

we all, as good subjects, wish to look upon, with the greatest respect and deference.

Speaking and writing as humble and private individuals, who have never either asked nor received the least favour from any member of Her Majesty's Government, or the House of Assembly, appearing before the public unfettered, and politically unconnected with either party, as fellow citizens and fellow subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty's and expressing our own deliberate views and feelings on this momentous question, we consider that the Lieutenant Governor has acted on this, as on many other trying occasions, during his long and honourable life, with consummate firmness and prudence and moderation; and in such a manner as to entitle him to the thanks of the inhabitants of the Colony. The Members of Assembly, who are possessed of a much larger share of political wisdom and sagacity than we can boast of although we will yield to none of them either in loyalty to our Queen, or in attachment to the cause of the people of Nova-Scotia, have thought otherwise.—Where we see excellences they see nothing but blemishes; what we commend they openly condemn.

Such, alas, are the weaknesses of frail, short-sighted mortals. Is it not then most fortunate, for all the branches of the legislature, for our excellent Governor and his Executive Council and for our present House of Assembly's that there is an authority to which all parties are willing to submit, and by whose decision, the Governor and Assembly are both willing to be guided, that Lord J. Russell is still at the Colonial Office, ready to explain his own despatch, and state the principles, upon which our Colonial Government ought to be conducted. Should his Lordship put the same construction on the despatch, which our House of Assembly has done, which may be, for any thing we know to the contrary, the meaning he intended to convey then we have no doubt the Governor, acting under his authority, will feel himself bound to yield a ready obedience, to his commands.—Should Lord John Russell disapprove, which we presume he has still a right to do, of the Assembly's interpretation, and sanction the conduct of the Governor in waiting for farther instructions, then we are equally certain the House of Assembly, representing, as they have uniformly and truly stated, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects in this colony, will yield a no less prompt and cheerful submission, to the directions of the Colonial Minister, and applaud the wisdom and penetration of Her Majesty's Representative.



*An Act to repeal an Act, entitled "An Act to reconst in the Treasury the Sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds granted to Her Majesty under an Act passed in the first year of the reign of her present Majesty, and remaining unappropriated, and to appropriate the same for the purpose of facilitating a Communication by Steam between the Port of Saint John's and the Port of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia," and to make further provision for facilitating communication by Steam between the said Ports of Saint John's and Halifax.*

[Passed 29th April, 1840.]

WHEREAS by a Minute made by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and bearing date the Eleventh day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine, communicated to the Legislature by Message from His Excellency the Governor, it appears that, as soon as the arrangements for the substitution of Steam for Sailing Vessels between England and Halifax should have been matured, the Parent Government would take into their consideration the communication between Halifax and Newfoundland: And Whereas the said arrangements have now been completed, and it is therefore expedient that effectual means should be taken to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in establishing a communication by Steam between St. John's and Halifax.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of Newfoundland, and by authority of the same, that the Act passed in the third year of the reign of her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to reconst in the Treasury the sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds granted

to Her Majesty under an Act passed in the First year of her present Majesty, and remaining unappropriated, and to reappropriate the same for the purpose of facilitating a communication by Steam between the Port of Saint John's and Port of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia," be and the same is hereby repealed.

2nd.—And be it further enacted, that in order the more effectually to facilitate the establishment of a communication by Steam between the Port of Saint John's and the Port of Halifax, there be placed at the disposal of the Governor, or person administering the Government for the time being, the sum of Three Thousand Pounds, to be drawn out of the Treasury of this Colony in Annual Instalments of One Thousand Pounds each, by Warrant under his hand and seal, to be paid, on the establishment of such communication as aforesaid, to such Person or Persons as the Governor, or person administering the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council, shall direct.

*An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, and for other purposes, for the Year ending the 30th June, 1842.*

[Passed 29th April, 1840.]

May it please Your Majesty;

WE, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Newfoundland, having freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty a Supply to defray certain charges for the support of the Civil Government, for the administration of Justice, and the general improvement of this Colony,—do humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and—

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, that from and out of such monies as from time to time shall be and remain in the hands of the Treasurer of this Island, and unappropriated, there shall be granted to Her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds Four Shillings and Five Pence; which said sum shall be applied in payment of the following charges for the Year commencing on the First day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty, and ending on the Thirtieth day of June One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-one, inclusive, that is to say—

The sum of Two Hundred Pounds, towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of Her Majesty's Council.

And a further sum of Four hundred pounds, towards defraying the salaries of Two Clerks in the Secretary's Office.

And a further sum of Sixty pounds, towards defraying the salary of an Office-keeper in the Secretary's Office.

And a further sum of Sixty pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Messenger in the Secretary's Office.

And a further sum of Two hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of the Northern Circuit Court.

And a further sum of Two hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of the Southern Circuit Court.

And a further sum of Sixty pounds towards defraying the salary of the Crier and Tipstaff of the Supreme Court.

And a further sum of Four hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary, office rent, and all contingent expenses, of the Colonial Treasurer.

And a further sum of Fifty pounds towards defraying the salary of the Gaoler of St. John's.

And a further sum of Six hundred pounds, towards defraying the salaries of Two Police Magistrates for the District of St. John's.

And a further sum of Eighty pounds, towards defraying the salary of the High Constable of St. John's.

And a further sum of Two hundred and Seventy pounds, towards defraying the salaries of Six Police Constables at St. John's,—being Forty-five pounds each.

And a further sum of One hundred and Fifty pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Harbor Grace.

And a further sum of One hundred and Twenty pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Carbonear.

