	0	3	6
If the number of proprietors should exceed twenty, then for each right beside the fee, proportioned to the number of acres,	0	5	0

Registrar's Fees.

For recording a Grant of Land for and under 500 acres	0	5	0
Every hundred words each Grant contains	0	1	0
Recording a Grant from 500 to 1000 acres	0	10	0
Every hundred words	0	2	0
The Certificate	0	2	6
Every 1000 acres after the first 1000	0	2	0
Recording a Grant for a Township	4	0	0
Every name	0	1	0

Attorney General's Fees.

His Fiat on all Grants	1	3	4
Each name	0	2	0
For all Grants exceeding 500 acres, each hundred	0	2	0

Surveyor General King's Woods.

For his certificate respecting Lands granted :

On all Grants not exceeding 1000 acres	0	15	0
All Grants above 1000 acres, each hundred	0	1	6

Receiver

Receiver General of Quit Rents.

On all Grants exceeding 200 acres, for every 50 acres
 If a number of Grantees in one general Grant, each Grantee to pay } £.0 5 0
 5s. for every 50 acres granted him above 200 acres }

Auditor's Fees.

On each Grant for the entry, &c. 0 13 4

Surveyor General of Lands.

On all Grants from 100 to 500 acres 2 0 0

All above 500 acres, 5s. each hundred 0 5 0

Order of Survey 0 5 0

Searches 0 1 0

A true Copy,

H. H. COGSWELL,

Deputy Secretary.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Halifax, 3d March, 1812.

Having been required, by special direction of His Excellency the Governor, to afford every assistance and information in my power towards the ascertaining the arrears of Quit Rents due on the Grants of Land in this Province, and the amount thereof now payable annually, together with the amount received by way of fine or otherwise, by the present Receiver General; and also with regard to the Fees taken on the passing of Grants of Land within the Province, I beg leave to observe that the true sources of information on these points, are—

The Receiver-General of Quit Rents, or his lawful Representative.

The Registrar of Grants, wherein the terms and conditions and Quit Rents are specified; and for the Fees on Grants, the Tariff or Table established by His Excellency the Governor and His Majesty's Council, must be resorted to, and a certified copy furnished by the Secretary of the Province.

I have made an Estimate, founded on the best information I could obtain; and although I cannot pledge myself to its being critically correct, yet I can with confidence give the assurance that the amount of arrears of Quit Rents, as well as those now payable annually, will be near and not less than the following sums, Viz:—

Amount of arrears of Quit Rents due on the 1st January, 1812, £.40,000

Payable annually, commencing 1st January, 1812, 3,500

CHARLES MORRIS,

Surveyor-General.

To

H. H. Cogswell, Esq.

Dy. Sec'ry.

Ordered, That the Papers 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.

Friday,

Friday, 6th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wiswall reported from the committee to whom the Bill to explain, alter and amend, the Act of the fiftieth year of his Majesty's reign, to encourage the Fisheries of this Province, was referred, and accordingly delivered the said Bill to the House; and thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, that the said 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. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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 until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday, 7th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Roach moved that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of Supply, which being seconded, and put, passed in the negative.

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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill, to explain, alter and amend, the Act passed in the fiftieth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province. Also, the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn on new Lands. And also, the Bill to provide for the support of a Light House on the south end of Coffin's Island, on the eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour, 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 several Bills which stood committed; which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Pyke presented to the House, an Account from the Commissioner of the Island of Sable of the receipts and expenditures for that Establishment, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1811, amounting to £.708 6 2½, together with the several vouchers in support of the same.

Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell, by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, delivered to the House, an Account from the Commissioners for the new Province Building, of their expenditures for said Building, to the 31st December, 1811, amounting to £.2580 13 7½, accompanied by an account of demands yet unpaid, amounting to £.534 14 5½; also an Estimate of sundry Materials and Workmanship required for the said Building for the year 1813, amounting to £.5137 15 5½.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made 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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of thirty-four thousand pounds should be granted for the general Service of the Province, the present year, to be appropriated as may hereafter be agreed upon 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 consideration of a Supply, which the House agreed to.

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

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to revive and continue the Acts for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to enable the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to incorporate a company to be called The Halifax Insurance Company, for Insurance against loss or damage by Fire.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Dimock reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill

Bill to them referred, and that the committee had directed him to report to the House, that they had not agreed to the same, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, and thereupon,

Resolved, that the House do agree to the report of the committee of the whole House.

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 9th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to revive and continue the Acts for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties of this Province, was read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference by committee, on the subject of the resolution of this House, passed on Saturday last, for granting £.34,000 for the general service of the Province, for the present year.

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. Ritchie, Mr. Mortimer, 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 stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Creighton reported from the committee on the subject of the Government House, and accordingly delivered to the House an Estimate of the expense necessary to be incurred for repairing and putting the said House and appendages into good tenantable condition, amounting to £.704 7 4. Also,

An Abstract of Demands, (and the respective Vouchers), for work done on the Government House in the last year, to be provided for, amounting to £.283 13 10½.

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

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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. Dimock 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. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference by committee, on the General State of the Province.

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 the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That the Clerk do prepare and bring in Bills for continuing the General Revenue Laws of the Province for the Support of the Government; and, also, the Licence Duty Act.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday, 10th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk, pursuant to order, delivered to the House a Bill to continue an Act

Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wines, Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar ; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise imported into this Province ; and, also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses, or Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors ; and the same were severally read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

A petition of the Commissioners of the Poor for the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth :—That the number of Paupers in the Poor-House, is much greater than in former years, and the expense of supporting them in proportion to their number, on account of the high price of provisions, now greatly increased ; and although the expense of supporting them has become so great, yet the funds formerly assigned for part of their maintenance by the Legislature, has been much diminished by the failure of the 3d. Wine Duty, and the ten per cent. Duty upon articles imported from the United States of America. That the expense of supporting the Poor-House Establishment in Halifax, will fall very heavy upon the inhabitants, with no other assistance than the usual allowance towards the support of the Transient Poor. That the inhabitants are frequently, and importunately called upon to extend relief in private charities, to large amounts, to unfortunate individuals and suffering families, which renders them less able to pay the taxes necessary to the support of so many Paupers, who have become so, in very many instances, from their own misconduct, and intemperance. That, as the excessive use of Liquors has greatly increased the number of Paupers, it appears equitable that some provision should be made for their support out of the Fund produced by Licences for retailing Spirituous Liquors, and praying the House will appropriate the amount of the Money produced by granting Licenses for the retail of Spirituous Liquors to the support of the Poor, or grant such other relief in the premises as to them shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same ; and the said Bill was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress in the business to them referred ; and that the committee had come to a re-

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of thirty-four thousand pounds, heretofore passed the House for the general Service of the Province, should be applied as follows :

For the Civil Establishment and Miscellaneous Services not exceeding	} £.9,400 0 0
For Roads and Bridges, in addition to the sums already appropriated and not drawn from the Treasury,	} 11,000 0 0
For the establishment of Grammar and English Schools, not exceeding	} 2,150 0 0
For the Province House, in addition to the sum already appropriated, and not drawn from the Treasury,	} 2,400 0 0
For the encouragement of Fisheries, not exceeding	6,000 0 0
For the encouragement of Agriculture, not exceeding	1,500 0 0
For the Liverpool Light-House, not exceeding	800 0 0
For the repair of the Government-House	750 0 0
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	£.34,000 0 0

And that the whole of the foregoing sums should be 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, which the House agreed to.

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 foregoing resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council, for concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House, respectively, to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire ; and, also, to the Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 32d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions, &c.

The Council request a conference, by committee, on the Bill for regulating the exportation of Gypsum or Plaster of Paris

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. Wiswall, Mr. Haliburton, and Mr. Dewolf, do manage the said conference.

And

And they went to the conference ;

And being returned,

Mr. Wifwall reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Lawson reported from the committee to whom the petition of James Ewing ; the petition of John Osborn ; the petition of Enos Collins, and the petition of Phineas Lovet, jun. &c. 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 thereupon,

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a further conference by committee, on the subject of the resolution of this House for granting the sum of £.34,000, for the general service of the Province.

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 former conference, do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had made 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 the House agreed to.

Mr. Lawson delivered to the House, a Report from the Auditor of the Public Accounts of the Province ; which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

REPORT No. I. upon the Expenditure of Monies granted by the Legislature, for making and repairing Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, in 1803. 1805. 1806. 1808. 1809. and 1810.

Sum voted	What Year	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road or Bridge, and how accounted for
£ 25	1803	David Marshall	For building a bridge over Middle River, Pictou.
50	1807	ditto	Money expended by contract ; and certified by
25	1808	ditto	three Magistrates.

Sum voted	What Year	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road or Bridge, and how accounted for
£.20	1805	George Macintosh	For the road from Spryfield to Herring Cove.
25	1806	ditto	For do. from Prospect to St. Margaret's Bay Road.
35	1808	ditto	For do. from Bowers' to St. Margaret's Bay Road.
15	1808	ditto	For do. from Prospect to do.
250	1809	ditto	For do. from Bowers' to do.
50	1809	ditto	For do. from Prospect to do.
30	1809	ditto	To open a road from Sambro to Harriet Field road.
50	1809	ditto	For road from Ketch Harbour to Spryfield, by the way of Herring Cove. Accounts correct, money all expended, part by contract and part by days' work.
350	1809	W. H. Shey, Esq.	For the road from Sackville to Jacob Pentz's. Accounts correct; money all expended; part by contracts, which are certified, and receipts for days' work, chiefly done by the military.
1000	1809	Thomas Wallace	For the Roads and Bridges from Windsor Road to Gay's River; accounts correct; £950 0 9 of the money expended; work done chiefly by the military. The balance of £.49 19 3, remaining in the hands of the commissioner, he accounts for in 1811.
300	1809	Alex. Henry, and Wm. Archibald	For the road from Gay's River through the settlement of Musquodoboit to the east branch of St. Mary's River. Money all expended; the greatest part by contracts, which are certified by three Magistrates, and receipts for the payments by day labour.
100	1809	John Dunbrack	For road from lower Musquodoboit, by the way of Porter's Lake, to Salmon River.
25	ditto	ditto	For road from Chizzetcook to lower Musquodoboit; money all expended by day labour chiefly, but not beneficially, and wages 7s. per day.
25	1809	Henry Green	Road from Cole Harbour to Lawrence Town. Money all expended by days' work, and certified by two Magistrates.
150	1809	James Lyton, junr.	Road from Onflow to Tatamagouche. Money all expended, £.113 3 0 by contracts, which are certified; and the remainder by day's work, at rate of 7s. per day.
150	1809	George M'Kay	Road from Town of Truro to boundary line of Pictou. The money all expended, £.109 by contracts, and the residue by days' work; all certified as being judiciously and faithfully done.

Sum voted	What Year	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road and Bridge, and how accounted for
£.120	1808	James Kent, Esq.	For rebuilding Sowiack Bridge; money expended by contract; no certificate; <i>See vote of Assembly in 1811 to contractor.</i>
25	1809	ditto	Road from the old Barns in Truro, to Shubenacadie;
150	ditto	ditto	Road from Gay's River to Truro; £.173 3 9 expended principally by days' work, and certified. A balance of £.1 6 3 appears to remain unexpended.
100	1809	Saml. Tupper, Esq.	Road from Middle Sowiack to Halifax Road; money all expended, principally by days' work —no certificate.
40	1809	J. N. Shannon, Esq.	Road from Economy to Bass River; money all expended, part by contract, and remainder by days' labor, and certified by two Magistrates.
40	1809	A. M'Nab	Road from Londonderry to Remfreg; expended by contracts; no certificate.
75	1809	Saml. Tupper, Esq.	Opening a road from Cox mills, in Truro, to Sowiack mills; money expended by contract, and certified.
50	1809	James Archibald & T. Prout, Esqrs.	To secure the pier of Salmon River Bridge; money expended, part by contract, and part by days' work, and certified.
100	1809	George M'Kay	Road from Colchester boundary to M'Connell's;
100	ditto	ditto	Road from Wetriver Bridge at Pictou, to the scite of the bridge at Middle River; money all expended, principally by contract and certified.
50	1809	David Marshall	Road from the scite of the bridge over Middle River, Pictou, to the little East River; money drawn from the Treasury, but no Account of the Expenditure appears.
50	1809	John M'Kay	Building a Bridge over little East River, Pictou; expended by contract and certified.
150	1809	Geo. Roy, Esq.	Road from East River, Pictou, to the bounds of Sydney County;
30	ditto	ditto	Road from Brown's to Sutherland's, Margomilhe;
40	ditto	ditto	Road from Sutherland's to bounds of Sydney County; money all expended, principally by contract, but no regular certificate thereof, yet there is good reason to believe the whole was judiciously and faithfully laid out.

Sum voted	Year	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road and Bridge, and how accounted for
£.75	1809	John Williamson	Road from Pictou to River John ; money all expended by contract, and certified.
50	1809	John McKay	Road from East River, Pictou, to east branch of St. Mary's ; expended by days' work, and certified.
150	1809	Rev. A. McDonald	Road from eastern boundary of the District of Pictou, to the Indian Gardens, Antigonish.
32	ditto	ditto	Opening a road from Hattie's mill, on the east river of Margomish, to Campbell's, in Antigonish ; money all expended, and principally by contracts and jobs, which are certified in Sessions.
300	1809	T. W. Hierlihy, Esq.	Road from Antigonish to the head of Milford Haven ; money all expended, and done by days' work, which is certified.
100	1809	Christian Muller	Road from Manchester to east branch of St. Mary's ; money all expended by days' work, and certified.
300	1809	Nathl. Symonds	Road from Dorchester at Antigonish, to the east branch at St. Mary's River ; money expended, part by days' labour, and by contracts and jobs—no certificate.
100	1809	Wentworth Taylor.	To open a road from the forks of St. Mary's River to the head of the tide ; money all expended, principally by days' work and certified.
30	1809	Wm. Attwater	Road from Boylston at Milford Haven, to the Gut of Canfo ; money all expended by days' work, and certified by two Magistrates.
30	1809	Christian Muller	Road from Guysborough to Country Harbour ; expended by days' work, and certified.
300	1809	Gabriel Purdy	Road and Bridges from Londonderry line to Amherst.
150	ditto	ditto	Ditto ditto
10	ditto	ditto	Road from River Philip to Macan.
55	ditto	ditto	Road and Bridges from G. Purdy's to Remsheg Harbour.
30	ditto	ditto	Ditto to ditto. Money all expended, and certified.
140	1809	James Fullerton	Road and Bridges from Amherst to the bounds of King's County, on Parrsborough Road.
30	ditto	ditto	Road from Fullerton's to Partridge Island ; money all expended by contracts, and certified.
35	1808	Andrew Forschner	Road from Richard Thomson's to A. Forschner's.

