

"To His Excellency CHARLES DOUGLASS SMITH, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

"The Address of the Lower House of Assembly, in General Assembly, convened,

"May it please your Excellency,

"THE House of Assembly, beg leave to request that your Excellency, will be pleased to afford information to this House of the names of all Persons which have been returned by the Honorable Thomas Tremlett, Chief Justice of this Island, as fit and proper Persons to be appointed Sheriffs of this Island, from the period of his arrival to the present time, specifying separately the names contained in each of such Lists received from the said Chief Justice, with the date of each List.

"ANGUS M'CAULAY,
Speaker.

"Assembly Room, Dec. 4th, 1818."

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to draw up the Address, do present the same to his Excellency the Lt. Governor.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to resume the consideration of the Public Accounts,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Cameron took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

Mr. Cameron, Chairman of the Committee, Reported, That they had taken into consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to inspect the Public Accounts, and That they have minutely investigated the same, and that it appears that on the 10th July 1817, a Balance of £1110 14 5½ remained in the Treasurer's hands, and from that period to the 6th of November 1818, a sum of £3065 3 1½ has been received by the Treasurer.

That during the above period the sum of £2869 16 3½ has been paid by the Treasurer including his Commission.

That the Committee have classed the principal Items of the before mentioned Expenditures under their proper Heads, as will more fully appear by the statement hereunto annexed.

Disbursements from the 5th August 1817, to the 6th November 1818.

Expences of the Legislative Council and Assembly,	£152	13	4
Militia Services,	172	7	7
Inspectors and Chief Overseers of Roads,	98	18	4½
Sheriff and Gaol Expences,	159	8	9
Contingencies,	490	2	11
Coroner, Clerk of the Crown and Deputy Clerk of the Council,	304	10	5
Foreign Mails,	189	10	0
Wharf,	77	19	1
Market House, and Market Clerk,	40	8	4
Printing Laws and other Printing,	260	11	0
Public Buildings,	77	12	10
Roads, Bridges, and Implementments for the same,	237	12	0
Inland Mails,	54	10	0
Drawbacks,	7	10	0
Sums advanced without Warrants,	316	3	11
Treasurer's Commissions per his Account	229	17	9

Total £2869 16 3½

Which left a Balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 6th of November, 1818, of £1306 1 7½.

The Committee had also under their consideration the Accounts of the Collector of Impost of Charlotte-Town up to the 1st August last, and the Accounts of the Collector of Richmond Bay up to 1st of October last, and also the Accounts of the Collector at Rustico up to 6th August, all of which appear to correspond with the credits in the Treasurer's Account.

That the Committee consider it their duty to make some remarks as resulting from their investigation of the Public Accounts.

There appears to be a sum of £172 7 7 expended under the head of Militia Services, for Adjutant General, Adjutants, and Clerks, and although your Committee are by no means inclined to make unnecessary remarks on Expenditures in this Department, yet in time of Peace, your Committee are of opinion that the largest portion of that sum might have been employed to more public advantage on the impassable Roads and Bridges of the Colony.

There appears a sum of £98 18 4 under the head of Chief Overseer, and Deputy Chief Overseers of Roads, to have been expended in that Department;