

The Attorney General has just sent this Memo. to me, which I forward for consideration of H. E. the Governor General.

(Signed,)

HASTINGS DOYLE.

17th May, 1870.

The Attorney General handed his report on the "Act to improve the administration of Justice" to Capt. Moody, and he called to inform His Excellency, that if the Judges are not appointed within a fortnight, one and possibly two of the Circuits will be unprovided for, and other serious consequences will ensue. The Dominion Government should be apprised of this as soon as possible.

(Signed,)

MARTIN J. WILKINS.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
HALIFAX, N. S., May 17th, 1870.

"An Act to improve the Administration of Justice."

This Act was passed in consequence of the accumulation of arrears, in the business of the Supreme Court, at the suggestion of the Judges, who expressed an opinion, that if a few Judges were added to the Bench, they would be able to overtake the arrears, and avoid for the future, those delays, which had proved detrimental to the Administration of Justice in the Supreme Court.

(Signed,)

MARTIN J. WILKINS.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable The Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 28th September, 1870.*

On a Memorandum, dated 23rd September 1870, from the Honorable the Minister of Justice, reporting that after full consideration he is of opinion that the Act passed by the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, in the 3rd Session thereof (33 Victoria), intituled, "An Act to improve the Administration of Justice," should be left to its operation.

The Minister, states however, that he thinks it necessary to call attention to the 8th clause of the Act which legislates as to the discharge of Insolvent debtors.

That this may perhaps infringe on the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament in matters of Insolvency, but that the objection is not of sufficient importance to warrant him in recommending the disallowance of the Act.

The Committee advise that the Act be left to its operation as recommended.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE,

Clerk, Privy Council.

To The Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c , &c.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES,

OTTAWA, 5th October, 1870.

SIR,—With reference to Lieutenant General Doyle's Despatch of the 17th May last, covering a certified copy of an Act passed during the last Session of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, intituled, "An Act for the further improvement of the Administration of Justice," I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, for the information of your Government, a certified copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, directing that the said Act be left to its operation.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

JOSEPH HOWE,

Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Honorable Sir Edward Kenny,

Administrator of the Government, Halifax.