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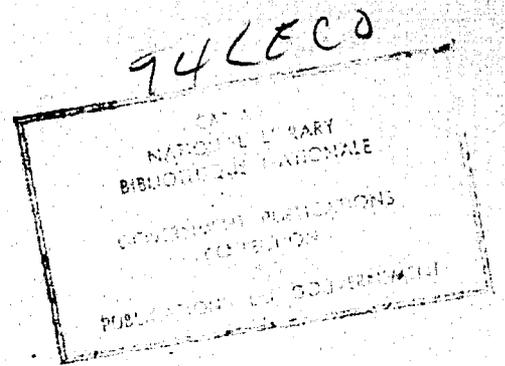
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## PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

**Viscount Falkland,**

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order,  
and Member of Her Majesty's Most  
Honorable Privy Council, Lieuten-  
ant-Governor and Commander in  
Chief, in and over Her Majesty's  
Province of Nova-Scotia, and its  
Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

FALKLAND.

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until  
MONDAY, the Twenty-third day of SEPTEMBER instant :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until MONDAY,  
the Second day of DECEMBER next—of which all persons concerned are desired to  
take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax,  
this 16th day of September, in the 8th year of  
Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our  
Lord 1844.*

By His Excellency's Command,

**RUPERT D. GEORGE.**

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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Chief, in and over Her Majesty's  
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Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

FALKLAND.

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until  
MONDAY, the Second day of DECEMBER next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until TUES-  
DAY, the Seventh day of JANUARY next—of which all persons concerned are desir-  
ed to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax,  
this 13th day of November, in the 8th year of  
Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1844.*

By His Excellency's Command,

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Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

FALKLAND.

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until  
TUESDAY, the Seventh day of JANUARY next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY, the Sixteenth day of the same month—of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,  
this 19th day of December, in the 8th year of  
Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1844.*

By His Excellency's Command,

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ant-Governor and Commander in  
Chief in and over Her Majesty's  
Province of Nova-Scotia, and its  
Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

FALKLAND.

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to  
THURSDAY, the Sixteenth day of JANUARY next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY, the Thirtieth day of the same month, then to meet for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,  
this 28th day of December, in the 8th year of  
Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1844.*

By His Excellency's Command,

**RUPERT D. GEORGE.**

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

*At Halifax, in the Province of Nova-Scotia.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Thursday, 30th January, 1845.

The General Assembly having been prorogued to this day, the Council met,

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable PETER McNAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Honorable JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

At three of the clock, P. M., His Excellency the Right Honorable Lucius Bentinck, VISCOUNT FALKLAND, G. C. H., and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following

H. E. comes to Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.  
H. E. opens Session with Speech.

**S P E E C H :**

Speech.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

It is gratifying to me that the state of the public business has again admitted of my calling you together, at a moment when the time required for the discharge of your Legislative functions will interfere less with your ordinary occupations than at any other season of the year.

I am confident that Her Majesty's loyal and attached subjects of this Province have

have sincerely shared in the joy which, since I last met you, has pervaded the rest of the Empire, at the happy birth of a Prince.

We have to be grateful for the blessing of an abundant Harvest, and although some branches of the Fisheries on our Coasts have been less productive than has sometimes been the case, it is a consolation to know that others have greatly prospered, and that there is no danger of a permanent diminution in this great source of comfort and independence to a hardy, enterprising, and valuable portion of our Provincial population.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

The Accounts for the past, and the Estimates for the current year, will be submitted to you without delay.

I derive great satisfaction from being able to inform you, that the increase of the Revenue has been so great as to have rendered it unnecessary for me to act in accordance with your request, that I would endeavour to obtain an extension of the time within which it was originally arranged that the debt incurred to the Bank of British North America, during the year 1843, should be liquidated.

I shall take an early opportunity of acquainting you with the efforts I have made to justify the confidence you expressed in me by your Resolution of the 12th of April last.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;*

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

The augmentation of our resources is a matter of congratulation to the Province, and I trust you will find that the measures adopted by me to induce increased vigilance and efficiency in the Revenue Department have had some effect in producing results so beneficial to the interests of Nova-Scotia. I shall direct several documents relating to the above important branch of the public service to be communicated to you.

From the period of my arrival amongst you to the present time, my observation has been anxiously directed to the deficiencies of the system in operation for the diffusion of Education throughout the Country. On the first occasion on which it was my duty to address you, I brought this subject under your notice, being then, as now, convinced that it is a matter on which your knowledge of the wants, feelings, and social position of your Constituents qualifies you to legislate successfully. In again urging this important topic on your consideration, I would especially recommend to your regard the necessity which exists for rendering more general the participation in the benefits to be derived from the Common Schools, especially throughout the remote and more indigent Settlements, the inhabitants of which stand peculiarly in need of sympathy and assistance.

Your attention will, I trust, be directed to the improvement of the Election Laws, with a view to so framing them as to secure purity of election, and diminish unnecessary expense.

I will, on the first convenient occasion, cause to be presented for your information, Despatches on several subjects of great interest to the Country.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

A Bill for the further amendment of the Law, was read a first time.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk,

Mr. McNab moved that the following Address be presented to His Excellency, in answer to his Speech :

H. A. withdraw.  
H. E. retires, and

Bill pro forma read.  
Speech reported.

Address in answer  
moved.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Address.

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

**Viscount Falkland,**

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and  
Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable  
Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and  
Commander in Chief in and over Her Ma-  
jesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its  
Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

**The Address of the Legislative Council.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Legislative Council thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session, and for assembling the Legislature at the most convenient season for transacting the public business.

In common with all Her Majesty's loyal subjects, we receive with sincere gratification the announcement of another addition to the Royal Family.

That our Harvest under the Divine Blessing, has been plentiful, and the Fisheries, although partially unsuccessful, on the whole productive, is information of a cheering nature, and as this branch of industry furnishes the means of independence to our hardy and enterprising Fishermen, we unite with Your Excellency in trusting that the failure of any part of it will be of a temporary character only.

The increase of the Revenue of the Province gives much gratification to us and to all classes of its inhabitants.

That the measures directed by Your Excellency have aided in producing a result so desirable will cause us to regard with no ordinary satisfaction the documents relating to it, which Your Excellency may lay before the Assembly.

We have long witnessed with pleasure your Excellency's unwearied solicitude for the amelioration of our system of Education, and for the diffusion of knowledge throughout the Province; but especially for the anxious concern for the poorer classes, which impels Your Excellency to desire that the existing Laws for the encouragement of Common Schools may be reviewed and improved.

As the free and unbiassed exercise of the Elective Franchise, and the Laws which regulate and protect it, are of scarcely less importance, we feel that our acknowledgments are no less due to you for directing our attention to those Laws, with a view to the preservation of the purity of Elections, and the diminution of unnecessary expenditure.

To these, and every other subject of importance to the public weal which may engage our consideration we will apply ourselves with an anxious desire to adopt such measures as may best advance the moral, social, and political interests of the people. We shall therefore gladly receive all Despatches on subjects of interest to the Province, which Your Excellency may think proper to communicate to the Legislature.

The said Address was read a first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered,* That the said Address be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at one o'clock. Adjourn.

Friday,

Friday, 31st January, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable PETER McNAB,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

§ The Honorable JOHN MORTON,  
§ HUGH BELL,  
§ MATHER B. ALMON,  
§ EDWARD KENNY.

## PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Address to H. E.  
read 2d time

The Address of the House in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, was read a second time, and, by order,

And 3d time.

The said Address was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether the said Address be passed?

And agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ord. to be presented  
by whole House.*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by the whole House.Com. to wait on H.  
E.*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, and ascertain when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McNab, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Com. report.

Mr. McNab, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state that he was then ready to receive this House with their Address.

House wait upon H.  
E. with Address.

The House accordingly proceeded to the Government House with their Address, and being returned to the Council Chamber, the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to return the following reply thereto.

Reply.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:*

I beg you to accept my acknowledgments for your courteous Address.

I have the fullest reliance on your anxious desire to advance the interests of the country, and on your cordial support and assistance in all cases in which those interests shall be involved.

Message from H. A.  
with Com. of Pub.  
Accounts.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolution:

*Ordered*, That Mr. McNab, Mr. Fraser, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. McLellan, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of the Legislative Council.Com of Public Ac-  
counts of Council.On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Tobin, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to examine the Public Accounts, and that the Clerk do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.Message from H. E.  
with Despatches  
relative to Coal  
Mines.

Mr. Stewart, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House copies of Despatches and Papers relative to the negotiations pending between Her Majesty's Government and the General Mining Association, relative to a modification of the terms of their Lease.

*(Vide Appendix No. 1.)*

The said Despatches and Papers were read.

Ref to Select Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Despatches and Papers be referred to a Select Committee,

mittee, to investigate and report what measures should be adopted relative there-  
to.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Kenny, Committee.  
be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at one Adjourn.  
o'clock.

Saturday, 1st February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable PETER McNAB,	§	The Honorable JOHN MORTON,
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,	§	HUGH BELL,
WILLIAM LAWSON,	§	MATHER B. ALMON,
ALEXANDER STEWART,	§	EDWARD KENNY.
MICHAEL TOBIN,	§	

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the Despatches and Pa-  
pers relative to the negotiations pending between Her Majesty's Government and  
the General Mining Association, relative to a modification of the terms of their  
Lease, was referred, reported the draft of an Address to Her Majesty, which he  
read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as  
follows :

Com. on Despatches  
relative to Coal  
Mines report Ad-  
dress to H. M.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address.

The Humble Address of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.

The Legislative Council beg leave to approach Your Majesty's Throne with  
sentiments of devoted attachment to Your Royal Person and Government.

Grieved and alarmed by the first subject that has been submitted for their con-  
sideration—the measures which Your Majesty's Government appear to have in  
view in reference to the whole Mineral Wealth of the Colony—the Legisla-  
tive Council humbly, but most earnestly pray that, until this Province shall be  
heard, no definite arrangement may be made on that important subject.

The early departure of the Mail prevents the Legislative Council from going at  
large into the circumstances upon which they prefer this prayer—but they will do  
so fully by the next mail.

While they acknowledge with all humility that in strict Law the Mines of the  
Colony are vested in the Crown, they yet feel that Your Majesty will, in the dis-  
posal of them, graciously consult the wishes and interests of its inhabitants.

It would be disingenuous on the part of the Legislative Council were they to  
withhold the expression of their deep regret, that, in the time of Your Majesty's  
Royal Predecessors, every species of Mineral wealth should have been im-  
providently alienated by the Crown, and thereby placed beyond the industry of the  
Province.

But it is far from the wish of the Legislative Council that the honor of Your  
Royal Crown shall be compromised by any alteration of the conditions on which  
the alienation was made.

Because the honor of the Crown is pledged for the fulfilment of them, the Legis-  
lative Council desire that they may be confirmed in every the minutest particular.

But

But the Legislative Council know that Your Majesty's Advisers, in proposing to compromise the pending controversies relative thereto, on the terms suggested, are not aware of facts and details which will shew that such a compromise will be inconsistent with the honor of Your Majesty and deeply injurious to our population.

To none, except to the Creditors of His Royal Highness the late Duke of York, and the General Mining Association, would those terms be advantageous, and this the Legislative Council are prepared to show beyond successful contradiction. They therefore repeat that all which is now asked on behalf of the Province, whose interests have been confided to them by Your Majesty, is simply to be heard before any arrangement be concluded with those Creditors or that Association, inasmuch as such, however made, cannot but effect most seriously the interests and feelings of Your Majesty's loyal Subjects who inhabit and cultivate it.

And that Your Majesty may long live to reign over a free, happy, and loyal People, is the fervent prayer of Your Majesty's attached Subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia.

Adopted.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Report Address to  
H. E.

The Chairman also reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows:

Address.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

**Viscount Falkland,**

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

**The Address of the Legislative Council.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Legislative Council have taken into immediate consideration the Despatches which Your Excellency has been pleased to lay before them, relative to the Mines and Minerals of this Province.

They feel they would not faithfully perform their duty did they not thank Your Excellency for your repeated, strenuous, and able efforts to vindicate and protect the interests of the people under your Government in a matter so deeply important to them.

And therefore, the Legislative Council have much gratification in knowing that they may with confidence solicit that Your Excellency will transmit an Address of the Legislative Council to Her Majesty on the subject, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the Foot of the Throne, with Your Excellency's favorable recommendation of its prayer.

Adopted.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Com. to present to  
H. E.

*Ordered*, That the Committee who prepared the said Addresses be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at two o'clock.

Monday,

Monday, 3d February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable PETER McNAB,	§	The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN,
WILLIAM LAWSON,	§	JOHN MORTON,
ALEXANDER STEWART,	§	HUGH BELL,

PRAYERS.

At half-past three o'clock, there being but seven Members present, the President adjourned the House until To-morrow, at one o'clock.

Tuesday, 4th February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM LAWSON,	§	The Honorable JOHN MORTON,
ALEXANDER STEWART,	§	MATHER B. ALMON,
MICHAEL TOBIN,	§	EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

At three o'clock, there being but seven Members present, the President adjourned the House until To-morrow, at one o'clock.

Wednesday, 5th February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM LAWSON,	§	The Honorable HUGH BELL,
ALEXANDER STEWART,	§	MATHER B. ALMON,
MICHAEL TOBIN,	§	EDWARD KENNY.
JOHN MORTON,	§	

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, were read.

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and present to His Excellency the Addresses passed by this House to Her Majesty and to His Excellency, on the subject of the negotiations pending between Her Majesty's Government and the General Mining Association, relative to a modification of the terms of their Lease, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state he would have much pleasure in forwarding the Address of this House to Her Majesty to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the Foot of the Throne, with his favorable recommendation of the prayer thereof.

Report of Com. to present Address on Coal Mines.

Mr. Stewart, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House copies of the following Despatches, Papers, and Orders in Council :  
Despatch Circular, dated 7th August, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, announcing the Birth of an Infant Prince.

Message from H. E. with Despatches.

Birth of Prince.

(Appendix, No. 2.)

Despatch No. 170, dated 10th June, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, Post Office.  
in

in reference to the Address of the House of Assembly on the subject of the expense and management of the Post Office.

(*Appendix, No. 3.*)

**Light House Duty.** Despatch, No. 171, dated 13th June, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, on the Light House Duty Act.

(*Appendix, No. 4.*)

**Duties on Foreign Wheat, &c.** Despatch, No. 172, dated 19th June, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, relative to the Acts for levying Impost Duties on Foreign Wheat Flour and Molasses, and to the Address of the House of Assembly on the same subject.

(*Appendix, No. 5.*)

**Barrington, &c. Free Ports.** Despatch, No. 175, dated 10th July, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, in answer to the Address of the House of Assembly, praying that Barrington, Argyle, Cornwallis, and Guysborough, be made Free Ports.

(*Appendix, No. 6.*)

**Junction of Customs and Excise.** Despatch, No. 178, dated 3d August, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, relative to the suggested junction of the Customs and Excise Departments.

(*Appendix, No. 7.*)

**Route of Steam Packets.** Despatch, No. 182, dated 12th September, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, in answer to the Addresses of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, relative to the change reported as about to take place in the transportation of the Canadian Mail.

(*Appendix, No. 8.*)

**Registration of Deeds.** Despatch, No. 192, dated 16th November, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, relative to the Registrar of Deeds Bill.

(*Appendix, No. 9.*)

**Light House Duties.** Despatch, No. 193, dated 3d November, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, on the Light House Duty Act.

(*Appendix, No. 10.*)

**Order in Council confirming Duties on Foreign Flour Act.** A Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th November, 1844, confirming the Act of the last Spring Session for granting a Colonial duty of Impost on Flour and Molasses.

(*Appendix, No. 11.*)

**Do. do. 66 Acts.** A Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th November, 1844, confirming sixty-six Acts, passed in the last Spring Session.

(*Appendix, No. 12.*)

**Do. do. Light House.** A Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th November, 1844, confirming the Act, passed in the Spring Session, for the support and regulation of Light Houses.

(*Appendix, No. 13.*)

**Do. do. 3 Acts.** A Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th November, 1844, confirming three Acts, passed in the last Spring Session.

(*Appendix, No. 14.*)

**Do. do. Provincial Penitentiary.** A Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th December, 1844, confirming the Act, passed in the last Spring Session, for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.

(*Appendix, No. 15.*)

The said Despatches and Papers were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

**Message from H. E. with Papers and Despatches.** Mr. Stewart, by His Excellency's command, also laid before the House the following Papers and Despatches :

**Appointment of Mr. Dewolf to Excise, Halifax.** A Letter from the Provincial Secretary, dated 21st April, 1844, to Thomas A. S. Dewolf, Esq., offering him, conditionally, the situation of Collector of Excise at Halifax.

Letter from Mr. Dewolf in reply.

Despatch,

Despatch, dated 1st June, 1844, from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, reporting Mr. Dewolf's appointment.

Despatch, dated 24th June, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, approving of Mr. Dewolf's appointment.

(Appendix, No. 16.)

Letter, dated 1st May, 1844, from the Provincial Secretary to the Treasurer, requiring him to furnish, monthly, a transcript of his Cash Account, shewing the dates of the payments and receipts, the balance in hand, &c. Treasurer's monthly transcript of Cash Account.

(Appendix, No. 17.)

Proclamation, dated 14th May, 1844, against Smuggling. Smuggling.

(Appendix, No. 18.)

Proclamation, dated 14th May, 1844, to protect the Fisheries, and against Illicit Traffic. Fisheries and Illicit Traffic.

(Appendix, No. 19.)

Commission, dated 28th May, 1844, appointing Commissioners to examine into and report on the Treasury and Excise Departments. Comrs. to examine Treasurer's and Excise Departmts.

Report of the Commissioners.

And Report.

(Appendix, No. 20.)

A Letter, dated 1st June, 1844, from the Provincial Treasurer to the Provincial Secretary, reporting his having paid the debt due by the Province to the Bank of British North America. Treasurer's report of payment of debt to B. N. A. Bank.

(Appendix, No. 21.)

A Notice, dated 8th June, 1844, from the Provincial Secretary's Office, requiring all Collectors of Excise to transmit a quarterly list of defaulters in Bonds. Defaulters in Excise Bonds.

(Appendix, No. 22.)

A Letter, dated 7th December, 1844, from the Provincial Secretary to the Collector of Excise at Halifax, requiring Comparative Statements of the Revenue for 1843 and 1844. Statements of Revenue for 1843-4.

Collector of Excise's reply, with Returns.

(Appendix, No. 23.)

A Circular from the Provincial Secretary's Office to the Collectors of Excise, directing them to require, in all cases, the Invoices to be verified by affidavit. Circular to Excise Officers.

(Appendix, No. 24.)

The said Papers and Despatches were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at three o'clock. Adjourn.

Thursday, 6th February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President,

The Honorable WILLIAM LAWSON,	§	The Honorable HUGH BELL,
MICHAEL TOBIN,	§	EDWARD KENNY.
JOHN MORTON,	§	

PRAYERS.

At half-past three o'clock, there being but six Members present, the President adjourned the House until To-morrow, at one o'clock. Adjourn.

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Friday, 7th February, 1845.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM LAWSON, ALEXANDER STEWART, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON,</p>	<p>§</p>	<p>The Honorable HUGH BELL, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday and Thursday were read.

Message from H. E.  
with Treasurer's  
Accounts.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Provincial Treasurer's Accounts for the year 1844.

(Appendix, No. 25.)

Referred to Com. of  
Public Accounts.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine the Public Accounts.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at two o'clock.

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Monday, 10th February, 1845.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

<p>The Honorable NORMAN F. UNIACKE, WILLIAM LAWSON, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON,</p>	<p>§</p>	<p>The Honorable HUGH BELL, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Thursday, at two o'clock.

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Thursday, 13th February, 1845.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM LAWSON, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL,</p>	<p>§</p>	<p>The Honorable STAYLEY BROWN, ALEX. McDUGALL, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

Mr. Cutler's excuse.

The President informed the House that he had received a Letter from Mr. Cutler, stating that indisposition would prevent his attendance in his place in this House in the present Session,

Mr. Clarke's excuse.

The President informed the House that he had received a Letter from Mr. Clarke, stating that a very severe illness would prevent his attendance in his place in this House during the present Session.

Mr.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House an estimate of the expense of the Civil Government for the year 1845; which was read and ordered to lie on the Table. Message from H. E. with estimate.

*Appendix No. 26.*

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Monday, 17th February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
JOHN MORTON,

§ The Hon. STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.  
§

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Thursday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills :

A Bill entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou. Meeting House River John.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the issuing of Commissions, and the taking of Depositions in the Supreme Court. Commissions, Sup. Court.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual. Arbitration and

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court. Summary Trials Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time. Read 1st time.

*Ordered,* That the first Bill be read a second time, at a future day.

*Ordered,* That the three last Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Three last Bills referred to Sel. Com.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M'Dougall, Mr. Morton and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Mr. Morton brought up the Petition of Abraham Gesner, for a Lease of Coal Mines in the County of Cumberland—which was read. Petition of A. Gesner,

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be referred to the Committee to whom the Despatches relative to the negotiations between Her Majesty's Government and the General Mining Association were referred. Ref. to Sel. Com.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Thursday, at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Thursday,

Thursday, 20th February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,

Seated

The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

Meeting House Ri-  
ver John Bill read  
2d time, and ord.  
to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou, was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future day.

Report on Commis-  
sions,

Mr. M'Dougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the issuing of Commissions, and the taking of Depositions in the Supreme Court; also,

Arbitration, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act in determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual; also,

Summary Trials  
Bills.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court,

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bills read 2d time,  
and  
Ordered to Com.

The said Bills were read a second time.  
*Ordered,* That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills:

Moose,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the preservation of Moose.

Moose Snares,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose.

Militia,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Militia.

Poor,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.

Pilotage Sydney,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton.

Beef,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Harbour Master,  
Bridgeport,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton.

Bread,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Nuisances,  
County Rates,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances.  
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Billeting Troops,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.

Sable Island,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.

Timber and Lumber,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses. Marriage Licenses,  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to incorporate Bank N. Scotia,  
 sundry Persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank  
 of Nova-Scotia.  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth Bread, Dartmouth,  
 the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Town- Egerton Poor Rates,  
 ship of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Pictou Poor Rates,  
 Rates of Pictou, as amended.  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Eger- Egerton Poor Rates,  
 ton, the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the and  
 said Act.  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby Digby Poor Bills,  
 into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.  
 To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.  
 The said Bills were read a first time. Read 1st time.  
*Ordered,* That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and Referred to Select  
 report upon. Committee.  
*Ordered,* That Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that Committee.  
 purpose.  
 Mr. Stewart brought up the Petition of John E. Starr and another, for permis- Petition of J. E.  
 sion to build a Bridge over the Narrows of the Harbor of Halifax; also, Starr & ano.  
 A Petition of the same persons, to be allowed to make a Turnpike Road from Do. do.  
 Sackville to Dartmouth—which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.  
 Mr. Bell brought up the Petition of Andrew Henderson, praying aid to the Al- Petition of A. Hen-  
 bion Academy, near Annapolis—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. derson.  
 On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two Adjourn.  
 o'clock.

