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 [P 61. N 282, 285]

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early taken Advant-
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in Nova Scotia, were now extremely unwilling to yield up,
 on reasonable Terms, the Possession thereof: Hence, vexatious
 Law Alterations ensued, and an Arbitration took place,
 which lasted nearly Two Years. At the Conclusion of it, the
 Arbitrators [Sir William Dolben, Sir Herbert Mackworth,
 &c:] thought it incumbent upon them, to state to the
 Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, that, "through a long
 Investigation, the general Conduct of Lieutenant Go-
 vernor DesBarres, during his Administration of Cape
 Breton, had come before them, and, that it appeared to
 them that he had exerted himself to establish and support
 "the Government committed to his Charge in a Manner
 "deserving Commendation, &c."

The Bankers, by means of the said Sum of £10,000,
 liquidated Bills and Demands to the Amount
 of £7171 16 11
 having paid for Expenses; noting, Protests,
 Interests, accrued 2828 3 1
 and they presented to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury,
 together with their Account, a List of residue Bills and
 Demands, the Payment of which had been claimed of
 them, and remained to be liquidated, amounting, exclu-
 sive of Expenses, &c: to £6120 9s. 5d. But no farther
 Sum was issued to them for that Purpose. [P 63. N. 289
 to 300.]

DesBarres, having in vain supplicated for a Trial on
 the Accusations alleged to have been exhibited against him,
 and suffering inexpressible Oppression from their unmerited
 Operation, addressed, in September 1791, a Requisition to the
 then Secretary of State, demanding, his Right as a British
 Subject and a British accused Officer—to know his Accusa-
 tions, his Accusers, and to have a Trial. Mr. Pitt, in
 Answer, was pleased to signify, that "when he was appointed
 to his Situation, Lord Grenville had put into his Hands a
 "Letter which his Lordship had received from him [Des
 Barres] on that Subject, and another, transmitted to his
 "Lordship by the Duke of Richmond—that, upon in-
 quiring into the State of the Business, he found that, as
 "far back as the 16th of September 1786, and the 21st of
 "February 1789, Official Letters had been written to the
 "Lords of His Majesty's Treasury respecting the Ac-
 counts—that while the Business was in that State, it was
 "impossible for him to resume the Consideration of any
 "Part of it, and that he would transmit the Letter he had
 "just received to the Treasury, in order to warrant on his
 "[DesBarres] Part a Pressure for a speedy Decision."
 [P 66. N 301 to 304, 307, 308].

He was now told at the Treasury, that "the Ac-
 counts with the Vouchers, which Two Years ago
 "had been examined by Mr. Steele, would be sent
 "to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts
 "with Directions for proceeding to settle the same without
 "Delay." A Month had elapsed when DesBarres received
 an Order forthwith to lay before the said Commissioners
 his Account and Vouchers, which implied, that, the same,
 instead of being in the Hands of the Treasury, were in his
 own Hands. Remonstrances thereupon. At last, a Part
 of the Vouchers, being found in the Treasury, were trans-
 mitted to the Auditor's Office.

Upon Inspection thereof, the Commissioners directed a
 Number of Queries to him—demanding the Production of
 such of the Vouchers as were missing, which, he answered
 accordingly. Thereupon, he received, from the Inspector
 General of the Public Accounts, the following Letter, viz:
 "To Lieutenant Governor DesBarres. Somerset Place, ad
 "February 1782. I am directed, by the Commissioners for

"auditing the Public Accounts, to inform you, that, they
 "cannot make allowance in your Account for any Sum,
 "the Vouchers for which are lost, without an Order from
 "the Court of Exchequer, and, that therefore you may
 "proceed when and in such Manner as you may be
 "advised, to obtain such an Order by Application to
 "the Court of Exchequer, it being your Duty, either to
 "furnish to this Board Vouchers for each Article of your
 "Account, or to enable the Commissioners by the Autho-
 "rity of the Court of Exchequer to make the allowance
 "which you claim, in Case of your Vouchers being lost or
 "destroyed, &c." "J. WIGGLESWORTH."

Motion in the Court of Exchequer being accordingly made,
 a Rule was obtained (upon the declaration of the Keeper of
 the Official Treasury Papers) in Hilary Term 1792, and the
 same was immediately intimated to the said Commissioners.
 Whereupon they directed farther Queries, respecting the
 Authority and Official Formality of the Expenditure, Ac-
 count, and Vouchers. [P 68. N 305, 306, 309, 310, 312,
 to 314].

Hopes had now been given of a speedy Determination,
 and DesBarres flattered himself with the Prospect of being
 at Liberty to repair to America in the Spring; as well,
 with the View of restoring the Colony, which by sinister
 Proceedings had fallen into Decline; as of recovering what
 he might of his Property, seized and laid waste by the
 Public Creditors.

However the Auditors were pleased again to issue a
 great Number of Queries—several, of which, were evi-
 dently the mere Offspring of Calumny, and others totally
 irrelevant. Perplexity, and vexatious Delays, created there-
 by. [P 71. N 311, 315 to 325].

The Secretary of State had declared that no Complaint
 whatever existed in his Office against DesBarres—The Au-
 ditors, after the most minute and strict Scrutiny, had also
 emphatically assured him, that, they entertained no sort of
 Doubt of the Rectitude of the Account, or of his Conduct;
 yet, the Proceedings did not seem calculated to accelerate
 the Period of Justice. Result of Remonstrances thereupon.
 [P 74. N 326 to 328, 330 to 332].

Upon Receipt of the following Letter, from the In-
 spector General of the Public Accounts, viz:

"Somerset Place 1st Feb. 1793. The Commissioners
 "for auditing the Public Accounts, having this Day signed
 "a State of your Account as Lieutenant Governor of Cape
 "Breton, from the 19th November 1784, to the 13th of
 "Oct. 1787, with a Balance of the Sum of £2213 18s. 4d.,
 "including certain Disallowances by way of Surcharges,
 "particularly mentioned in the annexed List. I am directed
 "to give you Notice, that, the said State will be forthwith
 "laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's
 "Treasury, to the End, that, if you should see good cause
 "to submit, to their Lordship's Consideration, any Obser-
 "vations relative to the said Account, you may lose no
 "Time in so doing, &c:

"To Lieut. Gov. DesBarres." "J. WIGGLESWORTH."

he accordingly submitted his Observations, and, having
 constantly attended, he was, in August 1793, interrogated
 at the Treasury respecting some of the surcharged Articles,
 the Propriety of which was, upon Reconsideration, acknow-
 ledged. The proportional Justice, which must have ensued,
 if the Treasury Board had condescended to extend it's Re-
 view and weigh the further Observations in the like man-
 ner submitted with respect to the residue Articles familiarly
 reported by the Auditors, remains at this Day to be accom-
 plished. Reiterated Remonstrances. A State of residue Ar-