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1189. Those monies are levied under the Act of 1774?—No; the monies levied under the Act of 1774 were not applied. I have not given the amount of the monies which were applied; is that required?

1190. You had better give the amount?—For 1833 it was 14,082*l*.

1191. Is that the whole amount?—Yes, that is the whole amount of revenue applied to the support of Government for 1833.

1192. Is that the whole amount of money taken from the chest?—Yes; for the support of the Government and the administration of justice for 1833.

1193. For what other purposes was money taken from the chest?—Appropriations for public improvements.

1194. Was that taken without being voted?—No; they are separate from the expenses of the Government. An estimate for the expenses of the Government was made, upon which a bill of supply was founded; that bill failed; the monies that were taken for public works and other improvements were not in that bill, they were in separate bills. There was also an advance made for the support of a quarantine station; that Lord Aylmer has since been indemnified for.

1195. By the House of Assembly?—Yes.

1196. In the year 1833?—The advance was made in 1833, and Lord Aylmer was indemnified during the last session.

1197. What sum was that?—I cannot recollect; I believe about 10,000*l*.

1198. Were the sums which were expended in public works and other matters, expended in consequence of votes of the House of Assembly?—Specific votes of the House.

1199. Under the authority of Acts?—Yes; which also passed the Council and received the Royal Assent; separate Acts.

1200. Were there any other sums besides that 10,000*l*. for the quarantine station?—There was a small advance made for the Emigrant Hospital. No other sums were taken without the authority of the Assembly; those were taken without their authority; they were advances on the responsibility of Government.

1201. So that the whole amount of sums taken in the year 1833, without the authority of the Assembly, was what?—The amount for the expenses of Government taken out of the public chest was 14,082*l*.; the amount for the quarantine station I cannot positively state.

1202. But you believe it to be about 10,000*l*?—Yes; it has since been covered by bill of indemnity.

1203. You do not include in that the appropriations out of the land and timber fund?—They are not included; those accounts are kept separate, and detailed statements of the receipts and expenditure are transmitted half-yearly to the Secretary of State.

1204. What were the circumstances which led the Governor on his own responsibility to advance a sum, for which he has since been indemnified, for the use of the quarantine department?—The fear that pervaded the province generally that the cholera would appear a second time, and the anxiety all the inhabitants felt that there should be a quarantine station. It was merely a renewal of what took place in 1832, when a vote of money was passed by the Legislature, in case the cholera should make its appearance; and Lord Aylmer made the advances upon his own responsibility, in consequence of the Quarantine Bill of 1833 having failed in the Legislature.

1205. Do you know of a sum of 7,000*l*. being advanced by Lord Aylmer out of his own private funds?—He advanced a sum of money, but not to that amount.

1206. Was it not 500*l*?—He made an advance out of his own private funds on account of the distress that existed in parts of the province, from the failure of the harvest; the exact amount I cannot state; it was not large, about 600*l*. or 700*l*.

1207. Did the Assembly refuse to grant that sum?—They indemnified him.

1208. So that the many statements that have been made as to the misapplication of funds are incorrect?—The best answer I can give to any statement of that kind as to misapplication of funds, is that Lord Aylmer was indemnified for all the advances he made without the authority of the Assembly.