

they have been obliged to make one alteration in the road of about two miles and a quarter, to avoid several very high and impassable hills, at the distance of about ten miles from the City, which their funds did not enable them to make perfectly good, and that about £250 will be required to complete the same for carriages. They further state, that they have been unable to do any thing on the Road between the Ferry at Wetmore's and the lower part of Joseph Baxter's Farm, a distance of near ten miles and that in their opinion £500 will be required to make the same perfectly good.

Ordered that the House receive the Report.

The following Bills were read a first time:—

"A Bill to empower the Firewards in the City of Saint John to pull down Houses for the purpose of preventing the spreading of fires in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or owners of such Houses."

"A Bill in further addition to an Act, intituled, An Act for the better extinguishing fires that may happen within the City of Saint John."

"A Bill to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of York, and for the making of Rules and Regulations for the management of the same."

"A Bill to alter and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

On motion made and seconded, ordered, that Mr. Mackay, Mr. Agnew, and Mr. Campbell be a Committee to bring in a Bill "to prevent injury to Bridges and Public Buildings, erected within this Province, and to punish Persons who may be guilty of the same."

TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that the House do now go into Committee of the whole House, upon the consideration of the following Message from His Honor the PRESIDENT.

"NEW-BRUNSWICK.
"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
"SEMBLY,
"14TH FEBRUARY, 1817.

"H. W. HAILES.

"The PRESIDENT taking into consideration the great augmentation of Public business before His Majesty's Council, arising from the numerous applications made to them by individuals from all parts of the Province, and by various duties imposed on them by Acts of the General Assembly; and impressed with the necessity in order to promote the general interests of the Province, of disposing of such business with all possible dispatch, and considering that no recompence, whatever is made to the Members attending for these important purposes, recommends to the consideration of the House of Assembly, the making of a suitable provision for a quorum of the Council, in order to enable him with the more confidence, to call upon those gentlemen to give their attention to those highly important provincial duties, the discharge of which must otherwise necessarily be greatly impeded and delayed."

"H. W. H."

Mr. Peters took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Peters from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of His Honor's Message; and that in the Committee the following resolution was moved and seconded:—

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee, that His Honor's Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On which resolution the Committee divided, and it passed in the negative.

And that he was directed by the Committee to report that it was their opinion, that the further consideration of the said Message be postponed.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read an engrossed Bill "to alter and amend an Act, intituled an Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly, and for limiting the duration of Assemblies in this Province."

Ordered thereupon that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wilmot carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Read a second time, a Bill "to provide for the necessities of the inhabitants of the

Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop."

Ordered that the said Bill be committed to-morrow.

Read a second time, A Bill "to alter and amend an Act, intituled an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

Ordered thereupon that the said Bill be now committed.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill "to alter and amend an Act, intituled an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

Mr. Scovil took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Scovil from the committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had made progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read a second time, a Bill "in further addition to an Act, intituled an Act for the better extinguishing Fires that may happen within the City of St. John."

Ordered thereupon that the Bill be now committed.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Smith from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed by the Committee to report the following resolution, to wit,

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the further consideration of the said Bill should be postponed for three months.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk of the Peace for the County of York, do forthwith furnish a certified copy of the Poll-Book for the late Election, for the said County, for the information of the Members of this House.

Read a second time, a Bill "to empower the Firewards in the City of Saint John to pull down houses, for the purpose of preventing the spreading of Fires in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owner or owners of such houses."

Ordered thereupon, that the said Bill be committed on Thursday next.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the public service.

A Message from the Council.

"Mr. Speaker,

"The Council have agreed to the Bill further to continue the several Acts now in force, for raising a Revenue in this Province; and also,

"To the Bill to amend and explain an Act, intituled an Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province,

"And the Council have agreed to the Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled an Act for regulating Pilots, with amendments."

Mr. Pagan took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Pagan from the Committee, reported the Resolutions which the Committee, had directed him to report to the House, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as follow:

Resolved that there be granted to the Commissioners for superintending the repairs of the Government House, the balance of an account exhibited by them being eighteen pounds one shilling and tenpence.

To the Commissioners for superintending the repairs of the Government House, the further sum of two hundred and fifty pounds to repair the same and the Out-buildings, and the further sum of twenty pounds for Fuel, consumed in airing the building.

To Thomas Wetmore, Esquire, the Attorney General for this Province, for past services, the sum of one hundred pounds.

To John Robinson, Esquire, Treasurer of the Province, for his services, from the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, to the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the sum of five hundred pounds.

