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FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Monday, December 1, 1806.

Agreeable to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Proclamation, the undermentioned Representatives were returned to serve in General Assembly, viz.

CHARLOTTE-TOWN,

JOHN F. HOLLAND, Esq.

JAMES B. PALMER, Esq.

GEORGE-TOWN.

WILLIAM CREED, Esq.

JAMES BAGNALL, Esq.

PRINCE TOWN.

CHAS. STEWART, Sen. Esq.

JAMES TOWNSEND, Esq.

KINGS COUNTY.

PETER MACGOWAN, Esq.

ELISHA COFFIN, Esq.

BENJAMIN COFFIN, Esq.

JOHN STOWE, Esq.

QUEENS COUNTY.

RALPH BRECKEN, Esq.

ANGUS M' AULAY, Esq.

ALEX. M'DONELL, Esq.

COUNDOULY RANKIN, Esq.

PRINCE COUNTY.

ROBERT HODGSON, Esq.

CHAS. STEWART, Jun. Esq.

DAVID MURRAY, Esq.

HUGH MONTGOMERY, Esq.

The whole of the above number being present (except *William Creed*, Esq.) were sworn in. The customary oaths were administered by the Honorable *Robert Gray*, Esq. and the Honorable *Alexander Howe*, Esq. two of His Majesty's Council, appointed by *Dedimus Potestatem* for that purpose; after which a Message was delivered by the Secretary from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, informing the members that it was His Excellency's Command, that they immediately proceed to appoint a Speaker, and attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

C. Stewart, Esq. jun. one of the members from Prince County, stood up, and addressing the Clerk, proposed to the House *Robert Hodgson*, Esq. as their Speaker, which was seconded by *P. Macgowan*, Esq. member for Kings County.

J. B. Palmer, Esq. a member for Charlotte-Town, rose, addressed the Clerk, and proposed to the House *J. F. Holland*, Esq. member for Charlotte-Town, as their Speaker, which was seconded by *A. M' Aulay*, Esq. member for Queens County... The House then divided.

FOR ROBERT HODGSON, Esq. *Elisba Coffin, Ralph Brecken Charles Stewart, Jun. Benjamin Coffin, Peter Macgowan, James Townsend, Hugh Montgomery, David Murray, Charles Stewart, Sen. and John Stowe, Esquires.*

FOR JOHN FREDERICK HOLLAND, Esq. *Angus M^cAulay, James B. Palmer, Alexander M^cDonell, Coundouly Rankin, and James Bagnall, Esquires.*

The Clerk having declared *Robert Hodgson, Esq.* duly Elected, he was led to the Chair by *C. Stewart, Jun. Esq.* and *C. Stewart, Sen. Esq.* whereupon he said,

Gentlemen,

I return you my sincere thanks for the honor you have done me, in appointing me your Speaker. Permit me to assure you, Gentlemen, that my best abilities shall be exerted in your service; and I trust I may confidently hope for such assistance from you all, as will enable me to do the duty of Speaker, with honour to the House and advantage to the public, under such impressions I take the Chair.

According to His Excellency's Command, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker spoke to the following effect, viz.

May it Please Your Excellency,

The Lower House of Assembly having done me the honor to elect me their Speaker, I am now presented for your Excellency's approbation.

To which His Excellency was pleased to say he approved their choice. The Speaker then addressed His Excellency as follows, viz.

It now becomes my duty in their behalf to request of your Excellency as the privileges of this House, that the Members thereof during the Session may be freed from molestation, that they may have freedom of Speech in their debates; that they may have the power of punishing their own members, and have free and favorable access to your Excellency as his Majesty's Representative on all occasions. And I do also in their name and on their behalf beg leave to claim all their ancient rights and privileges.

His Excellency then was pleased to say.

"I have the fullest confidence, that the zeal, loyalty, and attachment of the House of Representatives to his Majesty, will on all occasions prompt the willing exertions of its abilities for promoting the welfare of His Royal service, and the prosperity of this Island.

"I rely on the temper and prudence of the House in its discussions and deliberations---and I readily allow and confirm in the most ample

manner, all the privileges heretofore granted or enjoyed by the House of Representatives.

“ I look forward in anxious hopes for the beneficial result of their proceedings.”

The House having returned Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House attended this day in the Council Chamber, his Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses of the Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had to prevent mistakes obtained a Copy, which he read to the House and is as follows, viz.

“ *Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

“ *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

“ **I**N consequence of late advices from England, informing that arrangements of a very interesting nature relative to this Colony were then under the consideration of His Majesty's Ministers, I have considered it necessary by and with the advice of His Majesty's Colonial Council, to dissolve the late House of Assembly, in order that the Public might have the Advantage of a new Representation, and thereby avail itself of the Abilities and Talents of those persons who may have arrived in the colony since the late Assembly were first convened as well as of others inclined to come forward.

“ Deeming it expedient that the result of your Deliberations should be transmitted to Government before the setting in of the winter, I have called you together at an inconvenient and precarious Season. I hope however that my Requisition will be justified by the Papers which I have directed to be laid before you: And, in order to facilitate your return to your respective Habitations before the Roads become impracticable, I suggest to you that it would be advisable to defer entering upon any other Business, than such as may result from the consideration of those Papers, until a more appropriate time, when I shall again be obliged to request your Attendance.

“ *Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

“ When his Majesty's Ministers have been pleased generously to take into consideration the improvement of this His Majesty's Colony, notwithstanding the multiplicity of business, which must occupy their time at this momentous crisis, I have every hope that you, who are remote from the scenes of war, and blessed with the undisturbed exercise of your peaceful avocations, will shew yourselves deserving of the protection and encouragement of the United Kingdoms, by calling forward even the little resources of this infant Country to its own prosperity, and the service of His most sacred Majesty.

“ Your internal defence will of course become a subject of primary consideration. The encouragement of Agriculture and Commerce as

mands your assistance: nor will you regard with inattention the want of Roads, of Communication, and of such Public Buildings and Establishments as are absolutely necessary towards carrying on business of Government on a system of regularity and responsibility.

"I have ordered the Public Accounts and Estimates to be laid before you, by which you will see that your immediate exigencies are far beyond your present Revenue; and I have every hope that the event of your deliberations will give proper efficacy to the natural advantages of this Island, and place it upon that respectable foundation on which it justly merits to stand.

"Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council, and

"Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

"Though the accession of new Settlers and the improvements which have taken place in the Colony since the last Session, have been as numerous as at any former period of equal time; yet its advancement creeps but very slowly, and will continue to do so until the exertions of the legislature shall quicken its pace: those exertions shall always meet my cordial cooperation, and I have no doubt but they will in a short time render this Island a valuable acquisition to His Majesty's most gracious Government;

"Council Chamber, Charlotte-Town, 1st Dec. 1806."

