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### REVENUE ACTS.

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#### DRAWBACK ON CATTLE OR MEAT FOR TROOPS.

[No. 264.]

*Downing Street, 26th September, 1844.*

SIR,—Her Majesty's Government have had under their consideration two Acts passed by the Legislature of New Brunswick in the months of March and April last, the first entitled (No 1483) "An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue," the second entitled (No. 1509) "An Act to amend an Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue."

These Acts will receive the confirmation of Her Majesty in Council at the next opportunity.

With reference to the first of these enactments, I have to call your attention to the 6th clause, which provides that "no drawback shall be allowed or Duties abated upon any Ox or other Horned Cattle or Dead Meats, whether the same shall be imported for the use of Her Majesty's Army, Navy, or Ordnance, or otherwise, anything to the contrary in any Act of the General Assembly notwithstanding."

Now it appears that the supplies of Meat and Cattle required for the sustenance of Her Majesty's Forces stationed in New Brunswick, are drawn from the neighbouring British Colonies, and the effect of the clause I have quoted is therefore to subject all such supplies to an increased charge and to taxation for the benefit of the Provincial Treasury.

I am aware that the Annual Revenue Acts of 1842 and 1843, contained clauses similar to the one I have mentioned ; but their operation was limited to Foreign Cattle and Meats, and were therefore, so far as regarded the supplies required for Her Majesty's Forces, virtually inoperative.

Although Her Majesty's Government have not thought it right to insist on this objection to the Act No. 1483, I have to desire that you will take the earliest opportunity of calling the attention of the House of Assembly to the effect of the clause I have pointed out, and that you will take such steps as may be necessary for obtaining the reimbursement to the Commissariat Chest of any extra charges to which Her Majesty's Service may have been subjected by it, and also for preventing any similar taxation of the supplies which may be required for Her Majesty's Forces in future.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieut. Governor Sir Wm. Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

On motion of Mr. Boyd,

The House went into Committee of the whole on a Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to continue an Act relating to the Herring Fisheries in the County of Charlotte."

Mr. Palmer in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them and agreed to the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted and the Bill engrossed.

Mr. Fisher, by leave, presented a Petition from Jennet Turner, Widow of the late Holden Turner, deceased, a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, praying that the Pension due to her husband at the time of his death may be granted to her ; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. Boyd,

The House went into Committee of the whole on a Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act for the better and more effectual securing the Navigation of the River Saint Croix, in the County of Charlotte ; and also further to continue an Act, intituled 'An Act to empower the Justices of the County Charlotte to make regulations for driving Timber and Logs down the River Saint Croix, Magaguadavic, Digdeguash, and their Branches.'"

Mr. Jordan in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them and agreed to the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be accepted and the Bill engrossed.

Mr. End, by leave, presented a Petition from Louis P. Resche, of the Parish of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester, a Schoolmaster, praying remuneration for teaching a School in the said Parish during the past year ; which he read.

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