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## Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Friday, Feb. 2.

[From the Debates published by Mr. Phillips.]  
The House being principally occupied with the reception of Petitions, there was little matter to form the subject of a Report.

Mr. Partelow stated for the information of Hon. Members, in reference to the subject of Postage mentioned yesterday, that he had some conversation with the gentleman at the head of that Department here, who informed him that parcels not containing more than four ounces, might be transmitted through the Post Office for one penny. The Journals might in this way be forwarded to all parts of the Province, and Newspapers would be allowed to go in the same way; but Hon. gentlemen must be careful not to put even their initials on them, as the usual postage would of course be the consequence.

Mr. Brown remarked that it would be better for Hon. Members to revert to last year's allowance for Postage, as it would be equally appropriate for the present.

Mr. End, from the Committee appointed to prepare an answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported that they had performed that duty, and read and submitted a draft of the same; and the House went into a Committee of the whole for its investigation: Mr. Botsford in the Chair.

[A short debate arose respecting the propriety of using the word "eternal" in the 5th paragraph.]

Mr. Partelow thought that the copulative conjunction "and," in the 6th paragraph, was not sufficient to express the full meaning which ought to be attached to this place; it looked as if the "extensive wilderness lands" were to be sold for the sole benefit of the Indians.

Mr. End said that the objection was frivolous.—He supposed, however, that the Hon. member for the County of St. John thought that if the Indians got all, nothing would be left for the Loch Lomond Niggers,—the introduction of the word "also" would remove the objection. The Address was agreed to, Saturday, Feb. 3.

Mr. End said that he had prepared a Bill to amend the Law which exempts Hon. members of this House—as the case stands at present—from being liable to the Civil Law Courts of the Country. He would protect the persons of Members on their journeys to and from the House of Assembly, but no farther, and he would trample in the dirt those absurd privileges which, under the ostensible design of protecting the people, presented the strongest barrier against its own accomplishment. He would not, of course, meddle with the affairs of the Upper House, but he hoped they would there have sense enough to see the propriety of including themselves in the same measure. He believed there was little purity in either of the other Branches; but he hoped that Honorable Members in this House, would be unanimous on this subject.

Mr. Palmer replied, that if this Hon. House be the only pure branch of the Legislature, then there is less necessity for the contemplated alteration.

Mr. Rankin read a Petition from several freeholders of the County of Northumberland, praying that the present Bankrupt Law may be repealed on account of its evil tendency in embarrassing, and in part destroying the commercial credit of the country.

Mr. Brown read the Petition of D. W. Jack, Esq. Deputy Treasurer at Saint Andrews, praying for an addition to his salary; and that a provision may be made for him by granting him another place in the event of the passing of an act for the consolidation of the Revenue departments of the Province.

Mr. Wilnot read a Petition from several of the Magistrates and respectable inhabitants of Fredericton, praying that the space on the Lobby of the House may not be further contracted by the contemplated erection of a third Box for reporting, and further requesting that the vacant room on the floor of the House should be appropriated for the purpose.

The Hon. Gentleman stated that the seats of twelve or fifteen persons would be taken up by the "box," and he was sure that the people were already too much cramped in room, and he hoped that something would now be done favourable to the prayer of the Petition—which was numerously and most respectfully signed.

Mr. Allen thought it would be better to dispense with all the Reporters: a parcel of sofas and other useless lumber had been introduced, which completely filled up the place. The man who made them should be paid, but they ought to be sold at auction, as useless articles.

Mr. End observed, that for his part he was sorry to see such expensive furniture introduced into that House: he agreed with the last Honorable Member, that they should be paid for. He was fond of Domestic Manufactures, but these articles were completely foreign—not even a particle of English growth

about them. Then, again, they were very costly; every one of them would build a bridge. (A laugh.) They ought to be removed—a large place was occupied by them, and very improperly. He thought that accommodation for the Military Gentlemen of the Garrison ought to be provided for; in every other Colony this is done, and ought to be done here.

In reference to some former debate between himself and the Honourable H. A. Wilnot, he said that the Honourable Member on that occasion flew at him like a tiger.

Mr. Wilnot, "So I would again if you took the same position."

Mr. End, "No doubt, you are as bad as ever." (A laugh.)

As respects the new chairs and sofas, he said their introduction was ridiculous—they reminded him of an old crazy fellow in Annapolis, who did not care whether he wore any shoes or unmentionables, in his anxiety to display fine cocked hats.

Mr. J. A. Street said a few words relative to the Petition which his worthy colleague had read a while ago, referring to the bad effects of the bankrupt Law.

Mr. Wark, "The present operation of the law is ruinous to the morals of the whole country."

Mr. End, "I doubt if the law operates much longer whether we will have any morals to injure; it should be spunged out at once, it is a curse to the country. Let those who are in get through, but let no more get in, as the whole is a system of fraud and perjury."

Petition referred to a Select Committee.

The House then adjourned till Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

From the Daily Reporter.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, February 2d.

The Council assembled this day at the usual hour, when they read the former days proceedings, and the President, the Hon. Mr. Black, commenced business forthwith.

The Hon. Mr. Black then moved that a suitable place be provided for the reporting of the Debates of the Council, for at present there was no place whatever for the accommodation of Reporters.

The Hon. W. H. Robinson agreed with the hon. President that a suitable place should be provided for the accommodation of Reporters, but Reporters were to understand that whatever they should do, was to be entirely on their own responsibility, for no further provision, than what has been already made, for reporting the debates of the Legislature, would be guaranteed by that Council.

The hon. E. B. Chandler said that a resolution to that effect had been passed by a Committee of the House on that subject, during the sitting of the last session.

The hon. G. F. Street said that they would meet in the Library, in Committee, at 2 o'clock, to discuss the matter in question.

The hon. E. B. Chandler then moved that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the hon. W. Crane and the hon. George Minchin to examine whether they were duly qualified to take their seats as Members of the Legislative Council.

A Committee was then appointed to attend to the question, who after some time returned; when the hon. Mr. Robinson presented the two hon. gentlemen to the President, and they then took their seats, having been respectively duly qualified by the committee appointed for the purpose of examining them.

The hon. G. F. Street then read the address of the Legislative Council, in reply to the Lieutenant Governor's Speech, and moved that they should go into Committee on the Address.

Several hon. Gentlemen have expressed a wish that the Council would postpone the going into Committee on the Address, until the beginning of the week, the week being now so near its termination.

The hon. Col. Shore moved that they go into committee at once.

The hon. Mr. Cunard seconded the motion.

The House then went into a committee of the whole on the Address.—The Hon. Colonel Shore in the Chair. The Address was then read section by section; and after several amendments proposed chiefly by the Hon. Mr. Street, the Hon. Mr. Peters, the Hon. Mr. Chandler, and the Hon. Mr. Johnston, the Address was read a second time in its amended form, and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next. On that part of the address relating to the Penitentiary, St. John, being read, the Hon. Mr. Peters deprecated the present system by which the jails in this country are conducted; and spoke in strong terms against the prevailing system of removing prisoners from the jails to put in the term of their sentence in the Penitentiary, inasmuch that that Institution was almost always crowded to excess. The Hon. Gentleman was fully borne out, in his views by the Hon. Mr. Johnston, who moreover advertised to the great expense jails were to the country, and the wretched state they were kept in with, and as an example he mentioned

the fact of a poor man being frozen to death in one of the country jails.

The Hon. Mr. Kinnear corroborated the statement made by Mr. Johnston, and related the particulars of that melancholy occurrence.

The Council then adjourned at half past four o'clock until twelve o'clock the following day.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT!—Yesterday a change which has been for some time anticipated, took place in the Legislative Council. An announcement was made to that effect that the services of the Honourable Messrs. Baile, Allanshaw, H. Peters, and Lee, were dispensed with, and their places filled by the appointment of the hon. Wm. Crane, hon. Geo. Minchin, hon. Thomas H. Peters, and hon. W. F. W. Owen, to seats in that house; and the hon. William Crane and hon. George Minchin, having complied with the regulations, were introduced, and took their seats accordingly.

How the public will be pleased with this change, we will not venture to predict. Neither do we perceive on what grounds it has been thought necessary to carry the measure into effect. If, as some conjecture, the exchange has been made in accordance with instructions received from the Colonial Secretary, in order to add to the united talent and respectability of the Council, we congratulate the country upon his Lordship's intimate knowledge of the aristocracy of this Province, and the soundness of his judgment, as well as the pains which must have been taken to convey to his Lordship such a mass of valuable information. If, however, neither of these conjectures embrace the true cause, and that the gentlemen who had stood the property test has been removed in consequence of his holding an official situation under government, then is this change but preliminary to an extensive innovation on the former practice in this Colony, and other officers of the Crown still retaining their seats in the Legislative Council, may consider their days as numbered.—Daily Reporter Feb. 3.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—A young man shot by his brother in Cornwallis.—The Halifax Morning Herald of last Friday relates the following painful accident:—"We have to record this morning, one of the most melancholy occurrences that has taken place in the Province for some years. Last week 2 young men by the name of Alder, went out moose hunting, had succeeded in wounding a bull moose, and were running towards the prize—the elder brother leading—the younger brother following close in the rear, with his gun on the cock, a twig caught the trigger and discharged the load, the ball entering the head of the elder brother at the back, and passing out at the eye. The unfortunate states, that young Mr. Alder almost died, but he was the cause of his brother's death, since he was the cause of the accident."

Blessings of Freedom.—A negro lately went to Washington, the capital of that country which is ever loudest in boasting that all men are born free and independent. He was there arrested as a Slave, but having proved himself otherwise, and not being unable to pay the expenses attendant upon his defence, he was, although declared to be a free man actually sold as a slave, to pay the amount. Alas Columbia happy land!

The steamship Britannia, on her last passage from Halifax to Boston, struck on a sandbank, between Chatham and Cape Cod lights, in the morning before daylight but backed off without receiving any damage.—The above lights had been mistaken for those of Cape Ann, the steamer having been carried, by a violent gale, 35 miles to the southward of her course.

Quite a Mistake.—The Halifax Post states that the splendid fortune which was reported as having fallen to the lot of Mr. Dominick Von Maider, of that city, turns out to be nothing more than an offer to honour his draft for 100 francs, (about \$20.) in case he should want it!

The Legislature of Newfoundland, at our last accounts, was in session, and the affairs of the Island were in quite a settled state.

The Sentry on the Main Guard, at Halifax, was frost bitten last week, and had to be conveyed to the Hospital.

The export of Coal from Sydney (C. B.) last year nearly equals the quantity exported in 1842, notwithstanding the heavy increase of duty by the United States' Government.

Lieut. Wilks, of the Royal Artillery, stationed at Jamaica, is to be tried by a Court Martial, for some affair touching his conduct as an officer.

The Legislature of Jamaica have made a reduction of \$1 from the present duty on Pork imported into that Island.

## COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE,

IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, SS.

In the matter of Joseph Pratt, a Bankrupt.

WHEREAS under the Provision of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Province aforesaid, made and in force relating to Bankruptcy in this Province, Joseph Pratt, of Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, Lumberer, hath been declared a Bankrupt, and hath accordingly surrendered himself to me, Now therefore, I do hereby give Public Notice, that by virtue of the power and authority to me given in and by the said Acts, I have appointed Harris H. Hatch, of St. Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, Esquire, Provisional Assignee of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt, and I do hereby require all persons indebted to the said Bankrupt to pay to the said Assignee on or before the eleventh day of January next, all such sums of money, debts or duties as they may owe to the said Bankrupt, and all persons who have in their possession power or custody, any property or effects of the said Bankrupt, to deliver the same up to the said Assignee on or before the said eleventh day of January next, and I do further hereby require all the Creditors of the said Bankrupt resident in the said Province, or in any other of Her Majesty's North American Provinces, or in the West Indies, or in the United States of America, within three months from the day of the date hereof, to deliver into the said Assignee, or to prove to my satisfaction their respective claims and demands, whether the same be actually due or are to become due against the said Bankrupt.

And I do hereby appoint a General Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Bankrupt, to be held at my office in St. Andrews, on Tuesday the second day of April next, at noon of that day, at my said office for the purpose of receiving proof of, or of allowing or contesting any claim presented against the said Estate at which meeting or at any adjournment thereof the said Bankrupt, will be examined on oath touching his said Estate, and such other business relating to the said Estate, will be transacted as may be deemed necessary.

Given under my hand at St. Andrews, the eleventh day of December, 1843.

H. HATCH,  
Commissioner of the Estate and Effects of Bankrupts for the County of Charlotte.

## COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE,

IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, SS.

In the matter of George McCulloch, a Bankrupt.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that I do hereby appoint a Public Meeting to be held on Tuesday the sixth day of January next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon at my office in Saint Andrews, for the purpose of receiving proof of, or of allowing or contesting any claim presented against the said Estate at which meeting or at any adjournment thereof the said Bankrupt, will be examined on oath touching his said Estate, and such other business relating to the said Estate, will be transacted as may be deemed necessary.

Given under my hand at St. Andrews, the eleventh day of December, 1843.

H. HATCH,  
Commissioner of the Estate and Effects of Bankrupts for the County of Charlotte.

## COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE,

IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, SS.

In the matter of James Driscoll, a Bankrupt.

WHEREAS under the Provisions of the Acts of the General Assembly of this Province of New Brunswick, made and in force relating to Bankruptcy in this Province, James Driscoll, of St. Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, Trader, hath been declared a Bankrupt, and hath accordingly surrendered himself to me:—Now, therefore, I do hereby give Public Notice, that by virtue of the power and authority to me given in and by the said Acts, I have appointed Harris Henderson Hatch of St. Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, Esquire, Provisional Assignee of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt, and I do hereby require all persons indebted to the said Bankrupt to pay to the said Assignee on or before the 31st day of December next, all such sums of money, debts or duties as they may owe to the said Bankrupt, and all persons who have in their possession, power or custody any property or effects of the said Bankrupt, to deliver the same up to the said Assignee on or before the 31st day of December next. And I do further hereby require all the Creditors of the said Bankrupt resident in the said Province, or in any other of Her Majesty's North American Provinces, or in the West Indies, or in the United States of America, within three months from the day of the date hereof, to deliver to the said Assignee, and to prove to my satisfaction, their respective claims and demands, whether the same be actually due or are to become due against the said Bankrupt.

And I do hereby appoint a General Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Bankrupt to be held at my office, in Saint Andrews, on Saturday

the thirtieth day of March next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day at my said office for the purpose of receiving proof of, or of allowing or contesting any claim presented against the said Estate, at which Meeting or at any adjournment thereof the said Bankrupt will be examined on oath touching his said Estate, and such other business relating to the said Estate will be transacted as may be deemed necessary.

Given under my hand at Saint Andrews the 21st day of November 1843.

HARRIS HATCH  
Commissioner of the Estate and Effects of Bankrupts for the County of Charlotte.

COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE,

IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, SS:

In the matter of Peter Goss, a Bankrupt.

WHEREAS under the Provisions of the Act of General Assembly of this Province intitled "An Act relating to Bankruptcy in this Province," Peter Goss, of St. George, in the County of Charlotte, Farmer, hath been declared Bankrupt, and hath accordingly surrendered himself to me: Now therefore, I do hereby give Public Notice, that by virtue of the authority to me given in and by the said Act, I have appointed Harris Henderson Hatch of Saint Andrews, Esquire, Provisional Assignee of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt, and I do hereby require all persons indebted to the said Bankrupt to pay to the said Assignee on or before the 16th day of December next, all such sum said sums of money, debts or duties as they may owe to the said Bankrupt and all persons who have in their possession power or custody any property of the said Bankrupt to deliver the same to the said Assignee on or before the 16th day of December next;—and I do hereby require all the Creditors of the said Bankrupt resident in the said Province or in any other of Her Majesty's North American Colonies or in the West Indies, or in the United States of America within three months from the date hereof, to deliver into the said Assignee and to prove to my satisfaction their respective claims and demands whether the same be actually due or to become due against the said Bankrupt.

And I do hereby appoint a General Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Bankrupt to be held at my office in St. Andrews on Monday the eighth day of April next at noon of that day, at my said office, for the purpose of receiving proof of, or contesting any claim presented against the said Estate, at which meeting or at any adjournment thereof the said Bankrupt will be examined on oath touching the said Estate, and such other business relating to the said Estate, will be transacted as may be deemed necessary.

Given under my hand at Saint Andrews, the tenth day of November, A. D. 1843.

H. HATCH,  
Commissioner of the Estate and Effects of Bankrupts in the County of Charlotte.

## NOTICE.

All persons are hereby cautioned against receiving any transfer of property from the surviving Executor and Prustee of the Estate of the late James Hendricks, Esquire; as the heirs of the said James Hendricks will dispute the validity of any further transfer of property belonging to that Estate, until the proceedings, now pending before the proper tribunal, in order to compel the Executor to file an Inventory and account, shall be brought to a close.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 2, 1843.

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