Sum voted	Year	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road and Bridge, and how accounted for
£.50	1809	Andrew Forshner	Road from head of the tide at Remfleg to Pugwash.
40	ditto	ditto	Road from R. Thomson's to Forshner's Money all expended and certified.
20	1809	James Fleming	Road from Folly Lake to Wentworth Settlement. Money expended and certified by two Magistrates.
12	1809	John Black	Road from Macan Settlement to River Philip; money expended by contract, and certified.
100	1809	Charles Frazer	Road from Partridge Island to Bass River; money expended by contract, and certified.
60	1809	John Smith	Road from Partridge Island to Adventure harbour; money expended by contract and certified.
100	1809	Caleb Forfyth	Road from bounds of Hant's County to stone bridge in Horton.
100	ditto	ditto	Road from Bishop's Bridge to Manning's Plains, old road.
27	ditto	ditto	Ditto, £.198 expended by days' work, and approved in Sessions;—balance in the hands of the commissioner, unexpended, October 1810, £.29 0 0.
60	1809	H. V. Buskirk	Road from Silas Rand's to the Church at Aylesford; expended by contract, and certified.
40 & 40	ditto	ditto	Road from Pineo's to Western bounds of Aylesford; expended by day's work, and approved in Sessions.
56	ditto	ditto	Road from Nictaur to bounds of King's County; expended by contract, and certified.
75	1809	William Baxter	Road from Silas Rand's to Aylesford;
20	ditto	ditto	Road from Little Lake in Cornwallis to Black Rock;
30 & 20	ditto	ditto	Road from Baxter's Harbour to ditto; Expended chiefly by contract, and certified.
25 } 25 }	1809	Elijah Calkin	Road from Benjamin's Mills towards Nictaur; expended part by contract, and part by days' labour, and certified.
25	1809	John Newcomb	Road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis;
10	ditto	ditto	Road from E. Newcomb's to Bay of Fundy; The former expended by contract, and certified; no account appears for the last vote, but the money has been drawn from the Treasury.

Sum voted	Year	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road and Bridge, and how accounted for
£. 60	1809	Benjamin Fairn	For finishing the bridge at Saw Mill Creek in Annapolis County, &c. expended—£.40 by contract, the residue by days' work and certified.
150	1809	Rutherford & Ditmars	Road from Moose River Bridge to Lee's Mills, by the way of Bear River Bridge expended, £.52 by contract certified, and residue by days' works.
50	1809	Thomas Ruggles	Road between Digby and Siffaboo; expended by days' work, and receipts attached to accounts—no certificate.
75	1809	Simeon Jones	Road from Siffaboo Bridge to Col. Taylor's; money drawn from the Treasury, no account of the expenditure appears.
155	1809	William Johnson	Road from William's Brook to Petit Passage;
25	ditto	ditto	Road from Digby to Witham's Brook; expended by days' work, and receipts attached to accounts—no certificate.
50	1809	Abel Beals	Road between Nictaur and Shaffner's House; no account, but certificates of expenditure by three Magistrates.
100	1809	John Ruggles	Road from Nictaur towards Liverpool; money drawn from the Treasury, but no account of expenditure appears.
150	1809	Charles M'Carthy	Road from Montegan to Yarmouth Line;
36	ditto	ditto	For repairs of Montegan Bridge; Expended by days' work, and receipts attached to account, but no certificate.
750	1809	Henry Gesner	Road between Gouger's Shop and Pineo's;
100	ditto	ditto	For the back Road from Hick's ferry; Meeting-House to extremity of said Road; Expended by contracts. £.148 0 0 certified by two Magistrates. £.2 0 0 remains unexpended, to be accounted for.
25	1809	Benjamin Potter	To repair the Bridge near Hollingshead's creek in Clements;
25	ditto	ditto	For the road from Lee's Mills to Van Velferz's farm; Money drawn from the Treasury, but no accounts.
150	1809	Abram Lent	Road from Yarmouth to Strawberry Point; expended by days' work, and certified.
50	1809	Aaron Spinney	Road from Strawberry Point to Pubnico; expended by days' work, and certified.

Sum voted	what Year	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road and Bridge, and how accounted for
£.150	1809	Benoni De-tri-mont	Road from Pubnico to Barrington; expended by days' work, and certified.
52 & 100	1809	J. V. Bufkirk	Road from Shelburne to bounds of Queen's County;
60 & 150	ditto	ditto	Road from Shelburne to Barrington; expended, part by contract, and part by days' work—all certified.
92	1809	Jacob Tedford	Road from Cyrus Parry's, in Yarmouth, to bounds of Annapolis County. Expended by days' labour, and certified.
200	1809	N. Tupper	For Nictaur Road;
25	ditto	ditto	To open a Road from Nictaur Road to Falls of La Have. £.183 expended by contract, and residue by days' work, all certified.
50	1809	John Robertson	Road from bounds of Shelburne County to Port Jolly; expended by contract, and certified.
125	1809	Daniel Smith	To repair Broad River Bridge, and the Road from thence to Liverpool;
50	ditto	ditto	Road from Port Jolly to Port Mutton; expended by contracts and certified.
50	1809	Patrick Doran	Road from Herring Cove to S. West Cove, at Port Metway; expended by contract, and certified.
50	1809	John M'Vicar	Road from Herring Cove Bridge to Mill Bridge, on the Road to Lunenburg;
42	ditto	ditto	Road from Mill Bridge to ditto; Expended by contracts, no certificate
100	1809	George Conrad	Road from bounds of Queen's County to the road leading to Broad Cove; expended by contract, and certified.
50	1809	John Pernette	Road from Petit Riviere Bridge to Pernette's mill; expended by contract, and certified.
200 & 200	1809	Thomson & Crandall	Road from Frail's, near Chester, to Hammond's Plains; £.375 15 8 expended, principally by contracts, which are certified; £.24 4 4 remains in the hands of commissioners, to be accounted for.
100	1809	John M'Colla	Road from Windfor to Chester; £.96 2 9 expended by contract and certified; balance in hands of commissioner to be accounted for £.3 17 3.
50	1809	John Longille	Road from bounds of Lunenburg to Gold River Bridge; expended by days' work, and certified.

Sum. wha. voted Year:	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road and Bridge, and how accounted for
£.60	1809 Christopher Lhonas	Road from Koch's Mills on Le Have, to the German Settlement, Annapolis Road; expended by contract and certified.
30	1809 George Zwicker	Road from Zwicker's mill, Mush-a-Mush, to the Block House Hill, Annapolis Road; money drawn from the Treasury, no account.
46	1809 W. H. Shey, Esq.	Road from Pentz's to Monkville;
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100	ditto ditto	Road from Monkville to Avon Bridge;
50	ditto ditto	Road from Avon Bridge to bounds of King's County;
20	ditto ditto	For Bridge over west branch of the Avon; Expended, part by contracts, which are certified, and remainder by day labour and jobs, performed by the Military.
35	1809 J. T. Hughes	Road from Long Island leading to Grand Passage; money drawn from the Treasury; no account.
400	1809 M' Monagle & Shey	For Avon Bridge; expended by contract, and certified.
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50	1809 Wm. Smith, Esq.	For Upper Bridge at Kenercock, &c.
100	ditto ditto	The main road in Douglas;
41	ditto ditto	Main road from Noel to Douglas;
25	ditto ditto	Re-building bridge over Five Mile River, Money all expended, by days' labour, and certified by individuals.
100	1809 Benj. Whitear	For main road through Rawdon, and rebuilding bridge over River Helert; expended principally by days' labour and certified.
85	1807 & 1808 Caleb Forfyth	Road from Half-way River Bridge to the Stone Bridge, Horton; expended by days' work, and certified.
190	1809 Paul Dentremont	Road from Barrington to Pubnico; expended by days' work, and certified.
30	1809 Richard Black	Road from upper end of Amherst to Gulf of St. Lawrence; expended by contract, and certified.
250	1809 Rutherford and Ditmars	For completing Bear River Bridge; expended by contract and certified.
50	1809 James Lynton, junr.	Road from Onflow to Tatamagouche; expended by contract; no certificate.
50	1808 Jesse Lewis	Road from Cumberland to Lewis's;

Sum voted	what Year	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road and Bridge, and how accounted for
£. 15	1808	Jesse Lewis	For building a bridge over the North River, at Five Islands ; Money expended by contract and certified.
20	8.9	John Dawson, Esq.	Road from Pictou to River John ; expended by contract, and certified by two Magistrates.

(Signed)

MICHAEL WALLACE,
Auditor of the Public Accounts of the Province.

HALIFAX, 9th March, 1812.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at ten of the clock.

Wednesday, 11th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the raising of 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 Agriculture of the Province.

A Bill to provide for the support of a Light House on the south end of Coffin's Island, on the eastern side of the entrance of the Harbour of Liverpool, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the support of a Light House on the south end of Coffin's Island, on the eastern side of the entrance of the harbour of Liverpool.

A Bill to explain, alter and amend, the Act of the fiftieth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to encourage and regulate the Fisheries of this Province ; and also to repeal an Act, made in the fiftieth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province ; and also an Act, made in the fifty-first year of the said Reign, to alter and continue the said recited Act.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made progress in

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

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it will not be expedient to raise any additional Revenue for the ensuing year.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with the Council, by committee, on the subject of the resolution for granting £.34,000, for the General Service of the Province, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported that the Council agree to the conference as desired by this House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this conference.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

A Bill to continue an Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise imported into this Province; also,

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses, or Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors; and, also,

A Bill to alter and continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same; were severally read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bills be now committed to a committee of the whole House, and the House accordingly resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said 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 gone through the Bills to them referred, 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.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, 12th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to alter and continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors; and for appropriating the same.

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the Roads throughout the Province, by laying a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses, or Shops, for the retail of Spirituous Liquors; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses or shops for the retail of spirituous liquors.

A Bill to continue an Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Wine, Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue an Act for granting to His Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar.

A Bill to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandise imported into this Province; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue, and in addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills 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. Dimock 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. Pryor, *resolved*, that a conference be desired with the Council, by committee, on the subject of the Bill sent down by them, to authorize the Commanding Engineer at Halifax, to enclose a part of the High-

way, leading from Fort Masley to the Exercising Ground, on the Common of Halifax; and that the Clerk do request the said conference.

Ordered, That Mr. Pryor, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Robie, do manage the said conference.

Mr. Pyke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the improvement of the Common belonging to the Town of Halifax, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue, and in addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep Public Houses or Shops for the retail of Spirituous Liquors; and, also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue An Act for granting to His Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee and Brown Sugar, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to the conference as desired by the House.

Ordered, That the Managers do attend at the conference accordingly.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Pryor reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Pyke, (Commissioner of the Public Markets at Halifax), laid before the House, an Account of the Receipts and Expenditures for the said Markets, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1811, amounting to £.180 3 11.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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

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.

Friday, 13th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to provide for the improvement of the Common belonging to the Town of Halifax; was read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference, by committee, on the subject of the Bill to alter and continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum, &c.

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. Robie, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Mortimer do manage the said conference.

And they went to the conference;

And being returned,

Mr. Robie reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, of Mr. Mortimer, *resolved*, that provision shall be made at the next Session of the General Assembly, for defraying the expenses of all such Arms and Accoutrements as shall be furnished from His Majesty's Stores, by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for the use of the Militia of the Province.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled; An Act to alter and continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for appropriating the same.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House respecting Arms and Accoutrements to be furnished for the use of the Militia.

Mr. Cogswell also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Council, to deliver to the House a copy of a Resolution passed by the Council; and also

also a Report made by a committee of the Council ; and he delivered the same accordingly.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Resolution was read, and is as follows :

In Council, 13th March, 1812.

Resolved, That the disposition which the House of Assembly has manifested to appropriate money so liberally, for the general purposes specified in the Resolutions sent to His Majesty's Council, affords great pleasure to the Council, as they are of opinion that the best interests of the Province will be highly promoted, by carrying into effect many of the purposes for which the Resolutions of the House of Assembly contemplate to provide ; and the Council will cheerfully concur, with the House of Assembly, in granting to his Majesty, such supplies the present Sessions as will be adequate to afford sufficient ways and means to pay the necessary and useful services of the Province. And the Council, after giving the most serious attention to the Revenue granted to His Majesty for the services of the present year, deem it expedient to send to the House of Assembly a Report made upon that subject by a committee of Council, which Report they recommend to the serious consideration of the House, as containing facts which appear too plain to be controverted ; and the Council feel it a duty to call the particular attention of the House to this subject, as it is the unanimous and unalterable opinion of the Council, that it would be highly culpable, in the present situation of public affairs, to agree to any measures which would involve His Majesty's Government in this Province in further debt.

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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to authorise the Commanding Engineer at Halifax, to enclose a part of the Highway, leading from Fort Masey to the Exercising Ground, on the Common of Halifax. And, also, an engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estate of Intestates ; and that the committee had made several amendments to the said Bills, respectively, and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed.

On motion, *resolved,* that a Committee be appointed to examine into the state of the Funds of the Province, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Pryor, be a committee for the above purpose.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, 14th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion, His Excellency's Message to the House of the 5th instant, on the subject of Water-Street, in the Town of Halifax; and the two Memorials which accompanied the said Message, were severally read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Message.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred; and that the committee had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a committee should be appointed by the House to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, stating to his Excellency that the House have taken His Excellency's Message into consideration; that, in order to provide for the object recommended by His Excellency, Bills must be prepared that will require great consideration, and occupy more time than the House can devote to that object this Session, and that the House will, at an early period in the next Session, resume the consideration of the subject so recommended by His Excellency.

The said resolution was read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Robie moved, that the House do not agree to the said Resolution, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nine; against it, twenty-two:

For the Motion:

Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. FLEMING,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. LAWSON.

Against the Motion:

Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. RUDOLF,	Mr. FREEMAN,
Mr. CREIGHTON,	Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. KENT,	Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. S. MARSHALL,	Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. BALLAINE,
Mr. SHAW,	Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. PARKER,	Mr. WELLS,
Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. BAKER,
Mr. MANNING,	Mr. RITCHIE.

So it passed in the negative.

The said Resolution was then put to the House and agreed to; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Wiswall, and Mr. J. G. Marshall, be a

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committee to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell :

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, where His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following, viz :

An Act to continue the several Acts of the General Assembly, for raising a Revenue to repair the roads throughout the Province, by laying a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed to keep public houses or shops for the retail of spirituous liquors.

An Act to continue, and in addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for the further increase of the Revenue, by raising a Duty of Excise on all Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this Province.

An Act to continue an Act for granting to His Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, Coffee, and Brown Sugar.