Friday, 21st February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. WILLIAM LAWSON,  
 ALEXANDER STEWART,  
 ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
 MICHAEL TOBIN,  
 JOHN MORTON,



The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
 STAYLEY BROWN,  
 ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
 MATHER B. ALMON,  
 EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the following Bills were referred, viz: Report of Com. on  
continuing Bills.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the preservation of Moose. Moose,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose. Moose Snares,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Militia. Militia,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province. Poor,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton. Pilotage Sydney,

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Beef,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
Harbour Master, Bridgeport,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton.
Bread,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
Nuisances, County Rates,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
Billeting Troops,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.
Sable Island,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.
Timber and Lumber,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber.
Marriage Licenses,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.
Bank of N. Scotia,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to incorporate sundry Persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Nova-Scotia.
Assize of Bread, Dartmouth,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
Egerton Poor Rates,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.
Poors' Rates, Pictou,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou, as amended.
Egerton Poor Rates, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton, the Act respecting the collection of Poor's Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act.
Digby Poor Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and found them correct, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.
Read 2d time, and Ordered to Com.	The said Bills were read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Standing Order sus.	<i>Resolved unanimously,</i> That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills.
Bills committed.	On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Morton reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.
Reported without amendment.	<i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
Pet. of Wesleyan School.	Mr. Bell brought up the Petition of the Committee of the Wesleyan School in Halifax, praying aid—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
Pet. of African School.	Mr. Almon brought up the Petition of the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, praying aid to the African School.
Do. National School.	Also, the Petition of the Trustees of the National School, praying aid.
Do. for Whale Bounty.	Also, the Petition of W. A. Black and others, praying for a continuance of the Bounty on Ships engaged in the Southern Whale Fishery—which were ordered to lie on the Table.
	A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the supervision and management of the Burial Ground, Kentville, Burial Ground near Kentville.

A Bill, entitled, An Act further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers, Settlers.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney, Oysters, Tracadie, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor. Pictou Poor Bills.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time at a future day.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Morton reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

Report

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou; also, Meeting House River John, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the issuing of Commissions, and the taking of Depositions in the Supreme Court, and had agreed to the same without any amendment. Commissions Bills, without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court, and had made an amendment thereto. Report Summary Trials Bill with amdt.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows:

Amdt. read,

“At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:

“And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for one year, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.”

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at future day.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Monday, 24th February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,

The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

*orators*

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the preservation of Moose; also, Moose,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose; also, Moose Snares,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Militia; also, Militia,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province; also, Poor,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton; also, Pilotage, Sydney.

Beef,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof; also,
Harbour Master, Bridgeport,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton; also,
Bread,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread; also,
Nuisances,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances; also,
County Rates,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof; also,
Billeting Troops,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; also,
Sable Island,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province; also,
Timber and Lumber,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber; also,
Marriage Licenses,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses; also,
Bank N. Scotia,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to incorporate sundry Persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Nova-Scotia; also,
Bread, Dartmouth,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread; also,
Egerton Poor Rates,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor; also,
Pictou Poor Rates,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended; also,
Egerton Poor Rates, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton, the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act; also,
Digby Poor Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.
Read 3d time,	Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
Agreed to,	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Meeting House River John, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou; also,
Commissions Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the issuing of Commissions and the taking of Depositions in the Supreme Court,
Read 3d time,	Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
Agreed to,	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Summary Causes Bill,	A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?
Read 3d time,	Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?
Agreed to,	It was resolved in the affirmative.
	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Bill, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the supervision and management of the Burial Ground near Kentville; also, Burial Ground, Kentville,

A Bill, entitled, An Act further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers; also, Poor Settlers,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney; also, Oysters, Tracadie, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor, were read a second time. Pictou Poor Bills, Read 2d time, and

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Ordered to Com.

Mr. Stewart, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House a copy of the following Despatch, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Message from H. E. relative to Fees on Commissions.

CIRCULAR.

*Downing Street, 21st March, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have the honor to acquaint you, that Her Majesty's Government have determined that on appointments to the Executive and Legislative Councils in any of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions, no fees of any description shall in future be exacted—those appointments being honorary merely, and productive of no emolument to the holders of them.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor, The VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

The same was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Stewart brought up the Petition of Walter Douglas, praying aid to the continuance of the Steam Boat Communication between Pictou and Quebec—which was read and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of W. Douglas.

Mr. Bell brought up the Petition of Alexander W. McLeod and others, praying aid to the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, in New Brunswick—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Do. A. W. McLeod, for Wesleyan Academy.

Mr. Bell brought up the Petition of the Commissioners of the Poor of Halifax, praying an Act may be passed, vesting the title of the Poor House Burial Ground in the Commissioners of the Poor—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of Comrs. of Poor.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Morton reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual, and had made two amendments thereto. Report Arbitration Bill with amts.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows: Amtds. read,

After the third Clause insert the following Clause:

*And be it enacted,* That in all other cases of submission to reference when any Witness or Witnesses may be required to be examined on oath, it shall and may be lawful for any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace (when applied to by either party) to administer an oath to such Witness or Witnesses, for the purpose of giving his or their testimony in such reference.

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:

*And be it enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for two years, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.

And agreed to.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.  
*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
JOHN MORTON,

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§

The Hon. STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Arbitration Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Read 3d time.

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Bill, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Wednesday, 26th February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President,

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,

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The Hon. ALEXANDER M'DUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON.

PRAYERS.

Adjourn.

At half-past two o'clock, there being but six Members present, the President adjourned the House until To-morrow, at one o'clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, 27th February, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,



The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER MCDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday and Wednesday were read.

Mr. Bell laid before the House the Accounts of the Poores' Asylum in Halifax, Poor House Accts. for the year 1844—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Brown brought up the Petitions of Ebenezer Porter and others—Abraham Killam and others—Lemuel Robbins and others—Milford Flint and others—Wm. Jankins and others, and Leonard Weston and others, praying that sums voted for Education may be applied to Common Schools and not to Colleges—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of E. Porter & al.

Mr. Kenny brought up the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Halifax, praying aid towards a Lunatic Asylum—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of Mayor, &c. of Halifax for Lunatic Asylum.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Uniacke reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through A Bill, entitled, An Act further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers; also, Report Poor Settlers,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney; also, Oysters, Tracadie, &

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor, and had agreed to the same without any amendment. Pictou Poor Bills, Without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Monday, 3d March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,



The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER M'DUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Thursday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers; also, Poor Settlers, and

- Pictou Poor Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor,
- Read 3d time, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Lawson reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Recommend Kentville Burial Ground Bill to be referred to Sel. Com. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the supervision and management of the Burial Ground near Kentville, and had directed him to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the said Bill should be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report whether the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to private and local Bills have been complied with, respecting the said Bill.
- Report recd. and Bill referred. Ordered, That the said Report be received, and the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the requisites of the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- Committee. Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. M'Dougall, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Message from H. A. agreeing to am. to Summary Trials Bill. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court, without any amendment.
- To am. to Arbitration Bill with am. Also, to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Sea Manure, Digby, Also, with the following Bills :  
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby.
- Juries, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries.
- Geese, A Bill, entitled, An Act for making regulations to prevent Geese going at large.
- Stray Horses, King's County, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County.
- Agricultural Societies, and Douglas Poor Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies.  
A Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.
- Read 1st time. To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.  
The said Bills were read a first time.  
Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time at a future day.
- Summary Trials Bill A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court, was read as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?
- Finally agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- Report of Com. of Public Accounts. Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee of this House appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to examine the Public Accounts, made his report—which he read in his place.  
Ordered, That the said Report do lie on the Table.  
(Vide Appendix, No. 27.)

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries, be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Jury Bill referred to Sel. Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Tuesday, 4th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
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The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby; also, Sea Manure, Digby,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for making regulations to prevent Geese going at large; also, Geese,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County; also, Stray Horses King's County,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate Agricultural Societies; also, Agricultural Societies, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor, Douglas Poor Bills,

Were read a second time.

Read 2d time,  
And ord. to Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Petition of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, praying remuneration for losses incurred in running their Boat between Pictou and Charlotte Town, during the past year—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of P. E. Island Steam Navigation Company.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the supervision and management of the Burial Ground near Kentville, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to private and local Bills had been complied with. Com. on Kentville Burying Ground Bill report.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House. Bill ord. to Com.

Mr. M'Dougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Juries Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,

*Ordered*,

And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

Am. to am. to Arbitration Bill considered, agreed to. The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the House of Assembly to the amendments made by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual.

And the said amendments being read three times by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.

And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill and amendments, and acquaint them therewith.

Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Uniacke reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Report Kentville Burying Ground Bill without am. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the supervision and management of the Burial Ground near Kentville, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Standing Order suspended on Jury Bill. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Bill committed and amended. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries.

Am. read, On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Uniacke reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and had made an amendment thereto.

And agreed to. The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows:  
5th Clause—Leave out this Clause.

Adjourn. And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.  
*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Wednesday, 5th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,

The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Burial Ground Kentville Bill read 3d time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the supervision and management of the Burial Ground near Kentville, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

Agreed to, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative. Juries Bill read 3d time

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired. Agreed to,

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Uniacke reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby ; also, Report,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for making regulations to prevent Geese going at large ; also, Sea Manure Digby, Geese,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County ; also, Stray Horses King's Co. and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor, and had agreed to the same without any amendment. Douglas Poor Bill, without am.

*Ordered,* That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate Agricultural Societies, and had directed him to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the said Bill should be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Recommend Agricultural Societies. Bill to be referred to Select Com.

*Ordered,* That the said report be received, and the said Bill referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Bill referred.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Morton, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. M'Dougall, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual, as now amended. Message from H. A. agreeing to Arbitration Bill as now am.

The said Bill as now amended, was read, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative. Bill finally agreed to, and

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith. Sent to H. A.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock. Adjourn.

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 Thursday, 6th March, 1845.
 

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,

§ The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
§ STAYLEY BROWN,  
§ ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
§ MATHER B. ALMON,  
§ EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Sea Manure, Digby, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby ; also,

Geese, A Bill, entitled, An Act for making regulations to prevent Geese going at large ; also,

Stray Horses, King's Co. and A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County ; also;

Douglas Poor Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor,

Read 3d time, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to, and It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Com. on Agricultural Societies Bill report. Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate Agricultural Societies, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it should be again committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill ordered to Com. Ordered, That the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Lawson reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Message from H. A. agreeing to am. to Juries Bill. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries.

The said Bill was then read as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Bill finally agreed to, and Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bill and Resolution :

Sup. Court Halifax and Western Circuit Bill. A Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and the Western Circuit.

Resolved,

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds be granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year. £25,000 Roads and Bridges.

To which Bill and Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill and Resolution were read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill and Resolution be read a second time at a future day. Read 1st time.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Friday, 7th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,

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The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER McDOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit, was read a second time. Supreme Court Halifax and Western Circuit Bill, read 2d time, and Ordered to Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

The Resolution for granting Twenty-five Thousand Pounds for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present, was read a second time. £25,000 Roads and Bridges vote, read 2d time.

Mr. Stewart, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Message from H. E. with Despatch relative to Penitentiary Bill.

No. 195.

*Downing Street, 20th December, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have had under consideration an Act, passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, on the 29th March, 1844, entitled, No. 2448, "An Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary."

I inclose an Order made by Her Majesty, in Council, on the 13th instant, leaving this Act to its operation; but I wish Your Lordship to bring under the consideration of the Council and Assembly, the propriety of reducing the maximum number of hours of daily labour from twelve to ten, as I should fear that twelve hours labour, exclusive of other engagements, would not leave sufficient time during the day for the moral and religious instructions, meals, and exercise of the Prisoners.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The VISCOUNT FALKLAND, Nova-Scotia.

The same was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at a quarter before two o'clock. Adjourn.



An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.	Marriage Licenses,
An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to incorporate sundry Persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Nova-Scotia.	Bank of N. Scotia,
An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.	Bread, Dartmouth,
An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.	Egerton Poor,
An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended.	Pictou Poor,
An Act to continue the Act to extend the Township of Egerton, the Act respecting the collection of Poor's Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act.	Egerton Poor,
An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.	Digby Poor,
An Act to authorize the Sale of the old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou.	Meeting House River John,
An Act to regulate the issuing of Commissions, and the taking of Depositions in the Supreme Court.	Commissions,
An Act further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers.	Poor Settlers,
An Act to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.	Pictou Poor,
An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court.	Summary Trials,
An Act to provide for the supervision and management of the Burial Ground near Kentville.	Burial Ground Kentville,
An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual.	Arbitration,
An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby.	Sea Manure, Digby,
An Act for making regulations to prevent Geese going at large.	Geese,
An Act to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County.	Stray Horses, King's County,
An Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.	Douglas Poor,
An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries.	Juries.
The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.	H. A. withdraw, H. E. retires.
On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at two o'clock.	Adjourn.

Monday, 10th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,

The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER McDOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Lawson reported that the Committee had made some progress. The

Report Sup. Court  
Halifax and W.  
Circuit Bill with-  
out amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court, at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.  
*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills :

Flour and Meal,  
Antigonish Harbour,  
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal.  
A Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonish.

Sherbrooke Poor  
Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Mary's, as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.

Read 1st time.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.  
The said Bills were read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be read a second time at a future day.

Antigonish Harbour  
Bill referred to  
Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That a Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonish, be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Tuesday, 11th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,

The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Sup Court Halifax  
and W. Circuit  
Bill read 3d time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Flour and Meal, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal ; also,

Sherbrooke Poor  
Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Mary's as a separate District for the support of the Poor,

Read 2d time,

Were read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future day.

Flour and Meal Bill  
ref. to Sel. Com.

On motion, *ordered*, that a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the Inspection

Inspection of Flour and Meal, be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Mr. Brown brought up the Petition of James Hatfield and others, praying that the monies voted for Education may be applied to Common Schools, and not to Colleges. Petition of J. Hatfield & al.

Also, the Petition of the Trustees of the Yarmouth Academy, praying aid to that Institution. Petition of Yarmouth Academy.

Which were ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bill :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbour Dike Company. Cole Harbor Dike Bill,

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House. Read 1st time, and

The said Bill was read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Private and Local Bills, have been complied with respecting the said Bill. Referred to Select Com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. McDougall, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Wednesday, 12th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
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The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER McDOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonish, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Antigonish Harbor Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Bill read 2d time, and Ordered to Com.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbour Dike Company was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill—that the requisites of the Standing Orders had been complied with, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Cole Harbour Dike Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Read 2d time, and Ordered to Com.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Uniacke reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

Report Sherbrooke  
Poor Bill without  
amend.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills :

Highways and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Road and Bridges.

Dog Tax Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax. To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Highways Bill re-  
ferred to Select  
Com.

*Ordered*, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, and Mr. M'Dougall, be a Committee for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That the second Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Antigonish Bill re-  
ferred back to  
Sel. Com.

On motion, *ordered*, that a Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonish, be referred back to the Select Committee, to examine and report whether it be a Local Bill, and whether the requisites of the Standing Orders, relative to Private and Local Bills, have been complied with.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Thursday, 13th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Sherbrooke Poor  
Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Mary's, as a separate District, for the support of the Poor,

Read 3d time,

Was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Agreed to,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

And sent to H. A.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Dog Tax Bill read 2d  
time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax, was read a second time.

Ref. to Select Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether it be a local Bill, and whether the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to local Bills have been complied with.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M'Dougall, Mr. Tobin and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on

on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Uniacke reported that the Committee had made some progress.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company, and had made an amendment thereto. Report Cole Harbor Dike Bill with amendt.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows: Amendt. read, and

6th Clause—At the end of the Clause add the following Proviso:

*Provided always,* That any person or persons so retiring from the said Company, shall be liable to pay his or their portion or portions of the expense of making such estimate, and of all other expenses incurred previous to such meeting.

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. Agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges. Monies on Roads and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace. Summary Trials before J. P. Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time. Read 1st time,

*Ordered,* That that the said Bills be read a second time at a future day.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Highways Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Bill read 2d time, and Ordered to Com.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Friday, 14th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

§ The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER MCDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Cole Harbor Dike Co. Company Bill read 3d time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to, and

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, Sent to H. A.

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

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- Money on Roads and **A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; also,**
- Summary Trials before J. P. Bills, read 2d time, and Ordered to Com. **A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, were read a second time.**
- Com. on Dog Tax Bill report. **Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.**
- Bill ord. to Com. **Mr. M'Dougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Standing Orders relative to local Bills have been complied with respecting the said Bill.**
- Highways Bill committed. **Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.**
- Amended. **On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on a Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and had made an amendment thereto.**
- Amend. read, and **The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :**
- Agreed to. **4th Clause—At the end of the Proviso add the following words: "Nor until such Old Road shall be abandoned, and such proceedings had for shutting up the same, as are prescribed in and by the Act, passed in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for disposing of Old Roads.**
- Message from H. E. with Despatches rel. to Lunatic Asylum. **And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.**
- Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.**
- Mr. Stewart, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House a copy of a Despatch from His Excellency Sir William Colebrooke, Lieutenant-Governor of New-Brunswick, relative to a Lunatic Asylum—which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.**
- (*Vide Appendix No. 28.*)
- A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills :**
- Commissioners of Sewers. **A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.**
- Wickwire Dike Rates, **A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates, for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton.**
- Halifax Incorporation, **A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax.**
- Pilotage Halifax, **A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax.**
- Juries, and **A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries.**
- Prison Bills, **A Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of Prisons.**
- Read 1st time **To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.**
- Adjourn. **The said Bills were read a first time.**
- Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time at a future day.**
- On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Tuesday, at two o'clock.**

Tuesday, 18th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Highways Bill read 3d time.

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to, and

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, Sent to H. A.

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers ; also, Commrs. of Sewers,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates, for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton ; also, Wickwire Dike, Horton,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax ; also, Halifax Incorporation,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax ; also, Pilotage,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries ; also, Juries, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of Prisons, Prisons Bills,

Were read a second time. Read 2d time, and

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Ordered to Com.

Mr. Stewart, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House Copies of the following Despatches, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Message from H. E. with Despatches relative to conveyance of Canada Mails.

No. 209.

Downing Street, 2d March, 1845.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to acquaint Your Lordship that Her Majesty's Government concluded an agreement, on the 14th February last, with the Post Master General of the United States, for the conveyance through that Country of the British Mails to and from Canada.

Under this agreement, the correspondence between this Country and Canada will, after this Mail, be landed and embarked at Boston instead of at Halifax as at present. The Letters will be forwarded through the United States in Iron Boxes, and placed under the charge of an Officer appointed by the Post Master General.

The first Homeward Mail to be despatched by this Route will be conveyed by the Packet appointed to leave Boston on the 1st of next May.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor, The VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

No. 210.

Downing Street, 3d March, 1845.

MY LORD—

Addresses on Coal  
Mines.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's [Despatch, Nos. 291 and 295, of the 1st ultimo, with Addresses to the Queen from the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, praying that their representations on behalf of the Province may be heard before the arrangement contemplated in my Despatch of the 3d January last, shall be concluded between the legal Representatives of the Duke of York and the Mining Association; and I am to acquaint you that in deference to the wishes expressed by the two Houses of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia on this subject, Her Majesty's Government will defer, until after the arrival of another Mail from Halifax, any final decision upon the proposal of the Mining Association for a Lease of the Coal Mines of Nova-Scotia and Cape Breton.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor, The VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Message from H. E.  
with account of  
Casual Revenue.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House an Account of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue for the half year ending June, 1844, and the half year ending December, 1844.

The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

(Appendix No. 29.)

With Blue Book.

Also, the Blue Book for the year 1843—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills:

Halifax Incorporation,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

Statute Labor,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.

Wolves, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves.

Fire Engine, Yarmouth Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Halifax Incorporation Bill referred to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin, Mr. M'Dougall, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Morton and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.

Statute Labor Bill referred to Select Com.

*Ordered*, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M'Dougall, Mr. Morton and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.*Ordered*, That the two last Bills be read a second time at a future day.

Com. on state of Council.

On motion of Mr. Morton, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to examine and enquire into the Constitution of this House, and also the reasons for the non-attendance of Members in their places in this House; and that the Committee be authorised to report any and what measures should be adopted upon this subject.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Brown, Mr. M'Dougall, Mr. Rudolf and Mr. Uniacke, be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 19th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

§

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves ; also,

Wolves and  
Fire Engine Yar-  
Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the  
Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes,

Read 2d time, and

Were read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House  
at a future day.

Ordered to Com.

Mr. Dougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act  
to amend the Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, was  
referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended  
it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Statute La-  
bor Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,  
and

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House  
at a future day.

Ordered to Com.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee  
on Bills.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that  
the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

Report

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Summary Trial  
of Actions, before Justices of the Peace ; also,

Summary Trials be-  
fore J. P.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for  
Incorporating the Town of Halifax ; also,

Halifax Incorpora-  
tion,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike  
Rates, for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton ; also,

Wickwire Dike  
Rates,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating  
to Commissioners of Sewers ; also,

Comrs. of Sewers,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries ; also,

Juries,  
Prisons, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of Prisons ; also,

Pilotage Halifax  
Bills,  
Without amdt.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage  
of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and had agreed to the same without any amend-  
ment.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden,  
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment pro-  
posed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbor  
Dike Company.

Message from H. A.  
agreeing to amdt.  
to Cole Harbour  
Dike Bill.

Also, with the following Bill :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts in amendment of the  
Acts for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships :

Town Officers Bill

To

Read 1st time.	To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Bill was read a first time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
Com. on Flour and Meal Bill report	Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
Ordered to Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
Leave of absence to Mr. Campbell.	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Campbell have leave of absence, to return home on urgent private business.
Cole Harbour Dike Co. Bill finally agreed to,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company, was read as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
Adjourn.	On motion made seconded—the House adjourned until Monday at two o'clock.

Monday, 24th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

Summary Trials before J. P.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace; also,

Halifax Incorporation,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax; also,

Wickwire Dike Rates,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates, for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton; also,

Cours. of Sewers,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers; also,

Juries,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries; also,

Prisons, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of Prisons; also,

Pilotage Halifax Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax,

Read 3d time,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,  
Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Town Officers Bill read 2d time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts in amendment of the Acts

Acts for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships, was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. And ord. to Com.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges. Message from H. A. agreeing to amdt. to Highways Bill.

