

sented that many articles might be manufactured here; were the Duties on the Raw Materials reduced or repealed:—and the Committee trust that this subject may be connected with any application for Commercial relief.

There remains another point, to which the Committee would turn the attention of the House, it being allied to the general subject under consideration. They refer to the old Crown or King's Duties so called—chiefly levied by virtue of the Statute 4 Geo. III, chapter 15. The existence of this Impost has been long complained of; and some insist that it was repealed by force of the Statute of 18 Geo. 3d. The amount collected under it in this Province is but small, amounting in 1826 to L1980 10s. 5d. in 1827 to L2540 8 04 and in 1828 to L.2031 14s 3d sterling. The same objections apply to these duties, on the ground of principle, as have been already urged in regard to the new Acts; and their collection and appropriation can never be looked on in a Colony with approbation. They form the only remnant of a System that has disappeared, and are too trifling in amount to merit being preserved. The Committee therefore submit the propriety of an application for their discontinuance.

In concluding this Report, the Committee have agreed, and so directed the Chairman to report the draft of a Bill, framed upon the principles above stated; and, if it should pass, they recommend that Addresses be transmitted—to pray His Majesty's Gracious Assent thereto—to explain the grounds on which the House pass the Bill, and grant the Provision required by the Lords of the Treasury,—and further, for promoting our Commerce and the encouragement of Manufacturing Industry—to pray for such of the suggested alterations and relief as the House may approve of. All which is humbly submitted.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE,
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Chairman.

Halifax, 23d March, 1829.