An Act to alter and continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors ; and for appropriating the same.

An Act to revive and continue an Act, passed in the 32d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to regulate the Summary Trial of Actions before His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the Town and Peninsula of Halifax, and to revive and continue the several Acts in amendment to the said Act.

An Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Halifax.

An Act in addition to an Act, made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire.

Mr. Ritchie moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, Viz.—

Resolved, and Ordered, That the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, do attend at the Bar of the House on Monday next, the 16th instant, at twelve o'clock, with an Account of the Monies collected by him and paid into the Treasury : received on that part of the Revenue granted the last year ; and to communicate such further information as the House may require, on the subject of the Duties heretofore secured, and the Monies collected by him, and paid into the Treasury ; which being seconded, thereupon

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Mr. Haliburton moved an amendment to the foregoing Resolution, as follows, Viz:—After the word “*Ordered*,” insert the words “That a committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct;” which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Twelve; against it, Twenty-one:

For the Amendment,

Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. BALLAINE,
Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. PARKER,
Mr. S. MARSHALL,
Mr. CRANE,
Mr. KENT.

Against it,

Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. RUDOLF,	Mr. SHAW,
Mr. CREIGHTON,	Mr. FREEMAN,
Mr. PURDY,	Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. LAWSON,	Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. BAKER,	Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. RITCHIE,	Mr. WELLS,
Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. ROBIE.
Mr. MANNING,	

So it passed in the negative.

The original motion was then put, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do furnish the Collector of Impost and Excise with a copy of the foregoing Resolution.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 16th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A petition of the Magistrates and the Grand Jury of the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Pyke, and read, setting forth, That the Act of the Province of the 39th Geo. 3d. chap. 1st, for the building and regulating the Markets in the Town of Halifax, is very injurious to the interests of the said Town, and the petitioners therefore pray, that it may be repealed; and an Act passed, investing the Markets in the Town, and placing them under the controul of the Court of Sessions and Grand Jury. That in aid of the Act, the Legislature have expended the sum of £.2,000. That the petitioners do not wish to enter into the consideration of the supposed expediency of, or the causes which induced, the expenditure; but being satisfied, that the interests of the Town of Halifax require that the said Act should be repealed, they anxiously wish, in the behalf of the Town, to remove in an amicable manner, any objections which may arise in consequence of the above advance of money by the Legislature; and therefore state, that of the income derived from the Markets, there is in the hands of the late Commissioners, the sum of £.634 0 0, and in those of the present, £.166 0 0, making together the sum of £.800, which, by the present Act, is appropriated to the special purposes of building and repairing Markets. That it is the wish of the petitioners, that by the repeal of the said Act, this sum of £.800 may be received by the Province, as a part of the money advanced by it. And the petitioners pledge

pledge themselves, in behalf of the Town of Halifax; that the remaining sum of £ 1,200, shall also be repaid to the Province; but they request the indulgence of the House, to allow the balance to be paid by such instalments as the means of the Town can meet. And praying that the House will take the subject into consideration, and grant them the relief they solicit.

Ordered, that the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Wiswall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in further addition to the Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Creighton reported from the select committee, to whom the subject of the King's County election 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 a Poll was opened at Horton, in the County of King's County, on the twenty-fifth day of September last; for the Election of two Members to represent the said County in the General Assembly of this Province; that Jonathan Crane, Esquire, John Wells, Esquire, Jared Ingersoll Chipman, Esquire, and Mr. David Borden were Candidates; that the said Poll was adjourned to Parrsborough, in the said County, and was there closed on the eighth day of October last, when there appeared for the said Jonathan Crane three hundred and forty-two votes; for the said John Wells three hundred and thirty-nine votes; for the said Jared Ingersoll Chipman three hundred and nine votes; and for the said David Borden three hundred and six votes; and the said Jonathan Crane and John Wells having a majority of votes, were accordingly declared by the Sheriff of the said County, to be duly elected. That a number of votes were objected to by the respective Candidates at the time of their being given, and a scrutiny was demanded by them, which was granted by the Sheriff, who proceeded therein the next day, and returned the proceedings to this House, and the committee have had the same under their consideration. The committee further report, that from the loose and irregular manner in which the said Election was conducted, particularly by the Candidates not requiring the Sheriff to cause the Voters who were objected, to take the oaths required by Law, much difficulty and confusion has arisen, which would have been avoided, had the directions of the Law in that respect been complied with; that the committee have been obliged, in consequence of this neglect, to investigate a great variety of evidence for the purpose of coming at a knowledge of facts, which it was the duty of the Sheriff and his Assistants to have ascertained at the scrutiny, and to have reported to the House. That the committee, upon a consideration of the facts returned upon the scrutiny, together with such evidence as the parties have produced before them, are of opinion that all the votes objected to by the several Candidates are good, except those herein after referred to, of which the committee have determined that fifty are bad, and have accordingly deducted them from the numbers of the respective Candidates for whom they were given, which leaves the Poll as follows: Crane 316, Chipman 285, Wells 312, and Borden 285.

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The names of the persons, by whom these votes were given, together with the Candidates for whom they voted, are contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked A. The committee have considered it necessary to report the facts relative to ten other votes; together with the names of the Candidates for whom they were given, which are contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked B, the committee being of opinion, that these votes are good as respects the value and possession of the property, but they are contested by the parties, upon the ground of the titles being defective, upon which point the committee have given no opinion, as the Deeds under which these titles are derived, are before the House.

The committee have also considered it necessary to report the votes of thirteen other persons, whose names are contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, marked C, upon which it is impossible for the committee to form any opinion, either as to their being good or bad, as no facts appear upon the proceedings to enable the committee to judge of them. The objections of the petitioners to the Deeds referred to in the schedules B and C, together with the answers of the fitting Members, are also hereunto annexed, and marked D.

The several schedules and the answers, as referred to in the foregoing Report, were also read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that William Lawson, Esq. Member for the County of Halifax, had uttered on Saturday last, in the hearing of John Creighton, and Henry Purdy, Esquires, Members of this House, divers words, reflecting upon him in his character of Speaker, and upon the House. And the said two Members, at the desire of Mr. Speaker, came forward to the Clerk's Table, and there severally wrote down the words which the said William Lawson, Esquire, had so uttered in their hearing, on Saturday last.

Mr. Speaker then called upon the said William Lawson in his place, to answer for the said offence.

Mr. Lawson did accordingly make answer, and acknowledged the speaking of the said words, and declared that he spoke them as he thought in haste, and with levity, without any intention of vilifying the Honorable Speaker, or the House; and thereupon,

Mr. Speaker directed, that William Lawson, Esquire, Member for the County of Halifax, do for the present withdraw from the House, and he withdrew accordingly.

The House having taken the foregoing subject into consideration; thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That it is the sense of this House, that the words spoken by the Honorable Member for the County of Halifax, William Lawson, Esquire, of the Speaker of this House, on Saturday last, are highly reprehensible, and such as this House cannot overlook; but as the Honorable Member has declared that the said words were spoken with levity, and not with an intent to vilify this

House, or its Honorable Speaker, *It is Ordered*, that the said Member for the County of Halifax, William Lawson, Esquire, be called to the Bar of this House, and that Mr. Speaker declare to him, that he has incurred the censure of this House, and that it is the order of the House, that he ask pardon of the Honorable Speaker, and this House, for the insult he has offered them, and promise that he will be more correct, and guarded, for the future.

Mr. Lawson was then, pursuant to the Order of the House, sent for by Mr. Speaker, by the Sergeant at Arms, and having come to the Bar of the House, Mr. Speaker pronounced to him the Judgment of the House; and the said Mr. Lawson having complied therewith, he was again admitted to his Seat.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That this House will on Thursday next, the 19th instant, take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee on the subject of the King's County Election.

The Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, pursuant to order, attended at the Bar and delivered to the House an Account of the Monies collected by him and paid into the Treasury: received on that part of the Revenue granted in the last year; and also made answer to certain interrogatories from the House, on the subject of the Duties heretofore secured, and the Monies by him collected for the same.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at ten of the clock.

Tuesday, 17th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Haliburton reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to His Excellency's Message of the 5th instant, and presented an Address 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:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,

Knight of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependences, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the House of Representatives, in General Assembly:

May it please Your Excellency,

THE House of Assembly having taken into consideration your Excellency's Message respecting the paving Water-Street, in the Town of Halifax, and returned

turned their attention to the various modes by which provision can be made for that purpose, beg leave to state to your Excellency, that, in order to carry into effect the object recommended, Bills must be passed which will require great consideration, and will necessarily occupy more time than the House can devote to that subject this Session, and they assure your Excellency, that at an early period in the next Session, the House will resume the consideration of the subject now recommended.

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

A Bill in further addition to the Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship in this Province, 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, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Lawton laid before the House, an Account, together with the vouchers for the same, for the fitting up the Council Chamber, and House of Assembly Room, under the Act of the last Session, amounting to £.178 8 9. Also,

An Account of the Expenditure of £500, granted in the last Session, towards building a Light-House, &c. at the entrance of the harbour of Liverpool, by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Accounts; also the Account of Expenditures by the Commissioners for the Province House; and the Accounts for work done on the Government-House, and its appendages, in the last year; be referred to Mr. Roach, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Allison, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, the petition of the Grand Jury and Magistrates of the Town of Halifax, on the subject of the Public Markets, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Petition.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Roach 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

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 ten of the clock.

Wednesday, 18th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. S. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in further amendment of an Act for the better regulation of Elections ; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Petition of the Grand Jury and Magistrates of Halifax, on the subject of the Public Markets.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Roach took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred ; and that the committee had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the House should grant the prayer of the Petition, so far as relates to the relinquishment on the part of the Province, to all right to the building, commonly called the Country Market, upon the Town of Halifax, paying into the Treasury of the Province, the sum of two thousand pounds, and providing a suitable site for erecting a Country Market for Farmers to vend their Meat in, when required ; and that a committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for the purpose of carrying into effect this Resolve, and to enable the inhabitants of the said Town of Halifax, to provide for the payment of the said sum, in such manner as may be hereafter agreed upon.

The said resolution was read throughout a first and second time ; and thereupon,

Mr. Wiswall moved, that the Report of the Committee be not received by the House, which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The Report of the Committee was then put to the House, and agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until six o'clock, P. M.

The House met, agreeably to the adjournment.

On motion, the 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.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill in further amendment of the Act for the better regulating of Elections; and also the Bill to improve the Common belonging to the Town of Halifax; and that the committee 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, 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; which report the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bills above-mentioned, 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 ten of the clock.

Thursday, 19th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the Report of the Select Committee; also the several Papers thereto annexed, and the petition of Jared I. Chipman and David Borden, on the subject of the Election for King's County, were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will now proceed to the consideration of the said Report and Petition.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be heard by themselves, or their Counsel, at the Bar of the House, in support of their petition.

Ordered, That the Petitioners, or their Counsel, have leave to state their objections against the Report of the Select Committee, to the House.

Ordered, That the Sitting Members have leave to be heard by their Counsel, at the Bar of the House, and to answer the objections of the Petitioners' Counsel; and thereupon,

The House heard Counsel, on behalf of the Petitioners, at the Bar of the House, and the Counsel having withdrawn from the House, thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow proceed further on the consideration of the merits of the Election for King's County.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Friday, 20th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

George Collins, Esquire, Member for the County of Queen's County, took his Seat, having previously taken the usual Oaths, and subscribed the usual Declaration, in the presence of the Honorable James Stewart, one of the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, the House proceeded further on the consideration of the merits of the Election for King's County, and having heard Counsel, and also the Sheriff of the County as a witness on the part of the Petitioners; as likewise Counsel on the behalf of the Sitting Members, at the Bar of the House, thereupon,

Resolved, That this House will proceed further on the consideration of the merits of the said Election this evening.

Then the House adjourned until seven of the clock, P. M.

The House met, agreeably to adjournment.

On motion, the House proceeded further on the consideration of the merits of the Election for King's County, and having again heard Counsel on the behalf of the Sitting Members, at the Bar of the House; thereupon,

On motion, *ordered*, That the Petitioners be heard by themselves or their Counsel to-morrow, at the Bar of the House, in reply to the Counsel on the part of the Sitting Members.

Mr. Pyke delivered to the House, a special report from the Acting Commissioner for the affairs of the Island of Sable, and also a Plan of the said Island, which accompanied the same; the said Report was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at ten of the clock.

Saturday, 21st March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, the House proceeded on the further consideration of the Election for King's County; and Jared I. Chipman, one of the petitioners against the said Election, having been fully heard at the Bar of the House, in reply to the Counsel on the part of the Sitting Members for the said County; thereupon,

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Mr. Roach moved that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz :
Resolved, That it appearing by the report of the Select Committee, that a majority of good votes are in favor of the Sitting Members, and no evidence having been offered to the House, of the corrupt practices charged in the petition, nor any satisfactory evidence having been produced of any Deeds having been made for the purpose of qualifying persons to vote at the said Election ; that the petition of Jared I. Chipman, and David Borden, be dismissed ; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion twenty-seven ; against it, three :

For the Motion :

Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. PYKE,	Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. BISHOP,	Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. PURDY,	Mr. WISWALL,
Mr. BAKER,	Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. RITCHIE,	Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. BALLAINE,	Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. COLLINS,	Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. MANNING,	Mr. SHAW,
Mr. MORTIMER,	Mr. PARKER,
Mr. DEWOLF,	Mr. KENT,
Mr. SARGENT,	Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. ROACH,	

Against the Motion :

Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. S. MARSHALL,
Mr. ALLISON,

So it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

The Petition of Jared I. Chipman and David Borden, was dismissed accordingly.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the committee appointed to examine into, and report upon, the state of the Province Funds ; 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 on the 31st December last, the balance due the Province, in securities, after debiting all sums of money heretofore appropriated, and not paid, and the balance advanced by the Treasurer, and making an allowance for probable drawbacks, amounts to £.12,976 13 10 $\frac{1}{2}$; that from the best information the committee have been able to collect, they find that the securities in the hands of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax received in one year, are generally paid in before the expiration of the next year ; the committee are therefore of opinion, that the securities on the 31st December last, will be paid into the Treasury before the expiration of the present year, and that the above balance may be considered as so much disposable funds. The committee have carefully examined the sums of money appropriated and not drawn from the Treasury, and are of opinion that of the monies so appropriated, the sum of £.1681 6 9, will not be drawn from the Treasury the present year, which will increase the disposable funds to £.14,658 0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. The committee beg leave further to state, that the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, prior to the 31st December last, paid into the Treasury, of the duties received and secured under the Revenue Laws of the last year, the sum of £.7000, and that the Attorney General has collected the further sum of £.1,000 for duties secured under the laws of that year, amounting to £8,000.