Also, with the following Bills and Resolution :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Marshall's Cove Pier Company. Marshall's Cove Pier,  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places. Highways Maitland,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives. Polls at Elections,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Maxwelltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Maxwelltown Poor,

A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin. Burial Ground, Bedford Basin,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors of a certain Saw Mill in Queen's County, to make regulations for its management. Saw Mill, Queen's County,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and Clauses of Acts relating thereto. Light Houses,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors. Licences,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax. Do. Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Import for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases. Duty on Flour and Molasses,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling. Smuggling, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company. Atlantic Insurance Co. Bills.  
*Whereas* there exists an urgent and pressing necessity to open a more direct and less circuitous communication with the increasing Settlements on the Eastern as well as with the growing and populous Counties of the Western Shores and the Capital of the Province, £5000 for East and West Shore Roads &c.

*Therefore resolved*, That the sum of Five Thousand Pounds be appropriated to and for the following objects :

To open the Great Eastern Road to Guysborough,	£800	0	0
To open the Great Western Shore Road from Halifax to Chester,	1000	0	0
On the Road from Halifax to Pictou,	500	0	0
On the Road round Cumberland Mountain	500	0	0
From New Glasgow to Merigomishe,	200	0	0
From Antigonish to the Gut of Canso,	150	0	0
From Truro to Tatamagouche,	150	0	0
From Halifax to Annapolis,	500	0	0
From Annapolis to Dalhousie,	200	0	0
From Middle Cape to Soldiers' Cove,	500	0	0
From Port Hood to Margaree,	250	0	0
For Baddeck Bridge,	125	0	0
From Margaree to Middle River,	125	0	0
	£5000	0	0

- To which Bills and Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.**  
**The said Bills and Resolution were read a first time.**  
*Ordered*, That the said Bills and Resolution be read a second time at a future day.
- Highways Bill**      A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, was read as amended, and the question was put by the President,  
 Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?  
 It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Finally agreed to,  
 And sent to H. A.**      A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
 To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- Com. on Halifax In-  
 corporation Bill  
 report.**      Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed some amendments, and recommended it to the further consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2d time,  
 And ord. to Com.**      The said Bill was read a second time.  
*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Adjourn.**      On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

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Tuesday, 25th March, 1845.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER McNAB,  
 NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
 WILLIAM LAWSON,  
 ALEXANDER STEWART,  
 WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
 MICHAEL TOBIN,

§ The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
 § HUGH BELL,  
 § STAYLEY BROWN,  
 § ALEXANDER McDougall,  
 § MATHER B. ALMON,  
 § EDWARD KENNY.

**PRAYERS.**

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

- Marshall's Cove  
 Pier  
 Highways, Maitland**      A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Marshall's Cove Pier Company; also,  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of  
 of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Hal-  
 lifax, and certain other places; also,
- Polls at Elections**      A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act for establishing the  
 times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives; also,
- Poor Maxweltown  
 and**      A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Maxweltown into separate  
 Districts for the support of the Poor; also,
- Burying Ground  
 Bedford Basin Bills**      A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile  
 House, Bedford Basin.
- Read 2d time, and  
 Ordered to Com.**      Were read a second time.  
*Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House  
 at a future day.
- Saw Mill Queen's  
 County Bill read  
 2d time, and  
 Referred to Select  
 Com.**      A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors of a certain Saw Mill in  
 Queen's County, to make regulations for its management, was read a second time.  
*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and  
 report

report whether the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to private and local Bills have been complied with respecting the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and Clauses of Acts relating thereto ; also, Light Houses,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors ; also, Licenses,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax ; also, Licenses, Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases ; also, Duty on Flour and Molasses, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling, Smuggling Bills,

Were read a second time.

Read 2d time, and

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Ref. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company, was read a second time. Atlantic Marine Insurance Co. Bill, read 2d time, and

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Ordered to Com.

The Resolution for granting the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds for the service of certain Roads, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, £5000 Roads, read 2d time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to and

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

Sent to H. A.

To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bill and Resolution :

A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof. Impost Duty Bill

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Eight Pounds granted in the first Session of the Legislature held in 1844, for an alteration of Road at Hugh Ross', in the County of Hants, and remaining undrawn, be applied to re-build the Bridge over the Mill Creek, near Archibald Smith's, and to repair the Road leading to the said Bridge. £8 change of Appropriation Hants,

To which Bill and Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill and Resolution were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill and Resolution be read a second time at a future day.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof. Standing Order suspended on Impost Duty Bill.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time, &

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Ref. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

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Com. on Bills,	On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
Report	The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through
Monies on Roads,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; also,
Wolves,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves; also,
Fire Engines Yarmouth,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes; also,
Flour and Meal, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal; also,
Town Officers Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts in amendment of the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships.
Without amdt.	And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
	<i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER MCDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Monies on Roads,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; also,
Wolves,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves; also,
Fire Engines, Yarmouth, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes; also,
Town Officers Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts in amendment of the Acts for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships,
Read 3d time,	Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
Agreed to, and	It was resolved in the affirmative.
Sent to H. A	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Flour and Meal Bill, read 3d time.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, was read a third time,
Motion to re-commit carried.	Whereupon, Mr. Lawson moved that the said Bill be again referred to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of being amended: which, being seconded, and the question being put, was agreed to.

Com. on Rev. Bills report on 4 Bills, viz: Impost Duty,	Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the Revenue Bills were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the following Bills, viz: A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of
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of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the General Regulation of the Colonial Duties.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills.

Standing Order suspended.

The said Bills were read a second time.

Bills read 2d time,

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

And ref. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Rudolf and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee on the said Bills, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

Report of Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently.

Bills ord. to Com.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

Report

A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof; also,

Impost Duties,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling; also,

Smuggling,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors; also,

Licenses,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax; also,

Do. Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost

Flour and Molasses,

Impost

	Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases; also,
Drawbacks,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks; also,
Distilled Liquors,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province; also,
Regulation of Duties,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the General Regulation of the Colonial Duties; also,
Warehousing, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods; also,
Importation Bills.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.
	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Thursday, 27th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
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The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. on Contingent Expenses. On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the contingent expenses of this House for the present Session.

Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose.

Impost Duties, A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof, also,

Smuggling, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling; also,

Licenses, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors; also,

Do. Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax; also,

Flour and Molasses, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases; also,

Drawbacks, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported and for granting Drawbacks; also,

Distilled Liquors, & A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province; also,

Regulation of Duties Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the General Regulation of the Colonial Duties,

Read 3d time, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, shall pass? It

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods, was read a third time.

Warehousing Bill read 3d time

Whereupon, Mr. Kenny moved that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the third Clause, by leaving out the words "on the recommendation of the Collector of Impost and Excise," in the 3d and 4th lines: which, being seconded, and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion to re-commit Bill carried.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods, was read a third time,

Importation Bill read 3d time.

Whereupon Mr. Kenny moved that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the 6th Clause, by leaving out the words "where such Importer cannot attend in person by reason of indisposition or other necessary cause," in the 8th, 9th, and 10th lines, and inserting instead thereof the words "of sufficient age and capacity": which, being seconded, and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion to re-commit Bill carried.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods, and had made an amendment thereto.

Report Warehousing Bill with amdt.

Which amendment being read twice by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House.

Amdt. agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future time.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods, and had made an amendment thereto—

Report Importation Bill with amdt.

Which amendment being read twice by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House.

Amdt. agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future time

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, and had made two amendments thereto.

Report Flour and Meal Bill with amdts.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

Amdts. read,

In the Title—1st line—after the word "continue," insert the words "and amend."

At the end of the Bill insert the following Proviso and Clause :

*Provided always, and be it enacted*, That nothing in the said Acts contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Flour or Meal manufactured within this Province—provided the barrel or barrels containing the same shall be branded with the name of the Mill and the Miller, where and by whom such Flour or Meal is manufactured, together with the weight thereof.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

And agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future time.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills.

Standing Order sus.

The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,

Bills read 3d time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

Agreed to,

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- And sent to H. A. To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Recommend Max-  
welton Poor. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Maxwelton into separate Districts for the support of the Poor; also,
- Highways Maitland,  
and A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; also,
- Marshall's Cove  
Pier Company  
Bills to be ref.  
to Sel. Com. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Marshall's Cove Pier Company—and had recommended that the said Bills should be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report whether the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to local and private Bills have been complied with respecting the said Bills.
- Bills referred. *Ordered*, That the said Report be received, and the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Dougall and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Report Halifax In-  
corporation Bill  
(Gas) with amds. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and had made several amendments thereto.
- Amdts. read, The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:
- IN THE PREAMBLE.**
- 1st.—3d line—after the word “Gas” leave out the remainder of the Preamble.
- 1st CLAUSE.
- 2nd.—18th line—after word “question” insert the following words: “or be Proprietors of Stock or interested in any Gas Company.”
- 3rd.—27th and 28th lines—leave out the words “Halifax Gas Light Company,” and insert instead the words “Gas Company supplying such Light.”
- 4th.—32d line—leave out the word “said” and insert instead the word “such.”
- 2nd CLAUSE.
- 5th.—12th line—leave out the words “the Halifax,” and insert instead the word “any.”
- 6th.—14th line—leave out the word “six” and insert instead the word “four.”
- Then the said five first amendments were read a second time and agreed to.
- Then the sixth amendment was read, whereupon, Mr. Stewart moved that the said amendment be not agreed to: which, being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, four; against the motion, six;
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| For the motion: | Against the motion: |
| Mr. Stewart,    | Mr. Brown,          |
| Mr. Bell,       | Mr. M'Dougall,      |
| Mr. Morton,     | Mr. Uniacke,        |
| Mr. Almon,      | Mr. Rudolf,         |
|                 | Mr. Kenny,          |
|                 | Mr. Tobin.          |
- So it passed in the negative.
- And agreed to. Then the said amendment was agreed to.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- £8 change of appro-  
priation Hants Co.  
read 2d time. The Resolution for changing the appropriation of the sum of £8 in the County of Hants was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
- Agreed to. It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
- To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods. Message from H. A. agreeing to am. to Warehousing and

Also, to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods. Importation Bills.

The said Bills were then read as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Bills finally agreed to,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, And sent to H. A.

To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.

On motion made seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Friday, 28th March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

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The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Halifax Incorporation Bill read 3d time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and Clauses of Acts relating thereto, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended that the same should not be agreed to. Committee on Light House Bill report.

Ordered, That the said Report be received, and the said Bill be not agreed to. Bill disagreed to

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have not agreed to the said Bill. And sent to H. A.

At three of the clock, P. M., His Excellency the Right Honorable Lucius Bentinck, VISCOUNT FALKLAND, Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who, being come with their H. E. comes to Council Chamber.

H. E. assents to 25 Bills, viz :	Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to twenty-five Bills, entitled as follows :
Supreme Court Halifax and Western Circuit,	An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit.
Sherbrooke Poor,	An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor.
Cole Harbour Dike	An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company.
Summary Trials before J. Peace,	An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, before Justices of the Peace.
Halifax Incorporation,	An Act to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax.
Wickwire Dike Rates,	An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates, for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton.
Comrs. of Sewers,	An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.
Juries,	An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries.
Prisons,	An Act for the regulation of Prisons.
Pilotage Halifax,	An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax.
Highways,	An Act to revive and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.
Monies on Roads,	An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.
Wolves,	An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves.
Fire Engines Yarmouth,	An Act to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes.
Town Officers,	An Act to continue and amend the Acts in amendment of the Acts for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships.
Impost Duties,	An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof.
Smuggling,	An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.
Licenses,	An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.
Do. Halifax,	An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax.
Flour and Molasses,	An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.
Drawbacks,	An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported and for granting Drawbacks.
Distilled Liquors,	An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.
Regulation of Duties	An Act to continue and amend the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
Warehousing, Importations.	An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods. An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.
H. A. withdraw, H. E. retires.	The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

Com. on Coal Despatches report Address to H. M.

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the Despatches and Papers, laid before the House on the 31st January, relative to the negotiations pending between Her Majesty's Government and the General Mining Association, relative to a modification of the terms of their Lease, were referred, reported the draft of an Address to Her Majesty on the subject, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

To

## TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address.

**The Humble Address of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia.****MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :**

The Legislative Council pray Your Majesty to accept their grateful acknowledgments for affording them an opportunity of submitting their very serious objections to the proposed compromise of the controversies relative to the Mines and Minerals of this Province.

This subject, of paramount importance to our whole population, unites all in one common object—that of earnestly deprecating an arrangement obnoxious in principle and most injurious in its consequences.

And it may reasonably be apprehended by the General Mining Association themselves, that if they succeed in effecting it, instead of cordial co-operation they will receive neither sympathy nor assistance, in the further prosecution of their hitherto unprofitable adventure, from the people of this Province or its Legislature.

The Legislative Council ventured in their Address to Your Majesty, passed during the present Session, to designate the Grant to His Royal Highness the late Duke of York an improvident Grant—they now, with all humility, add, that its comprehensive terms, spirit, and tendency, seem to be inconsistent with the constitution by which Royal Grants creating monopolies are denounced as unlawful. For may it please Your Majesty, this Grant, coupled with the subsequent Lease to the Assignees of the Duke of York, placed (with inconsiderable exceptions) for more than half a century the whole mineral wealth of the Colony under the control of a few individuals, and beyond the capital and industry of the Provincial population; that stipulation, by which it is prescribed, that unopened Mines shall be worked by the Lessees of the Crown, or freely yielded to the enterprise of others, being found by experience to be practically illusory and inoperative.

Nor have these most unfortunate alienations been less injurious to the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Province.

The Association allege that since they have commenced their operations they have contributed to these revenues £70,000 Currency.

But the sum of £7000, sterling, per annum was tendered for the Cape Breton Mines alone, and it is undeniable, that in other hands the Coal Mines only would have yielded at least double the whole sum paid by the Association.

As the expenditure of capital is more or less advantageous to the localities in which it is distributed, the operations of the Association in Pictou and Cape Breton have, been productive of benefit to these Districts, but the Association are undoubtedly in a very serious error in regarding “the whole Province as deeply interested in the success of their adventure.”

The sentiments of the Provincial Legislature, as to these advantages, were always well known. So early as the year 1836, to an Act of the General Assembly by which the Association were empowered to sue in the Provincial Courts, a Proviso was appended, by which the unfavorable views of the Legislature were made plainly manifest in the Association.

Yet the Legislative Council are far from wishing to deprive the Association of those Mines of which they are in possession, on which they have expended their capital, and to the produce of which they may have reasonably looked for reimbursement. It is of their monopoly of nearly every thing which lies beneath the surface of the earth, and by which the energies of the country are fettered, that the Legislative Council would denude the Association. The Legislative Council sincerely believe that no pecuniary compensation would be regarded by the people of this Province as an equivalent for the alienation from them, and their industry and enterprise of almost every substance except the soil which they cultivate. They are aware that no similar monopolies exist in the other North American Colonies, and they believe the Grant to the Duke of York, and the Lease to the Association, to be without precedent in British Colonial History.

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The Legislative Council humbly submit that the foregoing statements and reasons are peculiarly appropriate at the present juncture. The Association are praying Your Majesty to grant them a reduction of their rent, and an extension of their term. Representing themselves to be unfortunate tenants—merritorious although unsuccessful commercial speculators, they appeal to the generosity of the Crown. But persons in this condition generally hold themselves to be fortunate if they are released from engagements which they are unable to perform. The Association, however, admitting their past operations to be ruinous, and seeing little or no hope in the future desire, not merely a remission of rent, but by extending the period of their Lease to protract the monopoly which must cramp the energies and industry of a whole population.

It is not therefore unreasonable that loyal subjects, who have ever felt strongly as regards these alienations, should avail themselves of this occasion earnestly to pray that no favors, except such as honor, liberality, and justice, imperatively require, be conceded to the Association. The Legislative Council are under the impression that Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, regards the present application of the Association in the same point of view. In one of the Despatches submitted to the Legislative Council by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor during the present Session, Lord Stanley directs the Lieutenant-Governor "to report what corresponding modifications should accompany any relief which might be granted to the Association."

Your Majesty regards the Casual and Territorial Revenues, and the sources of them, as applicable only to the benefit of your Loyal Subjects who inherit these Colonies. Grateful to Your Majesty for these gracious sentiments, often officially announced to the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, the Legislative Council will now briefly advert to the proposals of the Association in a merely pecuniary point of view. Upon these proposals Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department suggests, "that their adoption could in no event be otherwise than advantageous to this Province, and that it may be reasonably doubtful whether such terms, if now rejected, would be again offered," and further "that this Province could obtain nothing from the Crown which shall not ultimately be determined to belong to the Crown, and that as the interests of the Province as against the creditors of the Duke of York, are identical with those of the Crown, it is for the interest of both that the question with them should be settled."

But the Legislative Council would regard the acceptance of these proposals, even in a mere arithmetical point of view, as disadvantageous to the Revenues of the Crown, and beneficial only to the Litigants, for in what respect the interests of Your Majesty or this Province can be affected, either in law or in equity, by the existing controversies, the Legislative Council cannot imagine.

Whether the Mines in Cape-Breton passed by the Grant to the Duke of York, and from His Royal Highness to the Association, or direct from the Crown to the Association by the Lease subsequently conceded to them, is important only to themselves.

As Assignees of His Royal Highness the Duke of York's Grant, the Association are bound to pay the Royalty reserved by such Grant, and under the Lease they are bound to pay the Rent or Royalty reserved by such Lease.

The Association have not been disturbed in the possession of the Mines in Cape Breton and Nova-Scotia, to which the Grant to the Duke of York, and the Lease to themselves, apply, while the sum they have paid either as Rent or Royalty is considerably less than is at the present moment demandable from them as the Assignees of the Duke of York.

It is not easy to understand how there can be any controversy as to profits, since the Association allege they have never derived any from their whole outlay of capital. But whether the creditors of the Duke of York have a claim against the As-

sociation

sociation for profits or not, the Legislative Council humbly apprehend that it cannot affect Your Majesty or the Province.

The Legislative Council have forborne to enter into minute details and calculations. The statements in this their humble Address, they believe to be well founded, and that they can be easily verified; and if Your Majesty should deign to direct His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province to appoint a Commission to take evidence, as well on behalf of the Association as of the Province, there will be no difficulty in affording ample proof in order to enable Your Majesty to come to a right conclusion in the premises. May it therefore please Your Majesty to regard graciously the prayer of the Legislative Council on behalf of their fellow subjects, and afford them such relief as may seem meet to your wisdom and goodness. And that Your Majesty may long and happily live and reign in the hearts of your Loyal Subjects is the fervent prayer of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

*Ordered,* That the said Address be received and adopted.

The Chairman also reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows:

Received and adopted.

Report Address to H. E.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

**Viscount Falkland,**

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

**The Address of the Legislative Council.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Legislative Council have taken into their serious consideration the Despatches and Documents submitted by the command of Your Excellency to the Legislative Council, relating to the Mines and Minerals of this Province, and have prepared an Address to Her Majesty the Queen upon the subject, which the Legislative Council humbly pray Your Excellency to transmit to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the Foot of the Throne, with Your Excellency's favorable recommendation of the prayer thereof.

Address.

*Ordered,* That the said Address be received and adopted.

*Ordered,* That the Committee who prepared the said Addresses be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Adopted.

Com. to present to H. E.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at two o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday, 31st March, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER McNAB,  
 NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
 WILLIAM LAWSON,  
 ALEXANDER STEWART,  
 WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
 MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
 HUGH BELL,  
 STAYLEY BROWN,  
 ALEXANDER McDUGALL,  
 MATHER B. ALMON,  
 EDWARD KENNY.

## PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Brown.On motion of Mr. Bell, *ordered*, that Mr. Brown have leave of absence to return home, on urgent private business.Com. on Antigonish  
Harbor Bill report.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonish, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and in the opinion of the Committee, it was not a Local Bill, within the meaning of the Standing Order.

Bill read 2nd time &  
Ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Report Atlantic Ma-  
rine Insurance Bill  
without amendt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.Report Statute Labor  
Bill with am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, and had made an amendment thereto.

Amendment read.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

At the end of the Bill insert the following Clause :

“ *And be it enacted*, That any person liable to perform Statute Labour under the said Act, who has been duly notified according to Law, but who may have left the District and shall be absent therefrom during the time appointed for the performance of Statute Labor, and shall not have provided a proper substitute or paid the sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence for each day's labor in commutation thereof, such person shall, in case of his return to his usual place of abode within the year, be liable to pay to the Surveyor of Highways for the District, or to his Successor in Office, the sum of Three Shillings for each and every day's labor such person shall be liable to perform, to be sued for and recovered in like manner as debts of the like amount may and can be ordinarily sued for and recovered, to be applied to the repair of the Highways, Roads, Streets, and Bridges, within the said District.”

And agreed to.

Which amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.Message from H. A.  
agreeing to am. to  
Halifax Incorporation  
Bill.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

The said Bill was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them therewith.

Bill finally agreed to.

And sent to H. A.

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee of this House appointed to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the Addresses of this House to Her Majesty and the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the negotiations pending between Her Majesty's Government and the General Mining Association, relative to a modification of the terms of their Lease, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state that he would have much pleasure in forwarding the Address to Her Majesty, with his favorable recommendation of the prayer thereof.

Com. to present Address on C. Mines report.

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the contingent expenses of this House for this Session were referred, reported as follows :

Com. on contingent expenses report.

The Committee appointed to consider of and report to the House the amount which will be required for its contingent expenses for the present Session, report that there is required—

Report.

For the Salary of the Clerk	- - - - -	£200	0	0
“ “ Of the Law Clerk and Clerk of the Parliament	- - - - -	150	0	0
“ “ Of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and Sergeant at Arms	- - - - -	75	0	0
“ “ Of the Chaplain	- - - - -	25	0	0
“ “ Of the Messengers, viz :—First Messenger	£45	75	0	0
Second do.	30			
Account for Stationary—balance for the last year, and for the present year	- - - - -	49	9	6
For binding of the Laws and Journals	- - - - -	37	14	11
For Fuel, &c., to be accounted for by Clerk	- - - - -	20	0	0
Contingencies—to be expended under the direction of the Committee of the House	- - - - -	40	0	0
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By order of the Committee,  
(Signed) ALEX. STEWART, Chairman.

Committee Room, 31st March, 1845.

Ordered, That the said Report be received and adopted.