And a further sum of One hundred and twenty pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Brigus and Port-de-Grave.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Bay of Bulls.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Ferryland.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Burin.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Trepassy and St. Mary's.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Harbor Britain.

And a further sum of One hundred and twenty pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Trinity.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Grand Bank.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Bonavista.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Fogo and Twillingate.

And a further sum of One hundred and fifty pounds, towards defraying the salaries of Gaolers in the Out-ports—that is to say—

The Gaoler at Harbor Grace, Fifty pounds.

The Gaoler at Ferryland, Twenty-five pounds.

The Gaoler at Placentia, Twenty-five pounds.

The Gaoler at Burin, Twenty-five pounds.

The Gaoler at Trinity, Twenty-five pounds.

And a further sum of Eight hundred and fifteen pounds, towards defraying the salaries of Constables in the following Out-ports—that is to say—

High Constable at Harbor Grace, Thirty-five pounds.

Two Constables at Harbor Grace, Twenty five pounds each.

Three Constables at Carbonear, Twenty-five pounds each.

Two Constables at Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Twenty five pounds each.

A Constable at Bay-de-Verds, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Harbor Main, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Cats' Cove, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Western Bay, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at South Shore, Twelve pounds.

A Donstable at Ferryland, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Bay of Bulls, Twenty-five pounds.

A Constable at Toad's Cove, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Cape Broyle, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Caplin Bay, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Fermeuse, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Placentia, Twenty-five pounds.

A Constable at Barren Island, Twelve pounds.

A constable at Merasheen, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Little Placentia, Twelve pounds.

A constable at Burin, Twenty-five pounds.

A Constable at St. Lawrence, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Lamaline, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Trepassey, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at St. Mary's Twenty-five pounds.

A Constable at Harbor Britain, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Grand Bank, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Trinity, Twenty-five pounds.

A Constable at Catalina, Twenty-four pounds.

A Constable at Bonavista, Twenty-five pounds.

A Constable at Greenspond, Twelve pounds.

Three Constables at Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-nine pounds.

A Constable at Exploit's Bay, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Brigus South, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Witless Bay, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Petty Harbor, Twenty pounds.

A Constable at Perliean, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Heart's Content, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Hant's Harbor, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at New Harbor, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Rencous, Twelve pounds.

A Constable at Portugal Cove, Twenty pounds.

A Constable at Torbay, Eighteen pounds.

And a further sum of Forty pounds, towards defraying the salary of the Surgeon of the Gaol at Saint John's.

And a further sum of Fifteen pounds, towards defraying the salary of the Barber of the Gaol of Saint John's.

And a further sum of Twenty pounds, towards defraying the salary of the Surgeon of the Gaol of Harbor Grace.

And a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds, to Her Majesty's Attorney General, in lieu of his Fees of Office.

And a further sum of Two hundred pounds, to Her Majesty's Solicitor General in lieu of his fees of office.

And a further sum of Sixty pounds, towards defraying the retiring salary of John Buckingham, Esquire.

And a further sum of Four hundred and fifty pounds, towards defraying the expense of printing and stationery for the public offices, exclusive of the Sheriff's office.

And a further sum of Three hundred and fifty pounds, towards defraying the expenses of Civil and Criminal Prosecutions.

And a further sum of Four hundred and fifty pounds, towards defraying the expenses of the dietary and maintenance of prisoners in the several gaols of this island.

And a further sum of One hundred and fifty pounds, towards defraying the expenses of Coroners.

And a further sum of Two hundred pounds, towards defraying the expense of fuel and light for public buildings, exclusive of the Sheriff's house and office.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the expenses of postages and other incidentals.

And a further sum of Five hundred pounds, towards defraying the expenses of hiring vessels for the conveyance of the Judges and for all charges attendant upon the usual Circuits.

And a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds, towards defraying the expenses of Firing Fog Guns.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards defraying the expenses of the repairs of Court Houses, Gaols, &c.

And a further sum of Five hundred pounds, towards defraying the expenses of Unforeseen Contingencies.

And a further sum of Sixteen pounds seventeen shillings, towards defraying the expenses incurred by John Skelton, Esquire, in following the directions of the Board of Health in Bonavista 1835.

And a further sum of Six pounds eight shillings and four pence, towards defraying the account of Messrs. H. Findlater & Co. for medicines for the poor of Saint John's.

Martin, late High Constable of Conception Bay.

And a further sum of Twenty pounds, towards repairing the Block House at Signal Hill.

And a further sum of Six pounds eleven shillings, towards paying William Edward Taylor for excess of duties on wines paid by him.

And a further sum of Fifty pounds to Mrs. Blaikie, relict of the late James Blaikie, Esq., Police Magistrate of St. John's.

And a further sum of One hundred and fifty pounds, towards paying coming expenses of Civil and Criminal Prosecutions, to the 30th June.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards meeting probable expense of repairing Court Houses and Gaols, to the 30th June.

And a further sum of Two hundred pounds, towards defraying the expenses of Pauper Lunatics for the year ending the 30th June, 1841.

And a further sum of Sixteen pound six shillings, towards defraying the expenses paid by Mr. Luke Collins as Assayer of Weights and Measures in Placentia Bay.

And a further sum of One hundred pounds, towards supporting the St. John's Factory.

And a further sum of Fifty pounds, to the Indigent Sick Society.

And a further sum of Ninety-one pounds seven shillings and six pence, towards aiding the Commissioners of the Board of Education of St. John's to pay off outstanding claims.

And a further sum of Nine hundred and seventy-eight pounds four shillings and seven pence, towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor for drawing on the Treasury to provide for the claims