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The committee are also of opinion, from the information they have received, that the revenue of the present year will be as productive as the revenue of the last year, and that as much cash will be paid into the Treasury, during this year, as there was the last, produced by the Duties secured within the year; and allowing the same proportion of cash to be received at the Out Ports as was received in Halifax the last year, the revenue of this year will produce in cash during the year the sum of £.10,000. The committee beg leave further to state, that they are of opinion that the House may appropriate this Session, the sum of £.23,698 11 2½, reserving a sum sufficient to respond the bounties granted the Fisheries, and such other services as will become due, by existing Laws, during the year, being the amount of the disposable funds before mentioned; and the sum contemplated to be received in cash, under the Revenue Laws of this year, less the sum of £.959 9 5, due on account of the Militia Arms, after the duties already secured for that service are paid in. The committee beg leave further to state, that there is a balance of £.634 12 3 in the hands of the late Commissioners for the Public Market Houses at Halifax, and in the hands of the present Commissioner for Sable Island, the sum of £.614 11 8, which may be applied to the General Service of the Province.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

On motion, of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, That a Message be sent to His Majesty's Council as follows, viz:

The House of Assembly being desirous, as far as rests with them, speedily to get through the business of the Province, request that His Majesty's Council would send down the Resolution of the House, passed on the 10th instant, for granting £.34,000 for the several services of the Province therein mentioned, and now before them, either agreed to, or not agreed to.

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday at ten of the clock.

Monday, 23d March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Chipman moved, that the Resolution of Saturday last, respecting the Election for King's County be rescinded; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Three; against it, Sixteen:

For the motion,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. S. MARSHALL.

Against the motion,
Mr. MARSTERS, Mr. BALLAINE,
Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BAKER,
Mr. MORTIMER, Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. ROSIE, Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. MANNING, Mr. SHAW,
Mr. PURDY, Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. KENT, Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL, Mr. ARCHIBALD.

So it passed in the negative.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates; and, also,

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to authorise the Commanding Engineer at Halifax, to enclose a part of the Highway, leading from Fort Massey to the Exercising Ground, on the Common of Halifax; were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bills do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and acquaint them, that the House have agreed to the same, severally, with amendments.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the improvement of the Common belonging to the Town of Halifax; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the improvement of the Common belonging to the Town of Halifax.

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

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

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of Private Petitions, which stood committed:

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

The petition of Leonard Maxenir; the petition of Henry Taylor; the petition of William Robinson; the petition of George Frampton, and the petition of Thomas Scott, were severally read and considered; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the said petitions should be dismissed.

The petition of John D. Hawthorn, and James Barfs; the petition of Messrs. Forfyth, Black & Co.; and Foreman, Grassie & Co. were severally read; and thereupon,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the said Petitions should be referred to the Committee of 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 Petition of John D. Hawthorn & James Barfs, and the petition of Forfyth, Black & Co. and Foreman, Grassie & Co. be referred to the Committee of Supply, agreeably to the report of the committee of the whole House.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Freeman have leave to return home on his private affairs.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council conceived that the resolution of the Council, sent to the House on the 13th of the present month of March, conveyed the dissent of the Council to the resolution of the House, appropriating the sum of £34,000 for the General Service of the present year, the Council again inform the House that they cannot agree to that resolution; and the Council request a further conference, with the House, by committee, respecting the specific Services contained in the resolution of the House, sent up the 10th instant.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Lawson laid before the House a further report from the Auditor of the Public Accounts of the Province, upon the Expenditure of Monies granted by the Legislature, for making and repairing Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, in the year 1811: and the said report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:

REPORT upon the Expenditure of Monies granted by the Legislature for building and repairing Bridges and Roads throughout the Province, in 1811.

Vote	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road or Bridge, and how accounted for
£400	William H. Shey	Road from Sackville to Pence's; the money drawn and expended, part by contracts and jobs, and part by military day labour; accounts fair and correct.
300 and 450	Thomas Wallace	Road from Fletcher's Bridge to Hall's, on the road to Truro, &c.; £725 only of the money has been drawn, which, with £49 19 3 that remained in the Commissioner's hands last year, has been all expended except £13 15 4, to pay for a contract not completed; the work done principally by the military at a daily pay; accounts fair and correct.
125 and 125	Thomas Pearson	Road from Hall's on the Truro road to Gay's river, £241 17 0 of the money drawn and expended, chiefly by contracts, which are certified.
100	William Archibald	Road from Moore's at Gay's River to Musquodoboit Settlement, money drawn and expended by contract.
70	Ditto	To open a road from near Keys' Tavern on Truro road to the Settlement on Middle Musquodoboit; money drawn, and £67 12 0 expended by day labour, and exploring the proper course; £2 8 0 remains in the hands of the Commissioner to repair a bridge.
60	Geo. Mackintosh	Road from Prospect to St. Margaret's Bay, expended by contract.
30	Ditto	Road from Sambro to Harriet Field, expended by contract

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Vote	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road or Bridge, and how accounted for
100 and 100	Geo. Mackintosh	Road from Spryfield to Herring Cove and Ketch Harbour—expended principally by day labour of French Prisoners and military, also £20, granted in 1805, that was unexpended; accounts correct and fair.
150	Ditto	Road from Harriet Field to St. Margaret's Bay; expended by contract; no certificates, but there is every reason to believe the money was beneficially laid out.
25	Thomas Evans	Road from Lower Musquodoboit road to Chizencook, expended by day labour and certified.
200	Commissioners of Roads, &c. Halifax	Road from Nine Mile River to Sackville; expended by day labour of military and French Prisoners, per accounts.
25	Henry Green	Road from Cole Harbour to Lawrence Town; money drawn and expended, but no account appears.
50	John Turner	Road from the meeting house on Shubenaccadie to the main Halifax road at Gay's River.
30	Ditto	Ditto from ditto to Gourley's at Sewiac; expended by contract and certified.
80	John Allen	Road from Creighton's Ferry at Dartmouth, towards Preston Bridge; expended by day labour of military and French Prisoners, per account.
65	Daniel Hendry	Road from Lower Musquodoboit towards Preston; £54, of the money drawn, and contracts entered into for £33 5 0 which have been executed, the residue yet to be accounted for by the Commissioner.
50	Thomas Pearson	Road from Gay's River to Truro;
25	Ditto	Road from Old Barns in Truro to Shubenaccadie;
50	Ditto	To repair Salmon River Bridge in Truro;
40	Ditto	Road from Brookfield Settlement to Halifax road; the money all expended except £13 0 6 which is undrawn; work done chiefly by contract and certified.
75	Samuel Tupper	Road from Dickie's on Truro Road to Middle Sewiac;
160	Ditto	Road from Coxe's in Truro to do.
75	Ditto	Road from Middle to Upper Sewiac, expended by contract and certified.
80	Alexander Henry	Road from Upper Sewiac to Musquodoboit;
100	Ditto	Road from Musquodoboit to east branch of St. Mary's;
50	Ditto	For opening road from east branch of the east river of Picton, to west branch of St. Mary's—expended by day labour per receipts, and £62. by contract.
75	David Archibald	Road from Onflow to Tatamagouche;
30	Ditto	Road between Wm. Hamilton's and the Old School House in Onflow;
20	Ditto	To open a road from M'Callum's to North River Settlement;

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Vote	No. of the Commissioner	For what Road or Bridge, and how accounted for
£. 40	David Archibald	Road near Chiganoife river in Outflow, called Black's Causeway—£40, expended by day labour, and the remainder by contract, certified.
35	James Flemming	Road from Londonderry to Remshag; expended principally by contract, and certified.
35	James N. Shannon	Road from Economy to Bass River; expended by day labour, per receipts;
40	Ditto	Road from Fullerton's to Partridge Island;
20	Ditto	Road from Partridge Island, near Lewis's, to Macan road—expended part by contract certified; and part by day labour, per receipts.
100	Ditto	Road from Partridge Island to Economy, £65 10 0 expended by contracts, and the residue by day labour.
100	James N. Crane	Road through New Canaan Settlement, across Gaspereau river, to the road leading to Avon bridge; £70 0 0 expended by contract, and the residue by day labour.
20	Ditto	Road from Benjamin's Mill to the new road leading from Canaan to Avon Bridge; expended by day labour, and certified.
125	George M'Kay	Road from the District line to the Saw Mill near the harbour of Pictou;
200	Ditto	Road from the District line to the Court-House in Teuro;
80	Ditto	Road from west river to the middle river, Pictou—expended part by contract and part by day labour, certified.
50	David Marshall	Road from middle river to the east river in Pictou; money drawn, but no account of expenditure appears.
50	George Roy	Road from east river of Pictou to Sutherland's, on the road leading to Antigonish.
50	Ditto	Road from Sutherland's to east river, Marigomish;
50	Ditto	Road from east river of Marigomish to line of Sydney County, expended by contracts and jobs, and certified by two Magistrates.
25	Rev. A. M'Donald	For a bridge over Baly's brook.
20	Ditto	For a bridge over Mill-Brook.
25	Ditto	For a new road from Gordon's, in Maigomish, to the bounds of Sydney County.
100	Ditto	For road from eastern bounds of Pictou to the Indian Gardens at Antigonish.
100	Ditto	For road from Malignant Cove to ditto, all expended in jobwork, <i>by the rod</i> , and certified.
50	John M'Kay	Road from east river of Pictou to the east river of Saint Mary's.
50	Ditto	For a bridge over the east branch of the east river of Pictou—expended by contract for the bridge and day labour for the road, both certified. Vote

Vote	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road or Bridge, and how accounted for
£ 100	John Frazer	Road from Pictou to the River John, expended by contract, and certified.
200	T. W. Hierlihy	Road from Indian Gardens at Antigonish to Milford Haven ;
100	Ditto	Road from eastern bounds of Pictou to the Chapel at Dorchester.
50	Ditto	Road from Dorchester to the head of Traccadie, on Guysborough road, and for a bridge—expended by contract, for the bridge, £47 10 0, and the residue all day labour, certified.
150	Christian Muller	Road from Manchester to St. Mary's—expended by day labour and certified.
50	William Atwater	Road from Boylston to the Gut of Canso ; money drawn, but no account of the expenditure appears.
300	Gabriel Purdy	Road from Londonderry to the bounds of Amherst ;
100	Ditto	Road from Remsheg to Gabriel Purdy's ;
30	Ditto	Road from Wentworth Settlement to Folly Lake—expended chiefly by contracts, certified ; and receipts for day labour.
180	Luke Harrison	Road from Napan to the line of King's County ;
60	Ditto	Road from Macan to River Philip ;
30	Ditto	Road from Macan to the Five Islands—expended by contracts and certified.
40	Andrew Forshner	Road from south side of Pugwash to the head of the tide at Remsheg ;
80	Ditto	Road and Bridges from the Settlement on Black River to the ferry at the mouth of Remsheg river—expended by contract, and certified.
100	Henry Purdy	To open a road from the River Philip to the Bay of Vert ;
20	Ditto	To repair Amherst Bridge ;
40	Ditto	For the road and bridges from Amherst to the Gulf of St. Lawrence—expended by contracts, one of which not entirely completed, and certificate not obtained.
60	John Smith	For the road from Parrborough Church towards Advocate harbour, and the road from Charles Fraser's to Apple River—expended by job work and certified.
75	Elijah Crane	For that part of the New Canaan road, from the bounds of Annapolis County, towards the Canaan Settlement ; £45. only drawn ; accounts rendered for the expenditure of £52 3 9 by day labour, per receipts.
20	Alexander Walker	For road leading from the main road at Aylesford towards Ryarson's Mill ; expended by contract, no certificate.

Vote	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road or Bridge, and how accounted for
1809 81l.	William Allison	To assist in building a bridge over the half-way river near Mount Denton;
1811 24cl.	Ditto	To erect a Pier under the great Gaspereau bridge, and improve the new road towards Mount Denton—expended by contract and certified.
40 75	Henry V. Buskirk Ditto	Road from Pineo's to the boundary line of Aylesford; For north road leading from Aylesford Church to the western settlement in Cornwallis—expended by days' labour, and certified.
20	Samuel Ells	Road from Baxter's harbour towards Knight's Mill in Cornwallis;
20	Ditto	Road from Scotch Bay to ditto—expended part by contract, and part by day labour, certified.
40	John Wells	For road from Huntley's in Cornwallis, to the Pero Settlement; expended by contract and certified.
20	Henry Gefner	For the road from Foot's to Porter's, on the north mountain in Cornwallis;
20	Ditto	For road from Black Rock to Little Lake;
20	Ditto	For new road from Pride's Settlement to Black Rock;
80	Ditto	To improve the road at Cold Brook and Webster's Hill, by Sharp's Mill Brook, Annapolis road—expended, part by contract, and part by day labour, certified.
75	Benjamin Fairn	Road from Saw Mill Creek to the house of John Whitman, in Annapolis; expended by days' labour, and certified.
40	Colonel J. Taylor	For main road leading to Yarmouth, between Colonel Taylor's house, and the French Settlement at Clare;
200	Ditto	For the road from the French Settlement to the western boundary of Annapolis County—expended, £.106 by contract, and the remainder day labour and ox ploughing; certified. <i>Note</i> —The commissioner has expended £.8. 16 9 more than the sum granted.
135	William Johnson	For road on the peninsula below Digby, from Williams's Mill Brook to Petit Passage; expended by day labour, per receipts, and certified.
36l. 10s.	Barthw. Haines	For the main road through Long Island; expended by contract and certified.
50	John Warwick,	Road from Digby to Grand Passage;
50	Ditto	Road from Siffaboo bridge towards Digby—expended by day labour, per receipts certified.

Vote	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road or Bridge, and how accounted for.
£.75	John Bath	To aid the Settlers at Chute's Cove on the Bay of Fundy, to improve the road over the North Mountain to the main road in Granville.
25	James Hall	To rebuild the bridge near James Bray's, in Granville;
21. 108.	Ditto	To rebuild a bridge near George Wooster's in Granville—expended by contracts and certified.
50	Nathaniel Parker	For the new Canaan road, from bounds of King's County towards Nictaur river;
100	Ditto	For road from Half-Way Tree, on Liverpool road, to Nictaur—expended by day labour and certified.
50	John Ruggles,	For road from Nictaur to Phineas Oak's; expended by day labour and certified.
100	Ditto	To improve the road on the North Mountain, from Major Beardfley's to R. Munro's—expended by day labour, no certificate.
50	Aaron Charlton	To build a bridge over Annapolis River at the Ferry, near Gates's.
100	John Harris	To open a road from the Hessian Line, in Clements, to the town of Annapolis.
100	Ditto	To open a road from Bear River bridge to Sissaboo bridge;
50	Ditto	For a road on the west bank of Bear River, leading from the Ferry, to the road at the bridge; all expended by day labour—no certificate.
50	Col. S. Bayard	To repair the bridge over Annapolis river, near Dodge's; money drawn—no account of expenditure.
60	Dowie Ditmars,	To repair Allen's creek bridge; money expended by day labour, per receipts, no certificate.
50	Samuel Willett	To aid the inhabitants of Wilmot to improve a road to the Bay of Fundy, near Aylesford boundary; expended by day labour, per receipts.
250	Nathaniel Tupper	Road from Liverpool Falls to the Half-Way Tree, on Nictaur road;
50	Ditto	Road from G. Robertson's, Nictaur road, towards Lathave, and to build a bridge over Pleasant River;
30	Ditto	To open a road from Western Head Bay and Hunt's Point to Liverpool;
60	Ditto	Road from Pudding Pan and Beech Meadows into the Port Metway road—expended, part by contracts certified, and part by day labour.
110	J. Newton,	For the road from the upper part of Liverpool to the Falls, and to repair the bridge; expended by day labour, per receipts, no certificate.