Adopted.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 1st April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

- Statute Labor Bill,  
Read 3rd time,      A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,  
Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass ?
- Agreed to,      It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A.      A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same with an amendment, to which amendment their concurrence is desired.
- Confce. on Gen. State Province rel. to con. expenses.      On motion, *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly by Committee on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the House of Assembly the amount required to defray the contingent expenses of this House for the present Session.  
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To desire the said Conference.
- Atlantic Marine Insurance Co. Bill,  
Read 3rd time,      A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,  
Whether this Bill shall pass ?
- Agreed to,      It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A.      A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.
- A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolutions :
- £250 annually to Baptist Society.      *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and paid annually, by quarterly payments, to the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, in support of their Institutions at Horton, during the period for which the School Bill of the present Session may be limited ; on its being certified to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that in each year ten youths of exemplary conduct and poor parentage have been educated at these Institutions, if so many shall apply, one half them to be nominated by the Lieutenant Governor.
- £250 annually St. Mary's Seminary.      *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and paid annually, by quarterly payments, to the President and Trustees of Saint Mary's Seminary, in support of that Institution, during the period for which the School Bill of the present Session may be limited ; on its being certified to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor that in each year ten youths of exemplary conduct and poor parentage have been educated at their Institutions, if so many shall apply, one half of them to be nominated by the Lieutenant Governor.
- £250 annually Pictou Academy.      *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and paid annually, by quarterly payments, to such persons as shall be appointed Managers of the Pictou Academy, under any Act of the Assembly that shall be passed at this present Session, on the like terms and conditions, and for the same period as the grants to Acadia and Saint Mary's College.
- £150 annually to Wesleyan Academy.      *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and paid annually, in quarterly payments, to the Treasurer of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, New Brunswick, in aid of the Funds of that Institution, during the period for which the School Bill of the present Session shall be limited.
- Read 1st time      To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.  
The said Resolutions were read a first time.
- Adjourn.      *Ordered*, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.  
On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Wednesday, 2d April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER McNAB,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
JOHN MORTON,

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The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
ALEXANDER McDougall,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Thursday, 3d April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER McNAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
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The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
ALEXANDER McDougall,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors of a certain Saw Mill in Queen's County to make regulations for its management, was referred, reported that the Committee had enquired respecting the said Bill, and found that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to Local and Private Bills had not been complied with. Com. on Saw Mill Queen's Co. Bill report.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies, and had made several amendments thereto. Report Agricultural Societies Bill with amdts.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :

Amdts. read.

In the Preamble—2d and 3d lines, leave out the words "have lately become," and insert the word "are."

First Clause—8th line, after the word "Nova-Scotia," insert the words "or any larger sum of money."

19th line, leave out the word "forever."

50th line, leave out the word "five," and insert the word "one."

53d line, after the words "Pounds," insert the following words "or any such larger sum."

Between the first and second Clauses insert the following Clause :

*Provided always, and be it enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be deemed, construed, or taken to extend, to relieve or discharge such Corpora-

tion, or any of the present or future Proprietors, or other Holders of Shares in such Society, from any responsibility, contract, duty, or obligation whatsoever, to which by Law such Proprietors or Holders of Shares now are or at any time hereafter may be or would have been subject or liable had not this Act been passed, as between such Society and any other Party or Parties whomsoever, in any manner or way howsoever; and every Proprietor or Holder of Shares in such Society, his or her Lands, Goods and Chattels, shall be liable under any Execution that may be issued against the Corporation, in the same manner and to the same extent as if this Act had not been passed.

And agreed to.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.  
*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Message from H. A. agreeing to Conference on Gen. State of Province.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Almon and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.

Report.

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Mr. Stewart reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Friday, 4th April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,

§ The Hon. HUGH BELL,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Agricultural Societies Bill read 3d time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

Com. on Marshall's Cove Pier Co. Bill report.

Mr. M'Dougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Marshall's Cove Pier Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and were of opinion that it did not come within the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Private or Local Bills.

Bill ord. to Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Report

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

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A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Marshall's Cove Pier Company ; also, Marshall's Cove Pier Co. and Tracadie Oysters Bills, without am.  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Monday, 7th April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
 NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
 WILLIAM LAWSON,  
 ALEXANDER STEWART,  
 WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
 MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
 HUGH BELL,  
 ALEXANDER McDougall,  
 MATHER B. ALMON,  
 EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Marshall's Cove Pier Company ; also, Marshall's Cove Pier Co. and Tracadie Oysters Bills,  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney, Read 3d time,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.

Mr. M'Dougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and were of opinion that it was not a Local Bill within the meaning of the Standing Orders of this House. Com. on Highways, Maitland Bill report

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House. Bill ord. to Com.

Mr. M'Dougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Maxweltown into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found that although the same was a Local Bill within the meaning of the Standing Orders, yet, that several Petitions had been presented to the House of Assembly in favor of the same, and several Bills of the same nature had passed this House, and therefore recommended that the Standing Orders should not be enforced respecting the said Bill. Com. on Maxweltown Poor Bill report.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received, and the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House. Bill ord. to Com.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden,

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies. Message from H. A. agreeing to am. to Agricultural So. Bill.

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	Also, with the following Bills :
Shad Fishery King's Co.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County.
Special Sessions Inverness,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned.
Funded Debt,	A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Funded Debt of the Province.
Harbor Master Spanish River,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape-Breton.
Statute Labor,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.
Water Halifax, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water.
School Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Schools.
	To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
Read 1st time,	The said Bills were read a first time.
	<i>Ordered</i> , That the five first Bills be read a second time at future day.
Water Halifax Bill referred to Sel. Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the sixth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
Committee.	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. M'Dougall, Mr. Bell and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose.
School Bill ref. to Sel. Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the seventh Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
Committee.	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Morton, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Bell and Mr. Uniacke, be a Committee for that purpose.
Com. on Constitution of Council report Address to H. M.	Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine and enquire into the constitution of this House, and also the reasons for the non-attendance of Members in their places in this House, reported the draft of an Address to Her Majesty—which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Address.

### TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia.  
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

WE, Your Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council, crave leave to bring under Your Majesty's Gracious consideration the present condition of this Branch of the Legislature, which, in the year 1837, was constituted upon its present basis.

The Representative of the Crown was then directed to summon to the newly constituted Body, Gentlemen residing in the Rural Districts as well as in the Metropolis, in order that it might be identified with the feelings and interests of the people, without which neither Branch of the Legislature can exercise their functions satisfactorily, either to the Crown or to the Province.

From that period until the present the Legislative Council have, to the best of their ability, endeavoured faithfully to perform their responsible duties; but it has become too evident that, unless there be some change, the most important object sought by the House of Assembly in desiring its re-construction, namely, obtaining the services of Members from the Interior, will have been frustrated, and the Legislative Council would be guilty of a serious dereliction of a solemn duty were they to withhold their conviction that Your loyal Subjects who reside without the City of Halifax, will never repose confidence in a Branch of the Legislature composed exclusively of Inhabitants of the Capital.

Seats in the Legislative Council are among the most honorable Colonial distinctions in the gift of Your Majesty, yet it is with difficulty that Gentlemen can be induced to accept them, or if they do, a speedy resignation or partial attendance exhibit

exhibit the estimation in which the Body itself, and the Office of a Legislative Councillor are held.

Whether these results may be ascribed to the want of a defined Constitution, or of a pecuniary provision for the expense of the attendance of the Country members at the Legislative Sessions, will be for Your Majesty's gracious consideration.—They deem it to be their duty humbly to state the difficulties incident to the present condition of the Body of which they are members.

In regard to a matter in which their personal wishes and feelings may influence their judgment, they do not presume to suggest what steps should be taken, but humbly and earnestly pray that Your Majesty would adopt such measures as may seem proper for establishing this Branch of the Legislature upon such a basis as may be compatible with the right, efficient, and independent discharge of its high and important duties.

And the Legislative Council pray that Your Majesty may long live and reign over the Mighty Empire which the Almighty has committed to your charge.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Adopted.

The Chairman also reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Report Address to H. E.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable

Address.

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

**Viscount Falkland,**

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

**The Address of the Legislative Council.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The Legislative Council have passed an Address to Her Majesty upon the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council, which the Legislative Council humbly pray Your Excellency to transmit to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Committee who prepared the said Addresses be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Com. to present.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies was read as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Agricultural Cor. Bill finally agreed to.

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

And sent to H. A.

To return the said Bill and acquaint them therewith.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at one o'clock.

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 8th April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Shad Fishery, Kings  
Co. Bill read 2nd  
time.  
Refd. to Sel. Com.  
Committee.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County, was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Morton, and Mr. McDougall, be a Committee for that purpose.

Special Sessions In-  
verness Bill read  
2nd time.  
And ord. to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned, was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Funded Debt Bill,  
read 2nd time.  
And refd. to Sel.  
Com.  
Committee.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Funded Debt of the Province, was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Harbor Master, Spa-  
nish River Bill,  
read 2nd time.  
And refd. to Sel.  
Com.  
Committee.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape-Breton, was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee for that purpose.

Statute Labor Bill,  
read 2nd time.  
And ord. to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Grammar School,  
Lunenburg, and

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg.

Light House Bills,  
Read 1st time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses. To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

*Ordered,* That the first Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Light House Bill  
refd. to Sel. Com.  
Committee.

*Ordered,* That a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses, be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr.

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Schools, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on School Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time. Bill read 2d time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. And ord. to Com.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill. Standing order suspended.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and prepared an amendment thereto, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Halifax Water Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time. Bill read 2nd time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. And ord. to Com.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax, and had directed him to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months. Recom. Dog Tax Bill to be defd.

Whereupon, Mr. Stewart moved that the said Report be not received: which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, six; against the motion five. So it passed in the affirmative. Motion not to receive report carried.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through Report

A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; also, Highways, Maitland,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Maxwelltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor; also, Maxwelltown Poor,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives; also, Polls at Election, &

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Schools, and had agreed to the same without any amendment. School Bills without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Antigonish, and had made an amendment thereto. Report Antigonish Harbor Bill with am.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows: Am. read.

3d Clause—3d line—Leave out the words "or special."

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

On motion, *ordered*, that Mr. M'Dougall have leave of absence from Saturday next, to return home on urgent private business. Leave of absence to Mr. McDougall.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock. Adjourn.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 9th April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolutions and Bills,

Division of Road  
Money.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the present year, be applied as follows :

For the County of Yarmouth,	-	-	-	£1250	0	0
Shelburne,	-	-	-	1250	0	0
Digby,	-	-	-	1250	0	0
Sydney,	-	-	-	1250	0	0
Guysborough,	-	-	-	1250	0	0
Queen's,	-	-	-	1250	0	0
Richmond,	-	-	-	1250	0	0
Halifax,	-	-	-	1900	0	0
Hants,	-	-	-	1750	0	0
Inverness,	-	-	-	1725	0	0
Cape Breton,	-	-	-	1825	0	0
King's,	-	-	-	1375	0	0
Pictou,	-	-	-	1825	0	0
Colchester,	-	-	-	1500	0	0
Cumberland,	-	-	-	1500	0	0
Lunenburg,	-	-	-	1550	0	0
Annapolis,	-	-	-	1300	0	0

£25,000 0 0

Cape Breton.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in that service.

Inverness.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Inverness, for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be expended in that service.

Guysborough.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Guysborough, for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in that service.

Richmond.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Richmond, for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in that service.

Halifax.

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax.

Also,

- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth. Yarmouth.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne. Shelburne.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby. Digby.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney. Sydney.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in Queen's County. Queen's.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants. Hants.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in King's County. King's.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester. Colchester.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland. Cumberland.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg. Lunenburg.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Three Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis. Annapolis.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards. Firewards, Antigonishe,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of the Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary. Penitentiary, and
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax. Halifax Grammar School Bills,
- To which Resolutions and Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
- The said Resolutions and Bills were read a first time. Read 1st time,
- Ordered,* That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.
- Ordered,* That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon. Firewards, Antigonishe Bill, ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.
- Ordered,* That Mr. McDougall and Mr. Kenny be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered,* That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon. Penitentiary Bill ref. to Sel. Com.
- Ordered,* That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
- Ordered,* That the third Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Addresses of this House to Her Majesty and to His Excellency, relative to the Constitution of this House, and the reasons for the non-attendance of members in their places in this House, reported that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency with the said Addresses, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state he would forward the Address to Her Majesty to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne. Com. to present Address on Constitution of House, report.
- Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Funded Debt of the Province was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Funded Debt Bill report.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. Bill ord. to Com. Mr.

- Com. on Light House Bill report. Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2d time. The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Highways, Maitland A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; also,
- Maxweltown Poor, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Maxweltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor; also,
- Polls at Elections Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.
- Read 3rd time. Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Antigonishe Harbour Bill read 3d time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Antigonishe, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?
- Agreed to and Sent to H. A. It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.
- Lunenburg School Bill read 2d time, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg, was read a second time.
- Ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on Shad Fishery King's Co. Bill report. Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills now before the Committee.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through
- Shad Fishery King's Co. A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County; also,
- Light Houses. A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the support and regulation of Light-Houses; also,
- Sessions, Inverness. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned, also,
- School, Lunenburg. A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg; also,
- A Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Funded Debt of this Province ; also, Funded Debt and  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Statute Labor Bills  
 Labor on Highways. without amdt.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Report Water Hali-  
 Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize an assessment for supplying the City of Halifax fax Bill with amdt  
 with Water, and had made an amendment thereto.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows : Amndt. read,

1ST CLAUSE.—15th line—after the word “in,” leave out the remainder of the  
 Clause, and insert instead the following words “ the said City to be assessed, levied,  
 collected, and paid, in the same manner as other City Rates and Taxes are assess-  
 ed, levied, collected, and paid.”

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, ordered, that Mr. Rudolf have leave of absence from Leave of absence to  
 Friday next, to return home on urgent private business. Mr. Rudolf.

The following Resolutions for granting money, viz : Money votes.

- £250 Annually to the Baptist Society,
- 250 “ to Saint Mary’s Seminary,
- 250 “ to the Pictou Academy,
- 150 “ to the Wesleyan Academy,

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Read 2d time-  
 Resolution,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to, and  
 Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House have agreed  
 to the same without any amendment.

By order, passed unanimously, the Seventeen Resolutions received this day from Division and sub-di-  
 the House of Assembly, dividing and subdividing the sum of £25,000 granted for vision of Road  
 the service of Roads and Bridges, were read a second time, and the question was Money, read 2d  
 put by the President on each Resolution, time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

And sent to H. A.

To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House have agreed  
 to the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Morton have leave of absence to return home on urgent pri- Leave of absence to  
 vate business. Mr. Morton.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two Adjourn.  
 o’clock.

Thursday, 10th April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
 NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
 WILLIAM LAWSON,  
 ALEXANDER STEWART,  
 WILLIAM RUDOLF,

The Hon. MICHAEL TOBIN,  
 HUGH BELL,  
 ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
 MATHER B. ALMON,  
 EDWARD KENNY.

## PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Shad Fishery King's  
Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County ; also,

Light Houses.

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses ; also,

Sessions Inverness.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned ; also,

School Lunenburg.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg ; also,

Funded Debt and  
Statute Labor BillsA Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Funded Debt of the Province ; also,  
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.

Read 3d time,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to, and  
Sent to H. A.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.Water Halifax Bill,  
read 3d time, —

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Agreed to, and  
Sent to H. A.

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.School Halifax Bill,  
read 2d time, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax, was read a second time.

Ord. to Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.Com. on Firewards'  
Antigonish Bill  
report.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Antigonish the several Acts for appointing Firewards was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,  
and ord. to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.Com. on Harbor  
Master and Span-  
ish River Bill re-  
port.

Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to make provision for a Harbour Master at Spanish River, in the Island of Cape Breton, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. Ordered to Com.

Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of the Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and prepared an amendment thereto. Com. on Penitentiary Bill report

The said Bill was read a second time. Bill read 3d time, and

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. Ord. to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Schools, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, School Bill read 3d time,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to, and

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, Sent to H. A.

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills now before the Committee. Standing order suspended

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax ; also, Report School, Halifax.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards ; also, Firewards, Antigonishe, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape-Breton. Harbour Master Spanish River Bills, Without amndt.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin, and had directed him to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months. Recommend Burial Ground, Bedford Basin, Bill to be deferred three months.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received, and the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months. Mr. Bell dissenting. Bill deferred.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of the Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, and had made an amendment thereto. Report Penitentiary Bill with amdt.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

At the end of the Bill insert the following Clause :

*And be it enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for Four Years, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly. Amndt. read, and

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. Agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax, and had made several amendments thereto. Report Dog Tax Bill with amndt.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

Amnt. read, and

First Clause—7th and 8th lines—Leave out the words “within the said City,” and insert the following words, “owned or kept by Persons living within that part of the City of Halifax comprehended within the following limits, viz : commencing at Fresh Water River, so called, where it runs into the Harbor, thence northerly bounded by the Harbor to Young Street, thence Westerly by Young Street to Gottingen Street, thence Southerly along Gottingen Street to the most Northerly Road leading to the Kempt Road, thence Westerly along said Road to the Kempt Road, thence Southerly along the Kempt Road to the Common, thence along the Roads at the Northern, Western and Southern Sides of the Common to the Road leading to the Tower, thence along said Road Southerly to the Road leading to Fresh Water River, thence along said Road Eastwardly to the place of beginning.”

Third Clause—5th and 6th lines—Leave out the words “said City of Halifax,” and insert instead the following words, “limits hereinbefore mentioned.”

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :

*And be it enacted,* That this Act shall continue and be in force for One Year, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bill :

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolutions,

*Resolved,* That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to Doctors Grigor and Sterling, in aid of the Halifax Dispensary for the present year, provided they keep during the year, a sufficient quantity of Vaccine Matter.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to Edmund Crowell, to enable him to keep up his Establishment at the Seal Islands for the relief of Shipwrecked Mariners for the present year.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to such person or persons as will run a proper Packet between Guysborough and Arichat, touching occasionally at Fox Island and Canso, under such regulations as shall be established by any Special Sessions of the Peace for the County of Guysborough, to be held for that purpose—to be paid upon the certificate of such Special Sessions, that such Packet has been properly kept and run during the present year—Provided that the Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court shall be taken without charge (if required) from Guysborough to Arichat, and from Arichat to Guysborough, on their Circuit to Cape Breton, and that the said Packet shall also carry the mail to be established between Guysborough and Arichat, if required.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to Wm. Weeks, or any person who will run a Packet Boat between the Bay of Verte and Prince Edward's Island, when it shall be made satisfactorily to appear to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, that such Packet Boat has been run agreeably to such Regulations as may be established by the Justices in their Sessions for the County of Cumberland.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Douglas, at the mouth of the River Shubenacadie, in supporting a suitable Boat or Scow to run between Londonderry and that place—the said Boat or Scow to be run under the Regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Hants ; to be paid

Agreed to.

Agriculture Bill

Read 1st time.

50l. Halifax Dispensary.

20l. E. Crowell.

50l. Guysborough Packet.

20l. Bay Verte Packet.

20l. Ferry at mouth of Shubenacadie.

paid by Warrant from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, upon Certificate from said Sessions, that said Boat has been running at least twice a week for six months, to the satisfaction of said Sessions under their Regulations.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to aid the Inhabitants of Cape Breton in supporting a suitable Boat or Scow to run between McMillan's Point, in Cape Breton, and Auld's Cove, in the County of Sydney; the said Boat or Scow to be placed under the regulation of the General Sessions for the County of Inverness.

30l. Ferry between McMillan's Point and Auld's Cove.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted to the two licensed Ferrymen at the mouth of the Shubenacadie, in the Counties of Colchester and Hants, for the transportation of Horses and Carriages across that River; the same to be paid on the Certificate of the General or Special Sessions of each County respectively, that such Ferry has been duly attended, and proper Boats procured and used.

10l. each Ferrymen, Shubenacadie.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to John Pernette and Charles Pernette, for keeping up the Ferry over LaHave River.

15l. La Have Ferry.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Cornelius Craig, to enable him to keep up the Ferry across the Narrows, at the entrance of Sable River, in the County of Shelburne.

10l. C. Craig, Ferry Sable River.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Richard Carter, to enable him to run a suitable Ferry Boat or Scow between his Landing, on the Western side of the Gut of Canso, and David McPherson's, on the Eastern side thereof, the said Ferry Boat or Scow to be run under the Regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Guysborough.

10l. Richard Carter, Scow.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman on the Eastern side of the Gut of Canso, to enable him to run a suitable Ferry Boat or Scow between Richard Carter's landing on the Western side of said Gut, and David McPherson's, on the Eastern side thereof; the said Ferry Boat or Scow to be run under the Regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Richmond.

10l. Ferry East side of Gut of Canso.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted to such persons as shall respectively keep up a Ferry at the mouth of the Harbor of Port L'Herbert—provided a Boat be kept to convey Horses and Cattle across said Harbor; said sum to be paid upon the Certificate of the Court of Sessions in the County of Shelburne.

10l. each Ferrymen, at Port L'Herbert.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purchase of Seed Potatoes for distressed Families among the Colored Population of Hammond's Plains and Preston, to be applied under the direction of His Excellency to the relief of such Individuals as shall be found in circumstances of urgent necessity.

25l. Seed Potatoes, Negroes.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to continue the service during the Fishing months of one Revenue Cutter, in addition to the Sable Island Schooner (which latter is to be borne exclusively on the Sable Island Fund), on the coast of Nova-Scotia as heretofore, and that no further sum be expended for that service.

500l. Revenue Cutter.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to enable him to continue a suitable Revenue Boat at Sydney, Cape Breton.

40l. Revenue Boat, Sydney, C. B.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the benefit of the Indians for the present year, to be expended agreeably to the Act of the General Assembly; to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.

200l. Indians.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Ten Pence, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Public Buildings, to defray the expenses incurred by them during the last year.

1158l. 13s. 10d. Commrs. Public Buildings.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Six Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds, Four Shillings and Five Pence, be granted and paid to defray the expenses of the Legislative Council for the present year.

682l. 4s. 5d. expenses of Legislative Council.

*Resolved*,

25l. School in Poor House.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, to defray the expense of continuing the School in the Poor House for the present year, for the benefit of Orphans and Poor Children in that Establishment.

97l. 11d. 10d. Stationary and binding of H. A. Winter Session of 1844.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ninety-seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Ten Pence, be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationary and Binding of the Journals and Laws for the House of Assembly during the last year, for the Winter Session.

10l. each Chairmen of H. A.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted and paid to the two Chairmen of the Committees on Bills and of Supply, for their services for the present Session.

£100 each Clerks of H. A.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds each, be granted and paid to the Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, for their extra services during the present Session.

Resolution for grants on H. M. assent being given to Civil List Bill.

*Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the present Lieutenant-Governor, for contingencies for the present year; it not being the intention of the House of Assembly to renew such Grant to any future Lieutenant-Governor.

And also, in the like event, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Sterling, to the present Lieutenant-Governor for a Private Secretary for the present year; it not being the intention of the House of Assembly to renew such grant to any future Lieutenant-Governor.

And also, in the like event, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, to the Superintendent of Mines in Cape Breton, for the present year.

And also, in the like event, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Sterling, to the Surveyor General of Nova-Scotia, as his Salary for the present year.

And also, in the like event, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, to the Surveyor General of Cape Breton, as his Salary for the present year.

And also, in the like event, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Sterling, as the Salary of the First Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year.

And also, in the like event, the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Sterling, as the Salary of the Second Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year.

