

Rents; although that is the first step required to be taken by the enactments of the Quit Rent Law of this Island; six of which Lots, the Acting Receiver General and his Deputy, purchased at the said sale.

That it also appears to your Committee that there were 65 Town Lots in Prince Town so proceeded against at the same time, which he could not obtain purchasers for, and that the expences incurred in those last proceedings amount as per taxed bills of costs, to the sum of £400 3 4 sterling, paid or payable out of the Quit Rent Revenue, which proceedings were commenced, and carried on by the said Acting Receiver General, after he had been apprised by his Majesty's Attorney General of this Island, that such proceedings were extremely imprudent, as the property would not realise the costs.

That it also appears in proof to your Committee, that the said Acting Receiver General did not communicate to the Attorney General the orders so received from his Majesty's Government, and that that officer was kept ignorant on that subject, although he did *ex officio* conduct the aforesaid proceedings in Court.

That it further appears to your Committee by the evidence of the said Act.

ing Receiver General, that the whole Quit Rents received by him, amounted to the sum of £3980, about £400 of which was collected by his Deputies, in doing which, there were but few instances of actual distraint, as the parties generally settled by paying their Quit Rent together with the Deputies charges for travelling and other fees, and that the expences incurred in recovering the remainder of the said Quit Rent, and paid out of the Quit Rent Revenue, absorbed the whole of the said £3980, except the sum of £670, which was handed over to the present Receiver General, out of which, there is still payable, upwards of £400 due, on the before-mentioned proceedings.

That your Committee are of opinion that if the said orders of Earl Bathurst had been attended to, the Acting Receiver General was thereby restrained from any proceeding for enforcing payment, other than might become necessary towards securing the Quit Rent of the current year, which according to the enactments of the before-mentioned Quit Rent Law, did not become payable until the expiration of that year.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, March 22, 1825.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.—PRAYERS.

Mr. Owen presented to the House, the draft of an Address to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor relative to the Charlotte-Town Ferry, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows:

"May it please your Excellency, THE House of Assembly has had under its consideration the state of the Ferry on the Hillsborough River, opposite to Charlotte-Town, and begs leave humbly to recommend to your Excellency's attention, the Resolutions passed on that subject, accompanying this Address."

Ordered, That Mr. Owen, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Mubey, be a Committee to wait on his Excellency with the said Address.

Mr. Stewart moved that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Lieut.

Governor, stating that this House, having had under their consideration a petition from the inhabitants of Prince-Town, Royalty, complaining of great confusion and uncertainty of property, in that Royalty, for want of a complete survey; and also of conflicting claims to various Lots of Land therein, and that the lines and boundaries of the said Royalty, appear to be in a state of great confusion and uncertainty, to the manifest injury of the persons interested therein, forming a serious impediment to its improvement, and earnestly to recommend that no time should be lost in making a complete survey of the said Royalty, and that until such survey is completed, and a base line permanently established by opening a Road thereon, or erecting three pillars of stone at the commencement thereof, pointing out the direction of such base line, and also, until a public notice of such intention, no grant should be permitted to pass the