

29th April, 1835.

HENRY PRESCOTT, Esquire, C. B., Governor.

The Magistrates in Saint John's are properly enough, as the Council conceive, called Police Magistrates—in Harbor-Grace the Officer is called the Chief Magistrate, which is not a correct designation of any ordinary Justice of the Peace; and in Carbonear the term Stipendiary is applied. The Council would prefer the one style of Police Magistrate, or the term Magistrate alone, without any other designation. The using a variety of expression in any law has a tendency to produce embarrassment in the construction of it, and leads to conflicting opinions where a difference was never intended in principle.

There is a sum of £250 appropriated to the repair of Government Buildings, and another sum to the repair of Gaols, which are also Government Buildings. The Council, believing the Government House to be meant as the object of the former grant, have expunged the word "Buildings," and inserted "House" in lieu thereof.

There is a service named for which no provision has been made, and which the Council presume has arisen from accident—it is for defraying the expense of employing three persons to lay out Roads to Holyrood and several other places.

The sum of £1590 is granted towards opening, making and repairing Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Island—but the amount in detail exceeds that sum by £50.

The Legislative Council extremely regret that a Bill of so much importance should have been left to so late a period of the Session that there would not be time to pass it through its different stages before the day named for the prorogation, consistently with those prudential rules which all Legislative Bodies adopt, as well to prevent surprise as to ensure a deliberate and careful examination of every subject brought under discussion, did the Council concur in all its provisions, and therefore they have been reluctantly compelled to dispense with their usual method of proceeding in the passage of Bills, in order that the public service might not be subjected to the greater inconvenience of being left without any supply, or of rendering it necessary to prolong an otherwise protracted Session.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and that it be concurred in.

A deputation from the Commons House of Assembly brought up a Message in the following words:—

Mr. SPEAKER.

The Commons House of Assembly agree to the Conference as requested by the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the Act for granting to His Majesty certain Supplies for the support of His Majesty's Government in this Island, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and have appointed Conferees on the part of this House to meet the Conferees on the part of the Legislative Council at the time and place appointed.

THOMAS BENNETT,
Speaker.

*House of Assembly,
April 29th, 1835.*

The Bill brought up yesterday from the Commons House of Assembly entitled "An Act to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Courts of Session, and to extend the authority of Justices of the Peace in this Island," was read a first time, and—

On motion of the Honorable the Attorney General, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Haly, it was—

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on this day six months.

The Honorable Mr. Crowley, from the Conferees appointed to meet the Managers from the Commons House of Assembly, on the subject of the Appropriation Bill, reported that they had met the said Managers and delivered to them their Instructions.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill, as amended, entitled "An Act to provide for the better conducting of the Fisheries of this Island," was read a third time and passed.

Whereupon the Honorable the Chief Justice signed the same.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act of the Parliament of this Colony, entitled 'An Act for the establishment and regulation of Fire Companies in the Town of St. John's.'"

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Report received and concurred in.
Assembly agree to conference on the Appropriation Bill.

Enlargement of Sessions Jurisdiction Bill read 1st time—and

On motion, ordered to be read a 2nd time on this day six months.

Report of Conferees on Appropriation Bill.

Fishery Bill read 3rd time, passed and—

Signed.

St. John's Fire Companies' Act amendment Bill committed—