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Notices

CONCEPTION BAY PACKETS

NORA CREINA

Packet-Boat between Carbonear and Portugal-Cove.

JAMES DOYLE, in returning his best thanks to the Public for the patronage and support he has uniformly received, begs to solicit a continuance of the same favours in future, having purchased the above new and commodious Packet-Boat to ply between Carbonear and Portugal-Cove, and, at considerable expense, fitting up her Cabin in superior style, with Four Sleeping-berths, &c.

The NORA CREINA will, until further notice start, from Carbonear on the mornings of MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, positively at 9 o'clock; and the Packet-Man will leave St. John's on the Mornings of TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, at 8 o'clock in order that the Boat may sail from the Cove at 12 o'clock on each of those days—*Terms as usual.*

April 10

THE ST. PATRICK.

EDMOND PHELAN, begs most respectfully to acquaint the Public, that he has purchased a new and commodious Boat, which, at a considerable expence, he has fitted out, to ply between CARBONEAR and PORTUGAL COVE, as a PACKET BOAT; having two Cabins, (part of the after one adapted for Ladies, with two sleeping-berths separated from the rest). The fore-cabin is conveniently fitted up for Gentlemen, with sleeping-berths, which will he trusts, give every satisfaction. He now begs to solicit the patronage of this respectable community; and he assures them it shall be his utmost endeavour to give them every gratification possible.

The ST. PATRICK will leave CARBONEAR for the Cove, *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays*, at 9 o'clock in the Morning and the Cove at 12 o'clock, on *Mondays Wednesdays, and Fridays*, the Packet Man leaving St. John's at 8 o'clock on those Mornings.

TERMS

After Cabin Passengers, 10s. each.

Fore ditto ditto, 5s.

Letters, Single or Double, 1s.

Parcels in proportion to their size or weight.

The owner will not be accountable for any Specie.

N.B.—Letters for St. John's, &c., will be received at his House, in Carbonear, and in St. John's, for Carbonear, &c. at Mr Patrick Kieley's (Newfoundland Tavern) and at Mr John Crute's.

Carbonear, June 4, 1834.

St. John's and Harbor Grace Packet

THE EXPRESS Packet, being now completed, having undergone such alterations and improvements in her accommodations, and otherwise, as the safety, comfort, and convenience of Passengers can possibly require or experience suggest, a careful and experienced Master having also been engaged, will forthwith resume her usual Trips across the BAY, leaving Harbor Grace on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY Mornings at 9 o'clock, and Portugal-Cove at Noon, on the following days.

FARES.

Ordinary Passengers7s. 6d.

Servants & Children5s.

Single Letters6d.

Double Do.1s.

And Packages in proportion.

All Letters and Packages will be carefully attended to; but no accounts can be kept for Postages or Passages, nor will the Proprietors be responsible for any Specie or other Monies sent by this conveyance.

ANDREW DRYSDALE,

Agent, HARBOR GRACE.

PERCHARD & BOAG,

Agents, ST. JOHN'S.

Harbour Grace,
May 20, 1835.

An Act for the establishment of a Light House on Harbor Grace Island.

WHEREAS it is considered that the erection of a Light House on Harbour Grace Island, in Conception Bay, would tend much to the safety of Ships and Vessels bound for, or putting into the Ports and Harbours of the said Bay:—

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of Newfoundland, in Colonial Parliament assembled, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or the Acting Governor of Newfoundland for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to appoint Five persons to be Commissioners for the purpose of superintending and regulating the Erection of a Light House on Harbor Grace Island aforesaid, and for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act; and in case of the death, absence or resignation of any such Commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, or Acting Governor, for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, to nominate and appoint a Commissioner or Commissioners in their or his stead, who shall have like power and authority conferred by this Act upon the first appointed Commissioner.

2nd.—And be it further enacted, that the Treasurer of the Colony shall, and he is hereby authorised to raise by loan from such person or persons, or Body Corporate, as will advance the same, a sum not exceeding in the whole One Thousand Pounds Sterling, chargeable upon and to be paid out of the Public Funds of this Colony, together with Interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, in annual instalments of not more than Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, in the way and manner hereinafter provided.