Vote

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£150	Daniel Smith	For the road one mile from Liverpool to Port Mutton; expended by contract and certified.
75	John Robertson	Road from Port Mutton to Port Jolly;
50	Ditto	Road from Port Jolly to Port Le Bear;
25	Ditto	Road from Port Le Bear down to the Harbour Settlement—expended by contract and certified.
75	Patrick Doran	For road from Herring Cove to Mill Village Bridge;
50	Ditto	For ditto from Mill Village Bridge to the bounds of Lunenburg County;
75	Ditto	For ditto from Herring Cove to South West Cove, Port Metway—expended by contracts, and certified.
1808, 50l.	Leonard Vogler	For the road from the boundary line of the Counties of Queen's County and Lunenburg to Petit Riviere;
1811, 100l.		
1808, 50l.	Ditto	For the road from Petit Riviere bridge to Pernette's mills—expended by contracts and certified.
1811, 50l.		
25	Christopher Lhonas	Road from Frail's to Shaffleburg's;
75	Ditto	Road from the German Village to Koch's mills, at the Falls of Lahave—expended by contracts and certified.
70	Jacob Boehner	Road from Falls of Lahave to Wentzell's;
60	Ditto	Ditto from below the Falls of do. to the settlement on Nictaur road;—£.56 expended by contract, certified; and the residue by day labour.
35	George Zwicker	Road from Zwicker's Mill, at Mush a Mush, to the Block House Hill, Annapolis road;
100	Ditto	Road from Hartle's Mill, at Oak Island, to Gold River—expended by day labour and ox team work, per receipts, no certificate.
260	Anthony Vaughan	Road within five miles of Chester to the Forks of Avon, at Windsor; expended part by day labour, and the remainder by contract, which is certified.
25	David Crandell	For road from Gold River bridge to Chester; expended by day labour.
100	Wm. H. Shey	Road from Monkville to Avon Bridge;
50	Ditto	To secure the Pier of Avon Bridge;
400	Ditto	Road from Jacob Pence's to Ardoise Hill;
200	Ditto	Ditto from east end Ardoise to three mile Plain;
100	Ditto	Ditto from Avon Bridge to bounds of King's County;
200	Ditto	Ditto from Pence's to the entrance of Ardoise new road;

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£200	Wm. H. Shey	Road from Sackville to the bounds of Flants ;
100	Ditto	Ditto from Avon bridge to bounds of King's County —all expended ; part by day labour, part by contract, and part job work, except £36 8 8, to pay for a contract, that is not completed ; accounts and vouchers correct.
30	John Allifon	For opening a new road from Newport to Brown's, Halifax Road ; the money drawn, but not yet expended.
100	Wm. Smith	For the road from Upper Kenetcoot bridge through the Nine Mile River Settlement ;
100	Ditto	For the main road in Douglas, from Blois's to Jackson's ;
75	Ditto	For road from Shubenaccadie Ferry to the bridge at Wardrobe's ;
50	Ditto	For main road from Noel to the main road in Douglas—three votes completed by days' work, and certified by individuals—the vote for £75 contracted for, but not completed, and only £40 of the money drawn.
100	Jacob Withrow	For the main road from Douglas to the Church in Rawdon, and thence to Lawrence's ;
50	Ditto	For ditto from Rawdon Church through the Nine Mile River Settlement—expended, £38 11, by contract, and the remainder by day labour, certified.
25	William Wier	For main road from Newport to Rawdon ;
25	Ditto	For ditto from Widow Wier's to do.—expended by days' work, and certified by two Magistrates.
150	Josiah Harding	Road from Barrington to Pubnico ; expended by day labour, per receipts, and certified by one Magistrate.
200	G. W. Parish	For the road from the bounds of Annapolis County to Cyrus Parry's, in Yarmouth ;
50	Ditto	For road from second Cape Forchu Lake to Salmon River Bridge—expended, principally by contract, and certified.
50	Aaron Spinney	Road from Strawberry Point to Pubnico ; expended by day labour and certified.
250	Abraham Lent	For the road from head of Jabouge River to Strawberry Point, and to repair Tusket River bridge ; £91 3 4 expended by contract, and remainder by day labour, and certified.
250	Jacob V. Buskirk	Road from Shelburne to Barrington, and to repair Roseway Bridge ;
150	Ditto	Road from Shelburne to bounds of Queen's County—expended by day labour, per receipts, and certified by two Magistrates.

Vote	Name of the Commissioner	For what Road or Bridge, and how accounted for
£50 & 30	David Higgins	For the road and bridges from William Vance's, in Londonderry to Sutherland's, on the Cumberland Road; expended by contract, and certified.
100	John Walker	For the road from Chester to Windsor, to commence at the south branch of Avon River; expended by day-labour and certified.
200	The Commissioners of Highways, &c. in Halifax.	For the repairs of roads within ten miles of Halifax; expended by day-labour, by the Military and French prisoners.
150 & bal. 3cl. 8s. 3d. last year.	Caleb Forsyth	For the road from Hants County boundary to the stone bridge in Horton; £144 17 6 expended by day labour, exclusive of his commissions; a balance of £28 0 9 remains unexpended, to be accounted for; certified in Sessions.
30	Michael B. Grant	To aid in rebuilding Cheverie Bridge;
100	Ditto	For road leading to Petit, near the shore, and to repair the bridge over Bass River, &c.—expended, principally by contract, and certified. <i>Note.</i> —Money not drawn on 31st December, 1811.
150	Wentworth Taylor	For the road from Dorchester, at Antigonish, to the east branch of St. Mary's; £54 only of the money has been drawn, which has been expended by contract, after the storm in September last—£96 undrawn.
250 & 50	Ditto	To build a bridge over the east branch of St. Mary's, at the Forks, and to open and complete the road from thence to the head of the tide on the east side of the river; a contract has been entered into for the bridge, £110, which is not completed; and £175, exclusive of commissions, has been expended by day labour on the road, per receipts, £37 remains undrawn.

MICHAEL WALLACE,
Auditor of Province Accounts, &c.

Halifax, 21st March, 1812,

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at ten of the clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 24th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Mortimer, *ordered*, that the accounts of Expenditures for the Island of Sable; and also the Special report of the Acting Commissioner for the affairs of said Island, be referred to Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Ballaine, and Mr. Chipman, who are to examine into the same, and report thereon to the House.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Address of this House, passed on the 17th instant, to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject of Waterstreet in Halifax, be presented to his Excellency by a committee of the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Pyke, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Lawson, be a committee accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, *resolved, unanimously*, That the Message sent to this House, on the 13th instant, by His Majesty's Council, is unusual and unparliamentary, and highly derogatory to the rights and privileges of this House, and that the statement accompanying the said Message is incorrect, and the House could shew its particular inaccuracies were they disposed to consider it, and return an answer to His Majesty's Council; but the House is unwilling, at this late period of the Session, to enter into discussions with His Majesty's Council, which might create warmth and protract its duration.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, *resolved*, That the House having taken into consideration the Message of His Majesty's Council of yesterday, decline holding a further conference with His Majesty's Council on the subject of the Resolution of the House of the 10th instant, the same having been negatived by His Majesty's Council; but this House being desirous to concur with His Majesty's Council in dispatching the business of the present Session, with as little delay as possible, resolve that a conference by committee be requested with His Majesty's Council, on the General State of the Province.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be sent to His Majesty's Council, by the Clerk.

Mr. Archibald moved that the House do re-consider the Resolution of the House of Wednesday the 18th instant, on the subject of the Public Markets at Halifax, which being seconded, and put, passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Archibald then moved, that the said Resolution be amended, by rescinding part of the words contained therein, as follows, viz: "And providing a suitable site for erecting a Country Market, for Farmers to vend their meat in, when required;"

quired ;" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Seventeen ; against it, Fourteen :

For the motion,

Mr. MORTIMER,
Mr. CREIGHTON,
Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. SARGENT,
Mr. PYKE,
Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. ROBIE,
Mr. PARKER,
Mr. BALLAINE,
Mr. ROACH,
Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. PRYOR,
Mr. S. MARSHALL,
Mr. KENT,
Mr. LAWSON,
Mr. WISWALL.

Against the motion,

Mr. CRANE,
Mr. SHAW,
Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. WELLS,
Mr. CHIPMAN,
Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. ALLISON,
Mr. MANNING,
Mr. PURDY,
Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. DEWOLF,
Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. BAKER,
Mr. FLEMMING,

So it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Robie, and Mr. Dimock, be a committee to prepare and bring in a Bill on the subject of the Public Markets at Halifax, conformably to the Resolutions of the House.

A Bill in addition to and amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships ; was read a second time ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That the said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole House, this day three months.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the support of a Light House on the south end of Coffin's Island, on the eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House, severally, to the engrossed Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors ; and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates ; and, also, to the engrossed Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Commanding Engineer at Halifax, to enclose a part of the Highway, leading from Fort Massey to the Exercising Ground, on the Common of Halifax.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the improvement of the Common belonging to the Town of Halifax ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the exportation of Gypsum or Plaster from this Province, and for imposing a Duty thereon ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the Agriculture of the Province ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, entitled, An Act for the better support of the Poor in the respective Counties within this Province, by laying an Impost Duty on all Articles imported into this Province from the United States of America ; and also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage and regulate the Fisheries of this Province; and also to repeal an Act, made in the fiftieth year of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province, and also an Act, made in the fifty-first year of the said Reign, to alter and continue the said Act.

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 the Managers who managed the last conference on the state of the Province, do manage this conference.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will to-morrow take into consideration His Excellency's Message respecting the Quit Rents.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Wednesday, 25th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Shaw, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Amos Gates, and others, inhabitants of Wilmot, and the same was read, praying an aid for roads in that Township.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. J. G. Marshall, *resolved*, That the Members of His Majesty's Council, and of this House, not already provided with the Laws of this Province, be furnished with a set at the expense of the Province.

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

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the appointment

of Sheriffs in the two Districts of Pictou and Colchester, respectively, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of new Land, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Haliburton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and continue 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.

On motion, *resolved*, that the said two Bills be now read a second time, and the same were read a second time accordingly.

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. Dimock 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. Deputy Secretary Cogswell 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:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

It having been represented to me, that certain impediments render it very difficult for the Officers to carry the Militia Law into effect, as it now stands, and as it appears to be of the utmost importance that the ensuing Militia Meetings should be well attended, in order that the Officers and Men may be brought forward in their Field Movements and Discipline as much as possible—

I, with a view of removing any difficulties which might exist, directed the Adjutant-General to convene as many Militia Officers (several of which are at this time in Halifax) as could be conveniently assembled, in order that I might learn from them how the Act operated, and whether any immediate alterations in it was necessary.

The Report of these Officers, upon particular points, I have directed to be laid before you, and I recommend it to your serious consideration.

It having likewise been represented to me, that Deserters, both from the Navy and Army, who had escaped into the Country, have, in many instances, been apprehended by the praise worthy exertions of the Non Commissioned Officers and Men of the Militia, and, as the reward allowed by Government on such occasions is not sufficient to pay the Militia Man in this Country, where the price of labour is so high for his loss of time and the trouble he is at, I recommend, as the most effectual mode of putting a stop to the crime of Desertion, as

well as to reward the Militia Men of this Province for their zealous exertions, that some addition should be made by the Legislature to the reward already given by Government for the apprehension of Deserters.

The Quarter Master General of the Militia having stated to me that the Money which was some time ago voted for the carriage of Arms, and other trifling contingencies, is expended, it would be advisable therefore, I think that a small sum should be put at his disposal, as heretofore, to answer these purposes.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

Mr. Cogswell also delivered to the House, the Report of the Militia Officers, as referred to in His Excellency's Message.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request 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, together with Mr. Ritchie, do manage this conference.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference;

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported, that the Managers had been at the conference, and he stated the substance of the conference to the House.

Mr. Roach reported from the committee to whom the accounts of the expenditures for the new Province Building, and the accounts for building a Light House on Coffin's Island, &c. 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 Accounts of Disbursements made by the Commissioners of the new Province Building, up to the 31st December last, amounting to the sum of £2,580 13 7½, which sum appears to have been very judiciously expended in purchasing materials for the building, and in paying the mechanics and labourers every week; for which proper vouchers and receipts appear. That the Commissioners have received, at different times from the Province Treasury, up to the end of the year, the sum of £2,400, also for the proceeds of the sales of the old Government-House, the sum of £212 1 2, making together £2,612 1 2, leaving a balance in the hands of the Commissioners, on the said 31st Decr. of £31 7 6½, as per Abstracts No. 1 & 2. But there appears to have been due at that period to sundry persons, for materials purchased by the said Commissioners, the further sum of £534 14 5½, as per Abstract No. 4, which left a balance in favor of the Commissioners of £503 6 11: that sum deducted from the balance of the grant of last year, would leave £2,096 13 1 unexpended, to the 31st

December

December last. That the committee, on referring to the estimate made by the Commissioners, are of opinion that to enable them to proceed with advantage in the work, an additional grant of money for that purpose will be necessary, to the amount of at least £2,500. The committee further report, that they have examined the accounts of the Commissioners for building a Light House on Collin's Island, at the entrance of the harbour of Liverpool, amounting to £535 5 6, for which there appears vouchers and receipts. The Commissioners also charge the sum of £25 as commissions, which leaves a balance due to them of £60 5 6, the sum granted for that service last year being £500; and the committee beg leave to refer the House to the account, as stated by the said Commissioners, as it appears that the wages paid to the mechanics and labourers were, in many instances, very exorbitant. The committee further report, that they have examined the account of the expenditures, in fitting up the Council Chamber and Assembly Room, which appears to amount to £186 13 6, and that after deducting the sum of £89 14, the balance unexpended of the grant for repairing the old Government House, to be appropriated in discharge of the same, the further sum of £96 19 6, will be required to be provided for by the House. The committee further report that they have had under their examination different accounts for repairs and materials furnished for the Government House during the past year, amounting to the sum of £283 13 10, and they submit to the House the propriety of providing for the payment of the same by a grant the present Session, no money having yet been provided for that service.

