

riety of sundry Acts of the Legislature, amounting to the Sum of £69,460 17s. 6d. currency.

No. 8, shews the Expenditure under authority of the Act 9th Geo. IV. Cap. 46, for the encouragement of Elementary Education, amounting to the Sum of £11,680 10s 3d currency, £5,250 3s 0d of which were paid under Special Appropriations.

On the Statements Nos. 9, 10 and 11, Your Committee do not feel called upon to report, more particularly the principle upon which these Accounts are formed, having never been acknowledged by the House, and His Excellency having communicated His Majesty's most gracious assurance that measures will be immediately taken to effect an amicable arrangement under the authority of Parliament of a controversy which has continued too long for the real interests and welfare of the Province.

Your Committee observe with regret, that in these Accounts the pretensions relating to certain portions of the Revenue which have been alleged to have been appropriated without the consent of the Provincial Parliament, are unnecessarily brought before the Legislature.

Your Committee cannot undertake to express an opinion on the correctness of those Accounts generally ; to enable them to do so, it would be necessary that the Accounts of the different Collectors of the Revenue should be examined by some competent authority acting under well defined and real legal responsibility which could readily be enforced within the Province, and that the Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements of the Receiver General duly vouched, were also submitted to a similar examination before being laid before this House.

Your Committee think themselves bound to observe on this occasion, that ever since the administration of Sir John Sherbrooke, which terminated on the 10th October 1818 as to accounts, no final settlement of the

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