To Nathaniel Atcheson, Esquire, Secretary to the Society of British North American Merchants, and Agent for some of His Majesty's North American Colonies, for

his services from February, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, to February, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, to be remitted by the committee of correspondence.

To such person as His Honor the President may appoint, a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for the support of a Packet, to ply between Digby and Saint John for one year, to commence from the fifth day of April next; provided a similar provision is made by the Legislature of the Province of Nova-Scotia, and no Packet is established at the exclusive expense of the General Post-Office for that purpose.

To John Pendlebury in full for past services, in keeping a Packet plying between Saint John and Saint Andrews, the sum of fifty pounds;

And resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the establishment of a Courier between those two places, will render such provincial aid in future unnecessary.

To the Treasurer of the Province to defray expences incurred by him for Stationary, &c. for the year 1816, the sum of twenty pounds six shillings and three pence.

To John Chaloner for gauging and weighing in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence.

The Chairman also informed the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be accepted and leave granted: And

Further ordered that the said Resolutions together with the Resolutions of the 10th and 13th inst, be engrossed, and that Mr. Agnew and Mr. Ward do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the further consideration of a Bill "to alter and amend an Act, intituled, an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

Mr. Scovil took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Scovil from the Committee reported that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title with amendments.

Ordered that the report be received and the Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon a Bill "to provide for the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province occasioned by the failure of the last crop."

Mr. Campbell took the Chair of the Committee.

A Message from the Council.

"Mr. Speaker,

"The Council have passed a Resolution that it is expedient that a joint Address be prepared by the Council and the House of Assembly, to His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, on the subject of the Executive Administration of the Government in this Province, with the view that such alteration may be made relating thereto, as to His Royal Highness may deem meet, conformably to the original constitution of this Provincial Government."

"To which resolution the Council desire the concurrence of this Honorable House."

Mr. Campbell from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had made progress therein, and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Read a second time "A Bill to provide for the erection of an Alms-House and Work-House within the County of York, and for the making of Rules and Regulations for the management of the same."

Ordered that the said Bill be now committed.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Smith from the Committee reported that they had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and that he was directed to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the further consideration

of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY.

Resolved that the House do agree with the Council on the expediency of addressing His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT on the subject of the Executive Administration of the Government of this Province, and with the view that such alteration may be made relating thereto, as His Royal Highness may deem meet, and in conformity to the original constitution of the Provincial Government, and that this House will join the Council in preparing an Address for that important purpose.

Ordered thereupon, that Mr. Agnew and Mr. Fraser, be a Committee to meet the Committee of the Council to prepare such Address, and that they acquaint the Council therewith.

The House, according to order, went into consideration of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled an Act for regulating Pilots.

And the same were read and are as follow, to wit,

Section, I, At A insert "by the Wardens of the Ports respectively, where such Pilot shall have been approved and appointed."

At B dele "disqualify," and insert "to remove from his office."

At C dele "disqualification," and insert "removal."

The said amendments being read a second time, were upon the question, put thereupon, severally agreed to by the House.

Thereupon ordered, that Mr. Humbert and Mr. Porter, carry the Bill with the amendments to the Council.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Agnew, that Donald Kennedy and Joseph Merceraule, do attend at the Bar of this House, on Monday the 3d day of March next, at 11 o'Clock in the forenoon of the same day, to testify on the part of the sitting Members for the County of York, all and singular what they or either of them know relating to the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, complaining of an undue Election for the same County.

Read an engrossed Bill "to alter and amend an Act, intituled an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts."

Ordered thereupon, that the Bill do pass, and that Mr. Peters and Mr. Porter, do carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the further consideration of a Bill "to provide for the necessities of the Inhabitants of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the last crop."

Mr. Campbell took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Campbell from the Committee, reported that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same with amendments, under the title of a Bill "to provide for the relief of the Poor, and for the necessities of the Province, occasioned by the failure of the late crop."

Ordered that the report be accepted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon a Bill "to empower the Firewards in the City of Saint John, to pull down houses for the purpose of preventing the spreading of fires in the said City, and to provide for making compensation to the owners of said houses."

Mr. Agnew took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Agnew from the Committee, reported that they had gone through the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same under its title, with an amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the Bill as amended, be engrossed.

On motion, ordered that John Bedell, James Upham and James York, Esqs. John D. Beardsley and Jacob Allen, do attend at the Bar of this House, on Monday the 3d March next, to give evidence of what they and each of them know as to matters depending on the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, and also the Petition of several others, Freeholders and Electors of Representatives in General Assembly, complaining of an undue Election for the same County.

Mr. Wilmot, by leave of the House,