

public expenditure of this year, according to the Provincial Treasurer's account, laid before the House, amounted to £73,238 10s. 11d.

1838.—This year was memorable on account of the alteration of the constitution, which had then existed from the earliest settlement of the Colony.

January 16th. By an announcement from the Secretary's Office, the public were informed that the old Council was dissolved, and that branch reconstructed in conformity with the prayer of the House of Assembly. The Hon. Messrs. Jeffery, Robie, Cunard, Cogswell, Allison, Sir R. D. George, J. W. Johnston, J. B. Uniacke, Dodd, Huntingdon, T. A. S. Dewolf, and M. Tobin, senr., were constituted an Executive Council. His Lordship, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Hon. Messrs. Robie, P. McNab, senr., J. Tobin, senr., Norman Uniacke, J. W. Johnston, Wm. Lawson, senr., G. Smith, Stewart, Wm. Rudolfe, L. M. Wilkins, J. S. Morse, Ousley, Cutler, Campbell, Ratchford, Fitzrandolph and Dr. Almon, were constituted the Legislative Council. The Councils were sworn in due form. 25th. The Legislature was convened; and His Excellency, in his opening speech, informed them of the changes that had been made in the Councils. Writs were issued for the election of Members, in place of Messrs. Wilkins, of Windsor; Smith, of Pictou; Stewart, of Cumberland; and Rudolfe, of Lunenburg. Mr. Doyle again presented his bill for limiting the duration of the House from seven to four years. 29th. Lord Glenelg's celebrated despatches were laid before the House, wherein he gave directions respecting the formation of the Councils, the regulating of the Civil List, the discontinuance of the Judges' Fees, opening the Council doors, and other beneficial changes. By a return laid before the House, it appears that 458 Suits were, during the last year, tried in the Court of Chancery, or pending at the commencement of the year. The Trustees of the British Museum requested His Excellency to use his influence with the Legislature to procure them specimens of natural history. 30th. The Council doors were opened to the public, and a Reporter allowed to take notes of their proceedings. The Inferior Courts established in the year 1823, were abolished by an act of this session, and the Judges pensioned off. News arrived in Halifax about this time, that Lord Durham was appointed Governor General, and Her Majesty's Commissioner. By return made to the House, it appears that the Custom House establishment throughout the Province cost £10,633 annually.

February 20th.—A question in favour of the views of Temperance Societies, was negatived in the House, 15 voting for, and 25 against it. 21st. £200 granted by the House towards the relief of the wives and children of the soldiers who were slain in Canada; large private subscriptions were also made in Halifax, Yarmouth, and other places, for the same purpose. The House of Assembly, in an address to His Excellency, complained that the new construction of the Councils, was not in accordance with the liberal intentions of Her Majesty.

March 30th. The newly formed Councils were dissolved, in consequence of instructions that had been given to Lord Durham, previous to their appointment by Sir Colin Campbell. The House was prorogued until the 5th; and the new Executive Council, consisting of the Hon. Messrs. Jeffery, Robie, Cunard, Cogswell, Allison, Johnston, J. B. Uniacke, T. A. S. Dewolf and M. Tobin, senr., were re-appointed—omitting Sir R. D. George, and Messrs. Dodd and Huntingdon. The same Members of the Legislative Council were also re-appointed, with the exception of Messrs. Lawson, Fitzrandolph, Ratchford and Dr. Almon.

April 5th. The House met again for the despatch of business. 11th. The House passed a bill for the purpose of making valid certain marriages at Cape Breton, by which it was said that upwards of 300 marriages were confirmed. 14th. The House agreed to an address to Her Majesty, wherein they complained of the late construction of the Council. 16th. The House by address petitioned Her Majesty to alter the form of the state oath, and make it less offensive to Catholics. £10,000 was granted for the service

floods and bridges, due to £200, and Dr. McCulloch, who lege. 23d. The first York.

May 16th. Agreed Messrs. Collins, Dodd Council, and Messrs. were replaced in the

June 28th. Coronation kept as a general holiday, Windsor, and most of balls, bon-fires, and other

July 16th. A hail storm which did much damage.

August 11th. His visit to Lord Durham, in government in his absence of which six houses in The immediate cause but the remote or principal character and conduct

September 28th. T. Wm. Young, and M. Lordship having given mission failed of answer

October 8th. Morning murder of John Clem. Durham left Canada, on

November 3rd.—Die member of the Legislature

1839.—January 1st. honorary to discontinuing 12th. The Legislative laid before the House of the Civil List. Question of dissatisfaction, and w 19th. His Excellency to the Parliament—a n

February 1st. The act passed last session, the House, that His E after promising him a that he was not a Pre 14th. £14,000 voted for of Halifax frozen over wards of £500 was raised sufferers by the outbreak and Nova Scotia, in consequence of part of the Dis 25th. Messrs. Young of Assembly to the House, passed unanimously third part of the effect repel, if necessary, the £100,000 in supplying

March 3rd. The Leg