

Prayer was offered up by the Grand Chaplain. After the deposit of a Bottle, hermetically sealed, containing various coins, papers, &c. and the subjoined inscription printed on parchment, the Corner Stone was laid in Form by the R. W. A. D. P. Grand Master.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor being present, the Mallet was presented to him by the A. D. P. Grand Master, with which His Excellency gave three blows, which were immediately followed by three hearty cheers.

BY THE FAVOR OF
A L M I G H T Y G O D,
On the Seventeenth day of May, A. D.
1824,

Of the Era of Masonry 5824,
And in the Fifth Year of our
Sovereign Lord

GEORGE THE FOURTH.
The Corner Stone of this Court House
and Gaol, Erected by the Midland
District, was laid by

MR. JOHN BUTTERWORTH,
Acting Pro. Deputy Grand Master of
the Provincial Grand Lodge of
Upper-Canada,

Assisted by the Brethren of St.
John's Lodge
No. 6.—and
Lodge No. 13,

(Registry of England),
And Leinster Lodge No. 233,
(Registry of Ireland.)

According to the Ancient Usages of
Masonry;

By Dispensation from the Right
Worshipful

JAMES FITZGIBBON, Esq.
Provincial Deputy Grand Master for
the Province of Upper-Canada.

The Right Worshipful
SIMON MCGILLIVRAY, Esq.
Provincial Grand Master of
Upper-Canada.

Major General
SIR PEREGRINE MAITLAND,
Knight Commander of the Most Ho-
norable Military Order of the
Bath, Lieutenant Governor
of Upper-Canada.

On Thursday last the Corner Stone
of a Masonic Hall was laid in the Vil-
lage of Bath, by the Pro. Grand Lodge
of Upper-Canada, assisted by St. John's
Lodge No. 6, Addington Lodge No.
13, Prince Edward's Lodge No. 17,
and Leinster Lodge No. 233.

BROCKVILLE,
June 24.

A dispensation having been received
for installing the Lodge in this place,
under a Warrant from His Royal
Highness, the Duke of Sussex, the
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Eng-
land, the Grand Lodge assembled in
this place agreeably to notice, on the
24th instant, and was by Peter Scho-
field, Esq. Deputy Provincial Grand
Master, opened pro tem. A Grand
Lodge Procession was then formed, ac-
companied by the St. Lawrence Lodge
and Grand Chapter, attended by a
Band of Music.—The Lodges and
Chapter appeared in their Clothing
and Robes. The whole made a most
brilliant and splendid appearance.

NOVA SCOTIA.
*Annual Report delivered before the Pro-
vincial Agricultural Society of
Nova Scotia.*

After any machine whatever is set
up, and promises to answer the end of
its erection, he must be a daring specu-
lator who would recommend to break
it down on account of any defect or ir-
regularity in its motions. The skil-
ful artist would try simply—to lessen
the friction of the wheels,—to rectify
what he perceived to be wrong—to in-
troduce a greater harmony into the
disposition of the parts—and even when
he met with faults, that were irrepara-
ble, patiently to submit, rather than
adventure on any rash and hazardous
experiment which would endanger its
safety. If this be true in mechanics, it
is more so in any of those institutions
which, for useful and special purposes,
have been founded and established in
society. Hence conrection and re-
form in such is a better and wiser re-
medy than innovation; for in the latter,
violence is done to the feelings and
habits of mankind, while the former
operates a change slowly, impercepti-
bly and without giving any rude
shocks to existing prepossessions and
modes of thinking.

Our agricultural institutions may
now be considered as pieces of machin-
ery essentially connected with our in-
ternal policy, and which are pretty
generally contemplated as the means
by which our independence in bread
corn is ultimately to be wrought out.
To this one object as of pre-eminent
importance they have hitherto been
directed, and without any material or