

“to and amendment of an Act passed in the 20th year of his present Majesty’s Reign
“entitled an Act for the establishing and regulating a Militia,” with certain amendments proposed thereto.

Ordered, On Motion, of Dr. *M’Aulay* seconded *Mr. Townsend*, that this House do agree to the amendments proposed by His Majesty’s Council, to the said Bill, and that the same be re-engrossed with the amendments, and be sent up again to His Majesty’s Council.

Ordered, On Motion, that a Message be sent to His Majesty’s Council, requesting to know, whether the Bill for amending the Sheriff Act, has received their concurrence.

Ordered, On Motion, that a Message be sent up to His Majesty’s Council requesting to know if they have disposed of a Bill for the establishment of a Land Assessment, sent up by this House.

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to resume the consideration of the Public accounts (*Mr. Solicitor General*, in the Chair) and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman made the following report.

The Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, beg leave to report, that after an attentive and careful Examination of the same, they have found the different amounts thereof to be correct, but as the various charges of expenditure, contained in the Treasurer’s account Current did not explain for what service they were made; your Committee have classed them under their proper heads, which they beg leave to submit to the House, with such remarks to each as they deemed proper to communicate.

Your Committee have also, as far as in their power made out a statement of the different Funds, now in the Treasurer’s hands, with the several demands thereon so as to enable the House, to have at one view the balance, that will remain after those demands are paid, which the Committee trust, will be found correct, the same being stated from such Documents as were delivered them.

Remarks upon the different heads of public Expenditure.

STATISTICAL SURVEYS.

The Sum of £130 0 0 charged under this head of Expenditure for the purpose of taking Statistical Survey’s, your Committee with all possible deference, cannot avoid submitting to the House. However praiseworthy may have been the intention of Government in ordering those Surveys to be taken, yet we feel it an unavoidable duty on our part to state that the advantage resulting from those Surveys has not kept pace with the Expence incurred thereby, in such proportion, as to render it advisable, that they should be continued annually, during the present limited state of the Revenue.

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURE.

There appeared to be expended upon the Highways and Baidges, &c, of the Island as pr. abstract £850 8 0 your Committee do not feel themselves competent to remark fully upon the Items under this head of Expenditure, but beg leave to submit for the consideration of the House, whether the Revenue of the Island is at present adequate to follow up the plan lately adopted of widening and clearing the Public Roads to the extent of thirty feet. It must certainly be con-