On Motion of *J. F. Holland, Esq.* Ordered that the Reverend *Theo. Desbrisay* be appointed Chaplain to this House, and that the Clerk acquaint him thereof, requesting his attendance to read prayers each morning before the House proceed to business.

J. F. Holland, Esq. moved that *Mr. Robert Fox* be continued Clerk to this House.

R. Brecken, Esq. moved that *Mr. James Robertson* be appointed Clerk to this House... The House then divided.

For *Mr. Fox*---*J. B. Palmer, J. F. Holland, J. Bagnall, C. D. Rankin,* and *A. M. Aulay, Esquires.*

For *Mr. ROBERTSON*---*R. Brecken, C. Stewart, Sen. E. Coffin, B. Coffin, J. Stowe, H. Montgomery, C. Stewart, Jun. P. Macgowan, A. McDonell,* and *D. Murray, Esquires.* Carried in favor of *Mr. ROBERTSON.*

Ordered on Motion of *R. Brecken, Esq.* That *Mr. Thomas Alexander* be continued Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered on Motion of *C. Stewart, jun. Esq.* That *Mr. George Mabey* be appointed Messenger.

Ordered on Motion of *J. B. Palmer, Esq.* That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's Speech, and that *J. B. Palmer, C. D. Rankin,* and *C. Stewart, jun. Esquires,* form the same.

Ordered on Motion of *J. Bagnall, Esq.* That a Committee be appointed to revise the Journals of the House each day immediately after the adjournment thereof, and that *P. Macgowan, J. F. Holland, and J. Bagnall, Esquires,* form the same.

Ordered on Motion of *J. F. Holland, Esq.* That the late Committee of Correspondence do produce all their proceedings and Letters to and from the Colony Agent, to this House to-morrow.

Ordered on Motion of *Mr. Brecken,* That leave be given to bring in the Petition of *William Bremner,* complaining of an undue Election and return for *Charlotte-Town,* the same was read accordingly,

Ordered on Motion of *Mr. Brecken,* That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieut. Governour, requesting he will be pleased to inform this House whether *James Bardin Palmer, Esq.* returned to serve as a Member for *Charlotte-Town-Royalty,* is at present a Member of His Majesty's Council, and in case he is not now a Member of that Honorable Board, then that His Excellency will be pleased to inform this House, on what day his resignation was accepted of by His Excellency and his seat there declared vacant, and that *Mr. Brecken, Mr. McDonell, and Mr. Holland,* be appointed a Committee to prepare an Address to His Excellency upon the subject.

The Committee then withdrew and shortly after returned with the following Address, viz.

"To His Excellency *JOSEPH FREDERICK WALLET DESBARRES,*
Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's
Island-Prince-Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and
Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The Address of the House of Assembly in General Assembly convened.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

"RETURN having been made on the Writ of Election for Members to serve in General Assembly for *Charlotte-Town-Royalty* of *James Bardin Palmer, Esq.* who either now is, or hath very lately been a Member of His Majesty's Council, we humbly request that your Excellency will be pleased to inform this House whether the above-named *Mr. Palmer* is at present a Member of His Majesty's Council, and in case he is now not a Member of that Honorable Board then that Your Excellency will be pleased to inform this House on what day his resignation was accepted of by your Excellency, and his seat there declared vacant.

"ROBERT HODGSON, Speaker."

"Assembly-Room, December 1, 1806."

Ordered, That *R. Brecken, P. Macgowan, and J. F. Holland, Esqrs.* be appointed a Committee to wait upon His Excellency and present the same.

Ordered on Motion of *J. F. Holland*, Esq. that the standing Rules and Regulations of the last House of Assembly be read and continued in force and likewise that the Clerk collect from the several Journals all such Rules and Regulations as heretofore were made permanent, and submit them to the House for their inspection.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock To-morrow.

Tuesday, December 2, 1806.

THE House met according to Adjournment... PRAYERS.

William Creed Esq. returned as a Member to serve in this present Assembly for George-Town and Royalty appeared, and having taken the Oaths prescribed by Law, was admitted to his Seat.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Answer to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, presented the same.

On-Motion of *Mr. Stewart, Jun.* the House went into Committee of the whole House to take the same into consideration (*Mr. Palmer* in the Chair) after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the same with amendments, which being read and agreed to, was ordered to be ingrossed.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Stewart, Jun. Palmer*, and *E. Coffin*, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to receive the same.

Mr. Stewart, Jun. pursuant to the order of yesterday, presented the Correspondence between the Committee of the late and former Houses of Assembly and the Colony Agent, and moved that the same be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Ordered.

Ordered, on Motion of *Mr. Palmer*, That an address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that he would be pleased to order the following papers to be laid before the House:

“An extract from His Majesty's Royal instructions respecting the appropriation of Quit-Rents to the Colony in its infant state.

“An extract from the said instructions requiring that accounts of Quit Rents, &c. should be audited in the Island, and transmitted to His Majesty's Ministers.

“Copy of a letter of Lord HOBART, one of His Majesty's Secretaries of State, dated 6th August, 1802; respecting a scale of Composition of Quit-Rents; also the said scale of Composition or a Copy thereof, together with the Copy of a letter from Lord HOBART, respecting a suspending clause to the Quit-Rent Act.” Messrs. *Palmer, Montgomery*, and *Holland*, were appointed a Committee to prepare the same.

The Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of yesterday reported, That his Excellency

was pleased to say, in reply, that *James Bardin Palmer, Esquire*, resigned his seat in His Majesty's Council, on the day on which the late General Assembly was ordered to be dissolved, and that his place then became *ipso facto* vacant.

On Motion of Mr. *Macgowan*, leave was given to bring in the Petition of *James Curtis, Esq.* complaining of an undue Election of Queen's County, the same having been read.

Ordered, That this House do on Friday next resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House as a Committee of Privileges and Elections to take into consideration the merits of the said Petition, and that the Secretary or his deputy do then attend with the Writ of Election and Return, and further Ordered, That the Members of this House do before they proceed take an Oath that they will well and truly try the merits of said Petition.

Ordered on the Motion of Mr. *Holland*, That a Committee be appointed to correspond with the Colony Agent, and that His Majesty's Council be requested to name a Committee to act conjunctly with them: Messrs. *Macgowan, Stewart, Jun, Holland, Palmer, and M^r Donell*, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On Motion of Mr. *Macgowan*, Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to examine into such Laws as are near expiring, and report thereon to this House, and that Messrs. *Macgowan, Holland, and C. Stewart, Jun.* compose the same.

On Motion, Resolved, That all Petitions to this House complaining of undue Election Returns, be presented, on or before the second day of the Session, and that this Rule be made a standing Order of the House.