3rd.—And be it further enacted, that the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, shall without delay procure plans of the said intended Light House or Building and Estimates of the expenses of Materials and Workmanship necessary to complete the same, which together with all Contracts that may be entered into by the said Commissioners shall previously to their being executed be laid before the Governor or Acting Governor, for the time being in Council for approval.

4th.—And be it further enacted, that the Governor or Acting Governor for the time being, shall, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to draw Warrants on the Treasurer of the Colony on the requisition of the said Commissioners or the major part of them for such sum or sums of Money as shall be necessary to defray and disburse the expenses of lighting and maintaining the aforesaid Light House and its appurtenances.

5th.—And be it further enacted, that when and so soon as the said Light House on Harbour Grace Island shall have been completed it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Acting Governor for the time being, to issue a Proclamation under the Great Seal, signifying that the same hath been so completed, and that thenceforth there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, upon every merchant Ship and Vessel entering any Port or Harbour of the aforesaid Bay, a Duty or rate of one penny halfpenny Sterling per Ton for every Ton Register admeasurement of each respective Vessel as aforesaid: Provided always, that no Vessel owned in or belonging to this Colony, having once paid such Light duty as aforesaid, shall during the same year be liable to any further duty under this Act, while employed in Fishing or in the Coasting trade of this Island and its Dependencies, and sailing under a general Coasting Clearance.

6th.—And be it further enacted, that all such said Duties or Dues shall be levied, collected, and received by such person or persons as shall be appointed for that purpose by His Excellency the Governor, or the Administrator of the Government for the time being, to collect the same previously to such Vessels respectively being entered at the Customs and in the event of any

Vessel or Vessels putting into any Port or Harbour of the said Bay, either by stress of weather or otherwise, where no person authorized or acting in such behalf shall reside, then and in such case the said Duties or Dues shall be levied, collected, and received by any Justice of the Peace residing or then being at or near to the respective Port, Harbor or Roadstead where such Vessel shall arrive or put in, and shall be payable immediately on such Vessel coming to anchor, and all sums of Money so received by such Justices of Peace, shall be paid forthwith to the nearest Collector as aforesaid; and all monies arising from the whole of the aforesaid Light Duties, shall be paid Quarterly to the Treasurer of the Colony, and be appropriated in such manner as the Colonial Legislature shall from time to time direct:—Provided always, that it shall be lawful for such Collector or Sub-Collectors of His Majesty's Customs, and such Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, to return and withhold from the sums by them respectively collected for Light Duties under this Act, and paid into the hands of the Treasury of the Colony, a Commission at and after the rate of Five Pounds per Centum upon the amount so by them respectively collected and paid over, as a compensation for their trouble in collecting the same.

7th.—And be it further enacted, that on the non-payment by the Master or the Owner or Owners of any Ship or Vessel of any Duty or Dues shall and may be sued for and recovered by the respective person or persons authorized to receive the same, in a summary way before one or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and the amount thereof together with all costs incurred, shall be levied on the Goods and Chattels of the Owner or Owners or of the Master of the respective Vessel on account of which the said Light Duty or Dues shall be payable.

8th.—And be it further enacted, that the Treasurer of the Colony shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to grant and issue to the respective Persons who shall lend and advance Money for the purposes of this Act, one or more Debenture or Debentures, in the form and to the effect hereinafter set forth, which Debentures shall be issued for sums of not less than Fifty pounds respectively, and shall express therein the rate of Interest agreed to be paid, and the day of the Month and Year in which they shall respectively be issued, and shall be numbered in succession from one upwards, and shall be signed by the Treasurer for the time being, and countersigned by the Colonial Secretary, and shall be assignable and transferable by endorsement of the parties to whom the Debenture shall respectively be assigned.

