

sidered a very High Improvement if our finances can afford it; but it appears to the Committee, that the money would in future be expended, more to the advantage of the Public in making the present Roads to the Principal Settlements, passable. Cutting down the Trees to the extent of twenty feet in breadth, and clearing the Road of Stumps for half that distance, carrying on this System of improvement, through the Principal Roads of the Island, which when completed might then be again improved upon. And that the Bridges and Causeways should be made good and exposed to the sun and air.

CONTINGENT EXPENDITURE.

Your Committee observe a Charge for procuring Stones suitable for establishing a Meridian Line, and a further charge on the same account for clearing the ground previous to their Erection; this object they conceive of the highest public utility, and trust the same will speedily be carried into full effect.

Your Committee next advert to the Sum of £125 expended in the Conveyance of Mails, and beg leave to submit if a Superior arrangement could not be easily formed for that essential purpose, the regular conveyance of the Mails, to and from Halifax.

The Sum of Twenty Pounds appears to have been paid to the Honorable *William Townshend*, as a remuneration for his boat lost on Government Service, your Committee are informed, that about one third of the above Sum has been recovered from the sale of the Wreck, but not yet handed to the Treasurer.

Your Committee further remark, upon the Charge for inclosing *Charlotte-Town* Burial Ground and the Interment of a Lunatic deceased, which they conceive properly belong to Parochial matters, and ought not to be sustained by the Public.

The Charges under Warrants, No. 71, £25 and No. 123, £20, being Sums paid on account of Plans, and Estimates furnished for Public Buildings, your Committee are of opinion, should have been defrayed from the Fund raised for that purpose, and not introduced into the present account rendered by the Treasurer. That it appears to the Committee as a measure highly necessary that the arrears of the Land Assessment under the Act of 1809, should be recovered, as soon as practicable.

In addition to the remarks which your Committee have submitted to the consideration of the House, they conceive it their duty to state that the Commission charged on the receipt of the Public money and transactions relative thereto by the Officers of Government, amounting to the Sum of 15 pr. Cent is an object deserving the serious attention of the Legislature, for the purpose of endeavouring to establish a more economical system of management in future. Your Committee are assured that a reduction of two thirds of the charge above stated, might be obtained as well as sufficient security given to the Public.

Your Committee also cannot avoid making some observations, upon the necessity of establishing a more regular mode of stating the Public accounts, than has heretofore been the practice—much time must naturally be expended in their investigation and arrangement for the Public satisfaction, by the Committees appointed for that purpose, if the Expenditure is not ordered to be classed under different heads, and funds appropriated for particular purposes, kept completely distinct from interference with any others. Your Committee also observed a considerable degree of irregularity in the dates and numbering of the warrants, having found several instances, of two being issued of the same number, and several amounts paid without any number, they also are of opinion, that the form formerly followed of inserting in the body of the warrant, the particular service for which the same was ordered to be issued, was more correct, than the present one, which does not