As likewise, That when a division at any time takes place, at the request of a single member, the names of the members dividing shall be inserted in the Journal.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Holland*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up the Heads of a New Bill, for the effectually revesting His Majesty with such Lands in this Island as are liable to be escheated and forfeited, and that Messrs. *Holland, Macgowan, C. Stewart, Jun, Palmer, and M^r Donell*, form the same.

Adjourned to Ten o'clock To-morrow.

Wednesday, December 3, 1806.

On Motion of Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* Ordered, That the consideration of the Committee of Correspondence with the Colony Agent be postponed till to-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. *Holland*, Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to bring in the Heads of a Bill, entitled an Act, to repeal an Act, made and passed in the forty first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the better regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly, in Future." Messrs. *Holland*, *Stewart*, Junr. and *Macgowan*, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

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 in Answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, Reported, That His Excellency was pleased to appoint one o'clock to day.

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor to request that he would be pleased to order sundry Papers to be laid before this House, Reported, That His Excellency was pleased to say that he would give the necessary directions for that purpose.

On Motion of Mr. *Holland*, Ordered, That a Committee of this House be appointed to meet a Committee of His Majesty's Council, for the purpose of inspecting the public Accounts.... Messrs. *Holland*, *Macgowan*, and *Brecken*, were appointed for that purpose.

A Message with the following order of His Majesty's Council by their Clerk.

"Council Chamber, 2d December, 1866.

"On Motion, Ordered, That the Honorable *Joseph Robinson*, do meet a Committee of the house of Assembly, for the purpose of examining into such Laws as are near expiring.

"*THOS. DESBRISAY*, Junr. Clerk of Council."

The House waited on the Lieutenant Governor with the following Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech :

"To His Excellency *JOSEPH FREDERICK WALLET DESBARRES*, Lieutenant Governor and Commauder in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor. and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

"ADDRESS of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, in General Assembly convened.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of His Majesty's Island Prince Edward in General Assembly convened, respectfully beg leave to return thanks for your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

"We are duly sensible of your Excellency's good intention (with the advice of His Majesty's Colonial Council) that the Island should in a New Assembly be fully and advantageously represented, availing itself of the

abilities and talents of those persons, who may have arrived since the late Assembly were first convened, as well as of others inclined to come forward.

“ We presume that the papers which your Excellency has been pleased to order should be laid before us, will sufficiently explain your Excellency's motive in calling us together, at this Season.

“ His Majesty's Ministers having been generously pleased to take into consideration the improvement of this Colony, notwithstanding the multiplicity of business which must occupy their time at this momentous crisis. Your Excellency may be assured that we who are remote from the Scenes of War, and blessed with the undisturbed exercise of our peaceful avocations, will endeavor to shew our selves deserving of the gracious protection and encouragement of the United Kingdom, by using such means as we can consistently devise, to call forward every resource within the attainment of this infant Country, towards its own prosperity and the service of his most Sacred Majesty.

“ Our internal Defence, the encouragement of Agriculture and Commerce, opening Roads of Communication; and erecting Buildings and Establishments necessary to carry on the business of Government on a system of regularity and responsibility, are objects wisely pointed out by your Excellency as deserving of our particular consideration, and we shall therein avail ourselves as far as possible of your Excellency's kind and discriminating recommendation.

“ We shall pay every attention within our powers to the examination of the Public Accounts and Estimates, so soon as your Excellency shall be pleased to order them to be laid before us, and while we lament that our exigencies are far beyond our present Revenue, we at the same time take leave to assure your Excellency that our utmost deliberations shall be used towards giving proper efficacy to the natural advantages of this Island, and placing it upon that respectable foundation, on which as your Excellency is pleased to remark, it justly merits to stand.

“ We perfectly agree with your Excellency that the recent advancement of the Colony (though great as at any former period of the same time) creeps but very slowly---and we return our sincere thanks for the obliging offer of your Excellency's cordial co-operation with the exertion of the Legislature which we have no doubt will materially assist towards rendering this Island a valuable acquisition to His Majesty's Most Gracious Government.

“ ROBERT HODGSON, Speaker.

“ *Assembly, Room December 16th, 1806.*”

The House having returned, the Speaker Reported That His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I RETURN you my sincere thanks for this Address. Your disposition to apply your attention to the several matters recommended for your consideration gives the greatest satisfaction, and I beg leave to assure you that, on every occasion, you will find me ready to co-operate with you in the promotion of all objects tending to the welfare of His Majesty's Service, and the prosperity of this Island--on which the interests, comforts and happiness of this His royal and most gracious Government (or who may be concerned therein) must depend."

A Message from His Majesty's Council by their Clerk with the following Order, viz.

"Council Chamber, 3d December, 1806.

"On Motion, *Ordered*, That the *Honorable William Townshend*, and the *Honorable Harry Compton*, be a Committee to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of inspecting the Public Accounts.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

"*Mr. Speaker,*

"I have the honor to send you a draft of a Bill, which has been prepared under the direction of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for trade and plantations, for ascertaining and fixing the Lines and Boundaries of the different Counties and Townships into which Prince Edward Island is divided, and I am commanded by His Majesty, in the strongest manner to recommend to the legislature of the Island to pass the same into a Law, with as little delay as possible."

On Motion of *Mr. Palmer*, the Bill entitled "An Act for ascertaining, laying out and fixing the Lines and Boundaries, of three Counties, and of the different Townships into which this Island is divided, and for more readily adjusting all differences between Parties, when it appears that a settlement or improvements have been made by mistake on one Township for another, and also by raising by assessment a sufficient fund, out of which to defray the expences of ascertaining, laying out, and fixing the said Boundary Lines," received a first reading.

Ordered, On Motion, of *Mr. Palmer*, That the same receive a second reading to-morrow.

On Motion of *Mr. Palmer*, *Ordered*, That the Surveyor General of Lands of the Island, or his Deputy, attend this House to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock with the Plan of the Island.

The House Adjourned till Ten o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, December 4, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

The Deputy Surveyor General attended with the plan of the Island, pursuant to the order of yesterday.

On Motion of Mr. *Palmer* the Bill entitled "An Act for ascertaining, laying out and fixing the Lines and Boundaries, of three Counties, and of the different Townships into which this Island is divided, and for more readily adjusting all differences between Parties, when it appears that a settlement or improvements have been made by mistake on one Township for another, and also by raising by assessment a sufficient fund, out of which to defray the expence of ascertaining laying out, and fixing the said Boundary Lines," received a second reading.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a Letter from *William Knox, Esq.* Colony Agent of the 3d September last, to the Committee of Correspondence.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Correspondence with the Colony Agents....*Alex. McDonell, Esq.* in the Chair; after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman Reported, That the Committee had gone through and read the the several Letters, and Papers which had passed between the Colony Agent and the Committee of Correspondence, and further Reported, That it is the sense of this Committee, that the Members who composed the late Committee of Correspondence are justly entitled to the thanks of this House.

