

Statement of the Land Assessment, under the Act, 11 Geo. 4, cap. 17.

An Account of sums paid for the destruction of Bears and Loupcerviers, under the Act, 1 Will. 4, cap. 14.

Mr. *McCallum*, in his place, presented the following Documents to the House:—

The Impost Accounts for the District of St. Margaret's, for the Year ending 31st December, 1837.

The Impost Accounts for the District of St. Peter's, for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1837.

The Impost Accounts for the District of Belfast, for the Year ending 31st December, 1837.

The Impost Accounts for the District of

New London, from 1st April to 28th November, 1837.

The Impost Accounts for the District of Cascumpec, for the Year ending 5th January, 1838.

The Impost Accounts for the District of Crapaud, for the Quarters ending 30th June, 30th September and 31st December, 1837.

Also, the Light Duty Accounts for the Districts of Three Rivers and Colville Bay, for the Year ending 31st December, 1837.

Ordered, That the above Documents be referred to the Committee appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1838.

TWO Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Secretary Collins, by command of His Excellency, delivered the following Messages:

First Message.

CHARLES A. FITZ ROY, Lieut. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the House of Assembly the Copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Lord Glenelg, dated the 10th May last, on the subject of the Penalty imposed by the Mutiny Act, of not less than £5, nor more than £20, for the fraudulent purchase or possession of soldiers' necessaries, equipments, &c.; and the minimum penalty being considered too high to be imposed upon the lower classes of society in this Island, the Lieutenant Governor recommends the House to take into their consideration the propriety of lowering the amount of such penalty to such sum as it shall consider adapted to the ability and pecuniary means of all classes.

Government House,

February 5, 1838.

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DOWNING STREET,

10th May, 1837.

SIR;

My attention has been called to the 65th Section of the Mutiny Act, which attaches a Penalty of not less than £5, nor more than £20, to the fraudulent purchase or possession of soldiers' necessaries, equipments, &c., which mini-

mum penalty is considered far too high to be imposed upon the lower classes of society in the Colonies.

An addition to this Clause has, in consequence, been made in the Mutiny Bill of the present year, empowering the local Legislature, on the recommendation of the Acting Governor of any such Colony, to lower the amount of such Penalty to such a sum as they shall consider adapted to the ability and pecuniary means of all classes residing in the Colony.

Previously to laying such a recommendation before the Legislature of the Colony under your government, you will take especial care that it meet with the concurrence of the Officer in the local command of the Forces.

You will further observe, that, in conformity with the 79th Section, the Mutiny Act of the past year is superseded by that of the present year, so soon as it shall have been promulgated in General Orders.

The Secretary at War will desire the Officers commanding the Forces in the Colonies to communicate their General Orders under this head to the Civil authorities, for their information and guidance.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GLENELG.

Lieut. Governor Sir C. A. Fitz Roy, K. H.,

&c. &c. &c.

Second Message.

CHARLES A. FITZ ROY, Lieut. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the House of Assembly the Copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable