

sed, to England; in order that His Majesty's Government may consider thereof, and that the Allowance granted by the House may plainly appear to exceed what is necessary to pay adequate Salaries to the present Officers, and to any others which the extension of the Warehousing System may require. A Table marked D, containing such Scale—is herewith submitted for this purpose :—although the Committee do not desire to interfere with the Salaries of the *present* Principal Officers of the Customs at this Port, since it may well be considered that they received their allowances in lieu of the Income they enjoyed from Fees prior to the passing of the Statutes which abolished them.

The Committee now beg leave to call the attention of the House, to the *Effect* of the Imperial Acts on the Trade of Halifax,—and to some practical difficulties experienced in their operation. For this purpose the Statement herewith, marked E, received from the Merchants is in the first place referred to. Its details on the subject of the Currency—the mode of paying the Duties in Doubloons or Silver at the now stated prices—the increased charge thereby on those Provincial Duties which are received at the Custom-House, the loss arising from the immediate payment of Duties on Articles taken out of the Warehouse—and other subjects—appear to merit the particular attention of this House. If the House decide to accept the proposal of the Lords of the Treasury, then the Committee would suggest, that this Legislature do so change its own system of Revenue, as to impose on Foreign Produce, Duties equivalent or superior to those levied under the Acts of Parliament; and that, in order to have those Duties wholly collected by the Provincial Officers, an application be made to His Majesty's Government, to repeal or suspend the operation of the Proviso in the 11th section of 6 Geo. IV. ch. 114, which render Provincial Duties receivable at the Customs. To obtain such alteration, the Committee conceive it would only be necessary to provide, that the Officers of the Customs shall have satisfactory evidence that those Duties are paid, or effectually secured. This measure will enable the Mer-