The question being put on Motion, That the House agree to the Report of the Committee, the House divided.

For the Motion, *H. Montgomery, G. Stewart, Sen, C. Stewart, Jun. R. Brecken, J. Stowe, E. Coffin, B. Coffin, J. Townsend, D. Murray, and P. Macgowan, Esquires.*

Against it, *J. F. Holland, A. McAulay, J. Bagnall, C. D. Rankin, J. B. Palmer, Wm. Creed, and A. McDonell, Esquires.*

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Rankin*, That the Sheriff be directed to attend at Ten o'clock to-morrow with the Poll taken on the 7th, 8th, and 10th of November last for Queens County.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock To-morrow.

Friday, December 5, 1806.

THE House met according to Adjournment....PRAYERS.

The order of the day being read the Sheriff attended with the Book of the Poll taken at the Election for Members to serve for Queens County pursuant to the order of yesterday.

The Committee appointed to meet a Committee of his Majesty's Council to examine into such Laws as are near expiring, Report the following:

An Act for granting a Bounty for growing and Cultivating Hemp in this Island for the purpose of Exportation.

An Act for the better preventing accidents by Fire and for appointing Fire-wards in Charlotte Town and the suburbs thereof.

An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act made and passed in the thirty fifth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act to alter and amend the High-Road Laws.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Charlotte-Town to meet annually on the first Monday in August to rate and assess themselves towards making and repairing the Pumps and Wells within said Town.

An Act for appointing and empowering William Knox and Thomas Knox, Esquires, to be Colony Agents for this Island.

An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act passed in the twentieth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for the better establishing and regulating a Militia.

An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act made and passed in the twentieth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act for the establishing and regulating a Militia; also an Act made and passed in the thirty-fifth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act passed in the twentieth year of His present Majesty's Reign entitled, "An Act for the establishing and regulating a Militia.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. Palmer; That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of Privileges and Elections of the whole House, to take into consideration the merits of the Petition of James Curtis, Esq. complaining of an undue Election and Return for Queens County; Alex. M'Donell, Esq. in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman Reported, That the Committee were of opinion that the fitting Member was duly elected.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. J. Bagnall, That the Report of the Committee be adopted.

On Motion of Mr. Macgowan, Ordered, That the House do the first thing to-morrow morning enter into a Committee of the whole house to take into consideration the Bill, entitled, "An Act for ascertaining, laying out, and fixing the Lines and Boundaries of three Counties, and of the different Townships into which this Island is divided, and for more readily adjusting all differences between Parties, when it appears that a settlement or improvements have been made by mistake on one Township for another, and also for raising by assessment a sufficient Fund out of which to defray the expences of ascertaining, laying out and fixing the said Boundary Lines."

Adjourned until 10 o'clock To-morrow.

Saturday, December 6, 1806.

THE House met according to Adjournment...PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read...Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* That the House go into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Bill, entitled "An Act for ascertaining, laying out and fixing the Lines and Boundaries of three Counties, and of the different Townships into which this Island is divided, and for more readily adjusting all differences between Parties, when it appears that a settlement or improvements have been made by mistake on one Township for another, and also for raising by assessment a sufficient Fund, out of which to defray the expences of ascertaining, laying out, and fixing the said boundary Lines." *J. F. Holland, Esq.* in the Chair;

After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress and desired leave to sit again.

Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the following Papers viz.

Copy of a Letter from *William Knox, Esq.* Colony Agent to the Committee of Correspondence dated Ealing, 6th Aug. 1806.

Copy of a letter from *Wm. Knox, Esq.* to the Clerk of the Council Dated Ealing, 12th July, 1806...Extract of a Letter from Mr. *Knox* to Lord *Auckland*, dated Ealing, 22d, July, 1806....Extract of a Letter from Lord *Hobart*, Secretary of State, to Lt. Gen. *Fanning*, dated 6th of August, 1802....Extract from a Letter of Lord *Hobart*, His Majesty's Secretary of State, dated 5th October, 1802, to Lt. Gen. *Fanning*....Two extracts from His Majesty's Royal Instructions.

On motion of Mr. *Palmer* the same were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Moved by Mr. *Palmer*, That a Message be sent to His Majesty's Council, informing them that this House is desirous that a Committee thereof may confer with a Committee of His Majesty's Council at such time and place as they shall appoint, relative to the propriety of presenting a Petition to His Majesty, praying that he would be graciously pleased to grant certain aid to this Colony out of the Quit-Rent Fund, Ordered accordingly.

Mr. *Palmer* was sent up to His Majesty's Council with the Copy of the above Order, and on his return reported that His Majesty's Council were pleased to say they would take the same into consideration.

Received a Message from His Majesty's Council, with a copy of their Order, appointing the Honorable *William Townsend*, *Robert Gray*, and *Harry Compton*, as a Committee, to meet a Committee of this House.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Palmer*, That the following Members be appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of His Majesty's Council,

Messrs. *Palmer, Macgowan, Holland, M'Donnell, Stewart, Jun. and Brecken.*

Ordered that a Message be sent to His Majesty's Council to know at what time and place they will be pleased to meet the above Committee to proceed on business.

On Motion of Mr. *Holland*, leave was given to bring in a Bill, entitled *An Act, to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act to alter and amend an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made and passed in the 35th year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws, and it received a first reading.*

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

"*Mr. Speaker,*

"It being obviously apparent, from the examination of the Public Accounts which I have desired to be laid before the House of Assembly, that the amount of the actually disposable Revenue is far short of the unavoidably incurred Expenditures of His Majesty's Government. You will feel the necessity of my desiring you to be pleased to move and recommend to the House of Assembly the expediency of specifically providing for certain articles of the current expenditures, such as : Contingencies of the Houses of Legislature, Roads, Colony Agents, &c.

"I need not add that, in the view of upholding the Public Credit, there ought not to exist any deficiency, but rather an overplus, in the Treasury for meeting the further demands of Creditors at all events."

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* That a Committee be appointed to bring in the heads of a Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the 41st year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for the better Regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future," do bring in the same on Monday morning.

On Motion of Mr. *Palmer*, the Rules and Regulations for the better government of the late House of Assembly were read...*Ordered*, That the same as now altered and amended be adopted.

The House adjourned to Ten o'clock to-morrow.

Monday, December 8, 1806.

THE House met according to Adjournment...PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for the better regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future." On Motion of Mr. *Rankin* the same received a first reading.

A message from His Majesty's Council informing this House that their Committee were ready to meet the Committee of this House on the subject of a Petition to His Majesty praying for aid out of the Quit-Rent Fund, to be expended on this Island....the Committee withdrew and after some time returned, when Mr. Palmer, Chairman, reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow, at 11 o'clock....Ordered accordingly.

