

engaged as sailing master. The petitioner accordingly disbursed the said vessel that season, and included in the amount so disbursed the wages of the said William Cann. At the end of the season his account was allowed and settled by the commissioners of Sable Island. The next season the petitioner was again placed in the same vessel, without any further or other instructions than he had previously received, and he disbursed the said vessel as he had done the previous year. When, however, he presented his account at the end of the season to the commissioners, including £42 paid William Cann for his wages, he, as he alleges, for the first time became aware that the said William Cann was indebted to the government for a portion of the purchase money of the said schooner, and one of his (Cann's) notes being then due, the whole sum of forty-two pounds so paid said Cann was disallowed petitioner in said account. Cann immediately thereupon, being worth nothing, went away to the United States, and has never since returned. The petitioner subsequently by the turn of debt due by another party to Cann, received twelve pounds on account of his said advances.

Your committee are therefore of opinion the petitioner should be paid the amount he claims, and recommend the house to make provision therefor, being of opinion that the authority to advance in 1841 attached to the petitioner's position in 1842, in which all the circumstances were the same, when no orders to the contrary were given, and that having such implied authority the amount ought to have been paid in the first instance.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.
J. C. HALL.

Committee room, 5th April, 1852.

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The committee on the petition of John Ross report :

That they have considered the petition, but have no proof of the work having been performed, as required by the document annexed to the petition. The committee have no doubt that some work was performed, and perhaps sufficient to justify the granting the sum applied for, viz : £9 3s. 6d.; but as several claims for like services have been rejected by the house, and the committee not knowing the grounds of refusal, leave the grant to be moved in the house, thinking that the claim is equitable.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, chairman.
MART. I. WILKINS.

Halifax, 6th April, 1852.