And also, in the like event, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, as the Salary of the Third Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year.

And also, in the like event, a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, for the Messenger of the Lieutenant-Governor and Executive Council, and for Stationary, Printing, and other Contingencies of the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year—the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly.

And also, in the like event, the sum of Thirty Pounds, Sterling, to the Master of the Rolls, the Judge of Vice Admiralty, and the Judge of Probate, at Halifax, for Fuel and Criers of their Courts for the present year.

£300 Drawback on Army Officers' Wines.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Revenue for the time being shall be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to allow a Drawback upon all Wines imported for, or consumed by, the Commissioned Officers of Her Majesty's Army, comprising the several Regimental Messes of the Garrison at Halifax, or to relinquish the Duties upon all such Wines, upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the said Board, that the Wines whereon a Drawback or relinquishment of Duty is claimed, were actually imported for, or consumed by, such Officers of the Army: Provided the whole amount do not exceed the sum of Three Hundred Pounds in any one year.

*Resolved*, That if any of the Bridges on the Main Post Roads in this Province shall

shall give way during the recess, or any of such Roads shall be unexpectedly obstructed by any unforeseen obstacle or accident, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to order a Commissioner or Commissioners to repair or rebuild such Bridges, or to remove such obstructions; and it shall and may be lawful further for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw Warrants on account and in favour of such Commissioner or Commissioners—provided the same shall not exceed in the whole the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, and the sums so drawn shall be charged at the next Session of Assembly as against the several Counties in which the same shall be expended.

£500 Casualty Vote for Roads and Bridges.

*Resolved*, That the Collector of Impost for the Port of Halifax shall, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to keep a distinct account of all Duties by him collected upon the importation from the United States of America of Live Stock, Apples, Onions, Fruit, Biscuit, and Bread, under the several Acts of the General Assembly, passed in the first Session of 1844, and in the present Session of the General Assembly, respectively entitled, "An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof," and that the said Duties upon the above specified articles during the present year shall be paid quarterly to the Commissioners of the Poor for the use of the Transient Poor—provided the amount so paid do not exceed One Thousand Pounds.

£1000 Duties on Live Stock, &c. for Transient Poor.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Adjourn.

Friday, 11th April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,  
WILLIAM RUDOLF,

The Hon. MICHAEL TOBIN,  
HUGH BELL,  
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :

£50	0	0	Halifax Dispensary.
20	0	0	Edmund Crowell.
50	0	0	Guysborough Packet.
20	0	0	Bay Verte Packet.
20	0	0	Ferry at Mouth of Shubenacadie.
30	0	0	Ferry at M'Millan's Point and Auld's Cove.
10	0	0	Each Ferrymen, Shubenacadie.
15	0	0	La Have Ferry.
10	0	0	C. Craig, Ferry Sable River.
10	0	0	Richard Carter, Ferry.
10	0	0	Ferry East side Gut of Canso.
10	0	0	Each, Ferrymen at Port L'Herbert.
20	0	0	Seed Potatoes, Negroes.

Money Votes.

£500	0	0	Revenue Cutter.
40	0	0	Revenue Boat, Sydney, C. B.
200	0	0	Indians.
1158	13	10	Commissioners of Public Buildings.
684	4	5	Expenses of Legislative Council.
25	0	0	School in Poor House.
97	11	10	Stationary, &c. for H. A., Winter Session of 1844.
10	0	0	Chairmen of H. A.
100	0	0	Each, Clerks of H. A.

Resolution for Grants on Her Majesty's Assent to the Civil List Bill.

£300 0 0 Drawback on Army Officers Wines.

500 0 0 Casualty Vote.

1000 0 0 Duties on Live Stock, &c., for Transient Poor,

Read 2d time,

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

Agreed to, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

School, Halifax.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax ; also,

Firewards, Antigonishe, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards ; also,

Harbour Master Spanish River Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make provision for a Harbour Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape-Breton,

Read 3d time,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

Penitentiary Bill read 3d time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of the Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Agreed to,

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

Dog Tax Bill read 3d time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Agreed to, and

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

Agriculture Bill read 2d time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province, was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Standing Order sus.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonishe.

Message from H. A. agreeing to amdt. to Antigonishe Harbor Bill

Also, with the following Resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Four-pence be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Penitentiary, to pay the Salaries of the Officers and defray the outlay and other expenses, agreeably to the Report of the Committee. £1,359 17 9 Comrs. of Penitentiary.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds, additional, be granted and paid to the Serjeant-at-Arms, for his expenses incurred in consequence of the accident that occurred to him in the present Session. £25 Serjeant at Arms of H. A. additional.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Pounds be granted and paid to each Clerk of the Peace in the several Counties of this Province, in full for their services in the distribution of Road Commissions and execution of the Bonds during the two past years, and that no future allowance be made for such services. £5 each to Clerks of Peace for Road Commissions.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as will suffice to pay the sum of Five Pounds each to the Clerks of the Peace in the several Counties following, that is to say—Lunenburg, Colchester, Annapolis, Pictou, Inverness, Guysborough, Sydney, Shelburne, Queen's, Richmond, Digby, Cape-Breton, Yarmouth, Hants and Halifax, being for services performed by them in making Returns to the House of Assembly of the Assessment Rolls in their respective Counties, and to pay the like sum to such other Clerks of the Peace as may return such Assessment Rolls from other Counties previous to the next Session, pursuant to the report of the Committee. £5 each Clerks of Peace for Assessment Rolls.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Two-pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to defray that amount advanced, as follows, that is to say : Salary of Mr. George Wightman, as Superintendent of Roads, from January to

May, when his services were discontinued,	£85 0 0
Report of Cases of Judicial Committee,	11 16 3
Crew and Passengers, Lady Colebrooke,	30 6 0
Crew and Passengers, Sir George Prevost,	38 16 8
Crew of the Morning Star,	3 0 0
Crew of the William Rippon,	5 0 0
Frederick LeBlanc, copying Minutes of Council,	9 1 3
Ditto do. do.	4 10 0

£187 10 2 for Government expenses paid.

£187 10 0

*Resolved*, That the sum of Eleven Pounds Ten Shillings and Seven-pence be granted and paid to Messrs. M'Farlane and Dickson, Executors of Trenholm, deceased, for Drawback on Goods exported from Pugwash to New-Brunswick, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £11 10 7 McFarlane and Dickson, Drawback.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Two Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to Henry Palmer, being for Return of Duties paid by him on a Breeding Mare imported into this Province, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £2 10 H. Palmer, Drawback.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty-two Pounds and Four Shillings be granted and paid to George Eastwood and Company, being on account of Duties paid by them on Machinery and Dye Stuffs imported by them for the use of their Cloth Manufactory at Sackville, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £32 4 Geo. Eastwood & Co., Drawback.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Seven-pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay the respective parties named in a List or Schedule contained

£361 18 7 Seal Bounties.

contained in a Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly on Trade and Manufactures, at the rates in such Report mentioned, being for Bounties for prosecuting the Seal Fishery in 1844.

£333 14 9½ Transient Paupers.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and paid as will be sufficient to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the subject of expenses incurred for the support of Transient Paupers, that is to say :

To Doctor Benjamin Page, of Amherst, for Medical attendance on Indians,	£7 0 0
To Doctor Charles Tupper of Amherst, for Medical attendance on Indians,	3 0 0
To Doctor Ebenezer Annan, Liverpool, Medical attendance on Indians,	13 4 9
To Robert Currie, Shelburne, for aid to Transient Paupers.	10 0 0
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Egerton, County of Pictou,	7 17 ½
To Doctor Edward L. Brown, Horton, for Medical attendance on Indians,	3 0 0
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Cornwallis	10 16 9
To Doctor William Slocomb, Lunenburg, for Medical attendance on Indians and others,	7 18 6
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Annapolis,	24 2 9
Ditto ditto ditto Newport,	10 2 0
Ditto ditto ditto Yarmouth,	27 8 5
(£10 of which to be paid to Dr. Farish.)	
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Digby,	13 4 2
Ditto ditto ditto Granville,	22 6 10
(£2 of which to be paid to Dr. Oakes.)	
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Windsor,	8 7 3
Ditto ditto ditto Pictou,	22 0 0
Ditto ditto ditto Barrington,	9 11 9
Ditto ditto ditto Arisaig, Co. Sydney,	4 17 11
To John Rude, £9 4s., and to John Quillman £4 12s. for bringing Shipwrecked Seamen from Labrador to Halifax, making in the whole	13 16 0
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Horton, to pay Benjamin Terfry and Alexander Buchanan for taking care of and burying a Pauper named Robert Masters,	6 8 9
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Wilmot, County of Guysborough,	12 10 0
To Michael and Robert Geddes, Musquedoboit, for relief to a Transient Pauper,	10 0 0
To Jeremiah Seaman, Horton, for relief to Transient Paupers,	4 0 0
To John Ferguson, Overseer of the Poor for the Township of Sydney, C. B.	4 10 0
To Doctor Thomas O. Geddes, of Barrington, for expenses incurred and Medical attendance on two Seamen saved from the wreck of the brig Sarah Lovett, of St. Stephen's, New Brunswick,	77 9 3

£333 14 9½

£30 Wm. Sanford,  
Deaf and Dumb  
boy.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to continue the Education of William Sanford, a deaf and dumb lad, at the Asylum in Hartford, Connecticut, for another year, from the first of May next, in conformity with the prayer of the Petition, and the Report of the Committee on that subject.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty-two Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and placed

placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be drawn Twenty-six Pounds and Five Shillings annually, in the years 1846 and 1847, and paid towards defraying the expense of maintaining a deaf and dumb boy, the son of James Allison, of Windsor, at an Asylum at Hartford, Connecticut, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£52 10 Jas. Allison,  
deaf and dumb  
boy.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty-two Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be drawn Twenty-six Pounds and Five Shillings annually, in the years 1846 and 1847, and paid towards defraying the expense of maintaining a deaf and dumb boy, the son of James Stephens, of Horton, at an Asylum for the Education of such, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£52 10 James Ste-  
phens, do. do.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ninety Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be applied Forty-five Pounds annually in 1845 and 1846, under such guards as he may deem necessary to assist John Campbell, of St. Paul's Island, to send three of his Children to a Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

£90 John Campbell,  
do. do.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to aid in the completion of the Margaree Breakwater, it having been made appear that the Inhabitants have already subscribed and expended on such Breakwater more than three times the amount hereby granted.

£250 Margaree  
Breakwater.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Duncan McPhee, to enable him to maintain a Ferry between Low Point and the Sydney Mines, at the mouth of Spanish River, in the County of Cape-Breton—to be paid on the Certificate of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cape-Breton that he has faithfully discharged the duties assigned to him by such Sessions.

£20 Low Point  
Ferry.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the General Sessions of the Peace for County of Sydney, to be applied towards the placing of Buoys at the entrance of the Harbor of Antigonishe.

£15 Buoys at Anti-  
gonishe.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted to aid the Inhabitants in removing Rocks in the Sluice Passage between Great Tusket Island and the Main Land—to be drawn when it shall appear to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor that at least Twenty Pounds has been subscribed by the Inhabitants and actually expended on such undertaking.

£30 Removing  
Rocks, Tusket.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Everit's Landing, in the County of Digby, equal to one third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants and actually expended on said Breakwater—provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Twenty-five Pounds.

£25 Breakwater  
Everit's Landing  
Digby.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of the completion of the Meteghan Breakwater, in the Township of Clare, equal to one third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants, and actually expended on said Breakwater—provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Fifty Pounds.

£50 Meteghan  
Breakwater.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Sonias Cove, in the Township of Clare, equal to one third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants, and actually expended on said Breakwater—provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Twenty-five Pounds.

£25 Sonias Cove  
Breakwater, Clare.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency

£50 Breakwater  
Whale Cove, Clare.

lency the Lieutenant-Governor as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Whale Cove, in the Township of Clare, equal to one third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants and actually expended on said Breakwater—provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Sixty Pounds.

£50 Do. do. Givan's Cove, Cornwallis.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Givan's Cove, in King's County, equal to one third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants and actually expended on said Breakwater—provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Fifty Pounds.

£50 Do. Canady's Creek.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of building a Pier and re-building an additional Breakwater at Canady's Creek, in King's County, equal to one third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants and actually expended on such Pier and Breakwater—provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Fifty Pounds.

£25 Breakwater Marshall's Cove, Annapolis.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Marshall's Cove, in the Township of Wilmot, in the County of Annapolis, equal to one third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants and actually expended on said Breakwater—provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Twenty-five Pounds.

£500 Annually for 3 years Western Coast Steam Boat.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, annually, for three years, be granted and paid to such person or persons as shall, in each year, first establish and run weekly a suitable Steam Boat between Yarmouth and Halifax, touching at the intermediate Ports of Liverpool and Lunenburg—to be drawn by warrant from the Treasury when it shall be certified to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, that such Boat has plied between the said Ports, as hereinbefore mentioned, for seven months in each year.

£15 Buoys Barrington.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to repair or replace the Buoys on the West Ledge, in Barrington Passage.

£323 Contingent Expenses of H. A.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds be granted to defray the expenses of extra Messengers, and other services and articles for the House of Assembly, and for fuel, according to estimate; and also to pay the sum of Seventy-five Pounds towards a revision of the Laws, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject—the said sum to be drawn and applied by the Clerk of the House of Assembly, under the sanction of the Speaker.

£20 12 9 Stationary for H. A.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Nine-pence be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationary and Binding for the House of Assembly during the late Summer Session.

£1 5 4 Wm. Starr.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Four Pounds Five Shillings and Four-pence be granted and paid to William Starr, Seizing Officer at Cornwallis, being the Government proportion of a Seizure made by him during the last year, and paid into the Treasury, pursuant to the prayer of his Petition, and the recommendation of the Board of Revenue thereon.

£15 J. Woodin.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to John Woodin, for assistance to Captain Blagden and Francis Hays, of the Brigantine "John," wrecked on the Silver Keys, and brought to Halifax in the Schooner "Dartford," by order of the British Consul, at Cape Haytien, in pursuance of the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into such claim.

*Resolved*,

- Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds each, be granted and paid to Doctor Abraham Gesner, and Mr. John W. Dawson, for their attendance before the Committee on the subject of the Coal Mines. £20 each, Dr. Gesner and J. W. Dawson.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to John W. Harris, Esquire, High Sheriff in and for the County of Pictou, to repay his travelling and other expenses, while in attendance, by the order of the House, before the Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petitions relating to the late Election in and for the Township of Pictou, and also at the Bar of the House. £30 Sheriff of Pictou.
- Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to John Lewis Tremain, Esquire, Sub-Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at Port Hood, agreeably to the prayer of his Petition, and in accordance with the Report of a Committee of this House in 1844. £100 J. L. Tremain.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to encourage the running of the Steamer "St. George," weekly, between Pictou, Prince Edward's Island and Mirimachi, and once in each week from Pictou to St. Peter's Bay, touching to land Passengers and Mails at Canso and Arichat—to be drawn and paid to the owners of such Steamer, on their engagement to the satisfaction of His Excellency to perform such services. £350 Steamer between Pictou, P. E. Island, and Miramichi.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, annually, for the next three years, be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to compensate some person for carrying the Mails between Annapolis, Digby and St. John, N. B., at least once in each week, during such period—provided the said Mails be carried in a good and sufficient Steam Boat—the voyage to be extended to Annapolis, at all times when practicable—the said sum to be drawn quarterly, on the Certificate of the Deputy Post Master at Digby, that the duty has been faithfully performed. £200 Steamer between Annapolis and St. John, N. B.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twelve Pounds and Fifteen Shillings be granted and paid to Peter Crerar, being amount of his account for inspecting and making report of the state of the Roads and Bridges from Halifax to Pictou, and from Truro to Amherst. £12 15 P. Crerar.
- Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners for signing Treasury Notes, for their services, &c., in that Department for the last five years. £150 Comrs. for issuing Treasury Notes.
- Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province for his extra services in issuing and cancelling Treasury Notes during the past five years. £100 Pro. Treasurer.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Fourpence be granted and paid to the Honorable the Speaker, being balance of Monies advanced by him during the last year, to procure the Annual Register, and other Publications for the use of the House of Assembly. £22 16 4 to Speaker of H. A. balance for Books.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Honorable the Speaker, to procure various works and publications necessary for conducting the business of the House of Assembly. £15 to Speaker for Books.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Fourteen Pounds and Eleven Shillings be granted and paid to Daniel Wier and John Chambers, Commissioners for building the Bridge over the St. Croix River, being balance of expense incurred by them in that capacity, agreeably to the Report of the Committee. £14 11 Wier and al.
- Resolved unanimously*, That the sum of Four Thousand Dollars be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be applied for the relief of the sufferers by the late extensive Conflagration at Bridgetown, in the Island of Barbadoes. \$4000 Sufferers by fire at Barbadoes.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twelve Pounds be granted and paid to Margaret Nickerson, to enable her to keep a House of Entertainment on the Post Road from Shelburne to Barrington, in this present year. £12 M. Nickerson.

*Resolved*,

£10 Buoys at Cockawit Passage.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of replacing the Buoys in Cockawit Passage, in the County of Shelburne.

£15 Ferry Cape Sable Island.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted to William Cunningham and John Knowles, or such other person as shall keep a Ferry across the Narrows of the Passage between Cape Sable Island and the main—such persons being furnished with suitable Boats for the accommodation of Passengers—to be paid on Certificate of two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace residing in the Township of Barrington, that the said services have been performed for the present year.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st & 2d time,

The said Resolutions were read a first time, and, by unanimous order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do return the said Resolutions to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

Antigonishe Harbour Bill finally agreed to, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Antigonishe, was read as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Report Agricultural Bill without am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and promotion of Rural Economy in this Province, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future time.

Standing Order sus.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.

Bill read 3d time,

The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday next, at two o'clock.

Monday, 14th April, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Hon. PETER M'NAB,  
NORMAN F. UNIACKE,  
WILLIAM LAWSON,  
ALEXANDER STEWART,

The Hon. JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

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A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of the Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.

Message from H. A. agreeing to amdt. to Penitentiary Bill.

Also, with the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to alter the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

Poll at Elections,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and alter the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy.

Pictou Academy,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for supplying the City of Halifax with water.

Water Halifax, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Taxing Dogs in certain parts of the City of Halifax.

Dog Tax Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills was read a first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time at a future time.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills.

Standing Order sus.

The said Bills were read a second time.

Bills read 2d time,

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently.

And ord. to Com.

Mr. Lawson brought up the Petition of Henry Hatton, Chairman of a Meeting at Pictou, against moving the Poll for Pictou Township—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. of H. Hatton.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolutions :

A Resolution sub-dividing the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou.

Sub-division of Pictou Road Money.

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Eleven Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Five-pence be granted and paid to James B. Hadley, being balance due him for his services as Collector of Light Duties in the Gut of Canso, in the years 1843 and 1844, agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

£111 19 5 J. B. Hadley.

Resolved, That the sum of Seven Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds Three Shillings and Three-pence half-penny be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to defray that amount advanced and paid from the Treasury to support the Post Office Department for the last year.

£773 3 3½ Post Office.

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as will enable him to transmit to the Colonial Office Nine Pounds and Nine Shillings, Sterling, in payment of Reports of decisions of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

£9 9 Stg. of Colonial Office.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to Peter Cameron, to enable him to defray the expense of proceeding to Boston, for the purpose of having a tumour removed with which he is afflicted.

£25 P. Cameron.

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Chaplain of the Provincial Penitentiary a Salary at the rate of Forty Pounds per annum, from the date of his appointment, up to the present time.

£40 Chaplain of Penitentiary.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to John Chamberlain, towards remunerating him for his services in reporting the Debates for the present Session, agreeably to the prayer of his Petition.

£25 J. Chamberlain.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to John M. Kay, of the West River of Pictou, being expenses incurred by him as Commissioner for building the West River Bridge, agreeably to the Report of the Committee appointed

£10 J. McKay.

£6 14 J. Cameron. appointed to investigate the subject ; and also, the further sum of Six Pounds and Fourteen Shillings to John Cameron for his expenses in attending before such Committee.

£100 G. Mitchell. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to assist in paying the claim of George Mitchell against the New Glasgow Bridge, in the County of Pictou.

£10 E. Bulger. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Edward Bulger, as compensation for Land taken for the purpose of altering a Road, pursuant to the prayer of his Petition.

£62 10 Mail Carriers. *Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to direct an advance from the Treasury of Sixty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, to be paid to the following named persons, the respective sums following in accordance with the Report of the Committee on Post Office affairs, viz :

To William Davis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£30	0	0	
Lemuel Morehouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0	
William McDougall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	0	
J. B. Hadley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0	
Donald McLeod, in addition to his Salary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	0	
									£62	10	0

And that the same be provided for by Grant at the next ensuing Session of the Legislature.

Post Communication. *Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to direct such advances of monies from the Treasury as may be necessary to keep up the Post Communication throughout the Province for the current year, and that this House will provide for the granting thereof at the next ensuing Session of the General Assembly.

£10 Change of appropriation Horton. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds, granted in 1842 for the purpose of opening a new road from Beech Hill, in Horton, to Black River and thence to Fal-mouth, which has not been drawn, be appropriated to pay expenses incurred in the Survey of that road, in such manner as may be recommended and approved by the Members of the County.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st & 2d time, The said Resolutions were read a first time, and, by unanimous order, the said Resolutions were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

And sent to H. A. To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

Penitentiary Bill finally agreed to, and A Bill, entitled, An Act in amendment of the Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, was read as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

Sent to H. A. To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. McNab reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Report Poll at Elections Bill with am. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act further to alter the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives, and had made two amendments thereto. Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Tobin moved that the said report be not received : which, being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, three ; against the motion, five : Motion not to receive report,

For the Motion.

Mr. Kenny,  
Mr. Tobin,  
Mr. Bell.

Against the motion.

Mr. McNab, Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Lawson, Mr. Uniacke.  
Mr. Almon,

So it passed in the Negative. Negatived.

Then the said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows : Amdts. read,

FIRST CLAUSE.—21st line—leave out the word “four,” and insert instead thereof the word “nine”—after the word “days,” leave out all the words to the end of the thirtieth line.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill. Standing Order sus.

The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ? Bill read 3d time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to, and

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. Sent to H. A.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bill :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Richmond Bridge Company, for the purpose of erecting a Toll Bridge across the Harbour of Halifax. Richmond Bridge Co. Bill,

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time. Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill. Standing Order sus.

