

sel or Boat, and the said Corn or other articles aforesaid, loaded and laid on board as aforesaid, and to detain the same, and that information shall and may be thereupon made by His Majesty's Attorney General in the Supreme Court of this Province, and proceedings had to condemnation and sale according to the course of the said Court, and upon such condemnation and sale, the proceeds thereof shall be paid and applied as follows, that is to say, one moiety thereof, after deducting the costs and charges of prosecution to the officer who shall seize the same, or to the person who shall have given information in consequence of which such seizure shall have been made and prosecuted as the Court before which such prosecution may be had shall judge, and the other moiety to the Treasurer of the Province for the use of the same.

IV. *Provided also, and be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, at any time to suspend the operation of this Act by Proclamation under his Hand and Seal for that purpose made and published.

## New-Brunswick Legislature

*Extracts from the Journals of the House of Assembly.*

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon "A Bill for the more effectual preventing and further punishment of Forgery."

Mr. Humbert took the Chair of the Committee.

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

Which report the House agreed to.

Read a second time, "A Bill to regulate the Grand Manan Fishery."

On motion, ordered that the Bill be committed.

Read a first time, "A Bill to give effect to and prevent the evasion of an Act intituled an Act for the organization of the Militia of this Province."

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon "A Bill to regulate the Grand Manan Fishery."

A MESSAGE from the COUNCIL,

"Mr. Speaker,

"The Council have agreed to the Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes out of this Province for a limited time."

Mr. Agnew resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Agnew from the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made several amendments thereunto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read.

Ordered that the report be accepted; and that the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

On motion, resolved that the order of the day for taking into consideration the report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws have expired or are near expiring, be discharged, and that the House will go into consideration of the said Report on Wednesday next.

Mr. Humbert by leave, presented a Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, of Fredericton, in the County of York; and also a Petition of sundry freeholders of the County of York, and Electors of Representatives for the same County in General Assembly, complaining of an undue election for the same County.

Ordered that the Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

A MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT.

"NEW-BRUNSWICK,  
"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

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 ne-

cessity, 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 time and attention to those highly important provincial duties, the discharge of which, must otherwise necessarily be greatly impeded and delayed."

"H. W. H."

Mr. Secretary Odell, by order of His Honor the PRESIDENT, delivered to the House a Report of the Commissioners for building the Secretary's and Surveyor General's Offices; also a Report of the Committee appointed to carry into effect the Grant of £1000, for introducing Settlers into the Province, with sundry papers relating to the same.

Ordered that the two Reports and other Papers lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

A MESSAGE from His Honor the PRESIDENT, by Xenophon Joubert, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber—whereupon, Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Honor the PRESIDENT in the Council Chamber, and being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that His Honor the PRESIDENT was pleased to give his assent to the following Bill, to wit,

"A Bill to prohibit the exportation of Corn, Meal, Flour and Potatoes out of the Province for a limited time."

Mr. Speaker presented a Letter from the Attorney General.

Ordered, that the Letter lie on the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

On motion, resolved, that the order of the day for going into Committee on "A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expences of Trials in the same; and for other purposes therein mentioned," be discharged; and that the House will go into Committee on the said Bill to-morrow.

TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY.

Read a second time "A Bill to give effect to and prevent the evasion of an Act intituled an Act for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province."

Ordered that the same Bill be committed to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the "Bill for the more effectual preventing and further punishment of Forgery."

Mr. Humbert took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Humbert from the Committee, reported that he was directed by the Committee to report, that they had agreed to the Bill to them referred, under its title, and had made several amendments thereunto,

Which report was ordered to be received, and the Bill as amended, to be engrossed.

The House in Committee.

Mr. Millidge in the Chair. Went into consideration of "A Bill to regulate the times of holding the Circuit Courts in this Province, and to lessen the expences of Trials in the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Mr. Millidge from the Committee, reported that they had entered into consideration of the Bill to them referred, had made some progress therein, and he was instructed to move for leave to sit again.

Which report the House agreed to.

Mr. Pagan moved for leave to bring in "A Bill in addition to and amendment of an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating Pilots."

Leave was granted.

Mr. Wetmore presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of a back settlement on the South-east side of the Kennebeckacis River: And also,

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of King's County and others, praying aid towards improving the Road from Gondola Point to Saint John.

Which Petitions were ordered to be received and referred to the Committee for the

purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye-Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr. Humbert presented a Petition of Nehemiah Merrit and Robert James, praying for a drawback on four Puncheons of Rum shipped by them for exportation.

Ordered to be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Allen presented a Petition of William Bailey, Esquire, praying compensation for damages sustained by him.

Ordered to be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Peters presented a Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Saint John, praying that the Firemen in the said City may be exempted from the ordinary duties of Jurors and in the Militia. And also

Another Petition from the said Mayor and Corporation, praying that Provision may be made to authorize the Firewards of the City of Saint John to pull down buildings during a fire in the City of Saint John to prevent the extension of the flames, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered that the Petitions be received and lie on the table.

