

to which Salmon resort in great numbers ; his present salary, \$150, is quite inadequate for the duties necessary to be performed ; the Committee recommend an increase to his Salary.

“ Your Committee have had before them the Petition of William Russell, Esquire, John Gordon, James Jarvis, Ronald M'Donald, and thirty four others, praying that seining for Bass in the Bartibog River may be permitted : Also the Petition of Thomas Johnson, Dougald M'Donald, John Burchill, Timothy Cowell, and eighteen others, with a contrary prayer. Your Committee have carefully examined the allegations set forth in the Petition, and have ascertained the views of the Members of the County, and have had great difficulty in coming to a conclusion on the subject, and thereby mete out fair play to the Petitioners, having at the same time a due regard to the protection of the Fisheries ; during the investigation, it was brought to the notice of your Committee, that whilst the regulation of this Fishery was under the control of the Sessions of the County, seining had been prohibited in the Bartibog. Your Committee must therefore recommend, that for the present, and for want of further information, seining be prohibited, but they recommend the Governor in Council to make the necessary regulations for the taking of fish of every description by set net in that locality.

“ Your Committee have also had under their consideration ‘ A Bill to amend an Act relating to the Coast and River Fisheries, so far as the same relates to Spearing and Drift nets.’ Your Committee cannot recommend this Bill, because the concurrent testimony of all the authorities of this Province from its first establishment, shews, that the use of drift nets and spearing have been considered destructive to the Fisheries ; as spearing is generally carried on by the Indians, your Committee have taken their case into consideration, and the peculiar hardship to which they are subjected, in consequence of being prohibited that privilege, thereby depriving them, during the fishing season, of their principal means of support, yet, as an exception in favor of the Indians would be considered exceptionable legislation, your Committee cannot recommend that any change or alteration be made in the present Law in their favour.

“ Your Committee have also had under their consideration ‘ A Bill for the encouragement of the Sea Fisheries.’ The Committee on the Fisheries in the year 1859 had this subject under consideration, and reported against the Bill on two grounds:—

“ 1st. That the granting of bounties was impolitic in directing capital and industry into channels in which they would not naturally flow ; and

“ 2nd. That the Bill, if carried into Law, must abstract a large sum from the public Revenue, and thereby involve *directly* the principles of initiation, the subject should be introduced and dealt with by the Executive Government.

“ Your Committee adhere to the opinion therein expressed, and cannot recommend the Bill now under consideration, but recommend the subject to the consideration of the Government.

“ Your Committee recommend that District No. 4 of the general Regulations be divided into two, to be designated Nos. 4 and 13 : No. 4 to commence at the lower line of the Parish of Prince William, and extend up stream to the upper boundary of the County of Carleton ; and District No. 13 to comprise the County of Victoria, and that the Governor in Council appoint a Warden for District No. 4, and the Warden at present appointed and acting for No. 4, act for No. 13. This suggestion the Committee recommend should be attended to, as it is quite apparent to this Committee that no one