

Which being read, ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Allen* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to provide for the payment of the Grand and Petty Juries, serving in the Supreme Court of this Province."

Leave granted.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee to examine, liquidate, and report on public and private accounts, reported as follows :

1.--Is the report of Benjamin Wilson, Esquire, Supervisor for the Eastern district of great roads.

This report is not accompanied by any account or vouchers. The roads in Northumberland are represented to be in a very bad state ; several important alterations have been made ; and the Supervisor states that to make a good road from the County line to the Nipisiquit, would require a further sum, to be expended the ensuing season, of at least £4500. In every other part of his district he has also made great improvements in the roads---particularly from St. John to the Finger Board---from Memramcook to Shediac---and from Sussex Vale to the Petticodiac. He states that except the road from St. John to Hammond river, all the other parts of his district have been let at public auction to the lowest bidder. This mode of proceeding is, in the opinion of your Committee, the best calculated to insure to the public the full benefit of the monies granted for the improvement of the roads.

Owing to the great extent of this district some of the improvements could not be made so early as the Supervisor wished, and it appears to be a great disadvantage to the public, not to have the work on the roads done at an early season, when the work would be more easily performed, and would have sufficient time to settle before the fall rains and frost set in, which often destroy the labour that is done at a late season.

2.--Is the report of the Supervisor for the Western district. In which he states that several alterations and improvements have been made on the several roads within the said district. There are no vouchers accompanying this report, but two schedules are attached to it, the first shewing the different contracts entered into with persons on the several roads, for altering and improving the same ; and the second contains an estimate of what further sums may, in his opinion, be advantageously expended on the same roads the ensuing season---this estimate is £3500.

It appears by this report, that some of the contracts made by the Supervisor are very high, particularly one made with Moses Vernon, Esquire, to cut out, level and causeway, about a mile of road near the Magagaudavic, for which he is to have £80---a contract with Roach and Wilkins, for one mile of road between Smith's and Seeley's, for £110---and another contract with the same persons for 230 rods of road near Gage-Town mill, for which they are to have £50.

A contract has been made with Mr. Duff, to work that part of the road leading to the County of Northumberland, within the Western district. The Supervisor has heard that this work has been well done, but he has been prevented by indisposition from inspecting it.

A contract was also made with Messrs. Ketchum and Morehouse, to cut out and in part bridge about 25 miles of road along the banks of the Madawaska river, to the Lake Tamiscouta, for which they are to receive £360. The Supervisor reports that after this contract is completed, there will within the said 25 miles, still be 25 small rivers and ravines to be bridged.

He regrets that the contracts (some of which are not completed) and expenditures have exceeded the grants made for the roads within his district ; and the sum allowed to him for his services, the amount over the said grants, is by his report £85 6 1.

No money has been received by the Supervisor direct from the Treasury. He states that in several instances orders have been given, warrants assigned, and acceptances given, upon such terms as to make but little difference between that mode of payment and cash.

By the schedule No. 1, it appears that the expenditures and contracts entered into, amount to £2,387 5 11---The sums granted for his district were £2,552--

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