The said Bill was read a second time. Read 2d time,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. And ord. to Com.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. McNab reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through Report

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and alter the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy ; also, Pictou Academy,

An Act to authorize an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water ; also, Water Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Taxing Dogs in certain parts of the City of Halifax ; also, Dog Tax, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Richmond Bridge Company, for the purpose of erecting a Toll Bridge across the Harbour of Halifax, Richmond Bridge Co. Bills without amdt.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills. Standing Order sus.  
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- Bills read 3d time, The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,  
Whether this Bill shall pass ?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Appropriation Bill A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bill.  
A Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies for the service of the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-five, and for other purposes.  
To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Read 1st time. The said Bill was read a first time.
- Referred to Select Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Tobin and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Report of Com. Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found it correct, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Standing Order sus. *Resolved unanimously*, That the standing order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.
- Bill read 2d time, The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently.
- Committed. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. McNab reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Reported without amdt. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.
- Read 3d time, The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,  
Whether this Bill shall pass ?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them, that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Message from H. A. not agreeing to amds. to Poll at Elections Bill. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden,  
To inform the House, that the House of Assembly did not agree to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act further to alter the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.
- Amdt. considered, The House proceeded to the consideration of their amendments to the said Bill.  
The same were read, and
- And adhered to, On motion, *resolved*, that the said amendments be adhered to.
- And Message to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House adhere to their amendments to the said Bill.
- £153 10 10 Printing. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolutions :  
*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to direct an advance from the Treasury of One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten-pence, to be paid to the following persons, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Printing, &c.

Jacob Kuhn, (Spirit of the Times)	£5 0 0
Gossip & Coade, (Times)	5 16 3
English & Blackadar, (Recorder)	7 7 6
John H. Croskill, Esquire, balance allowed him on his account as rendered,	135 7 1
	£153 10 10

And that the House will provide for the same at the next Session.

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to direct advances from the Treasury of such sums as may be required towards defraying the expense of Public Printing—provided the Accounts for said Printing are properly certified, and provided that no greater sum shall be advanced in the whole than Five Hundred Pounds, and the House will provide for the same at its next Session.

Expenses of Printing.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time, and, by unanimous order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,

Read 1st and 2d time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to and Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,

To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.

At five of the clock, p. m., His Excellency the Right Honorable Lucius Bentinck, Viscount FALKLAND, Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to Twenty-six Bills, entitled as follows:

H. E. comes to Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.

H. E. assents to 26 Bills.

Halifax Incorporation.  
Atlantic Marine Insurance Co.  
Marshall's Cove Pier.  
Tracadie Oysters.

Agricultural Societies.  
Highways, Maitland.

Maxwelton Poor.

Polls at Elections.

Shad Fishery, King's Co.  
Light Houses.

Sessions, Inverness.

School, Lunenburg.

Funded Debt.

Statute Labor.

Schools.

An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company.

An Act to Incorporate the Marshall's Cove Pier Company.

An Act to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney.

An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies.

An Act to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

An Act to divide the Township of Maxwelton into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

An Act in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

An Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County.

An Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses.

An Act to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to repeal the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg.

An Act relating to the Funded Debt of this Province.

An Act to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.

An Act for the encouragement of Schools.

- School Halifax. An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.
- Firewards Antigonishe. An Act to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards.
- Harbor Master Spanish River. An Act to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape-Breton.
- Antigonishe Harbor. An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Antigonishe.
- Agriculture. An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province.
- Penitentiary. An Act in amendment of the Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.
- Pictou Academy. An Act to amend and alter the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy.
- Water Halifax. An Act to authorise an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water.
- Dox Tax. An Act for Taxing Dogs in certain parts of the City of Halifax.
- Richmond Bridge. An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Richmond Bridge Company, for the purpose of erecting a Toll Bridge across the Harbor of Halifax.
- Appropriation. An Act for applying certain Monies for the service of the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-five, and for other purposes,  
After which His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following SPEECH :

Speech.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;*

THE public business having been brought to a close, I have great pleasure in relieving you from further attendance in General Assembly.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;*

I THANK you, on behalf of the Queen, for the provision you have made for the support of Her Majesty's Government.

It shall be my care that the Monies which have been granted by you be faithfully applied and economically expended.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;*

I CANNOT dismiss you without expressing my satisfaction at the attention you have given to the several subjects recommended by me to your notice in my Speech at the opening of the Session ; and I am especially gratified by your having passed an Act by which the means of Education are placed within the reach of the children of the poorer classes residing in the distant and scattered Settlements of the Province.

In parting from you for a season, I perform a pleasing duty in testifying that I have recognized in all the measures you have adopted the influence of sound and constitutional principles, honorable alike to yourselves as Legislators, and to the moral and loyal people who inhabit this favored portion of the Empire, of whose interests you are the best interpreters.

Then the President of the Council, by His Excellency's command, said—

*Gentlemen ;*

Prorogation.

IT is the pleasure of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday, the fifth day of June next, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the fifth day of June next, to be then here held.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,  
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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*Downing-Street, 31st January, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch of the 17th December, 1843, No. 199, enclosing a Letter addressed to yourself, by the Agent for the General Mining Association, requesting that the yearly Rent payable under the Company's Lease might be remitted. In deference to Your Lordship's opinion, I declined to recommend this request to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for their sanction. But, on the 5th instant, I received from the Association a Letter, of which I enclose a copy, soliciting permission to raise and sell, annually, 50,000 Newcastle Chaldrons of Coal, instead of 20,000, on account of the Rent payable by them, and without the exaction of any Royalty in respect of this increased produce. To this proposal there appears to be no valid objection, provided that the proposed concession should not continue in force for more than some definite period, varying from a minimum of five to a maximum of ten years. But although such is the opinion which, in concurrence with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I have adopted on this subject, I have not thought it right that any step should be taken, or assurance given on the subject, binding in any degree on Her Majesty's Government, until Your Lordship shall have first maturely weighed the proposal. Should you think it unobjectionable, you will consider and report to me what should be the corresponding modification of the terms of the Lease, and it will be in your power at once to apprise the Company's Agent in the Province, that such a change in the terms of the arrangement is to take effect. If, on the other hand, Your Lordship should see good reason to dissuade the adoption of this course, you will inform the Agent that such is the conclusion that you are about to report to me, and that, in the meantime, the question must remain upon its present footing.

The Company in this Country have been apprised of the discretionary power thus vested in Your Lordship, to give, or to decline giving effect, to the views of Her Majesty's Government on the subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor, The VISCOUNT FALKLAND,  
&c. &c. &c.

Copy

COPY.

*General Mining Association, 52, Old Broad Street,  
London, 5th January, 1844.*

MY LORD—

On the 23d February last I had the honor of receiving a Communication from Mr. Hope, transmitting, by direction of Your Lordship, the copy of a Letter from Mr. Trevelyan, conveying the decision of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, to remit for the year just closed, the Royalty payable by the Association on the Coal raised from the Mines leased to them in Nova-Scotia to the extent of 20,000 Chaldrons, Newcastle measure, beyond the quantity covered by the Rent paid by the Association.

This concession, obtained as it was on the recommendation of Your Lordship, was most thankfully received by the Association, who had strong hopes that the reduction in the selling price of the Coal which they were thus enabled to effect would insure its sale in the markets of the United States, by placing it in a better position to meet the competition caused by the existing Tariff of Duties levied on all Foreign Coal imported into that Country. In this expectation, however, I lament to inform Your Lordship, the Mining Association have been altogether disappointed; the sales of the Coal during the past year having fallen off, compared with the year 1842, to an extent exceeding 10,000 Chaldrons; and the Agent of the Company in Nova Scotia has found it necessary to give notice to all the workmen employed at their principal Colliery at Pictou, that they must hold themselves in readiness to quit the Mines in the expectation of their being closed.

In the discharge of his duty as Agent to the Association, Mr. Cunard has addressed a letter to Lord Falkland, setting forth the present position of the Company's affairs at the close of the Shipping season, and entreating His Excellency to recommend to Your Lordship a permanent modification in the existing payments to the Crown for Rent and Royalty, without which it will be quite impossible to carry on the operations much longer, in the face of such a continued falling off in the shipments of Coal from the Mines, and being informed that a copy of that letter has been transmitted to Your Lordship, it is my duty unequivocally to corroborate every fact therein stated, proving, as it does, the utter inability to sustain a competition in the American markets; it being now unfortunately too manifest that "the difficulty occasioned by the altered Tariff of the United States is not a temporary one," and has not been "counteracted to any extent by the recent increase of the Coal Export Duty in England," this duty when exported in British vessels to the United States being only 2s. per Ton, whilst the Association have to complain of the entire removal of an Export Duty of 11s. per Ton which existed at the time they entered upon the Lease of the Nova Scotia Mines, the abrogation of which so seriously depreciated its value, and without which protection the Association would not have accepted a Lease under such a heavy Rent and Royalty, or made so large an investment in a new Country, with any hope of competing successfully with Coal raised in Great Britain. I will not venture to trouble Your Lordship by again repeating the many other grounds on which, in the judgment of the Mining Association, their claim to relief, as respects the Rent and Royalty they pay, was fully borne out, and which they conceive have now a double force in recommending their present application to your favorable attention. The Company would reluctantly ask for any reduction in the Rent at present paid, knowing its mode of appropriation and the serious inconvenience which might possibly arise from its non-payment to the Casual Revenue of the Province, I am therefore respectfully instructed to state that, whilst the Association express their willingness to continue the payment of the existing Rent, (which, with the Royalty, forms an aggregate payment to the Crown, since the commencement of operations, of upwards of £70,000 Currency,) they trust Your Lordship will be of opinion, looking to the unfortunate position of their affairs, and the struggles they are making to  
continue

continue the working of the Mines, in the success of which the whole Province is so deeply interested, that the Association is not asking too much at the hands of Her Majesty's Government in requesting that the Rent now paid may cover a yearly sale of 50,000 Chaldrons, Newcastle measure, before any Royalty becomes payable, and that such arrangement may be permanently established for the remaining term of their Lease.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT MOSER, *Chairman.*

Kight Honorable the LORD STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

Permit me to add, that in this undertaking about £300,000 has been laid out by the Shareholders, and not one penny of interest or dividend has yet been divided among them. Two of the Collieries have been abandoned, and a third is now in peril of the same fate.

(Signed)

ROBERT MOSER.

COPY.

No. 167.

*Downing Street, 3rd June, 1844.*

MY LORD—

The accompanying Memorial of the Chairman and Directors of the General Mining Association of Nova-Scotia having been transmitted by that Body to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, has, by their Lordships, more recently been communicated to me.

Her Majesty's Government are disposed to accede to the proposition of the Company for the extension of the term of their tenure of the Mines. We are also of opinion that it would be desirable to accede to their proposal for modifying the agreement in regard to the Royalty, to which, as a temporary measure, Your Lordship was authorized to accede by my Despatch of the 31st January last, No. 152. But, referring to the statement in the Memorial, that, in the course of the discussion relating to the Civil List, some question had been raised affecting the rights of the Association, both as Sub-Lessees, under the Grant to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and as Tenants of the Crown; I cannot state to Your Lordship too distinctly that Her Majesty will not be advised to assent to any Act for the cession of the Crown Revenue which shall not provide in specific and comprehensive terms for the maintenance and integrity of all rights and titles under existing Grants, Leases or Agreements. Full provision to this effect was made in the Civil List of New-Brunswick, nor would it be compatible with the honor of the Crown to depart from that precedent.

On referring to the Address to Her Majesty from the House of Assembly, which accompanies Your Lordship's Despatch of 10th May, No. 236, I perceive that the House, while disclaiming any desire that the existing obligations on the part of the Crown to the Company should be infringed, refer to the terms of the Lease as yet being open to adjustment, and solicit that the Lease may be submitted to the Provincial Legislature before it is finally executed. Her Majesty is graciously pleased to assent to this request, yet the terms in which it is preferred seem to require that this assent should be qualified by the declaration I have already made.

Your Lordship is aware of the pendency before the Queen, in Council, of a Petition disputing the validity of the annexation of Cape Breton to Nova-Scotia in the year 1820. It will probably be necessary that you should hold an extraordinary Session of the Provincial Legislature, in order to submit to them the question whether they will constitute Agents to appear on their behalf to oppose that Petition. At the same time it would be expedient that the present proposals of the General Mining Association should be brought under the notice of the Legislative Council and Assembly, and recommended for their sanction. The adoption of it by the  
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Local Legislature could, I apprehend, in no contingency be otherwise than advantageous to the Province.

In the contingency of the failure of the Petition to the Queen, in Council, it may reasonably be doubted whether such terms as the present, if now rejected, would then be offered by the Association.

Respecting the convening the Legislature in an extraordinary Session to consider of the Petition from Cape-Breton, I shall address Your Lordship in a separate Despatch; but whether by the present or by the ensuing Mail must remain in some degree of doubt, until a correspondence on the subject in which I am engaged with the Lord President of the Council shall have reached its close.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor, The VISCOUNT FALKLAND,  
&c. &c. &c.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS  
OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

The Humble Memorial of the Chairman and Directors of the General Mining Association,

SHEWETH:

That the recent agitation in the House of Assembly at Halifax, of the question affecting the rights of the General Mining Association conveyed to them, both as Sub-Lessees of the Grant to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and as Tenants of the Crown, in connection with the settlement of the Civil List, and the doubt which has been expressed by the Local Legislature, and embodied in an Address to the Queen, of the sufficiency of the agreement for a Lease of the Reserved Mines of Pictou and Sydney, (the draft of which, as prepared by Your Lordship's Solicitor, is in possession of your Memorialists) under which they have been worked, and payments made to the Crown to the amount of upwards of Seventy Thousand Pounds, Currency, has compelled your Memorialists to address Your Lordships on this important subject, in order that the completion of the said Lease may be no longer delayed.

That with the view of an amicable arrangement of the litigation in the Court of Chancery with the Representatives of the late Duke of York, which has been pending for so long a period, your Memorialists have submitted a mode of compromise which they have every reason to believe will be acceded to, if Your Lordships will afford them relief by a modification of the payment at present made to the Crown in the shape of Rent and Royalty.

That your Memorialists are informed that the Reserved Mines, not included in the original Grant to the Duke of York, and of which they are in possession as before stated, under the agreement for a Lease, form one of the points which have been the subject of frequent discussion between Her Majesty's Government and the Duke's Representatives. Your Memorialists therefore, with the view of removing this ground of contention, have expressed their willingness to acquiesce in an arrangement by which the Duke's representatives shall participate in the benefits arising from the working of these Mines, in common with those comprehended in the original Grant—provided Your Lordships will consent to an arrangement by which the fixed Annual Rent of Three Thousand Pounds, Sterling, per annum, shall cover a shipment of Coals to the extent of Fifty Thousand Chaldrons, Newcastle measure, a Royalty of Two Shillings, Currency, per Chaldron, of the same measure, being paid on the excess of shipments beyond that quantity, and that with these conditions the Lease be forthwith completed.

That your Memorialists were most thankful for the relief afforded to the Association last year by a remission, with Your Lordship's sanction, of a portion of the Royalty; but having still to lament a falling off in their shipments of Coal exceeding 12000 Chaldrons during the past season, and after an expenditure of a Capital

of more than Three Hundred Thousand Pounds, without one shilling of return to the Shareholders, they are reluctantly driven once more to seek relief from Your Lordships by an arrangement which, while it will enable your Memorialists, as they hope and believe, to effect a satisfactory settlement with the Duke of York's representatives, will at the same time materially relieve the Association from the burthen of the Royalty which they find it impossible to sustain with any reasonable prospect of success in their extensive operations.

Your Memorialists therefore most earnestly trust that Your Lordships will afford them your co-operation and assistance in the manner and to the extent they have humbly solicited, so that your Memorialists may be enabled to continue the working of the Mines without the fear of any future interference or doubt as to their rights under the Lease, and also to attain the important object of a final arrangement with the representatives of the late Duke of York. And your Memorialists will ever pray.

*By Order of the Board of Directors,*

(Signed)

ROBERT MOSER, *Chairman.*

GENERAL MINING ASSOCIATION,

52, Old Broad Street, 23d May, 1844.

COPY.

No. 199.

*Government House, Halifax, 17th Decr., 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have the honor to inclose a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Cunard, the Agent of the General Mining Association in Nova Scotia, by which it appears that that gentleman, not satisfied with the remission made last year of two shillings Royalty per Chaldron to the extent of 20,000 Chaldrons, Newcastle measure, now seeks, on behalf of his employers, for the remission of the yearly Rent which the Company are, by the terms of the Lease, bound to pay. Your Lordship will at once perceive that if this request be acceded to, all hope of any satisfactory arrangement with regard to the Civil List must be given up; and I really cannot conceive how it will be possible, under such circumstances, to carry on the Government of Nova Scotia. I therefore trust that Your Lordship will decline complying with the request of Mr. Cunard.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable the LORD STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

COPY.

*Halifax, 6th Decr., 1843.*

MY LORD—

The season for shipping Coal at the Albion Mines having closed, and very little more can now be shipped from the Sydney Mines, I beg to lay before Your Lordship a statement of the shipments for the year.

At the commencement of the year Lord Stanley was pleased to make a remission in the Royalty of 2s. Currency, per Chaldron, Newcastle measure, to the extent of 20,000 Chaldrons, (an indulgence that we have not been able to avail of, having only shipped half that quantity, on which duty would have to be paid,) and I received instructions from the Directors in London to make a corresponding reduction in the price to the manufacturers and others in the United States; but I found that I could not dispose of any at that rate, and was compelled to take upon myself the responsibility of a reduction of 6s. the Newcastle Chaldron (or 3s. Winchester measure) otherwise I should not have sold a single Chaldron in the States.

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The general use of Anthracite Coal, and the high duty exacted, operate nearly to a prohibition of the use of Foreign Coal. Notwithstanding this great reduction in the price, the shipments this year have fallen far short of former years.

	Sydney and Bridgeport.	Pictou.	Total.	
1841.	51,670.	40,110.	91,780.	} Chaldrons } Winchester } Measure.
1842.	48,616.	30,050.	78,666.	
1843 to } 25th Nov. }	42,150.	19,582.	61,732.	

The deductions made from the Mines' price this year amount to £4,103 18 5  
The allowance in the Royalty under Lord Stanley's order being only on 21,732 Winchester Chaldrons, or 10,866 Newcastle, at 2s.

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Shewing a deduction from the Mines' price of upwards of £3000 beyond the sum allowed by Lord Stanley. In addition to which the Association are obliged to give long credits, in which they have sustained heavy losses by failures. Under these circumstances, I hope and trust that Your Lordship will see the equity of relieving the Association from the payment of any Rent or Royalty in future, or until the annual shipments shall amount to 50,000 Newcastle Chaldrons, after which the Association would be in a position to pay a Royalty. To close the Pictou Mines would be a great loss to the Province, and a dreadful sacrifice to the Association, after the great expense that has been incurred; but, unless Lord Stanley should be pleased to grant relief, I do not see any other course to pursue than to close the Mines, and to send the Engines, Rails, &c. to the States for sale.

I do not think it necessary to trouble Your Lordship with a long statement at this time, having fully explained the affairs of the Association in a Letter I had the honor of addressing to Your Lordship, dated 22d December, 1842.

The Association made an unfortunate arrangement with the Government, in total ignorance of the difficulties they had to contend with—they have struggled along for a period of seventeen years, and have paid a very large amount into the Revenue, beside expending all their capital, and it may not appear unreasonable, under such circumstances, to ask for a remission of Rent. I am sure Your Lordship would not be disposed to exact Rent from Tenants so situated; and I hope Lord Stanley will look upon the Association as unfortunate Tenants, who have expended all their means before they applied to their Landlords for relief, and that His Lordship will grant them the relief prayed for.

No Rent or Royalty is obtained from Coal raised in any of the other Colonies, and this Province has already had all the advantages from the vast expenditure made by the Association.

As our arrangements for the ensuing year will much depend upon Lord Stanley's consideration of our application, I have to beg that you will be pleased to request an early reply. I am sure you will bear testimony to the zeal and diligence devoted by me to the management of the Mines since you have governed the Province.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

S. CUNARD,

*Agent for the General Mining Association.*

His Excellency VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

No. 236.

COPY.

*Government House, Halifax, May 10th., 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have the honor to forward an Address from the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia to the Queen, on the subject of the Bill which has been lately passed

passed by the Provincial Legislature, with a view of granting a Civil List to Her Majesty, in lieu of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown in this Colony.

This Address ought to have been transmitted with my Despatch, No. 225, date 26th April, 1844, which accompanied the Bill above mentioned; and I have to express my regret that it did not do so, but was accidentally left out of the inclosure.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable The LORD STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

COPY.

No. 262.

*Government House, Halifax, 2d August, 1844.*

MY LORD—

With reference to my Despatch No. 249, date July 2, 1844, being in answer to your private Letter of the 3d June last, relative to the concession asked for in the Petition of the Mining Association, viz: That they should hereafter be allowed to raise 50,000 Chaldrons, *Newcastle measure*, in consideration of the annual payment to the Crown of a Rent of £3000 Sterling, a Royalty of 2s. Currency per Chaldron being paid on the excess of shipments above that quantity, and in which you express a desire, should I not think it advisable to recommend the proposal to the favorable consideration of the Assembly, to receive my opinion, and that of my Executive Council on the subject, I have to inform you that on the return of the Members of Council to Halifax, immediately previous to the recent meeting of Parliament, I submitted to the Board Your Lordship's Letter above alluded to, as well as my communication in reply. With regard to the individual opinion I expressed in that communication that the relief proposed to be granted to the Petitioners was nothing more than might reasonably be afforded them, I would explain that it was founded on the single view of the case, as one existing between a Lessor and Lessee, who had concluded a bargain under the impression that both would derive benefit from its stipulations, whereas one of the contracting parties, (the Lessee) had been, whether by extravagant management or not, unexpectedly ruined. Regarding the matter in this light, I felt that were it a case between private persons, the utmost liberality would probably be extended to the suffering party. On consulting the Council however, as to the expediency of proposing the concession demanded to the Assembly, and recommending its adoption on the ground that the arrangement would be beneficial to the Province, it became necessary to review the reasons to be given why it would be desirable that a settlement of the question between the Duke of York's Creditors and the Mining Association should be effected on the terms above mentioned; and I confess that a consideration of the arguments by which a proposal of the kind would certainly be met in the Provincial Legislature, has led me to modify my opinion very considerably, if not as to the equity of the proposition on the part of the Association, at any rate as to any benefit which Nova-Scotia would derive from the amicable conclusion of a suit in which the Province has no interest whatever that I can discover.

Your Lordship states that "the Province, of course, could obtain nothing from the Crown which shall not ultimately be determined to belong to the Crown. The interests therefore of the Province as against the Creditors of the Duke of York are identical with those of the Crown, and it is obviously for the interests of both that the question with them should be settled."