On Motion of Mr. Stewart, Jun. Ordered, That the Bill, entitled *An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d year of His Present Majesty's Reign, entitled An act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act made and passed in the thirty fifth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act to alter and amend the High-Road Laws*, be read a second time and Committed for to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to resume the Consideration of the Bill, entitled "An Act for ascertaining laying out, and fixing the Lines and Boundaries of three Counties, and of the different Townships into which this Island is divided, and for more readily adjusting all differences between Parties, when it appears that a settlement or improvements have been made by mistake on one Township for another, and also for raising by assessment a sufficient Fund out of which to defray the expences of ascertaining, laying out and fixing the said Boundary Lines." Mr. Holland in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress and desired leave to sit again.

The House Adjourned till Ten o'clock to-morrow.

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 Tuesday, December 9, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, the House went into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration a Bill, entitled *An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d year of His Present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act made and passed in the 35th year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws*," Mr. Macgowan in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress and desired leave to sit again.

On Motion of Mr. Stewart, leave was given to bring in a Bill, entitled "An Act for raising a Fund for the purpose of defraying the necessary expences of the Members of the House of Assembly during their attendance at the General Assembly of the Island." On Motion the same received a first reading.

On Motion of Mr. Macgowan, the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for the better regulation of Elections, and to regulate

“ Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future,” receive a second reading.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. Palmer, That Robert Fox, Deputy Surveyor General, do attend forthwith at the Bar with the Census and Statistical survey taken by him by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor—Ordered Accordingly; the same being brought in was ordered to be laid on the Table.

On Motion of Mr. Holland, That leave be given to bring in a Bill entitled “ An Act appointing and empowering William Knox, Esq. and Philip, Gold, Esq. to be Colony Agents for this Island;” leave was given accordingly, and the same was read.

On Motion of Mr. Holland, the said Bill received a second reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to resume the Consideration of the Bill, entitled “ An Act for ascertaining laying out, and fixing the Lines and Boundaries of three Counties, and of the different Townships into which this Island is divided, and for more readily adjusting all differences between Parties, when it appears that a settlement or improvements have been made by mistake on one Township for another, and also for raising by assessment a sufficient Fund out of which to defray the expences of ascertaining, laying out and fixing the said Boundary Lines.” Mr. Holland in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress and desired leave to sit again.

The House Adjourned till Ten o'clock to-morrow.

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 Wednesday, December 10, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment.....PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, Mr. Palmer presented from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, an Estimate of the Expence for defraying the exigencies of His Majesty's Government in this Island; the same was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Moved by Mr. Montgomery, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Conference with His Majesty's Council, that a clause may be introduced into the intended application for aid out of the Quit-Rent Fund, praying His Majesty would be graciously pleased to reduce the Quit-Rent to the standard of Nova-Scotia. The House divided.

For the Motion, Messrs. Townshend, M^cDonell, C. Stewart, Jun. C. Stewart, Sen. Brecken, M^cAulay, B. Coffin, E. Coffin, Creed, Macgowan, Montgomery, Stowe, and Murray.

Against it, Messrs. Holland, Rankin, Palmer, and Bagnall.

The Chairman of the Committee of Conference, reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

Thursday, December 11, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *Holland*, the Bill, entitled "An Act appointing "and empowering *William Knox, Esq.* and *Philip Codd, Esq.* to be Colony "Agents for this Island," was read a third time and passed this House; Ordered that the same be ingrossed and sent up to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Rankin*, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he would be pleased to order the proper Officers to lay before this House an account of the total number of effective men of the Army and Militia, together with the quantity of arms and ammunition in this Colony for the service of the Militia....Messrs. *Rankin*, *M^cAulay*, and *Creed*, were appointed a Committee to prepare the same, who having withdrawn returned and reported the following :

"To His Excellency JOSEPH FREDERICK WALLET DESBARRES, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

"ADDRESS of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, in General Assembly convened.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

"THE House of Assembly having taken into their consideration the apparent defenceless state of this Island, and the danger to be apprehended therefrom, beg leave to address your Excellency on the subject, which they conceive to demand their most serious consideration; they do therefore request your Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper Officers to lay before this House an account of the total number of effective men comprising the troops in Garrison and Militia of the Island, with the quantity of arms and ammunition now in this Colony for the service of the Militia.

"ROBERT HODGSON, Speaker.

"Assembly Room, 11^d December, 1806."

On motion the same was agreed to and Messrs. *Rankin*, *Holland*, and *Creed*, were ordered to be a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor therewith.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of His Majesty's Council relative to the propriety of presenting a Petition to His Majesty praying for certain aid out of the Quit-Rent fund, reported the draft of a Petition as settled and agreed upon at the conference.

On Motion the House went into a Committee of the whole House to take the same into consideration...Mr. *Palmer* in the Chair; after some

time spent therein the speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On Motion of Mr. *Holland* leave was given to bring in a Petition of sundry persons complaining against the clause proposed to be introduced into the intended application for aid out of the Quit-Rent Fund.

On Motion the House entered into the immediate consideration thereof, and afterwards *Ordered* on Motion of Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* That the further consideration thereof lie over until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

A Message from His Majesty's Council by their Clerk, informing the House that the *Honorable Robert Gray* and *Alex: Howe*, be a Committee to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of corresponding with the Colony Agents during the recess.

The House went into a Committee of the whole House, *J. F. Holland, Esq.* in the Chair to resume the consideration of the Bill, entitled "An Act for ascertaining, laying out and fixing the Lines and Boundaries of three Counties, and of the differences between Parties, when it appears that the Settlements or improvements have been made by mistake on one Township for another, and also for raising by assessment a sufficient Fund, out of which to defray the expences of ascertaining, laying out and fixing the said boundary Lines;" after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

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

Friday, December 12, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

The Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency with the Address of yesterday, reported that His Excellency was pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Moved by Mr. *Holland*, That the clause in the Petition to His Majesty regarding the reduction of Quit-Rents be omitted.

For the Motion, *J. B. Palmer, J. F. Holland, J. Bagnall, and C. D. Rankin, Esquires.*

Against it, *C. Stewart, Jun. C. Stewart, Sen. P. Macgowan, W. Creed, E. Coffin, B. Coffin, J. Stowe, D. Murray, A. M'Donell, H. Montgomery, R. Brecken, A. M'Aulay, and J. Townsbend, Esquires.*

A Message from His Majesty's Council by their Clerk with the Bill, entitled "An Act appointing *William Knox, Esq.* and *Philip Codd, Esq.* to be Colony Agents for this Island," and informed this House the same was not agreed to.