Mr. Millidge presented a Petition of Zalmon Wheeler, praying an allowance to be made to him for a drawback on one Pipe of Gin and one Pipe of Brandy exported by him in January, 1816. And also,

A Petition of William Pagan & Co. praying that the sum £1208 may be repaid to them, being the sum overpaid by them for the transient duty on articles imported into the Province in December 1814, by Messrs. Hughes and Duncan of Liverpool, (England) and consigned to the Petitioners.

Ordered that the same Petitions be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Scovil moved for leave to bring in "A Bill in addition to an Act, intituled, an Act for assessing, collecting and levying, County Rates." And also

"A Bill to regulate Pedlars."

Leave was granted.

Mr. Peters presented a Petition of sundry Proprietors of Marsh in the vicinity of the City of Saint John, praying aid towards improving the Road through the Marsh to the City of Saint John.

Ordered to be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Wetmore presented a Petition of the Rector and Wardens of the Church in the Parish of Sussex, in King's County, praying aid towards completing their Church.

Ordered to be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Smith presented a Petition of Toler Thompson praying aid towards cutting Canals through the Marsh between Point Migic and the Road leading to Halifax.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a first time, "A Bill to amend and explain an Act, intituled, an Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province."

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY.

Mr. Peters presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of the City and County of Saint John, praying aid towards completing the Road opened through the Marsh in the vicinity of the City of Saint John, leading from the Dyke or Aboideau to the head of the said Marsh, and thence to communicate with the Road on the Kennebeckacis, leading to Gondola Point, and also with the Cumberland Road.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what further sums are wanted for improving and repairing the Great Roads of Communication in this Province.

A MESSAGE from His Honor the PRESIDENT.

"NEW-BRUNSWICK,  
"MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

19th FEBRUARY, 1817.

"H. W. HAILES.

"The PRESIDENT directs to be laid before the House of Assembly a report of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the repairs of the Government House, by which it will appear that the expence already occurred exceeds the sum granted at the last Session, and that much yet remains to be done: And as the expediency of putting the same into thorough

repair must be obvious, he recommends to the House to make adequate provision for this important object. A further expence amounting to about twenty pounds, has been incurred for Fuel for the purpose of making occasional Fires in the House; a measure highly necessary for the preservation of the Building, for which he also recommends it to the House to make provision. H. W. H."

Read a second time "A bill to amend and explain an Act intituled, an Act to encourage the Fisheries of this Province."

Ordered that the Bill be committed on Thursday next.

Mr. Wetmore presented a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Parishes of Greenwich and Westfield, in King's County, praying aid to assist them to open and improve a Road leading from Jones' Mill on the Long Reach, to the Settlement now forming in the rear of Kemble's Manor.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what sums are wanted for the Bye Roads and Bridges in the several Counties in this Province.

Mr. Humbert presented a Petition of William H. Smith, praying for remuneration for Medical and Surgical advice and attendance by him performed for sundry Foreigners and Poor in the City and County of Saint John.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Mackay presented a Petition of James Brittain, late a Lieutenant-Colonel of the King's County Militia, praying remuneration for expences incurred by him while in the execution of his office.

Ordered that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Humbert presented a Petition of the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John praying for an allowance to be made to them towards defraying the expences of the support of sundry transient Poor and Black Refugees in the said City and County.

Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the "Bill to give effect to and prevent the evasion of an Act, intituled "An Act for the organization and regulation of the Militia of this Province"

Mr. Peter took the Chair of the Committee.

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

Which report the House agreed to.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the report of the Committee appointed to inquire what Laws have expired or near expiring.

Mr. Wilmot took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Wilmot from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the business to them referred,—that in the Committee, the following resolution was moved and seconded:—

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Laws now in force for raising a Revenue in this Province, be continued for one year, on which resolution, the Committee divided as follows, to wit,

YEAS.—Mr. P. Fraser, Mr. Dow, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Allen, Mr. Miles, Mr. Brittain, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Agnew, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Smith, Mr. Porter, Mr. Esterbrooks.

NAYS.—Mr. Millidge, Mr. Simonds, Mr. Scovil, Mr. Ward, Mr. Humbert, Mr. Pagan, Mr. Peters.

And it therefore passed in the affirmative.

On motion, ordered that the House will to-morrow, go into consideration of the Petition of Henry Smith and Jedediah Slason, and of sundry Freeholders of the County of York, and Electors of Representatives for the same County in General Assembly, complaining of an undue Election for the same County.

Mr. P. Fraser, presented a Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary, praying that a Law may be enacted to enable them to pay Taxes on Property in the Parish of King's Clear, for the support of the Poor of the Parish of St. Mary.

Ordered, that the Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.