This would be met by a counter statement on the part of the Provincial Legislature, that—the Duke of York's Creditors claim the Mines of Cape Breton. The Vice Chancellor has intimated an opinion in favor of this claim, which would give to those Creditors the Bridgeport Mines, now unworked, and also the Mines at Spanish

Spanish River, commonly called the Sydney Mines, unless these latter shall be found to be included (which the Bridgeport Mines are not) in the reservation of Mines already under Lease when the Duke of York's Lease was granted—in which case they belong to the Mining Association, under the agreement made by them with the Crown. It has been but recently understood, that at the time the Grant passed to the Duke of York, a then existing Lease to the Messrs. Bown, (a copy of which I have been unable to obtain, but which I will send by the next Packet,) of the Spanish River Mines, was more comprehensive in its terms than it was known to be, and it is thought the Mines which Messrs. Bown held under such Lease could not pass to the Duke or his Representatives, being comprehended within the reservations of the Lease to His Royal Highness. Admitting, however, that all these points in the pending suit shall be determined in favor of the Creditors of the Duke of York, it is not easy to perceive how the interests of Nova-Scotia could be prejudicially affected by the decision, because the Mining Association, were it decreed that they were Lessees under the Duke of York's Creditors to the full extent claimed by these, would, under the terms of the Duke of York's Lease, pay to the Crown more than the Mining Association now actually pay, as clearly appears from the following statement :

*Statement shewing the difference between the Duke of York's Lease and the subsequent agreement with the Mining Association, as far as regards the payment of Rent and Royalties for Coals in the Province of Nova-Scotia.*

Suppose 40,000 Chaldrons, Newcastle measure, to be raised in the year : 40,000 Chaldrons, Newcastle measure, are equal to 96,363 tons, which, under the Duke of York's Lease, pay 1s. per ton, or

£4818 3 0 Stg.

The Mining Association raising the same quantity, would, under their agreement, pay for the first 20,000 Chaldrons the fixed annual rent of

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And for the next 20,000 Chaldrons 2s. Currency, or 1s. 7½ Sterling, per Chaldron, amounting to

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Therefore the Mining Association would pay in all The difference between which, and £4818 3s. payable under the Duke of York's Lease is

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Being a balance in favor of the Province to that amount.

Under these circumstances, the Executive Council felt they could not concur in representing to the House of Assembly, who are fully aware of all the facts I have stated, that any benefit could accrue to the Province from the assent of the Legislature being obtained to such an arrangement as that proposed by Your Lordship, in your private Letter of the 3d June, and in your Despatch, No. 167, therein referred to.

There is less hope of inducing the House to come to such a conclusion, because it is known that the Mines have been worked profitably, and might be so again by any parties who had not sunk, and that most unnecessarily, as shewn in my Despatch, No. 54, date 24th March, 1842, and the report which accompanied it, an enormous sum of money.

The former Lessees of the Cape Breton Mines alone, though their sale, which was limited to Colonial consumption, had never come up in any one year to 9,000 Chaldrons, Winchester measure, paid to the Crown in 1826 more than £2,900, and yet, for several years previous to the Duke of York's Lease, realized on this small quantity a profit of £3000 Sterling, per annum, on an average.

In proof of the value of the Mines in prudent hands, I may refer to a memorandum, a copy of which I endorse, dated 20th May, 1832, and sent home by Sir Peregrine Maitland, in which it is stated that an offer of £6000 Sterling, per annum,

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was made for the Cape Breton Mines alone, and the individual making it, one of the principal Merchants in Halifax, was prepared to extend his offer to £7000.

At this very time there are gentlemen to be found here who would willingly pay a handsome Rent to the Government for unopened Mines, and enter into competition with the Association—which shews that, if the Company has suffered much, the Crown has likewise suffered severely, as it is evident that in the hands of Colonial Speculators, who would have limited the quantity raised, and the expenditure consequent upon it, to the consumption, the various Mines would by this time have realized to the Government probably from £10,000 to £12,000 per annum.

I admit and regret the state to which the Association is reduced, but know that if the Mines were granted to them for nothing, they never could hope to repay themselves the money they have lost, either principal or interest; and the House of Assembly, aware of this, and feeling that the Province loses annually some thousands a year in consequence of the bad management of the Association, would certainly refuse to grant them any further indulgence.

Under these circumstances, it is for Your Lordship to consider whether you will make the concession asked for to the Mining Company, and reject the Civil List Bill, or whether you will accept that Bill, and refuse further relief to the Association.

I confess that the latter course, however painful it may be, seems to me the only one which can be adopted.

In conclusion, I feel it right to allude to what Your Lordship says in your Despatch, No. 167, “that Her Majesty’s Government are disposed to accede to the proposition of the Company for the extension of the term of their tenure of the Mines.”

No such proposition appears in the copy of the Memorial transmitted to me, but I do not hesitate to say that this or any other arrangement which shall alter the terms on which the Association held the Mines at the time at which the House of Assembly passed the Civil List Bill, will go far to render any settlement of that question impossible.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable LORD STANLEY, &c.

No. 265.

*Government House, Halifax, August 16th, 1844.*

MY LORD—

With reference to my Despatch, No. 262, date 3d instant, I have now the honor to enclose, for Your Lordship’s information, a Copy of the Lease to Messrs. Bown, therein mentioned, which I think will be found to substantiate the opinion I then entertained as to the comprehensiveness of its terms.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship’s

Obedient Servant,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The LORD STANLEY.

COPY,

*Downing Street, 3d January, 1845.*

MY LORD—

Before Your Lordship’s receipt of this Despatch, the period of holding the Annual Session of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, will have so nearly arrived, as to prohibit any longer postponement in announcing to you the course which it is proposed to pursue regarding the Provincial Civil List Act of the Session 1844. I have hitherto postponed that announcement in the hope that the difficulties,

which

which have thus far opposed any final decision, would, ere now, have been surmounted, but they still exist in almost undiminished force.

First, the pendency of the debate respecting the annexation of Cape Breton to Nova-Scotia, renders it scarcely possible to form any firm conclusion on the question of the proposed financial settlement.—Secondly, the continuance of the litigation between the legal Representatives of the late Duke of York and the Nova-Scotia Mining Association and the Crown, creates impediments of another and scarcely a less serious nature; and thirdly, a proposal, which has recently been made for compromising that litigation, may, if accepted, affect the basis on which the negotiation for the Grant of a Civil List has hitherto proceeded. Although this proposal has not been acceded to, the terms submitted are still under discussion, and I have reason to anticipate that a compromise may result from them.

Under these circumstances, it is impossible that Her Majesty should be advised to take, at present, the steps necessary for giving effect to the Civil List Act. Neither indeed have I sufficient grounds to expect that it will be possible to adopt those steps hereafter, unless the House of Assembly, after carefully considering the terms of the contemplated compromise, shall be of opinion, that the effect of it is not such as to require a departure, on their side, from the terms of the proposals which they have already made.

The negotiations with the legal Representatives of the Duke of York and with the Mining Association, not having yet reached their close, I am unable to communicate to you the effect of them. But I trust that the Treaty will have advanced far enough for that purpose, before the departure of the next ensuing Mail.

In the meantime, this Despatch will enable you to explain the actual state of this question to the two Houses of Provincial Legislature.

I have, &c., &c., &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

APPENDIX No. 2.

(See Page 11.)

CIRCULAR.

*Downing Street, 7th August, 1844.*

MY LORD—

It is my pleasing duty to announce to you, that on the morning of the 6th instant, at ten minutes before 8 o'clock, the Queen was happily delivered of a Prince, to the great joy of the Nation, and of all the Royal Family. Her Majesty and the Infant Prince have, through Divine Mercy, continued to do well up to the present time.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Hon. VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c.

APPENDIX No. 3.

(See Page 12.)

No. 170.

*Downing Street, 10th June, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch of the 13th May, No. 238, with an Address to the Queen, and other Documents, from the

the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, on the subject of the expense and management of the Post Office at Halifax, and the rate of the Inter-Colonial Postage.

In the absence of any expression of Your Lordship's opinion, upon the measures recommended in that Address, it is not in my power to take the Queen's pleasure on the answer which it may be proper that Her Majesty should return to it.

I have therefore to request that Your Lordship will furnish me, at any early period, with your report upon the several points referred to in this application.

I have, &c.

(Signed) STANLEY.

Lt. Governor, The VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

No. 272.

*Government-House, Halifax, September 17th, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 170, dated 10th June, 1844, desiring that I will furnish you with a Report upon the several points referred to in the Resolutions passed by the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia during the last Session, in regard to the Post Office Department in this Province, which Resolutions, together with an Address to Her Majesty, were forwarded with my Despatch, No. 238, date 13th May, 1844.

On a careful consideration of those Resolutions, it appears to me, with regard to the first, that although there is nothing unjust in itself in the proposal contained in it, yet, under all the circumstances connected with the transmission of the Mails from England through this Province, and the benefit that is anticipated, as well as the convenience now enjoyed, from the Steam Packets making Halifax their point of arrival and departure, it may seem ungracious, and be, perhaps, not ultimately prudent to press too closely these pecuniary calculations on the Department in England. If the Postmaster General is content that the Province shall enjoy the benefit in case the Packet Postage shall exceed the expenditure, it would seem not unreasonable that the Province should bear the loss when the Revenue falls short of the expenses; and it may not be without advantage hereafter that the Province should stand in such a relation to the Post Office Department, as it will have a tendency to give it a voice in a matter in which it bears the pecuniary interest. If, however, the authorities in England intend to take the benefit of the Revenue, should the receipt hereafter exceed the expenditure, then it would appear but fair they should now act on that principle, and bear the present excess of expenditure over the receipts.

These remarks are meant to apply solely to the expenses of the Post Office Establishment in Halifax, and have no reference to the charge incurred for the transmission of the English Mails through Nova-Scotia to Canada and New Brunswick.

This Province has a right to complain, if made to bear the whole of these expenses.

In the case of the Contract to Truro and Pictou, the claim of Nova-Scotia for contribution is strong, as that Contract was not entered into in England until the House of Assembly had, in answer to the enquiry of the British Government, stated the proportion of the whole sum which it was willing to bear, that is to say, £550 Sterling, and the arrangement was made on the plain understanding that Canada and New Brunswick should bear their proportion. This is apparent on reference to Lord John Russell's Despatch, No. 16, dated 17th November, 1840, enclosing the Postmaster General's Letter of 31st October, 1840, submitted to the House of Assembly on the 8th February, 1841, and the Resolution of the House of the 17th March and 6th of April, in that year, (Journal, 1841, p. 21, 106, 179, and Appendix, p. 11, 12, and Resolutions of the Assembly, 17th March, 1842, Journals of 1842, p. 342.)

The second Resolution opens a very reasonable ground of complaint. Nothing can

can be more unsatisfactory than the rate of Internal Provincial Postage, and the constantly occurring comparison between these rates and those on Letters from England, cannot fail to keep up the dissatisfaction. A Letter from England, which comes to Halifax for 1s. Sterling, would cost nearly as much, in some instances more, to send it on to New Brunswick, or even to some parts of Nova-Scotia, to say nothing of Canada, should the absence of the party from Halifax, on its arrival, require such transmission.

3.—The proposal, therefore, in the third Resolution, of an uniform rate of reduced Postage, seems well worthy of consideration.

The chief objection is anticipated loss of Revenue. Should this be the result in the first instance, it might not be a permanent consequence of the change, and the indirect benefits of increased communication would compensate for some augmentation.

The Province, however, is not in a condition to bear any very largely increased burden in this service, and as the Imperial Government will doubtless require from the Assembly an engagement to make good any deficiency of Revenue which may result from the proposed alteration should it be concurred in, the Province is alone interested in the chief matter of doubt and enquiry, viz: the probable increase of expense in supporting the Post Office Establishment, and it is not unlikely the Assembly would deem it necessary to review its considerations on this head before finally adopting the measure, should it be permitted to entertain the question.

4.—The adoption of the course mentioned in this Resolution, as often as existing Contracts expire, seems to be attended with no mischief.

5.—To carry into effect the object of the fifth Resolution, the authority of the Imperial Parliament would be necessary. The measure has already been attempted by the introduction of a Bill, which was sent from England, under sanction of the Government, and introduced into the Assembly in 1835, and reported upon in 1836, (see Journals of 1836, p. 10, 47, and Appendix 73,) which Bill did not pass into Law here, and was rejected by the Legislature of Canada and New Brunswick, to which it was likewise offered. It is evident, therefore, that unless the views of the Post Office authorities in England on this subject are changed, the House of Assembly must modify those expressed in their Resolution, No. 5, or things must remain on their present footing.

6.—The object of this Resolution is connected with the preceding. In what measure the business of the Department here can be facilitated by the Postmaster General, that Officer appears to be left to judge, as the Assembly has not found themselves prepared to point out any distinct remedy for the evil complained of.

7.—Every facility in the transmission of Newspapers and Periodicals is desirable, and therefore the object of this Resolution is worthy of approval. Indeed it would be beneficial could the charge now paid for the transmission of Newspapers be diminished, if not altogether discontinued.

8.—The principle of this is the same as the preceding. If an objection from the weight shall be against the transmission of Reviews, &c. further than Halifax, yet it would not apply to their being sent as far as Halifax by the Packets. An arrangement of this nature would be beneficial to this Province, and might assist the other Provinces, by bringing such Publications so far on their way, in case arrangements could be made in the Colonies for their further transmission.

I have, &c. &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

Right Honorable LORD STANLEY.

## APPENDIX No. 4.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

No. 171.

*Downing Street, 13th June, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 216, of the 2nd March, inclosing a Report from the Attorney General of Nova-Scotia, in answer to the objection raised in my Despatch, No. 142, of the 4th November last, to the confirmation of the Act, No. 2400, passed by the Legislature of that Province, for amending and continuing for one year the Light House Duty Acts.

I have to acquaint Your Lordship that, as Vessels trading with the Province are required to pay Light Duties on their arrival within its Ports; and as it is impossible to frame a scale of charges for Lights which shall bear an accurately just relation to the benefits received by the Vessels charged with this tax, I have not thought it right to press the objections to the present Act, contained in my previous Despatch, but have permitted it to expire.

In the event, however, of the former Acts, namely, 4, William 4, Cap. 25, and 1, Victoria, Cap. 21, being further continued by another Act, (if indeed that has not been already done during the recent Session) Your Lordship will point out to the Assembly the objections which I previously urged to the Light Duties imposed under those Acts, and press upon the House the propriety of amending them; for although the exemptions from Light dues in favor of small vessels owned in Nova-Scotia, are not of any serious importance, they may, unless confined to the Coasting Trade, eventually lead to remonstrance on the part of the Government of the United States.

It should also be distinctly understood that Vessels coming from a port not within the Province, through the Gut of Canso, and then proceeding to a Nova-Scotia Port, should not be charged with the ordinary Light Duties in addition to the special charge for the Light in the Gut of Canso. I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

## APPENDIX No. 5.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

No. 172.

*Downing Street, 19th June, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch of the 2d ultimo, inclosing copies of two Bills passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, for the purpose of levying Duties of Impost upon Foreign Wheat Flour and Molasses, together with an Address to the Queen from the House of Assembly, praying that the Royal Assent may be given to those enactments.

I have submitted this Address to the Queen, and have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct Your Lordship to inform the House of Assembly, in answer, that Her Majesty has noticed with much satisfaction the desire expressed by the House of Assembly to legislate, as far as possible, in conformity with the views of the Imperial Parliament, in respect to the imposition of Impost Duties; and that looking to the moderate rate of the Imperial Duty on Foreign Wheat Flour and Molasses, imported into the Province, and to the disadvantageous effect on the Re-

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venue of Nova-Scotia, which, the exemption of these articles from duty, when supplied for the use of the Fisheries, appears to produce, no objection will be raised to the proposed Colonial Duty, such Duty being equal to the Duty levied upon Foreign Wheat Flour and Molasses, by Imperial authority.

So soon therefore as the Act, giving effect to the wishes of the House of Assembly on this subject, shall be completed and transmitted to this Country, the necessary measures will be taken for giving the Royal Assent to them.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Honorable VISCOUNT FALKLAND,  
&c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 6.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

No. 175.

*Downing Street, 10th July, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 237, of the 11th May, inclosing an Address to the Queen, from the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, praying that the Ports of Barrington, Argyle, Cornwallis, on the Basin of Mines, and Guysborough, may be declared Free Ports.

Having referred this Address to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, their Lordships have informed me that it has been deemed expedient to call upon the Collector of Customs at Halifax for further and more detailed information upon the points adverted to in the Address. Her Majesty's reply to it will therefore be suspended for the present. I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor VISCOUNT FALKLAND,  
&c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 7.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

No. 178.

*Downing Street, 3d August, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 243, of the 1st June, applying for certain information which is required by the House of Assembly, for their assistance in considering the practicability of uniting the Customs and Excise Departments of Nova-Scotia, or of improving the system on which the latter office is conducted.

Having requested the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to supply me with the particulars called for by the House, their Lordships have informed me that the Board of Customs have reported that, not being in possession of sufficient information to enable them to reply to the questions proposed in your Despatch, they have desired the Collector of Customs at Halifax, to furnish a special report on the subject. I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor, The VISCOUNT FALKLAND,  
&c. &c. &c.

## APPENDIX No. 8.

(See Page 12.)

No. 182.

COPY.

*Downing-Street, 12th September, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch, dated 2d August, 1844, No. 259, enclosing an Address from the Assembly of Nova-Scotia, and another from the Legislative Council, to the Queen, on the subject of the change reported as about to take place in the transportation of the Canadian Mails.

I have laid those Addresses before the Queen, and I have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct you to acquaint the two Houses of Local Legislature, that Her Majesty's solicitude for the welfare of Her faithful subjects in Nova-Scotia, and Her Majesty's desire to meet, to the utmost possible extent, the wishes of the Legislature of that Province, would have effectually prevented the adoption of the change referred to in the Addresses of the Legislative Council and Assembly, without the most careful preliminary enquiry, if that change had really been in contemplation; but that, for the present, no such measure has been brought under the consideration of Her Majesty's confidential advisers.

In communicating to Your Lordship Her Majesty's gracious answer to the two Houses of Provincial Legislature, I think it necessary to add, that I have reason to know that his Lordship, the Post Master General, is strongly of opinion that the direct passage to New York or Boston from this Country would be preferable to that via Halifax, particularly if a cheap arrangement could be made with the Government of the United States for the conveyance of the Canada Mails through that Territory—the really important Mails conveyed by the Packets being to and from Canada, while the correspondence with Nova-Scotia, and the adjoining Provinces, is comparatively slight and unimportant. The Earl of Lonsdale has further informed me that, from the difficulty and delay experienced in the conveyance of the Canada Mails from Halifax to Montreal, owing to the bad state of the Roads, the present route is very objectionable.

Finding that such are the views of the Post Master General, derived from the most ample sources of information, it would be vain to deny, and improper to conceal from Your Lordship, that I regard the continuance of the present arrangements as far from certain, although no specific plan for changing them has hitherto been proposed to Her Majesty's confidential advisers, or to the Post Master General. I fear that the necessity for a change may, at no distant time, become clear and urgent, if vigorous efforts be not made for improving the communications between Halifax and Canada, nor is this the single ground of my apprehension; I have some reason to suppose that the Post Master General does not regard without serious dissatisfaction, the number, the nature, and the amount of the pecuniary demands made in Nova-Scotia on the public funds under his administration and control, and the absence of that zeal and alacrity, which is usually exhibited elsewhere, in promoting the success of this branch of the public service, when brought into collision or competition with interests merely local or personal.

Of the details of the subject, I am unavoidably ignorant, nor would it answer any useful purpose for me to enquire into them. I earnestly hope that, by cordially co-operating with the Post Master General, the Legislature and the Inhabitants of the Province will relieve him from this very painful necessity of having to recommend to Her Majesty's Government the diversion of the Mails to Canada, to the cheaper and better route which seems open to them through the United States. It is a measure which Her Majesty's Government would very reluctantly adopt, although there are possible contingencies in which they would regard the adoption of it as an inevitable, though most unwelcome duty.

I have the honor to be, My Lord, Your Lordship's Most obedient Servant,  
STANLEY.

The Right Honorable VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

## APPENDIX No. 9.

(See Page 12.)

No. 192.

*Downing Street, 16th November, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch of the 17th August last, No. 267, with the accompanying transcripts of a series of Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia during their last Session. I have also received Your Lordship's Despatches, Nos. 225, 227 and 228, dated respectively the 26th, the 28th and the 30th April last, on the subject of the Act for granting Her Majesty a Civil List, and on the subject of the Act respecting the office of Registrar of Deeds.

The objections urged by Sir Rupert George to the confirmation, by Her Majesty of the two last mentioned Acts, have received the attention due to the importance of the questions themselves, and not less due to the representations of a gentleman who, for more than thirty years, has been engaged in the service of the Crown in an important office, not only without reproach, but with a general acknowledgement from all quarters that he has conducted himself meritoriously. It appears, that after so long and faithful a service, the Legislature of Nova-Scotia propose, by the joint operation of these Acts, to reduce his annual official income from £1500 to £820 sterling. I much regret that such a decision should have been adopted, because I do not believe the advantage accruing to the public at large, from such a saving, would at all compensate for the disadvantage which the public must sustain by such a departure from the principles on which the emoluments of public officers have been retrenched, either in this Kingdom, or in the more considerable of the British Colonies. The disappointment in the evening of life of the prospects which have been reasonably indulged for so long a period, must impair the confidence, and diminish the zeal of all public officers, and must raise new and needless obstacles in the way of future reductions.

However, I fully admit that, in the deficiency of funds at the disposal of the Crown to pay the salary of the office of Provincial Secretary, it would be vain to reject the Civil List Act on account of the reductions to which it subjects Sir Rupert George. The rejection of it on that account would not advance his interests, while it might be highly prejudicial to the public service in other directions.

But the reluctant acquiescence of Her Majesty's Government in that deprivation of Sir Rupert George's emoluments, does not justify, but rather forbids, their acquiescence in the Act respecting the Registry of Deeds, by which he is further deprived of fees, to a much larger amount than is compensated for by the pension of £200 per annum, Currency. Your Lordship will therefore signify to the Legislative Council and Assembly of Nova-Scotia, that, for these reasons, Her Majesty cannot be advised to assent to the Act respecting the office of Registrar.

I transmit an Order made by Her Majesty, in Council, on the 8th instant, leaving to their operation several of the Acts contained in the series I have already mentioned.

I also inclose a List of such of the Acts contained in that series as I reserve for the subject of a future communication.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

P. S.—I also inclose an Order made by Her Majesty, in Council, on the 8th instant, specially confirming the Impost Duty Act, No. 2461.

## APPENDIX No. 10.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

No. 193.

*Downing Street, 30th November, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 264, of the 15th August, in answer to mine of the 13th June, 1844, and inclosing a Report from the Attorney General of Nova-Scotia upon the Light House Duty Acts.

It appears by this Report, that although the Provincial Legislature passed an Act during their last Session, No. 2499, continuing for another year the former Act, No. 2400, to which Her Majesty's Government had objected—there is a probability that an Act may be passed, in the next Session, which will remove those objections.