Ordered, on Motion of Mr. *Palmer*, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to resume the consideration of the

Petition to His Majesty praying for aid out of the Quit-Rent Fund. *J. B. Palmer, Esq.* in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman Reported, That the Committee had gone through and made some alterations in the said Petition.

On Motion the same was read and agreed to and ordered to be sent up to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

Ordered on Motion of Mr, *Stewart, Jun.* That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Bill, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the 41st year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the better regulation of Elections and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future." *C. Stewart, Jun. Esq.* in the Chair; after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again this evening.

Adjourned to six o'clock this evening.

Friday Evening, December 12, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

On Motion of Mr. *Brecken*, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Bill, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the forty first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled an Act for the better regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for members to serve in General Assembly in future;" *C. Stewart, Jun. Esq.* in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress, and desired leave to sit again to-morrow morning.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to send down by Mr. *Palmer*, the following papers, viz. "General Return of the Militia Forces in Prince Edward Island. Strength of the Garrison at Charlotte-Town Prince Edward Island. Return of the Ordnance and Ammunition at Charlotte-Town Prince Edward Island."

Adjourned until 10 o'clock To-morrow.

Saturday, December 13, 1806.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *McDonell*, presented a Petition from *John Mc Donald, Esq.* proprietor of Lots 35 and 36, on motion the same was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to resume the consideration of the Bill, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act, made and passed in the 41st year of his present Majesty's

“Reign, entitled, an Act for the better regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future.” Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* in the Chair; after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through and made several alterations and amendments therein.

On Motion of Mr. *Holland*, leave was given to bring in a Bill, entitled “An Act concerning Land Surveyors, and the admeasurement of Land.”

A Message from His Majesty’s Council by their Clerk, with the joint Petition of both Houses praying His Majesty, for certain aid out of the Quit Rent Fund, together with the Estimate referred to therein, agreed to.

Moved by Mr. *Palmer*, That a joint Address of both Houses be presented to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, requesting he would be pleased to transmit the same, which being prepared and agreed to, was sent up to his Majesty’s Council for their concurrence, and returned by their Clerk agreed to, and is as follows:

“To His Excellency JOSEPH FREDERICK WALLET DESBARRES,
Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty’s
Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and
Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

“The ADDRESS of His Majesty’s Council and House of Assembly, in
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Convened.

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

“WE His Majesty’s Colonial Council and House of Assembly, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to represent to your Excellency that we have taken into our consideration that part of your Excellency’s Speech which recommends the exertion of the legislature towards the improvement of the Island, in consequence of which we have determined to represent our situation to his most Gracious Majesty by the Petition which we herewith request leave to lay before your Excellency, praying the Royal Bounty therein mentioned. We therefore humbly entreat that your Excellency may be pleased to cause the said Petition to be presented to His Majesty, together with your Excellency’s recommendation in support of the same; and also, that your Excellency will be pleased to forward to His Majesty’s Ministers such representations as may conduce towards obtaining their favorable report upon the subject of the said Petition.

“THOS. DESBRISAY, *President.*

“ROBERT HODGSON, *Speaker.*

“*Assembly Room, December 13, 1806.*”

Adjourned to six o’clock this Evening.

Saturday, Evening, December 13, 1806.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Bill, entitled "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the 41st year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the better regulation of Elections and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future." *C. Stewart, Jun. Esq.* in the Chair; after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress, and on motion the same was ordered to be taken into consideration on Monday.

On Motion, of Mr. *M^cDonell*, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that he would be pleased to submit to his Majesty's Ministers the propriety of complying with the Prayer of the Petition of Capt. *John M^cDonald*; and that a Committee be appointed to draw the same.

For the Motion, *A. M^cAulay P. Macgowan, J. Stowe, C. Stewart Sen. R. Brecken, J. Townsend, A. M^cDonell, J. B. Palmer, C. D. Rankin, C. Stewart, jun. J. Bagnall, Wm. Creed, D. Murray, H. Montgomery*, Esquires.
Against it, *E. Coffin, B. Coffin, and J. F. Holland*, Esquires.

Messrs. *Palmer, Macgowan, and M^cDonell*, were accordingly appointed to prepare the Address.

The House adjourned to Ten o'clock on Monday.

Monday, December 15, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment... PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, on Motion of Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* That the report of the Committee on the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the 42d year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled An Act for the better regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for members to serve in General Assembly in future," be agreed to, the House divided.

For the Motion, Messrs. *M^cAulay, Montgomery, Brecken, M^cDonell, C. Stewart, Sen. C. Stewart, Jun. Murray, B. Coffin, Stowe, E. Coffin, and Townsend*.

Against it, Messrs. *Creed, Rankin, Palmer, Macgowan, Holland, and Bagnall*.

On Motion of Mr. *Brecken*, That the above mentioned Bill receive a third reading, the same division took place: it was then read a third time and sent up to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting the Petition of Capt.

John M^dDonald, reported the same, which on motion was read and is as follows, viz.

“*To His Excellency JOSEPH FREDERICK WALLET DESBARRES, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty’s Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.*”

“*ADDRESS of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, in General Assembly convened.*”

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

“**WE** the Members of the House of Assembly, convened, beg leave to represent to your Excellency that Captain *John, M^dDonell*, proprietor of Lots No. 35 & 36 in this Colony has been particularly active in endeavoring to settle and improve the above Lots at a period of time so far distant as thirty five Years. That for this purpose he Sold an Estate in Scotland which now yields a large Yearly income and was unremitted in his personal exertions to bring out settlers and supply them with various necessaries at an expence altogether of several thousand Pounds:

“We farther beg leave to state that Captain *M^dDonald*, has by such expenditures involved himself in difficulties at the very time that he was benefiting the Estates of sundry dormant Proprietors. And we do humbly beg leave to represent him as a Gentleman deserving the consideration of our beneficent Sovereign and his Ministers, to the end, that he may obtain either a remission of the sum now due for arrears of Quit Rent on Lots No. 35 & 36, or in case it shall not be thought advisable to grant such remission, then that His Majesty may be graciously pleased to order a like sum to be paid to Captain *M^dDonald*, out of the Quit Rent fund as a reward for his eminent and patriotic services.

“May it therefore please your Excellency to lay before His Majesty’s Ministers this our humble representation together with such recommendation on the subject as may tend to promote the furtherance of our wishes.

“ROBERT HODGSON, Speaker.

“*Assembly, Room December 16th, 1806.*”

Moved by Mr. *Palmer*, That the same be adopted, The question being put:

For the Motion, Messrs. *Montgomery, Bagnall, Stowe, Creed, Palmer, Rankin, Brecken, Townsend, M^dDonell, Murray, M^dAulay, and Stewaat Sen.*
Against it, Messrs. *Holland, B. Coffin, and E Coffin.*

On Motion of Mr. *Palmer*, Ordered, That the said Address be sent up to His Excellency, and that Messrs. *Brecken, M^dDonell, and Rankin*, do carry the same.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Holland*, That the Bill, entitled “An Act concerning Land Surveyors and admeasurement of Lands,” receive a first reading.