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

Then the House adjourned until six o'clock, P. M.

The House met, agreeably to the adjournment.

On motion, that part of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message on the subject of the Militia Law; and also the report which accompanied the Message, were read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the same.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Shaw 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 until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Thursday, 26th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two Districts of Picton and Colchester, respectively, was read a second time.

Resolved,

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

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *ordered*, that the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, do attend this day at one of the clock, P. M. at the Bar of the House, and that he do bring with him his Books, in which are entered the Stock of the several Dutiable Articles remaining on hand within his District, on the thirty-first day of December, in the years 1809, 1810, and 1811, respectively.

Ordered, That the Clerk do furnish the said Collector with a copy of the foregoing Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Ritchie, *resolved*, that a further conference be desired with His Majesty's Council, by committee, on the subject matter of the last conference, and that the Clerk do request the same.

The Clerk reported to the House, that the Council agree to the conference as desired by the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Managers who managed the last conference, together with Mr. Lawton, do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference;

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of that part of his Excellency's Message on the subject of the Militia Law; and the report which accompanied the same.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Shaw 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the House, the Collector of Impost and Excise appeared at the Bar of the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the said Collector do attend the Managers appointed to hold a conference with a committee of the Council this day, for the purpose of giving them such information as they may require, touching the Collection of the Revenue within his District: and he withdrew from the Bar of the House, and attended the Managers accordingly.

Then the House adjourned until half past six o'clock, P. M.

The House met, agreeably to the adjournment.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of that part of His Excellency's Message on the subject of the Militia Law, and the Report which accompanied the same.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Shaw took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business

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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read; and thereupon.

Ordered, That the several Resolutions as reported by the committee of the whole House, be referred to Mr. Wifwall, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. J. G. Matshall, who are to prepare and bring in a Bill conformably to the same.

Mr. Archibald reported, that the Managers had, pursuant to the order of the House, held a conference with a committee of His Majesty's Council, and he stated the substance of the said conference to the House.

Then the House adjourned until Saturday at ten of the clock, the morrow being Good Friday.

Saturday, 28th March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion, that part of his Excellency's Message of the 25th instant, relating to Deserters, and the carriage of Arms for the Militia, was read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the same 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.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House for appropriating

appropriating a sum for the Civil Establishment and Miscellaneous Services
not exceeding

For the Province House	2,400
For the repairs of Government House	750
For Grammar and English Schools	2,150

£14,700

His Majesty's Council have not agreed to the Resolution of the House for appropriating the sum of £11,000 for the repair of Roads and Bridges, in addition to the sums already appropriated for that service. Nor to the Resolution for appropriating any sum for Bounties for the encouragement of Agriculture and Fisheries, except so far as is requisite under existing Laws; nor to the Resolution for appropriating £800 for the Liverpool Light-House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Robie, Mr. Haliburton, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Wifwall, and Mr. Mortimer, be a committee to take into consideration the foregoing Message; and also the Messages from His Majesty's Council to this House of the 13th and 23d instant, and that the said committee do prepare an Answer thereto, and report the same to the House.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at ten of the clock.

Monday, 30th March, 1812.

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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two Districts of Pictou and Colchester, respectively; also, the Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of new Lands; and also, the Bill in amendment of an Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship; 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 several Bills which stood committed; which report the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill in further amendment of the Act for the better regulating of Elections; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in further amendment

ment of an Act, passed in the 29th year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for the better regulating of Elections.

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee on the subject of the Public Markets at Halifax, and accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the Markets in the Town of Halifax; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. S. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Alexander Cocken, Keeper of the Light house on M'Nutt's Island, and the same was read, praying that the sum of £40 may be granted to complete the road across the said Island.

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

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee on the subject of Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, 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 under their consideration the subject to them referred, and are of opinion that the undermentioned sums should be appropriated to the several Counties and Districts, in the following proportions, viz:

Halifax County, including the Districts of Pictou and Colchester,	£1,600 0 0
Annapolis County	700 0 0
Hants do.	700 0 0
King's do.	600 0 0
Cumberland do.	475 0 0
Shelburne do.	500 0 0
Lunenburg do.	475 0 0
Queen's do.	425 0 0
Sydney do.	525 0 0

Total £6,000 0 0

And thereupon, Mr. J. G. Marshall moved, that the report be not received by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion seven; against it, twenty-one; so it passed in the negative.

The report of the committee was, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said report; and also the several petitions now before the House, praying for monies for the service of roads and bridges, be referred to the Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of a Supply accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Sargent took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress

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 a Supply; which report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Tuesday, 31st March, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robie, pursuant to leave given, presented a petition of Enos Collins and Andrew Wright, of Halifax, merchants, and the same was read, praying for a suspension of the payment of the Duties on a quantity of Sugar, by them imported from the Brazils in June last, for exportation to the United States of America.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. J. G. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to an Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province; and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill to regulate the Markets in the Town of Halifax; was read a second time.

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

Mr. Ritchie, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of an Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Halfpence, and the same was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Petition of Enos Collins and Andrew Wright.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred; and that the committee had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the payment of the Duties upon the Sugar, as stated in the petition should be suspended until the thirty-first day of December next, and that a clause be inserted in the Appropriation Bill to that effect.

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

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Ordered

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

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. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the Bill to alter and continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; and, also the Bill to regulate the Markets in the Town of Halifax; and that they 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 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.

Mr. J. G. Marshall reported from the committee on the subject of the Militia Laws; and accordingly presented a Bill in amendment of an Act to provide for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia; and the same was read a first time.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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 the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

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 following sums should be granted and applied to the service of Roads and Bridges, viz.:

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Gay's River to Truro, on the Halifax Road. Fifty

Fifty pounds for the road and bridges from Christie's, in Truro, to the Line of the District of Pictou.

Forty pounds for the road from Gay's River to Musquodoboit.

Thirty pounds for the road from the Upper to Middle Sewack.

Sixty pounds for the road from Coxe's, in Truro, to Middle Sewack.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from the Halifax Road to Sewack, by Brookfield Settlement.

Ten pounds for the road from the Old Barns, in Truro, to Shubenaccadie.

Fifteen pounds for the road from Saunderfon's, in Truro, to Phillips's on the Shubenaccadie River.

Fifteen pounds for the road from the Meeting-House, on Shubenaccadie River, to the Halifax Road by Dickie's.

Twenty pounds for the road from Upper Sewack to Musquodoboit.

Fifteen pounds for the road from the bridge near Wardrobe's, to the Black Rock, on the Shubenaccadie River.

Fifty pounds for the new road leading to Cumberland, through Onflow, as altered by the Court of Sessions.

Forty-five pounds for the great road leading to Cumberland, through the Plains of Londonderry.

Fifty-five pounds to Joseph Peppard and Samuel Peppard, in full for building the bridge over the great Village River, on the great road leading to Cumberland, which was carried away in the last autumn.

Thirty pounds for the road from Onflow to Tatamaguthe.

Eighteen pounds to repair the Salmon Bridge in Truro.

Thirty pounds to repair the Folly Hill, on the great road leading to Cumberland.

One hundred and thirty-four pounds for the road from Springfield to the half-way House, on the main road from Halifax to Windsor.

One hundred and twenty pounds for the road from Canty's to Hall's on the road to Colchester.

Thirty-five pounds for the road from Prospect to Margaret's Bay Road.

Seventy-five pounds for the road from Ketch Harbour to Spryfield.

Forty pounds for the road from Margaret's Bay, to the forks of the road leading to Goodwood.

Forty pounds for the road between Salmon River and the bridge over Porter's Lake.

Thirty pounds for the road from Cole Harbour to Lawrence Town.

Twenty pounds for the road from Dartmouth to Fort Sackville.

Forty pounds for the road from the Bridge, at the North-West Arm, through the Dutch Village.

One hundred pounds for the road and bridges, from the Eight Mile Brook, to the Saw Mill near Pictou.

Two hundred pounds for the road from Logan's, on the Pictou road, towards the River John.

Thirty-three pounds for building a bridge over the West branch of the East river of Pictou, near Captain David M'Lean's.

Fifty

Fifty pounds for the road and bridges from Hugh Frazer's, on the East river of Pictou, to John Sutherland's, on the West River of Margomithe.

One hundred pounds for the road from John Sutherland's to the East river of Margomithe, and for erecting a bridge over Hogan's Gut, so called.

Fifty pounds for the road from the East River of Margomithe, to Sydney County Line.

One hundred pounds for cutting out and clearing away the windfalls and repairing the main road from the Indian Gardens to the head of Milford Haven, in the County of Sydney.

Fifty pounds for the main road from the Indian Gardens, at Antigonishe, to Malignant Cove, on the Gulf Shore.

Fifty pounds for cutting out and clearing away the windfalls on the main road from Tracadie to the head of Milford Haven.

Sixty pounds for aiding the inhabitants to build a bridge over Salmon River, on the main road from Manchester to the east branch of St. Mary's.

Eighty pounds for cutting out and clearing away the windfalls on the road from Boylston to the Gut of Canso.

Eighty-five pounds for aiding the inhabitants to build a bridge over Clam Harbour River, on the road from Manchester to the Gut of Canso.

One hundred pounds for cutting out and clearing away the Windfalls on the main road from Manchester, to the East branch of St. Mary's River.

Two hundred pounds for the road and bridges from Alpheus Morse's, in Amherst, to the bounds of Londonderry, on the main road leading to Halifax.

One hundred and ten pounds to repair the road and bridges from Napan bridge, at Amherst, to the bounds of King's County, on the main road to Parrsborough, including the repairs already made to the Macan bridge, on the said road, as per certified account, amounting to £23 11 6, in consequence of a storm in September last.

Fifty pounds for the road and bridges from Gabriel Purdy's to Remsheg Harbour.

Thirty pounds for the road and bridges from Richard Thompson's, on the River Philip, to the mouth of Remsheg River, by Andrew Futhner's.

Twenty pounds to improve the road from the River Macan to the River Philip.

Twenty pounds for the road from Amherst to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Fifteen pounds to assist the inhabitants to open a road from Fox Harbour, near Remsheg, to the main road leading to Cumberland.

Fifteen pounds to assist the inhabitants in opening a road from William Pipes's, near Napan bridge, at Amherst, to the ten mile house from Alpheus Morse's, on the main road to Halifax.

Fifteen pounds to assist the inhabitants in repairing the road from Macan River, near Nathan Hoey's, to Francklin Manor, on the River Hebert.

Eighty pounds for the road and bridges from Horton lower bridge towards Mount Denon.

Sixty pounds for the road from the stone bridge in Horton, to the half-way river in Horton.

Fifteen pounds for the road and bridges from New Canaan to the main road leading through Horton towards Annapolis.

Sixty-one pounds for building a bridge over Gaspereau River, at New Canaan, and for improving the road and bridges from New Canaan to the main road leading from Bishop's bridge to Avon bridge.

Fifteen pounds for the road and bridges from the middle Gaspereau river to the half-way river towards Manning's Plain, in Falmouth.

Thirty pounds to aid the inhabitants of Parrfborough to improve the road from Ratchford's Harbour, to Advocate Harbour, and from Lieut. Frazer's to Apple River.

Twenty pounds to aid the inhabitants of Parrfborough to improve the road from Ratchford's Harbour, to the main road, leading from Patridge Island, towards Cumberland.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Patridge Island, to the bounds of Cumberland County.

Forty-five pounds to aid the inhabitants of Parrfborough to improve the road from the main road leading from Patridge Island, towards Cumberland, towards Economy.

Fifteen pounds for the road leading road from Black Rock road, by Conden's and Stedman's mill, to the main road leading to Annapolis.

Six pounds for the road from the main road leading from Patridge Island towards Cumberland, near Lewis's to a road leading from Macan, towards the main road leading from Londonderry towards Cumberland.

Fifteen pounds for the road from Edy Newcomb's to the Bay of Fundy at Hall's Harbour in Cornwallis.

Eighteen pounds for the road from the River Macan, towards the Five Islands.

Twenty pounds for the road from Black Rock, to the road leading from Silas Rand's, to Aylesford Church.

Fifteen pounds for the new road at Pride's settlement, across Bear Brook, to the Black Rock Road.

Twenty pounds for the road from Scotch Bay to Cornwallis.

Ten pounds to improve the road from Baxter's Harbour to Cornwallis.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Silas Rand's, in Cornwallis, towards Aylesford Church.

Twenty pounds for the road from Daniel Huntley's to lower Pero, in Cornwallis.

Twenty pounds for the main road from Sharp's to Pineo's, leading to Annapolis as it is now cut out, on the line between Sharp's and Webster's.

Twenty pounds for the road from Pineo's through Aylesford on the main road to Annapolis.

Twenty pounds for the road from Aylesford to the Bay of Fundy on the Morde Road.

Twenty-five pounds for the new Canaan road from the West bounds of King's County, to New Canaan Settlement.

Seventy-five pounds for that part of the main road leading from Annapolis to

Yarmouth, between the South bounds of the County of Annapolis and Salmon River.

Forty pounds to improve the Hills on the East side of Bear River, on the main road from Annapolis to Digby, by the way of the Hessian Line, and to finish the bridge at Lee's mills.

Fifty pounds to improve the late alteration of the main road between Annapolis and Digby, from the Hessian Line to Annapolis.

Seventy-five pounds to improve the new road from Bear River Bridge to Scissabou River Bridge.

Twenty-five pounds to erect bridges and improve the new Canaan Road, between Little River, near Allen Parker's, and the East bounds of the County of Annapolis.

Seventy-five pounds to improve the Liverpool Road, between the Half-way-tree, and Nictaur Falls.

Seventy-five pounds to improve the Post Road in Wilmot, between the seven mile River and Leonard's tavern, and to repair the bridges on the same road.

Forty-five pounds to aid the inhabitants of Granville to open and improve a road, from the main road, to the Bay of Fundy, between Lots No. 101 and 102.

Twenty-five pounds to aid the inhabitants of Granville to improve the road from the main road, by the Bay of Fundy, leading to the settlement at Chute's Cove.

One hundred pounds to improve the main road on the peninsula below Digby, between Sandy Cove and William's mill brook.

Fifty pounds to aid the inhabitants at Broad Cove and Gulliver's Hole, and the Scotch Settlement below Digby, to improve the road through those Settlements until the same intersects the main road from the Petit Passage to Digby.

