

APPENDIX.

Burin.



WE, the Directors of the Board of Education for the Electoral District of Burin, under an Act entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education and establishing Elementary Schools in this Island," beg to transmit the following Report to His Excellency the Governor for the information of the Legislature; and agreeably to the 3rd Section of the said Act, they also forward a Statement of Monies actually expended; and the different Sums appropriated for places where Schools are not yet established, that is to say:—

BURIN HARBOUR.

In our last Report it was stated that one School only, with about Sixty Children in attendance, was in operation; the same continues to be well attended and the last quarterly return gives the number now under instruction to be Sixty-five. A Teacher has been engaged for Burin Bay School where Twenty-two are constant Scholars. Two other Schools are open and conducted by Female Teachers; one at Collins Cove with Twenty-six, and the other at Great Burin with Twenty Pupils; they have but small remunerating Sums voted pro. tem. as per statement, and in referring to which we beg to direct your Excellency's attention to the balance of Eight Pounds, Ten Shillings and Eleven Pence, against the Directors, so that next year without further aid some Schools must necessarily be discontinued.

ROCK HARBOUR.

Here a School-House is about being erected by the Inhabitants; the latest information is encouraging; from Twenty to Thirty Scholars are in attendance, and the Inhabitants feel grateful for the opportunity afforded for instructing their Children, and quite satisfied with their Teacher; the Salary allotted for this place is small, and but for the spirited assistance of the Inhabitants no School could be supported.

GREAT SAINT LAWRENCE.

This School has been well conducted and continues flourishing with an increased attendance of Scholars; most of the Inhabitants are poor and consequently unable to render much assistance. We deeply regret the necessity of discontinuing it for want of means, but this must be the case, and very shortly, as there is only sufficient means left to pay the Salary of the Teacher for a limited time, consequently instruction must be withheld from Sixty Children and upwards who will be left to their own pursuits, (how deplorable is such a state of things!) merely from the want of some further aid.

FORTUNE AND GRAND BANK.

A School had been in operation at Fortune up to June last, when Fifty-eight Scholars were reported to be in attendance. The Teachers that had been engaged up to that time, left, and we are without information from the Directors there as to whether that School is now open, or of any others commenced, but on the receipt of which, no time shall be lost in furnishing such information.

In addition we have only to say that in no other places are Schools established; the cause, as we before stated, originates from the want of means; for the small amount of the sum apportioned to those Harbours will not induce any worthy person to offer as Teacher, and we crave your Excellency's assistance in obtaining additional means.

By Order of the Board,

Burin, 24th July, 1839.

FREDERIC R. PAGE,

Secretary.