On Motion of Mr. *Motgomery*, Ordered, That the Bill, entitled "An Act for raising a Fund for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of the Members of the House of Assembly during their attendance at the General Assembly of this Island," receive a second reading.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *Palmer*, That the Papers relative to the late Committee of Correspondence be delivered to the Chairman of our present Committee of Correspondence.

Ordered on Motion of Mr. *M'Aulay*, That the Bill, entitled "An Act concerning Land Surveyors and admeasurement of Land," receive a second reading.

Ordered on Motion, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to resume the consideration of the Bill, entitled *An Act, to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act to alter and amend an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, made and passed in the 35th year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act to alter and amend the High Road-Laws, Mr. C. Stewart, Jun. in the Chair.*

After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported progress, and desired leave to sit again.

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House recommending Captain *John M'Donald's* Petition returned and reported, That His Excellency was pleased to say he would cheerfully agree with their desire.

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

Tuesday, December 16, 1806.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

The Order of the day being read, the House went into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration a Bill, entitled *An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d year of His Present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act made and passed in the 35th year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws," Mr. Stewart, Jun. in the Chair.*

After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported, That they had gone through the said Bill and made amendments therein.

On Motion the report of the Committee was adopted, and the Bill received a third reading, passed, and was sent up to His Majesty's Council,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to resume the consideration of the Bill, entitled "An Act concerning Land Surveyors and admeasurement of Land." Mr. *Holland* in the Chair; after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported; That the Committee were of opinion that the same should lie on the table.

On Motion of Mr. *Macgowan*, leave was given to bring in a Bill, entitled "An Act to prevent the spreading of Fires in this Island; on motion the same received a first and second reading.

Ordered, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into consideration; Mr. *Macgowan* in the Chair. After some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, That the Committee had duly considered the said Bill, and it was their opinion the same should lie over until the next Session.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That the report of the Committee be adopted.

On Motion of Mr. *Murray*, the House went into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the Bill, entitled "An Act for raising a Fund for the purpose of defraying the necessary expences of the Members of the House of Assembly during their attendance at the General Assembly of the Island." Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* in Chair; after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported; That the Committee had gone through the same and made several alterations therein, particularly in the Title, which is as follows, viz. "A Bill entitled an Act for raising a Fund for the purpose of defraying contingent expences of the General Assembly of this Island."

On Motion that the report of the Committee be adopted, the House divided;

For the Motion, Messrs. *Stewart, Jun. Stewart, Sen. M'Donell, Murray, E. Coffin, B. Coffin, Montgomery, Creed, Holland, and Townsend.*

Against it, Messrs. *Rankin, Stowe, Palmer, Bagnall, M'Aulay, and Brecken.*

The Committee appointed to meet a Committee of His Majesty's Council, to examine the Public Accounts, reported, that they had gone through the same and found them correct.

The Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for the better regulation of Elections; and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future," came down from His Majesty's Council with proposed amendments—*Ordered*, That the same be taken into consideration this evening.

Adjourned to six o'clock this evening.

Tuesday Evening, December 16, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment.

On Motion the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the 41st year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for the better Regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly in future," was taken into consideration, with the proposed amendments, which were agreed to....*Ordered*, That the same as amended be sent up to His Majesty's Council.

On Motion of Mr. *Holland*, *Ordered*, That the several Returns of Troops, Militia, Arms, and Ammunition, as are laid on the table by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be now taken into consideration....*Resolved*, That from the above Returns it is necessary that this House do address his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to make application to His Majesty's Ministers, in order to obtain a sufficient Force to be stationed in the Island for its defence, with a competent supply of Arms and Ammunition for the Militia of the Island, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare the same....*Messrs. Holland, Palmer, and M^r Aulay*, were accordingly appointed, who having withdrawn returned and reported the same which was adopted.

On Motion *Ordered*, That *Messrs. Holland, Palmer, and M^r Aulay*, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lt. Governor therewith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to resume the Consideration of the Bill, entitled "An Act for ascertaining laying out, and fixing the Lines and Boundaries of three Counties, and of the different Townships into which this Island is divided, and for more readily adjusting all differences between Parties, when it appears that a settlement or improvements have been made by mistake on one Township for another, and also for raising by assessment a sufficient Fund out of which to defray the expences of ascertaining, laying out and fixing the said Boundary Lines." Mr. *Holland* in the Chair; after some time spent therein the speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported, That it is the opinion of the Committee that the Bill be printed for the consideration of the public, and that Copies be delivered to the several Members of this House.

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

Wednesday, December 17, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment....PRAYERS.

Mr. *Brecken*, presented a Petition from Mr. *John Cambridge*, praying this House to recommend him to His Majesty's Ministers for a remission of his Quit-Rent, and to be heard personally at the Bar....On motion the same was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. *Macgowan*, presented a Petition from Mr. *James Robertson*, praying for certain indulgences, which being read the House agreed to recommend the prayer of the same, and appointed Messrs. *Macgowan*, *Brecken*, and *M^cDonell*, as a Committee to draft an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to that effect....*Ordered*, that those gentlemen present the same.

On Motion of Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* leave was given to bring in a Bill entitled "An Act for continuing fundry laws that are near expiring; the same was read a first and second time, and on motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the same Bill into consideration; Mr. *Stewart, Jun.* in the Chair after some time spent therein the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through and made some alterations therein....On Motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

A Message from His Majesty's Council by their Clerk, requesting a present conference with a Committee of this House on the Bill, entitled "An Act for raising a fund for the purpose of defraying contingent Expences of the General Assembly of this Island".... Messrs. *Stewart, Jun. Montgomery, Macgowan, Murray, Holland, and E. Coffin*, were accordingly appointed a Committee to wait on His Majesty's Council, who having withdrawn soon returned, and reported the proposed amendments, which were read, and on Motion that the same be now adopted, the House divided:

For the Motion, Messrs. *Stewart, Sen. Stewart, Jun. Holland, Montgomery, M^cDonell, Creed, B. Coffin, E. Coffin, Macgowan, Murray, and Townsend.*

Against it, Messrs. *Bagnall, Rankin, Brecken, Stowe, Palmer, and M^cAulay.*

The Bill with the adopted amendments was then sent to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence, which was shortly returned and agreed to.

A Message from His Majesty's Council with the Bill, entitled *An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d year of His Present Majesty's Reign, entitled An act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act made and passed in the thirty fifth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act to alter and amend the High-Road Laws*, agreed to.