Fifteen pounds (in addition to ten pounds, granted out of the Licence Fund) to repair the bridge at the head of the Little Joggin, on the post road from Annapolis to Digby.

Fifty pounds to aid the inhabitants of Wilmot to improve the new road on the top of the north Mountain, between the Henley Settlement and Granville Line.

Sixty-five pounds for the road from Lunenburg to Liverpool, to commence at Petit Rivere bridge.

Forty pounds for the road from Shaffelberger's mill to Frolick's, at Lahave.

Forty pounds for the road from Knee's or Hertie's mill, at Oak Land, to Longuil's mill, at Martin's River.

Sixty pounds for the road from the German Village, to Koch's mill, at the Falls of Lahave River.

One hundred pounds for the road leading from Chester to Hammond's Plains, to commence at Frail's, about three miles from Chester, and to end at the bridge, over the river, at the head of St. Margaret's Bay.

Seventy

Seventy pounds for the road leading from Chester to Windfor, to commence at Keefer's, five miles from Chester, and end at King's, on the said road.

One hundred pounds for the road from Block House Hill, in the North-West range, towards Annapolis.

Two hundred and ninety pounds for the main road from Pence's to Avon bridge.

Seventy-five pounds for the main road in Douglafs, from Singer's, towards the Shubenacadie to Jackson's.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from David Whidden's, up the Shubenacadie, to the bridge near Wardrobe's.

Twenty pounds to aid the settlers of the Nine Mile River, in Douglafs, to repair their roads and bridges from carpenter M'Donald's, to the settlement on the Gore, it being on the main road leading to Hall's, on the Colchester road.

Twenty-five pounds to aid the inhabitants of Noel Village, to improve their road from Noel, to the main road near Dalrymple's, on the Douglas main road.

Fifty pounds for the main road from Rawdon church to Lawrence's, near Wood's tavern, on the road leading to Halifax.

Twenty pounds to aid the inhabitants of Rawdon to improve the road from Jacob Withrow's, towards the Nine Mile River, by Barron's.

Twelve pounds ten shillings to aid the Settlers of Rawdon to improve the road from James Higgin's to the Rawdon main road, near the church.

Twelve pounds ten shillings to aid the Settlers in the upper district of Rawdon, to improve the road from Ducl's, to the Nine Mile River road, at Barron's.

Thirty pounds to aid the inhabitants of Petit to rebuild the bridge over Cogmagun River near Salter's, and improve the road from thence towards Petit.

Twenty pounds to assist the inhabitants of the shore District to repair the bridge over Cogmagun River, and improve the road from thence on towards Sheverie.

Twenty-five pounds for the road from Archibald Wier's, in Newport, to the Rawdon road near Lawrence's, the inhabitants having subscribed double that sum.

Twenty pounds to assist the inhabitants of Newport in making the road, as laid out by the Jury, from the Mill River to Joseph Wier's tavern; the said inhabitants having subscribed £150.

Twenty-five pounds for the old road and bridges leading from Horton, between the half-way river and Josiah Davison's, in Falmouth.

Twenty pounds to aid the settlers on the nine-mile-river in Douglafs, to improve the road from Chisholm's farm to the bridge over the Shubenacadie River, near Hall's.

Thirty pounds to improve the road from Long's in Windfor, to Moose Horn Hill, on the road leading to Chester.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from the North Line of the Township of Yarmouth to Cyrus Parry's.

Fifty pounds for the road from Jacob Telford's to Salmon River.

Fifty

Fifty pounds for the road from the head of Jabouge River to Tusket bridge.

Two hundred pounds for the road from the head of Pubnico to Barrington.

Fifty pounds for repairing the bridge over Clyde River, and for the road at the South end of said bridge.

One hundred and twenty-five pounds for the road from the Town of Liverpool to the Falls, and to complete the bridge over the said Falls, on the road leading from Liverpool to Annapolis County.

Fifty pounds for the road from the Falls of Liverpool to the half-way-tree on the Nictaur road.

One hundred pounds for the road from the Falls of Liverpool, to the Herring Cove Bridge, on the road leading to Lunenburg.

One hundred and fifty pounds for the road from the Town of Liverpool, to the bounds of Shelburne County.

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.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 1st April, 1812.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of new Lands; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of new Land.

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

A Bill in amendment of an Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Halfpence, was read a second time.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council request a conference, by committee, on the subject of the several Resolutions of this House for granting Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges.

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,

Ordered, That the committee appointed for the distribution of the Money to be granted for Roads and Bridges, do manage the said conference.

And the names of the Managers were called over.

And they went to the conference,

And being returned,

Mr. Archibald reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

On motion, the Message of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to this House on the 10th February last; the statement of the Receiver General of Quit Rents; and also the statement of the Deputy Secretary of the Province on the subject of the Quit Rents; were severally read by the Clerk; and thereupon,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the said Message and Papers.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Pyke took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the business to them referred; and that the committee had come to a resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read; and is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that as the inhabitants of this Colony are composed of persons professing various religious sentiments, all of whom since the first settlement of this Province, have been exempt from yielding any support to the Church of England, except such as profess to be members of that Church; the House of Assembly, anxiously desirous of preserving harmony among all denominations of Christians, cannot agree to make provision for the Clergy of the Church of England, out of the Public Treasury, or in any way raise money by taxes on other classes of Christians for the support of that Church.

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

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to His Excellency's Message, conformably to the foregoing resolution of the committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Mortimer, be a committee accordingly.

Then the House adjourned until half past seven o'clock, P. M.

The House met, agreeably to adjournment.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill to alter and continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, be re-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 said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wiswall 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.

Mr. Pyke reported from the committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address of this House of the 17th ult.; that the committee had, pursuant to the Order of the House, waited upon and delivered to His Excellency the said Address.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Collins have leave to return home on his private affairs.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Thursday, 2d April, 1812.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to alter and continue an 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.

An engrossed Bill for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two Districts of Pictou and Colchester, respectively; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the appointment of Sheriffs in the two Districts of Pictou and Colchester respectively.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills 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 Bill in amendment of the Act to provide for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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.

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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. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed severally to one hundred and sixteen Resolutions of this House, for granting Monies for the service of Roads and Bridges, as sent up for concurrence.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Hants; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of an Act, passed in the 29th year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the better regulating of Elections; and, also,

The Bill entitled, An Act to encourage the raising of Bread Corn, and the clearing of new Land.

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 several amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Bill in addition to an Act to encourage the Fisheries of the Province; was read a second time.

Resolved, That the Bill be now committed to a committee of the whole House, and the House resolved itself into a committee on the consideration of the said Bill accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had deferred the consideration of the said Bill to the next Sessions; which report the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Friday, 3d April, 1812.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in amendment of an Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship in this Province, and for suppressing Popery.

Ordered,

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

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Hants; was read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of an Act to provide for the greater security of the Province, by a better regulation of the Militia, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Mr. Haliburton moved, that the third section of the said Bill, which enacts, "That when leave of absence shall be given by the Captain or Commanding Officer of any Company of Militia, to any non-commissioned Officer or Private of such Company, the said Captain or Commanding Officer, shall cause such leave of absence, together with the grounds for granting the same to be entered in the Clerk's book of such Company, and if at the next meeting of the said Company, the reasons for granting the said leave of absence shall be judged insufficient by the Lieutenant Colonel or Officer commanding the Battalion to which such Company is attached, the said Captain or commanding Officer so granting leave of absence, without sufficient cause, to be adjudged of as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding forty shillings, nor less than ten shillings," be struck out of the said Bill; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative, and the said clause was struck out of the Bill accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts of this Province now in force relating to a Militia.

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

An engrossed Bill to regulate the Markets in the Town of Halifax; was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to regulate the Markets in the Town of Halifax; and to repeal an Act, passed in the 39th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for repairing or rebuilding the Market-House, erecting a Country Market, and regulating the several Markets in the Town of Halifax; and also to revive, alter, amend, and bring into one Act, the Acts for preventing frauds by Butchers and Fishmongers.

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 Bill in amendment of an Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Halipence.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had deferred the consideration

consideration of the said Bill to the next Session; which report, upon the question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

On motion, the House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments proposed by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, part of the same were agreed to, and other part disagreed to by the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House, hath agreed to part and disagreed to other part of the amendments made by them to the same, as designated thereon.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Saturday, 4th April, 1812.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Hants; was read a second time.

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 accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Wells 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.

Resolved, That the Bill be now read a third time, and the same was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Dewolf have leave to return home on his private affairs.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved*, that this House will, in a future Session make provision for the payment to such person as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor may appoint, for making a new Index to the volume of the Laws of the Province, already completed, and for collecting and indexing the Laws passed in the Assembly since the year 1804.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of a Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker returned 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 come to several resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read; and are as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of two hundred pounds should be granted to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, for his Salary for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds should be granted to enable Commissioners, to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being to provide for Lighting the Light House now erecting on Coffin's Island, at Liverpool, as soon as finished, for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds should be granted for Supporting and Lighting the Light-House on Briar Island, for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of one hundred pounds should be granted towards the further erection of a Pier at Arrisag Point, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of ten pounds should be granted for cutting away the Woods which obscure the Light of the Light-House on Briar Island, in a southern direction.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of fifty pounds should be granted for the purpose of cutting out, and clearing away, the Windfalls, and improving the road from the Chapel in Dorchester, to Hatty's mill, on the East river of Margon ishe.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a further sum of fifty pounds should be granted for cutting out, and clearing away, the Windfalls, and improving the main Road from Manchester to the East branch of St. Mary's; the sum already granted for that purpose, not being sufficient.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of two thousand four hundred pounds, should be granted towards erecting the Province-House, to be drawn for by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, by warrant on the Treasury, and expended under the direction of the Commissioners appointed for the said building.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, should be granted and applied, by the direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in bounties for the apprehending Deserters from His Majesty's Army or Navy; the amount of the bounty, for each Deserter, who shall be apprehended and secured, to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of eight pounds and ten pence half penny, should be granted to George M. Haliburton, in full for a Drawback of the Excise Duty on certain articles of Prize Goods by him exported to the United States, in the schooner Lucy, Henry Huxford, master, in the year 1806.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of forty-one pounds three shillings and eleven pence, should be granted to John Osborn, in full for a Drawback of the Duties on a certain quantity of Prize Coffee, by him exported to Salem, in the United States of America, in the year 1810.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty-four pounds, should be granted to Enos Collins, and Joseph Barfs, in full for a Drawback of the Impost Duty, by them paid on a quantity of Rum imported from the West-Indies in the year 1811, and purchased with the produce of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of thirty-seven pounds eighteen shillings and seven pence should be granted to Rufus G. Taylor and John Osborn, in full for a drawback of the Sunk Duty on a certain quantity of Coffee, by them imported from St. Domingo, and afterwards exported to Great-Britain in the year 1810.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence should be granted to William Hill, in full for his services and expenses in attending the Supreme Court at Lunenburg, and a Court of Oyer and Terminer for the County of Queen's County, in the month of August last.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of twenty one pounds should be granted to John Howe & Son, for printing Forms of Prayers, per account.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of three hundred pounds should be granted and paid to the Chairman of the Committee of Trade and Agriculture for the Province of Nova-Scotia, to be applied by him in the following manner, Viz:—two hundred pounds thereof to be paid to Nathaniel Atcheson, Esquire, for his past services, in soliciting and obtaining, on the part of this Province, many important commercial privileges, and the remaining sum of one hundred pounds for his services for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of forty pounds six shillings and eleven pence should be granted to Phineas Lovett, jun. in full for a Drawback of the Impost Duty by him paid on a certain quantity of Rum, Coffee and Molasses, imported from the Island of Jamaica in the year 1809, and purchased with the produce of the Province.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds should be granted for defraying the necessary expence that may be incurred in conveying Arms and Ammunition, for the use of the Militia, from the capital, to any place or places within the Province; and that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, shall draw by warrant on the Treasury for the said sum, or such part thereof, as he shall think necessary, in favor of the Quarter Master General of the Militia, who shall apply the same to the purpose above named, and no other; and shall account for the expenditure thereof at the next Session of the General Assembly.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of seven pounds should be granted to George Roy, for his services as a Commissioner in expending the sum of one hundred and forty pounds, granted in the years 1805 and 1806, for Roads at Margomithe, and certified according to Law.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of six hundred and seventy-two pounds three shillings and two pence half penny, should be granted for discharging certain claims for bounties on Salt, agreeably to a schedule thereof.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of one hundred pounds ten shillings should be granted to John D. Hawthorn, and James Barfs, for the bounty on the Schooner Pelly, of 70 tons burthen, employed in the Fishery, and for a bounty on six hundred and fifty quintals of Fish, caught by them in the said vessel, between the 5th day of June and the 30th September last; all of which were destroyed in the gale on the said 30th September, at Guysborough, after the same were cured.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, should be authorized to annul the bond given by James Ewing, for securing the payment of the sum of ten pounds seven shillings and six pence, for the Excise Duty on a quantity of Mahogany Furniture imported in the ship Greenock to Pictou—the said Duty having been before secured and paid to the Collector of Impost and Excise at Pictou.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of five hundred pounds should be granted towards the completing the Light House on Coffin's Island, at the entrance of Liverpool Harbour.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, should draw by warrant on the Treasury, for a sum not exceeding seven hundred and four pounds seven shillings and four pence, for the purpose of making the requisite repairs to the Government House; for preserving and putting the same into a tenantable condition; and also for erecting Board Fences at the head of the Garden, and at the East side of the field adjoining the burying-ground, and to build an Ice-House in the centre of the said field, agreeably to an estimate laid before the House this Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of ten pounds should be granted to Ebenezer Wheaton, towards his support for the present year, in consequence of his disability while employed in the Militia in the year 1807.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor should draw by warrant on the Treasury for the sum of ninety-six pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence (in addition to the sum now remaining unexpended of the vote for the reparation of the old Government-House) to enable the joint Committee of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, to discharge in full the several accounts now due for furnishing the Building hired for the accommodation of the Legislature, and other Public Purposes, agreeably to a certified schedule thereof, and amounting to one hundred and eighty-six pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence.

Resolved,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, should draw by warrant on the Treasury, for the sum of two hundred and eighty-three pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence, to be paid to the undermentioned persons, respectively, in full of their several demands for repairs to the Government House, in the last year, viz :

To John Merrick,	£37	10	4
John Forbes,	20	9	6
John Henderson & Son,	6	16	11½
James Scott,	8	14	0
Garret Miller,	73	17	11
Hartthorne & Boggs,	33	6	2
Butler & Manning,	27	5	3
James Creighton, junr.	21	2	6
Stephen Dupuy & Son,	28	15	0
Military Artificers and Labourers, } per account,	25	16	2½
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Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, should be granted for the repair of the Bridges on the great public Roads of the Province, to be expended in the manner prescribed by the Appropriation Act of the last year.

