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Tu quod cavere possis, stultum admittere est. TERENCE.

It is folly to admit improper charges, when they are detected and can be prevented.

"Good night to Marmion!"

STR. W. SCOTT.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
continued.

If, upon due consideration of the peculiar circumstances under which the declaratory statute of the 18th of His late Majesty, cap 12, was passed, and the construction which, coupled therewith, may be given to the constitutional act of this province, the duties levied under the said act of 14 Geo. III. cap. 88, should, notwithstanding, have been considered by the Executive, as at the exclusive disposal of the colonial government, which your committee are by no means disposed to admit, then the balance of £ 140,685 19. 0 as stated in the accounts to have been at the disposal of the legislature at the close of the year 1816, would be correct; save such claim as the province may have for such application of the monies levied under the said act of 14 Geo. III. cap. 88, as have not been applied exclusively for the objects for which it was originally intended, the precise amount of which, for the reasons already mentioned, your committee have not been able to ascertain.

The documents referred to your committee contain a statement of the *nett amount* of duties collected at the port of Quebec, from the year 1792 inclusive, to the 10th Oct. 1820, under the British acts of 25 Charles II cap. 7, 6. Geo. II. cap. 13, 4. Geo. II. cap. 15, 6. Geo. II. cap. 13, 4. Geo. III. cap. 15, 6. Geo. III. cap. 13, 6 Geo. III. cap. 52, and 51. Geo. III. cap 97, amounting to £ 33,603. sterling, which sum has been remitted to the receiver-general of His Majesty's customs in London, and paid into His Majesty's exchequer in Great Britain, "to be there entered separate and apart from all monies, to be reserved, to be from time to time, disposed of by parliament towards defraying the necessary expenses of defending, protecting, and securing the British colonies and plantations in America."