The Committee appointed to draft an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in favor of Mr. *James Robertson*, reported the same. On Motion that the same be adopted the House divided;

For the Motion, Messrs. *Stewart, Jun. Stewart, Sen. Montgomery, M^cDonell, Stowe, Murray, B. Coffin, E. Coffin, Macgowan, Townsend, Bagnall, and Brecken.*

Against it, Messrs. *Holland, Palmer, and M^cAulay.*

On Motion *Ordered*, That Messrs. *Macgowan, Montgomery, and E. Coffin*, be a Committee to present the same.

On Motion of Mr. *Palmer*, Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor setting forth that the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly have not agreed, as to the appointment of the Colony Agents, and praying that His Excellency together with the President of His Majesty's Council, and the Speaker of this House may be pleased to appoint one or more Persons as Agents for the Colony, and that the Address now presented be adopted. Messrs. *Holland*, *Brecken*, and *E. Coffin*, were appointed a Committee to wait on his Excellency with the same.

Adjourned to six o'clock this evening.

Wednesday Evening, December 17, 1806.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Petition of Mr. *John Cambridge*, be now taken into consideration...Petitioner being present was permitted to be heard at the Bar in support of the same.

On Motion of Mr. *Palmer*, Ordered, That the said Petition lie over until to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, December 18, 1806.

THE House met according to adjournment.

The order of the day being read, the Petition of Mr. *John Cambridge* was taken into consideration.

Ordered, on Motion of Mr. *Palmer*, That the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor do respectfully recommend a reduction of Quit-Rent on Lots 63 and 64, and that they shall stand as if placed on the First Class of the Scale of Composition.

On Motion the following Address was adopted and a Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency therewith.

"To His Excellency JOSEPH FREDERICK WALLET DESBARRES, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

"ADDRESS of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, in General Assembly convened.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE House of Assembly having had under their consideration the the Petition of Mr. *John Cambridge*, setting forth his active exertions, and expensive undertakings in promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and General prosperity of this Colony, and being well assured that as an active Proprietor Mr. *Cambridge*, merits all the encouragement and support which may be in the power of the House to afford him, humbly request that you

Excellency will be pleased to recommend Mr. *Cambridge*, to His Majesty's Ministers, as an Object deserving His Majesty's Gracious consideration for a Reduction of the Quit-Rents on Lots or Townships, 63 and 64 and that in respect to the arrears the said Lots may be placed in the first Class according to the scale of Composition.

“ ROBERT HODGSON, *Speaker*:

“ *Assembly Room, December 18, 1806.*”

The Bill entitled “ An Act for continuing Sundry Laws that are near “expiring,” having received a third reading was passed and sent up to His Majesty's Council for their concurrence, and after a short time returned with proposed amendments.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That the House do take the said Bill with the proposed amendments into consideration,

Ordered, That the same with such amendments as have been agreed to be sent up to His Majesty's Council.

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor respecting the Petition of Mr. *James Robertson*, reported, That His Excellency was pleased to say he would duly attend to the same.

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying he would conjointly with the President of the Council, and the Speaker of the House of Assembly appoint a Colony Agent, Report, That His Excellency will comply with their wish: and also, with the request of the House, signified yesterday by their Committee for making a representation to His Majesty's Ministers, and soliciting a sufficient Force to be sent to this Island.

A Message from His Majesty's Council with the Bill, entitled “ An Act for continuing sundry Laws that are near expiring,” informing this House, That they had adhered to their former amendments.

On Motion, That the same be rejected, was carried unanimously.

The House took into consideration the services of the following persons, and allowed as follows, viz.

To the Revd. THEO. DESBRISAY, Chaplain	£10: 00: 00
To JAMES ROBERTSON, Clerk	26: 12: 07
To THOMAS ALEXANDER, Serjeant at Arms, for attendance and disbursements	10: 14: 00
To GEORGE MAYBE, Messenger, for attendance and disbursements	5: 11: 9

The Committee appointed to wait upon the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House, respecting the Petition of Mr. *John Cambridge*, Reported, That His Excellency was pleased to say he would comply with their desire.

A Message from His Majesty's Council by their President, requesting this House to wait on the Lieutenant Governor in the Council Cham-

ber... The House having attended, the Speaker presented the following Bills, to which His Excellency was pleased to give his assent :

An Act to alter and amend an Act, made and passed in the 42d year of His Present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act in addition to, and amendment of, an Act made and passed in the 35th year of His present Majesty's Reign entitled, an Act to alter and amend the High Road Laws.

A Bill entitled " An Act to repeal an Act made and passed in the forty
" first year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for the
" better regulation of Elections, and to regulate Elections for Mem-
" bers to serve in General Assembly in future."

A Bill entitled " An Act for raising a Fund for the purpose of defraying
" contingent expences of the General Assembly of this Island."

His Excellency was then pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses :

" Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,

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

" I T is with infinite pleasure that I observe the views of the Legislature expand in proportion to the advancement of this Colony.

" The efforts of both Houses regulated by the great principles of Equity, and expressed with that unanimity which conspicuously shines in your endeavours to place the Island upon a respectable Establishment, afford me peculiar satisfaction. And I have no doubt but His Majesty's Ministers will be pleased to observe that, while you make an application for the Royal Bounty, you at the same time evince your intention to apply such Bounty to Objects useful, permanent, and meritorious---Objects which if accomplished, cannot fail to render this Island a valuable acquisition to, the other Dominions of His most Sacred Majesty.

" Several matters of internal Legislation and arrangement yet claim your attention; and, as I am aware that you cannot discuss with sufficient consideration all the necessary Business of the Public, unless at the Expence of your Families and private concerns, the interests of which will not admit your absence for any length of time, I deem it advisable for your welfare, and the Public Service, that you should be released from any farther attendance, and experience a recess, which will afford you time for deliberation, and give you the opportunity of returning to your respective Habitations, while the Roads are yet passable.

" As the business of the Supreme Court of Judicature will call many of you to Town at its sitting, I hope it will not be a very great inconvenience, if you afford a few days at that time in your legislative Capacity."

Then the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's
 "command, said, " It is His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Plea-
 "sure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Tuesday the twenty
 "fourth day of February next, to be then here holden; and this General
 "Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the twenty fourth day of February
 "next."

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PAGE 13...In place of the 13th, 14th, and 15th lines from the top,
 read the following :

" A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I have the honor to enclose for the information of the House of
 " Assembly, a Letter lately received by me from WILLIAM KNOX, Esq;
 " Colony Agent, dated the 3d of August last, enclosing the Copy of a Let-
 " ter written to him by the Right Honorable LORD AUKLAND; and I trust
 " that the House will unite with me in sincere gratitude for the gen-
 " erous attention which his Lordship, and his Colleagues in Administra-
 " tion, are pleased to bestow on the concerns and advancement of this Col-
 " ony; as appears by these Papers."