

... effects will follow the regular use of a stronger substance of the same class, viz. spirits, even in the stomach of an adult; and from all this deranged digestion, and feverish irregularity of the system, will result an exactly proportionate diminution of strength for labour. Dr. Beddoe's experiment on two dogs shows how imperfectly the work of digestion and assimilation is performed when the food is mixed up with ardent spirits.—He caused an equal quantity of the same food to be given to two young dogs of the same litter. Immediately after feeding, four teaspoonfuls of spirits were poured down the throat of one of the animals. In five hours both were opened within a very few moments of each other. The animal to whom the spirits had been given had its stomach nearly twice as full as its fellow. The bits of flesh were as angular as immediately after they were cut by the knife; they were also as firm in their substance. In the other dog the pieces were rounded off, and much softer. Exactly as it happened to these dogs will it also to you.—You do not cause digestion;—you retard and diminish it by taking spirits;—you produce daily a kind of palsy of the principal organ of life, so that its functions are only partially performed, if performed at all.

THE DUKE OF SUSSEX.—SINGULAR ROYAL ALLIANCE.

(From the Standard.)

There appears to be no doubt of the correctness of the rumour mentioned by us in Friday's Standard, of her Majesty's intention to consent to the public solemnization of the marriage of Lady Cecilia Underwood (or rather Buggins, for that is, we have been assured, the lady's real name) with his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex. The Morning Chronicle is of opinion that "an immense majority of the people of the whole empire" will be rejoiced to learn that such a step has been decided on. We are also assured by our contemporary that a private marriage was solemnized between his Royal Highness and that lady some years ago, and that all who refuse to admit that her Majesty has been judiciously advised, in the determination she has formed of placing Lady Buggins in a position which may possibly render her the Queen Consort of Great Britain, are a "vile and envious faction," who would deprive his Royal Highness of the "happiness of seeing his wife raised to a proper station." We confess that we belong to the stigmatised order who come within our contemporary's category; for we are decidedly of opinion that neither the public morals, nor the dignity of the Royal Family, will be likely to be enhanced by drawing the attention of the country to circumstances which might otherwise be buried in oblivion, for the sordid purpose of repairing an unsuccessful attempt to put an additional income into his Royal Highness's pocket. If her Majesty's ministers consider themselves in his Royal Highness's debt, let them, in the name of decency and good faith, adopt a less objectionable mode of repaying the obligation. Should such a precedent be established, there is no saving were it may end.



An Act to establish the Fees and Costs chargeable in the several Police Offices and Courts of Sessions in this Colony.

[Passed 29th April, 1840.]

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to establish the Fees to be taken in the several Police Offices and Courts of Sessions in this Colony.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, that from and after the passing of this Act the following Fees and Costs shall be chargeable and taken in the several Police Offices and in the several Courts of Session in this Colony; and a printed Table of the same shall be posted up in a conspicuous place in every Police Office and Court of Session, for public inspection, and shall be as follows:—

No. 1.

Fees, chargeable on the Colony, for the Sheriff of Newfoundland.

For summoning and empannelling every Grand Jury, One Pound One Shilling.

For summoning and empannelling every Petit Jury, Ten Shillings and Sixpence.

No. 2.

Fees payable to the Clerk of the Peace in Courts of Session of Justices of the Peace.

	£.	s.	d.
For Precept for Quarter Session .....	0	7	6
Calling and Swearing Grand Jury .....	0	5	0
Calling and Swearing every Petty Jury .....	0	2	0
Drawing and engrossing Indictment or Information, and conducting proceedings to final Judgment .....	1	1	0
Entering proceedings, in Trial by Jury of a Cause, to final Judgment .....	0	6	8
Preparing and engrossing Record of Conviction or Acquittal, when required .....	0	6	8
Every Recognizance for Sureties of the Peace (to be paid by the party bound) .....	0	3	4
Attendance during each Quarter Sessions .....	1	0	0
Making up the Record of each Quarter Sessions, payable only when such services shall be duly certified by the Justices or Justice ..	1	10	0

No. 3.

Fees payable to the Clerk of the Peace in Civil Cases, Malicious Mischiefs and in Petty Criminal Cases, under Summary proceedings.

	£.	s.	d.
For a Summons or a Subpoena	0	1	0
The hearing of every cause .....	0	1	0
Entering the proceedings to Judgment .....	0	1	6
Every Warrant in Execution .....	0	1	0
Every Recognizance .....	0	1	0
Provided nevertheless, that in any Civil Action in which the Debt or matter in dispute shall not amount to the sum of Twenty Shillings, the Fees to be taken by the Clerk of the Peace shall not in the whole exceed the sum of Three Shillings and Sixpence.			

No. 4.

Fees to be allowed the Clerk of the Peace for the performance of Ministerial Duties before a Justice or Justices of the Peace, in cases of Felony or Misdemeanor.

	£.	s.	d.
For every Deposition or Examination taken and drawn, and made in due form, according to usual precedents in accredited Books of Practice .....	0	2	0
Every Summons .....	0	1	0
Every Subpoena .....	0	1	0
Every Warrant .....	0	1	6
Every Commitment .....	0	1	6
Every Recognizance for due appearance of Prosecutor to prosecute, or Witness to give evidence at Trial, the same being taken in due form as aforesaid	0	1	6

No. 5.