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, thereupon,

Mr. J. G. Marshall moved, that the resolution for granting two thousand four hundred pounds for the Province House, be not received by the House, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion three ; against it, twenty-three.

For the Motion :

Mr. J. G. MARSHALL,
Mr. SHAW,
Mr. MANNING.

Against the Motion :

Mr. WARWICK,	Mr. ARCHIBALD,
Mr. LAWSON,	Mr. HALIBURTON,
Mr. BALLAINE,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. MARSTERS,
Mr. ROBIE,	Mr. RITCHIE,
Mr. BAKER,	Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. PRYOR,	Mr. DIMOCK,
Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. PURDY,
Mr. CHIPMAN,	Mr. CREIGHTON,
Mr. KENT,	Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. ROACH,	Mr. RUDOLF.
Mr. PYKE,	

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Lawson moved that the resolution for granting two hundred pounds to the Speaker of the Assembly, for his Salary for the present year, be not received

by the House which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion Eleven; against it, Sixteen :

For the motion,	Against the motion,	
Mr. ARCHIBALD,	Mr. SHAW,	Mr. BISHOP,
Mr. MANNING,	Mr. S. MARSHALL,	Mr. WARWICK,
Mr. LAWSON,	Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. RUDOLF,
Mr. ROBEI,	Mr. ROACH,	Mr. CREIGHTON,
Mr. ALLISON,	Mr. KENT,	Mr. FLEMMING,
Mr. PRYOR,	Mr. PYKE,	
Mr. CHIPMAN,	Mr. PURDY,	
Mr. RITCHIE,	Mr. BALLAINE,	
Mr. BAKER,	Mr. CRANE,	
Mr. HALIBURTON,	Mr. MARSTERS,	
Mr. DIMOCK,	Mr. J. G. MARSHALL.	

So it passed in the negative.

The said Report and Resolutions were then put, and agreed to by the House.

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 6th April, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to nineteen Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz :

- 200l. to the Speaker of the Assembly.
- 500l. for the Light-House on Coffin's Island.
- 200l. for supporting Light-House on Briar Island.
- 2,400l. for the Province-House.
- 200l. for apprehending Deserters.
- 8l. 6s. 10½d. to G. M. Haliburton.
- 41l. 3s. 11d. to John Osborn.
- 24l. to Enos Collins and Joseph Barfs.
- 37l. 18s. 7d. to Rufus G. Taylor and John Osborn.
- 21l. to John Howe & Son.
- 23l. 6s. 8d. to William Hill.
- 300l. to Chairman of Committee of Trade.
- 100l. for conveying Militia Arms.
- 7l. to George Roy.
- 704l. 7s. 4d. for repairs to Government-House, by Estimate.
- 10l. to Ebenezer Wheaton.
- 96l. 19s. 6d. for furnishing building occupied by the Legislature.
- 283l. 13s. 10d. for repairs made to Government House.
- 400l. for repair of Bridges on great roads of the Province.

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House in favor of Enos Collins & Andrew Wright; and also,

The resolution in favour of James Ewing.

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The Council have not agreed to seven resolutions of this House for granting the following sums. viz :

100l. for lighting the Light-House erecting on Coffin's Island.

100l. for the Pier at Arisaig.

10l. for cutting down Wood at Briar Island Light-House.

50l. for the road from the chapel in Dorchester to Hatty's Mill.

50l. for the road from Manchester to the East branch of St. Mary's River.

40l. 6s. 11d. to Phineas Lovett, junr.

100l. 10s. to J. D. Hawthorn and David Barfs.

The Council have deferred the consideration of the resolution of this House, for granting £673 3 2, to discharge certain claims for the bounty of Salt, until the next Session of the General Assembly.

The Council have concurred in the amendments to the Bill to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, as agreed to by the House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Ritchie and Mr. J. G. Marshall, have leave to return home on their private affairs.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee on the expiring Laws; 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.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Tuesday, 7th April, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to His Excellency's Message, on the subject of the Quit Rents, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Address be committed to a committee of the whole House; and thereupon,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, 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 gone through the Address, and had made several amendments thereunto, and he delivered the Address

dress as amended in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

Sir JOHN COAPE SHERBROOKE,

Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the House of Representatives in General Assembly.

WE, His Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Representatives of His Loyal People of Nova-Scotia, humbly beg leave, through your Excellency, to offer our most humble thanks, to our beloved Sovereign, for the immediate Answer His Majesty has been most graciously pleased to return to the Petition of the former House of Assembly, on the subject of His Royal Quit Rents ; and to express our dutiful sense of His Majesty's beneficent intentions towards his Subjects in this Province, manifested in His Majesty's Answer to that Petition.

We assure your Excellency, that we have given that serious attention to the subject of His Majesty's Answer, contained in your Excellency's Message to the House of Assembly, which the nature and importance of the subject demanded ; and have fully considered the consequences likely to result from the performance of the condition upon which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to inform us he would suspend the collection of His Royal Rents, and we most respectfully state to your Excellency some of the many reasons which have prevented the House of Assembly from complying with that condition.

His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, are composed of various denominations of Christians, who universally esteem themselves good and loyal Subjects of His Majesty, and it is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction we can assure your Excellency they are worthy so to be considered ; all of whom, since the first settlement of this Colony under His Majesty's Government, have ever been, by Law, exempt from yielding any support to the Church of England, (excepting such as profess the doctrines of that Church), a privilege which was early promised to such of His Majesty's Subjects as should settle in Nova-Scotia, and one which they have ever enjoyed, and esteemed invaluable.

We further beg leave to state to your Excellency, that much the greater proportion of His Majesty's Subjects in this Colony, do not profess the doctrines of the Church of England ; and we are fully satisfied, if the Assembly should make provision for the support of the Clergy of that Church, at the expence of the Province, jealousies and discontents would be created amongst the various descriptions of Christians, tending to the injury of the Church, and the destruction of that harmony which we are anxiously desirous of preserving.

The House of Assembly humbly state to your Excellency, that the collection of the Quit Rents would create uneasiness, and, in very many cases, distress, as the Persons who settle the Wilderness Lands of this Province, are generally poor and indigent People.

The House of Assembly request that your Excellency will be pleased to make
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known to their beloved Sovereign, this their answer to your Excellency's Message; and they beg leave to assure your Excellency of the high respect they entertain for your Excellency's person and character, and the confidence they place in the disposition so fully manifested by your Excellency to promote the best interests of this Province.

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

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned, was read a second time.

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 accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Dimock 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 to the House without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

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, without any amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts of the Province now in force relating to a Militia, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

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

Mr. Mortimer reported from the committee to whom the Accounts and Report relative to 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 have examined the accounts, find them correct and regularly vouched; that there appears a balance now in the hands of the Com-

millioner of £.127 17 7½, of the annual grant for that service; and a further sum of £.486 arising out of the salvage of a quantity of Cotton, &c. which is intended to be applied by the Executive for erecting suitable buildings for a settlement at East end of said Island, which will be carried into execution as soon as the season will permit; and it further appears by the Report of the said Commissioner, that an additional sum of £.150, to the annual grant of £.400, will be required for the ensuing year.

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of an Act for the establishment of Religious Public Worship, &c. with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments proposed by the Council, to the said Bill, and the said amendments were read throughout a first and second time, and upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the amendments made by them to the same, and that the title to the Bill be, An Act to alter the meetings of Parishioners for the choice of Vestry Men and Church Wardens for the several Parishes in this Province.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

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 same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read; and are as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of three pounds (in addition to the usual sum of fifteen pounds) should be granted to Israel Conky, the Messenger of the House of Assembly, for his services during the present Session, in consideration of the great length of the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of eight pounds, should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly to defray the expense of Fuel for the House of Assembly during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of ten pounds (in addition to the usual allowance) should be granted to the Secretary of the Province for Stationary, on account of Warrants to be drawn on the Treasury for the service of the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of forty pounds should

should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Extra Clerks, Servants, and other incidental expenses, during the present Session, to be approved by the committee of Public Accounts.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of ninety-five pounds should be granted for securing and finishing that part of the Pier at Point Arisaig erected last year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of five pounds, (in addition to the usual allowance of twenty-five pounds) should be granted to John Angus, Sergeant at Arms of the House of Assembly, for his services during the present Session, in consideration of the great length of the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds should be granted to the Commissioners of the Island of Sable, for the support of that establishment for the present year.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding eight pounds be granted to the Clerk of the Council to defray the expense of Fuel for the Council the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds should be granted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationary for the use of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly during the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of five pounds (in addition to the usual allowance of twenty-five pounds) should be granted to the Reverend Robert Stanfer, the Chaplain to the Council and the House of Assembly, for his services during the present Session, in consideration of the great length of the same.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty-nine pounds ten shillings should be granted for the purpose of defraying the contingent expenses of the House of Assembly for the present Session.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the sum of thirty pounds be granted for completing the road across M'Nutt's Island, at the entrance of the harbour of Shelburne.

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 thereupon.

Mr. Roach moved that the respective resolutions in favor of the Chaplain to the Council and House of Assembly; and of the Sergeant at Arms and the Messenger to the House, be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion four; against it, fourteen: so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Roach then moved, that the resolution for granting thirty pounds for the road across M'Nutt's Island, be not received, which being seconded and put passed in the affirmative.

The said Report and Resolutions (except the last Resolution above mentioned) were then put, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

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

Then the House adjourned until seven o'clock, P. M.

The House met, agreeably to the adjournment.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Council, to the Militia Bill, and the said amendments were read throughout a first and second time; and thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do not agree to the said amendments, but adhere to the said Bill as sent up to the Council for concurrence.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Wednesday, 8th April, 1812.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Address of this House, passed yesterday, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to His Excellency's Message on the subject of the Quit Rents, be presented to His Excellency by a committee of the House; and thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Wells, be a committee accordingly.

On motion, *resolved*, that a committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and inform him that the Commissioner of the Island of Sable, has accompanied the statement of his account respecting the said Island with a paper, in which he informs the House that it is the intention of His Excellency to appropriate the sum of £486, now in the hands of the Treasurer, arising from salvage of wrecked Goods in that Island, to the formation of another Establishment on the east end of it, and the erection of Sheds, &c. on the same; but as no such measure has been recommended to the House by his Excellency, the Assembly have not deemed it expedient to grant any money to be expended in that way, but have granted the usual sum of £400 for the support of the Island, lest the sums now in the hands of the Commissioner should not be sufficient for that service; the House of Assembly being of opinion, that the one Establishment already formed and supported by the Province, is as much as the Province ought to maintain.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Wells, be a committee for the above purpose.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the meetings of Parishioners for the choice of Vestry Men and Church Wardens for the several Parishes in this Province, without any amendment.

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The Council have agreed to fix Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz :

400l. for the establishment of the Island of Sable.

10l. to the Secretary of the Province, for Stationary.

8l. to the Clerk of the Council, for Fuel.

8l. to the Clerk of the Assembly, for Fuel.

15l. to the Clerk of ditto, for Stationary.

40l. to the Clerk of ditto, for Extra Clerks, &c.

The Council have not agreed to five resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz :

1,129l. 10s. for the contingent expenses of the Assembly.

5l. to the Chaplain to the Council and Assembly.

5l. to the Sergeant at Arms to the Assembly.

5l. to the Messenger to the Assembly.

95l. for Arifaig Pier.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter, amend and continue, the several Acts of this Province now in force relating to the Militia.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, That the sum of £329 10s, over and above the sum of £800. is now due to the Members who have attended this Session, on account of their pay, at the rate of ten shillings per day : therefore,

Resolved, unanimously, That this House will make provision for the payment of the same next Session, together with such further sum as may become due during the present Session.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Thursday, 9th April, 1812.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Address of this House of the 7th instant, that they had waited on and delivered to His Excellency the said Address accordingly ; and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the committee a written answer as follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I WILL not fail to transmit a copy of the Address which I have just received, to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, by the earliest opportunity.

For the favorable opinion you are so good as to say you entertain of me, I return you my best thanks. And I trust, upon a further acquaintance with my character and sentiments, that you will find no cause to change it.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

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Mr. Archibald also reported that the committee had, pursuant to order, delivered to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of the resolution of the House of yesterday, respecting the Island of Sable.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider further of a Supply.

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, upon which they had framed a Bill for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the present year, 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 said Bill be now read a second time, and the same was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill above-mentioned, and the same 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 that this House hath agreed to the amendments made by them to the same.

An engrossed Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the present year, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or the 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. Cogswell:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned; and, also,

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The Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned; for the service of the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or the Acts of the Province, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the resolution of this House of the 25th March last, That the Members of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, not already provided with the Laws of the Province, be furnished each with a set at the expence of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ne of the clock.

Friday, 10th April, 1812.

PRAYERS.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Deputy Secretary Cogswell :

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

An Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors; and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates.

An Act to provide for the support of a Light House on the south end of Coffin's Island, on the eastern side of the entrance of Liverpool Harbour.

An Act to alter and continue an Act for imposing an additional Duty of Excise on Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors ; and for appropriating the same.

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

An Act to authorise the Commanding Engineer at Halifax, to enclose a part of the Highway, leading from Fort Massey to the Exercising Ground, on the Common of Halifax.

An Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Halifax.

An Act to alter the time of the sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Hants.

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An Act to alter the meetings of Parishioners for the choice of Vestry Men and Church Wardens for the several Parishes in this Province.

After which, Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

May it please your Excellency,

I beg leave to present to your Excellency, on the behalf of the Commons of Nova-Scotia, a Bill for appropriating the supplies granted in the present Session, for the support of His Majesty's Government for the present year, and to request 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 of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in this Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following SPEECH :

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council ;

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;

THE readiness with which you have granted the Supplies required for the Support of His Majesty's Government, and the liberal provision you have made for the other Public Services recommended by me at the opening of this Session, (in all of which I am happy to observe, you have not lost sight of the value of frugality) demand my warmest acknowledgments. When the period arrives for laying before you the account of annual expenditure, I trust that you will find that the Revenue has been carefully applied to those purposes for which it was granted.

THE business of the Session being now ended, I feel happy in having it in my power to consult your convenience by affording you a recess, that you may attend to those concerns which, at this season of the year, must require your personal superintendance ; and I hope you will use your influence to cherish and encourage that spirit of loyalty, industry and harmony, which I am happy to learn prevails among the Inhabitants of this Province ; as by so doing you will best promote your own comfort, and secure the prosperity and happiness of the People.

Afterwards the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's Command, said :

GENTLEMEN,

IT is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the sixteenth day of July next, to be then here held ; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the sixteenth of July next.