9th.—And be it further enacted, that the Interest on the said Debenture shall be payable half yearly, on the last days of June and December in each year, at the office of the said Treasurer; and the said Treasurer shall not be required to commence the payment of the Instalments hereinbefore mentioned until after two years from the date of the said Debentures respectively.

(Form of Debenture)

No.

By virtue of an Act of the Parliament of Newfoundland, passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, entitled, "An Act for the establishment of a Light House, on Harbor Grace Island," I, the Treasurer of the Island of Newfoundland, do hereby certify and declare that under the power and authority in and by the said Act vested in me, I have borrowed and received by way of loan from the sum of Pounds Sterling, bearing interest from the date hereof at the rate of per centum per annum, which Interest is payable half yearly on the last days of June and December in every year; and I do declare that the said sum of money has been paid and received by me towards defraying the expense of erecting and constructing a Light House on Harbor Grace Island as provided by the said Act; and I do further certify that the said principal money and interest will be paid as I pay-

able to the said or his assigns or indorsee, on the production of this Debenture at my Office in St. John's at the time, and in the proportions provided in the said Act.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at St. John's, Newfoundland the day of in the year of Our Lord 1835.

Treasurer.

THE BUFFALO HUNT.

We now formed our plan to circumnavigate the herd, and, by getting at the other side of them, to hunt them in the direction where we knew our camp to be situated; otherwise the pursuit might take us such a distance as to render it impossible to find our way back before nightfall. Taking a wide circuit, therefore, we moved slowly and cautiously, pausing occasionally, when we saw any of the herd desist from grazing. The wind fortunately set from them, otherwise they might have scented us and have taken the alarm. In this way we succeeded in getting round the herd without disturbing it. It consisted of about forty head—bulls, cows, and calves. Separating to some distance from each other, we now approached slowly in a parallel line, hoping, by degrees, to steal near without exciting attention.—They began, however, to move off quietly, stopping at every step or two to graze; when suddenly a bull that, unobserved by us, had been taking his siesta under a clump of trees to our left, roused himself from his lair, and hastened to join his companions.—We were still at a considerable distance, but the game had taken the alarm. We quickened our pace, they broke into a gallop, and now commenced a full chase. As the ground was level, they shouldered along with great speed, following each other in a line, two or three bulls bringing up the rear; the last of whom, from his enormous size and venerable frontlet and beard of sun-burnt hair, looked like the patriarch of the herd, and as if he might long have reigned the monarch of the prairie. There is a mixture of the awful and the comic in the look of these huge animals, as they heave their great bulk forwards, with an up and down motion of the unwieldy head and shoulders; their tails cocked up like the queue of the Pontaloon in a pantomime, the end whisking about in a fierce yet whimsical style; and their eyes glaring venomously with an expression of fright and fury. For some time I kept parallel with the line, without being able to force my horse within pistol shot, so much had he been alarmed by the assault of the buffalo in the preceding chace. At length I succeeded, but was again balked by my pistols missing fire. My companions, whose horses were less fleet and more wayworn, could not overtake the herd; at length Mr. L., who was in the rear of the line and losing ground, levelled his double-barrelled gun, and fired a long, raking shot. It struck a buffalo just above the loins, broke its backbone, and brought it to the ground. He stopped, and alighted to despatch his prey, when, borrowing his gun, which had yet a charge remaining in it, I put my horse to his speed, again overtook the herd, which was thundering along pursued by the count.—With my present weapon there was no need of urging my horse to such close quarters; galloping along parallel, therefore, I singled out a buffalo, and by a fortunate shot, brought it down on the spot. The ball had struck a vital part; it could not move from the place where it fell, but lay there struggling in mortal agony, while the rest of the herd kept on their headlong career across the prairie.—Washington Irving's tour on the Prairies.

PETITIONS PRESENTED IN PARLIAMENT.

Some curious information respecting parliamentary petitions is given in a Report of a Select Committee of the House of Commons, appointed on the 9th May, 1832, to consider the best means of facilitating the presentation of those that relate to public matters. The report was ordered to be