Fees payable to Constable or Bailiff.

	£.	s.	d.
For service of a Summons or Subpoena .....	0	1	0
Executing every Warrant to arrest the person ..	0	2	6
And if the due service of either of the above process shall require the Officer to travel beyond the distance of two miles, he			

shall be further allowed, for every mile extra .. 0 0 6  
For execution of any Warrant or order of Justices or Justice for levying under Judgment, by Sale of Goods, when such Judgment and levy shall be under the sum of Twenty Shillings .....

And when the said levy shall exceed Twenty Shillings, then there shall be furthermore five per cent allowed thereon.  
2nd.—And be it further enacted, that no other Fees or Costs shall be chargeable in the said Police Offices or Courts of Session, or any of them, than the Fees or Costs hereinbefore mentioned; and that any person charging or taking any greater amount of Fees or Costs in any such Police Office or Court of Session shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of Five Pounds.

3rd.—And be it further enacted that this Act shall continue and be in force for the period of three years, and no longer.

The Star.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1840.

We observe that the free and independent electors of the district of St. John's are on the eve of exercising their unbiased judgment in the selection of a Member for the Colonial Legislature. Perhaps, however, the safest way for them, under existing circumstances, will be, to attend to the infallible directions of the Newfoundland Patriot, whose able and sagacious Editor has hitherto been so exceedingly fortunate in his choice, that there can be no danger whatever in trusting, entirely, to his discrimination.

To be sure, according to his own confession, he made some slight mistakes with regard to, Dr. Carson, Mr. Morris, Mr. Kent and Mr. Brown, to all of whom he has been frequently under the painful necessity of administering some fatherly reproof, as the public must well remember; but, with these little exceptions, the Editor of the Patriot, in his nomination of Representatives, has been judicious and marvellously "cute"! Master O'Dwyer and Thomas Fitzgibbon Moore are ready, at a moment's warning, to prove the truth of this assertion!

We learn with much indignation that the House of Assembly, in a paroxysm of economy, has not only reduced the salary of the Geological Surveyor, but has actually gone so far as to deprive him of his vessel: row really this is too bad; it is paltry and contemptible to the last degree. We had hoped that the labors of that gentleman in his late survey—his interesting and valuable discoveries, together with his scientific and masterly Report, would have insured him a continuance of all the accommodation the Colony could afford, and which in such an undertaking and upon such a coast, he indispensably requires. But the sun of the Assembly rose in a vapour and it will set in a cloud.

A small portion of the wreck of the barque Atlantic floated ashore here on Friday morning last.

Herrings have been abundant during the past fortnight. Some excellent Cod have also been taken.

(From the Royal Gazette, May 5.)

By Authority.

HIS Excellency the GOVERNOR having been pleased to nominate

PATRICK MORRIS, Esq.,

to be a Member of Her Majesty's Council of this Island, the usual Oaths were this day administered to him, and he took his seat at the Board accordingly.

JAMES CROWDY,

Secretary.

Secretary's Office, }  
2nd May, 1840. }

His Excellency has also been pleased to appoint

THOMAS BECK, Esq.

to be Returning Officer at the Election of a Representative of the District of St. John's, in the General Assembly of this Island, in the place of PATRICK MORRIS, Esq., now a Member of Her Majesty's Council.

JAMES CROWDY,

Secretary.

Secretary's Office, }  
4th May, 1840. }

TO prevent present inconvenience to the Public—to facilitate the means of procuring Grants of Land—and to remove every pretext for its undue occupation, the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council, has adopted the following regulations for its alienation:—

- All Petitions for Land, now in the Office of the Surveyor General, or which may hereafter be lodged there, shall be submitted to the Governor for his approval.
  - If a Petition be so approved, the Land applied for will be surveyed and advertised for Sale in three successive Gazettes—put up at Public Auction at an upset price of 2s. per acre—and sold to the highest Bidder.
  - A deposit of Ten per cent. to be paid down at the time of Sale, and the remainder of the purchase money within 14 days thereof.
  - On such payment, as also of the Established Fees, being made, the Grant will be delivered.
- JAMES CROWDY,  
Secretary.  
Secretary's Office,  
4th May, 1840.

“THE MODEST PETITION, ONLY HALF MY PAY.”

To His Excellency HENRY PRESCOTT, Esq., Companion of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

At the sacrifice of professional emolument, considerable expense and much personal fatigue, I have strictly performed the services of Speaker in the present House of Assembly.

Both houses of the Legislature have concurred in voting me two hundred pounds per annum, which has been sanctioned by your Excellency. By the loss of the Contingency Bills for 1839 and 1840 I am deprived of resources which I calculated upon to great pecuniary inconvenience.

I pray that your Excellency will be pleased to issue your mandamus in my favour on the Colonial Treasurer for two hundred pounds, being half of the sum due to me. Precedents for such a proceeding will be found in the Treasurer's accounts for 1838. And your petitioner, as in duty bound will ever pray.

WILL CARSON,  
Speaker of the House of Assembly,  
Billies, April 30.

Sir,—I beg you will do me the favor, to present the accompanying petition to the Governor.

I have the honor to be,  
Your obedient servant,

WILL CARSON,  
To the hon. James Crowdy,  
Colonial Secretary.

Secretary's Office,  
30th April, 1840.

Sir,—The Governor desires me to ac-