Under these circumstances, Her Majesty has been advised to assent to the Light House Act, No. 2499, and I inclose an Order made by the Queen, in Council, on the 28th instant, leaving it to its operation accordingly.

I have the honor, &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The LORD FALKLAND, &amp;c.

## APPENDIX No. 11.

(See Page 12.)

*At the Court at Windsor, the 8th November, 1844.*

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Whereas, the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of April, 1844, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2461.—An Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations ; and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should receive Her Majesty's special confirmation. Her Majesty was thereupon, this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare Her special confirmation of the said Act, and the same is hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly—whereof, the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whomsoever it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

## APPENDIX No. 12.

(See Page 12.)

*At the Court at Windsor, the 5th November, 1844.*

PRESENT—

## THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Whereas, the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of April, 1844, pass Sixty-six Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows :

No. 2446.—An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and for other purposes.

No. 2447.—An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead.

No. 2451.—An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Cnard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to inclose and ornament the same.

No. 2452.—An Act for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough.

No. 2453.—An Act to amend the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for the repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment and defining the duties of the Trustees of the said Meeting House.

No. 2454.—An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool, in Queen's County, to provide Monies for procuring a Fire Engine for said Town.

No. 2455.—An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape Breton.

No. 2456.—An Act to exempt certain officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling and Naval Establishments at Halifax, from working on highways and discharging other civil duties.

No. 2457.—An Act to continue the Act for granting duties on Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors.

No. 2459.—An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax.

No. 2464.—An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit.

No. 2465.—An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.

No. 2466.—An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton, the Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act.

No. 2467.—An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou, as amended.

No. 2468.—An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pugwash.

No. 2469.—An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.

No. 2470.—An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth, the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

No. 2471.—An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to incorporate sundry Persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Nova-Scotia.

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- No. 2472.—An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.
- No. 2473.—An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber.
- No. 2474.—An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.
- No. 2475.—An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.
- No. 2476.—An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
- No. 2477.—An Act to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolizing of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax.
- No. 2478.—An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.
- No. 2479.—An Act to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances.
- No. 2480.—An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof and additional thereto.
- No. 2481.—An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
- No. 2482.—An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton.
- No. 2483.—An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
- No. 2484.—An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton.
- No. 2485.—An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships of this Province.
- No. 2486.—An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony, to make their defence by Counsel.
- No. 2487.—An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways.
- No. 2489.—An Act for the better securing the Revenues of the Province.
- No. 2490.—An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.
- No. 2491.—An Act to continue and amend the Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.
- No. 2492.—An Act in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate.
- No. 2493.—An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough, and for other purposes.
- No. 2496.—An Act to continue and amend the Act for the regulation of Juries.
- No. 2497.—An Act to alter the Sittings of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax.
- No. 2498.—An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.
- No. 2500.—An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers of this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder by labor on the roads.
- No. 2501.—An Act to amend the Act for the instruction and permanent Settlement of the Indians.
- No. 2502.—An Act to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness.
- No. 2503.—An Act further to amend the Act for regulating the Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.

No. 2504.—An Act to provide for erecting a New Bridge across the Liverpool River at Milton, and for the repair of the Road leading from thence to Middlefield.

No. 2506.—An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company.

No. 2509.—An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act.

No. 2510.—An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery of King's County.

No. 2511.—An Act further to amend the Act to incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to, and amendment of, the Act relating to Halifax Assessment, and a certain other Act.

No. 2512.—An Act to continue and amend the Act for the regulations of the Militia.

No. 2513.—An Act relative to certain Streets in the Township of Guysborough.

No. 2514.—An Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.

No. 2516.—An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to offences against the person.

No. 2517.—An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof.

No. 2518.—An Act for the preservation of Moose.

No. 2519.—An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the Lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes.

No. 2520.—An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County.

No. 2521.—An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness.

No. 2522.—An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.

No. 2523.—An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions, before Justices of the Peace.

No. 2524.—An Act to continue the Act relative to the Assessment of Dyke Rates for the New or Wickwire Dyke in Horton.

No. 2525.—An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.

No. 2526.—An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations; and the said Committee having reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation, Her Majesty was thereupon, this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

## APPENDIX No. 13.

(See Page 12.)

*At the Court at Windsor, the 28th November, 1844.*

PRESENT—

## THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

WHEREAS, The Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did in the month of April 1844, pass an Act which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:—

No. 2499. An Act to continue the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses.

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion, to Her Majesty, that the said Act should be left to its operation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) W. M. L. BATHURST.

## APPENDIX No. 14.

(See Page 12.)

*At the Court at Windsor, the 28th November, 1844.*

PRESENT—

## THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in April 1844, pass three Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows:—

No. 2463. An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

No. 2505. An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay.

No. 2515. An Act further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of Harbour of Pictou.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation—Her Majesty was this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) W. M. L. BATHURST.

## APPENDIX No. 15.

(See Page 12.)

*At the Court at Windsor, the 13th day of December, 1844.*

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of April 1844, pass an Act which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :—

No. 2448. An Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Act should be left to its operation; Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) C. GREVILLE.

## APPENDIX No. 16.

(See Page 13.)

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
Halifax, 21st April, 1844.*

SIR,—

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having brought under the consideration of the Executive Council the subject of the conversation he had with you a few days since, is now pleased to offer for your acceptance the Office of Collector of Excise at Halifax, on the following conditions :

You are to hold it for only one year certain, to commence on the 1st May next.

Before the expiration of that period the Legislature will have probably determined, whether or not the holding of that Office is compatible with the possession of a seat in the House of Assembly. If that question be decided in the negative, you will be allowed to retain the office—if in the affirmative, the situation is to be at the disposal of the Lieutenant Governor, at the end of twelve months, from the time of your appointment to it, or sooner, should circumstances render your earlier retirement from it in His Excellency's opinion desirable.

The Law which prescribes the remuneration of the Officer, remaining unaltered, you will be required to pay the Salaries of such Clerks as you may employ, and all other expences, out of that remuneration. But to prevent the recurrence of questions, which have arisen on this subject, you will consider it as a condition on which the Office is accepted by you, that Commissions shall never be retained during any quarter or other portion of a year, to an amount beyond the rate of £700 per annum, and that should your tenure of Office be less than one year, your whole remuneration shall not exceed a sum to be estimated at that rate for the period the Office shall be in your possession.

And

And His Excellency thinks it proper to subjoin, as a further condition, that Monies shall be paid into the Treasury as fast as collected at the Excise, without waiting for the end of a quarter, or any other regular period.

I have, &c., &c.,

(Signed) RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Thos. A. S. Dewolfe, Esquire.

*Halifax, 31st April, 1844.*

SIR,—

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 22nd instant, communicating my appointment by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to the Office of Collector of Excise at Halifax, under certain conditions therein enumerated.

I beg you will do me the honor to convey to His Excellency my sincere thanks for this renewed mark of His Lordship's confidence, and in accepting the appointment so graciously conferred, I do not hesitate to agree to the stipulations under which it is granted, feeling an earnest hope, that my conduct in the discharge of so important a trust, may be such as will confirm the confidence, evidenced by His Excellency and the Executive Council.

I beg you to accept my apology for not earlier replying to your communication, which my absence from Halifax alone prevented.

I have, &c., &c., &c.,

(Signed) THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

The Honorable Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

No. 242.

*Government House, Halifax, June 1st, 1844.*

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to inform you that immediately after the close of the Legislative Session, I appointed, (provisionally,) Mr. Andrew Strange Dewolf to be Collector of Excise for the District of Halifax, in room of Mr. Joseph Howe, resigned—the duties of Collector of Excise for the above District having, in the interval between the retirement of Mr. Howe and the nomination of Mr. Dewolf, been very efficiently performed by two Gentlemen commissioned by me for the purpose.

I should be gratified that Your Lordship confirmed the appointment of Mr. Dewolf, the duration of which you will perceive, by the enclosed correspondence, that I have made contingent, on the determination of the Legislature, whether Collectors of Excise shall hereafter hold seats in the Assembly or not. If it be decided they are not to be Members of that Body, Mr. Dewolf will of course be continued in his office on resigning his seat. If, on the contrary, Collectors of Excise should still be deemed eligible to sit in the House, it may be necessary to give the place to a Member of the Executive Council.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's obdt. Servant,

FALKLAND.

The LORD STANLEY, &c. &c. &c.

Copy

Copy.

No. 173.

*Downing-Street, 20th June, 1844.*

MY LORD,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 1st June, No. 242, reporting the appointment, on certain conditions, of Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, to the office of Collector of Excise at Halifax.

I have much satisfaction in conveying to your Lordship my approval of the manner in which you have filled up this situation.

I have, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

LORD FALKLAND.

## APPENDIX, No. 17.

(See Page 13.)

Copy.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,**Halifax, 1st May, 1844.*

SIR,—

The attention of the Lieutenant-Governor having been drawn by the House of Assembly to the mode in which the Public Accounts are kept, I am commanded by His Excellency to desire, that on this day you will count and ascertain the actual sum in money in the Chest of the Provincial Treasury; and that, commencing with that sum, you will, on the 1st June next, and monthly thereafter, until you shall be authorized by His Excellency's written instructions to cease to do so, transmit to this Office, for the examination of His Excellency and a Committee of the Executive Council, a Transcript of your Cash Account, shewing the actual cash payments out of, and the actual cash receipts into, the Provincial Treasury during the foregoing month, with the dates of the payments and receipts, shewing also the specific authority under which the payments are made, and the source from which the receipts are derived, as well as the actual amount of Cash in the Chest, which amount you will check by counting. In this manner your Accounts and Monies will be the better prepared for examination whenever His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor shall direct such examination to take place.

His Excellency having had also under his consideration the practice that has prevailed in regard to the payments into the Treasury of the monies collected in the Excise Office at this Port, I am further to acquaint you, that His Excellency has given directions that such monies shall be paid into the Treasury at least as often as once a week, and that no greater sum than £200 shall henceforth remain in the Excise Chest at any one time.

I am also directed to state, that as the Province is paying interest to the Bank of British North America, it is very desirable that the debt on account of which such interest is constantly accruing, should be paid off or diminished as the funds in your hands shall permit. Whenever, therefore any surplus monies, amounting in the whole to £500 at the least, shall be in the Treasury, not instantly required for the public service, you will pay the same into the Bank, to be from time to time withdrawn when necessary and repaid when possible, as may be most advantageous to the public interest.

I have, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Signed)

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

CARLES W. WALLACE, Provincial Treasurer.

Form

*Form of Certificate to be appended by the Treasurer to the Transcripts from his Cash Account, required to be made monthly for the Lieutenant-Governor's information.*

I certify that this is a true Transcript from my Cash Account of my Receipts and Payments during the preceding month, ending            day of            that I have this day ascertained the balance shewn hereby to be in my possession to be correct, and in the Provincial Chest in money; and further, that the services for which, and the warrants by virtue of which I have paid the same monies, are severally and truly above set against the said payments.

Dated this            day of

### APPENDIX No. 18.

(See Page 13.)

By His Excellency the Right Honorable

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

**Viscount Falkland,**

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

FALKLAND.

## A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in Council, hath been pleased to take into consideration the great extent of the Illicit Trade now carried on in various places within this Province, and the serious injuries occasioned as well to the Revenue as to the General Trade and Commerce of the Country, by the continued clandestine introduction of Goods and Merchandize from abroad, without entry or payment of the Duties to which the same are subject.

And whereas, for repressing and checking such evil practices, an Act was passed in the 4th year of the Reign of His late Majesty, entitled, "An Act for the prevention of Smuggling," whereby, among other things, it was enacted, "That all Boats, Carriages and Cattle, made use of in the removal of any Goods liable to forfeiture, should be forfeited, and every person who should assist or be concerned in the unshipping, landing or removal, in the harbouring of such Goods, or into whose possession they shall knowingly come, shall forfeit the treble value thereof, or the penalty of £100, at the election of the officer or person prosecuting. And further, "That all Goods, and all Ships, Vessels and Boats, and all Carriages and Cattle, liable to forfeiture under any Act relating to the Colonial Revenue, shall and may be seized and secured by any Officer of the Colonial Revenue, or by any person employed for that purpose, by or with the concurrence of the Board of Revenue, whether previously or subsequently expressed; and also, by any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of any County or District within this Province, or by any Justice assigned to keep the Peace therein, or by any person who in any place distant more than ten miles from any Office of a Collector of Impost, shall, by the Warrant of any Justice of the Peace, granted upon information made on oath before him of any such Forfeiture, be appointed to seize and secure any Boats, Carriages, or Cattle, liable to forfeiture as aforesaid; and every person who shall in any way hinder, oppose, molest, or obstruct any officer of the Colonial Revenue, or any person to be so employed as aforesaid, in the exercise of his office, or any person acting in his aid, assistance, or any such Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, or other

other person appointed by any Justice of the Peace in manner aforesaid, or any person or persons acting in the aid or assistance of any such persons as last aforesaid, shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of One Hundred Pounds.

And whereas it hath been deemed expedient to make known, by Proclamation, the powers and authorities by the said Act conferred on the several officers and persons therein mentioned, and also to require their immediate and effectual observance thereof:

Now therefore, His Excellency, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council, doth, by His Proclamation, publish and make known the powers and authorities by the said Act conferred upon the several Officers and other persons therein named for the protection of the Provincial Revenue, and prevention of Smuggling; and doth hereby, in Her Majesty's name, strictly charge and command all Officers of the Colonial Revenue, and Justices assigned to keep the Peace, all Sheriffs and Deputy-Sheriffs, and all other persons in any wise employed or appointed to act in aid of the Officers of the Revenue, or otherwise authorized in the premises, that they and each of them in their several and respective Counties and precincts, be faithful, vigilant and active, in discovering, taking, and seizing all Goods and Articles illegally imported, and Boats, Carriages and Cattle, liable to forfeiture, and in prosecuting and bringing to punishment all persons concerned in such Illicit Trade, and in doing and performing all things which in and by the said Act they are severally and respectively empowered, and hereby specially required to perform; to the end, that the said Revenue Laws may be obeyed, and all illegal practices effectually discountenanced.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 14th day of May, 1844, and in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

## APPENDIX No. 19.

(See Page 13.)

By His Excellency the Right Honorable  
LUCIUS BENTINCK,

*Viscount Falkland,*

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and  
Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable  
Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and  
Commander in Chief in and over Her Ma-  
jesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its  
Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

FALKLAND.

## A PROCLAMATION.

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of this Province, in the sixth year of his late Majesty's Reign, passed a certain Act or Statute, entitled, An Act relating to the Fisheries, and for the prevention of Illicit Trade in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the Coasts and Harbours thereof—which said Act is as follows:—

*An Act relating to the Fisheries, and for the prevention of Illicit Trade in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the Coasts and Harbors thereof.*

(Passed the 12th day of March, 1836.)

**WHEREAS**, by the Convention made between His late Majesty King George the Third, and the United States of America, signed at London, on the Twentieth

tieth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen; and the Statute made and passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, in the Fifty-ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, all Foreign Ships, Vessels or Boats, or any Ship, Vessel or Boat, other than such as shall be navigated according to the Laws of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, found fishing, or to have been fishing, or preparing to fish, within certain distances of any Coasts, Bays, Creeks, or Harbours whatever, in any part of His Majesty's Dominions in America, not included within the limits specified in the first article of the said Convention, are liable to seizure; *And whereas*, the United States did, by the said Convention, renounce forever any liberty enjoyed or claimed, by the Inhabitants thereof, to take, dry, or cure Fish on or within three Marine Miles of any of the Coasts, Bays, Creeks or Harbors of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions in America, not included within the above mentioned limits; *Provided however*, that the American Fishermen should be admitted to enter such Bays or Harbors for the purpose of shelter, and of repairing damages therein, of purchasing wood, and of obtaining water, and for no other purpose whatever, but under such restrictions as might be necessary to prevent their taking, drying or curing Fish therein, or in any other manner whatever abusing the privileges thereby reserved to them; *And whereas* no rules or regulations have been made for such purpose, and the interests of the Inhabitants of this Province are materially impaired; *And whereas* the said Act does not designate the persons who are to make such seizure as aforesaid; and it frequently happens that persons found within the distances of the Coasts aforesaid, infringing the articles of the Convention aforesaid, and the enactments of the Statute aforesaid, on being taken possession of, profess to have come within said limits for the purpose of shelter, and repairing damages therein, or to purchase wood and obtain water, by which the Law is evaded, and Vessels and Cargoes escape confiscation—although the Cargoes may be evidently intended to be smuggled into this Province, and the Fishery carried on contrary to said Convention and Statute:

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly*, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, the Officers of Impost and Excise, the Sheriffs and Magistrates throughout this Province, and any person holding a Commission for that purpose from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for the time being, to go on board any Ship, Vessel, or Boat, within any Port, Bay, Creek or Harbour, in this Province; and also, to go on board of any Ship, Vessel or Boat, hovering within three Marine Miles of any of the Coasts, Bays, Creeks or Harbors thereof, and in either case freely to stay on board such Ship, Vessel or Boat, as long as she shall remain within such Port or distance; and if any such Ship, Vessel or Boat, be bound elsewhere, and shall continue so hovering for the space of twenty-four hours, after the Master shall have been required to depart, it shall be lawful for any of the above enumerated Officers or persons to bring such Ship, Vessel or Boat, into Port, and to search and examine her Cargo, and to examine the Master upon Oath, touching the Cargo and Voyage, and if there be any Goods on board prohibited to be imported into this Province, such Ship, Vessel or Boat, and the Cargo laden on board thereof, shall be forfeited, and if the said Ship, Vessel or Boat, shall be Foreign, and not navigated according to the laws of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall have been found Fishing, or preparing to fish, or to have been Fishing within such distance of such Coasts, Bays, Creeks or Harbors of this Province, such Ship, Vessel or Boat, and their respective Cargoes shall be forfeited; and if the Master or person in command thereof, shall not truly answer the questions which shall be demanded of him in such examination, he shall forfeit the sum of One Hundred Pounds.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That all Goods, Ships, Vessels and Boats, liable to forfeiture under this Act, shall and may be seized and secured by any such Offi-

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cer of His Majesty's Customs, Officer of Impost and Excise, Sheriffs, Magistrates, or other person holding such Commission as aforesaid; and every person who shall in any way oppose, molest, or obstruct any Officer of the Customs, Officer of Impost and Excise, Sheriff, Magistrate, or other person so commissioned and employed as aforesaid, in the exercise of his office, or shall in any way oppose, molest, or obstruct any person acting in aid or assistance of such Officer of the Customs, Officer of Impost and Excise, Sheriff, Magistrate, or other person so commissioned and employed as aforesaid, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of Two Hundred Pounds.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That all Goods, Ships, Vessels and Boats, which shall be seized, as being liable to forfeiture under this Act, shall be taken forthwith and delivered into the custody of the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs, at the Custom-House next to the place where the same were seized, who shall secure and keep the same in such manner as other Vessels and Goods seized are directed to be secured by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That all Goods, Ships, Vessels, Boats, or other things which shall have been condemned as forfeited under this Act, shall, under the direction of the principal Officer of the Customs or Excise, where such seizures shall have been secured, be sold by Public Auction to the best bidder, and the produce of such sale be applied as follows, that is to say:—the amount chargeable for the custody of said Goods, Ship, Vessel, Boat or any other thing so seized as aforesaid, shall be first deducted and paid, and the residue divided into two equal moities, one of which shall be paid to the Officer or other person or persons legally seizing the same, without deduction, and the other moiety to the Government, and paid into the Treasury of this Province, all costs incurred having been first deducted therefrom. *Provided always*, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Revenue to direct that any of such things shall be destroyed or reserved for the public service.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That all penalties and forfeitures which may be hereafter incurred under this Act, shall and may be prosecuted, sued for and recovered, in the Court of Vice Admiralty, having jurisdiction in this Province.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Goods, or any Ship, Vessel or Boat, shall be seized as forfeited under this Act, it shall be lawful for the Judge or Judges of any Court having jurisdiction to try and determine such seizures, with the consent of the person seizing the same, to order the delivery thereof, on Security by Bond, with two sufficient Sureties, to be first approved by such Seizing Officer or person, to answer double the value of the same in case of condemnation; and such Bond shall be taken to the use of His Majesty, in the name of the Collector of the Customs in whose custody the Goods or Ship, Vessel or Boat, may be lodged, and such Bond shall be delivered and kept in the custody of such Collector; and in case the Goods, or the Ship, Vessel or Boat, shall be condemned, the value thereof shall be paid into the hands of such Collector, who shall cancel such Bond, and distribute the money paid in such manner as above directed.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That no Suit shall be commenced for the recovery of any penalty or forfeiture under this Act, except in the name of His Majesty, and shall be prosecuted by His Majesty's Advocate or Attorney General, or in his absence by the Solicitor General for this Province; and if any question shall arise whether any person is an Officer of the Customs, Excise, Sheriff, Magistrate, or other person authorized to seize as aforesaid, *viva voce* evidence may be given of such fact, and shall be deemed legal and sufficient evidence.

VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Goods, Ship, Vessel or Boat, shall be seized for any cause or forfeiture under this Act, and any dispute shall arise whether the same have been lawfully seized, the proof touching the illegality thereof shall lie on the owner or claimant of such Goods, Ship, Vessel or Boat, and not on the Officer or person who shall seize and stop the same.

**IX.** *And be it further enacted,* That no claim to any thing seized under this Act, and returned into His Majesty's Court of Vice Admiralty for adjudication, shall be admitted, unless such claim be entered in the name of the Owner, with his residence and occupation, nor unless oath to the property in such thing be made by the Owner or by his Attorney or Agent by whom such claim shall be entered, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and every person making a false oath thereto shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to the pains and penalties to which persons are liable for a misdemeanor.

**X.** *And be it further enacted,* That no person shall be admitted to enter a claim to any thing seized in pursuance of this Act, and prosecuted in this Province, until sufficient security shall have been given, in the Court where such seizure is prosecuted, in a penalty not exceeding Sixty Pounds, to answer and pay the costs occasioned by such claim; and in default of giving such security, such things shall be adjudged to be forfeited, and shall be condemned.

**XI.** *And be it further enacted,* That no Writ shall be sued out against, nor a copy of any Process served upon any Officer of the Customs, Excise, Sheriff, Magistrate, or other person authorized to seize as aforesaid, for any thing done in the exercise of his office, until one calendar month after notice in writing shall have been delivered to him, or left at his usual place of abode, by the Attorney or Agent of the party who intends to sue out such Writ or Process, in which notice shall be clearly and explicitly contained the cause of action, the name and place of abode of the person who is to bring such action, and the name and place of abode of the Attorney or Agent; and no evidence of the cause of such action shall be produced, except of such as shall be contained in such notice, and no verdict shall be given for the Plaintiff unless he shall prove on the trial that such notice was given, and in default of such proof, the Defendant shall receive in such action a verdict and costs, or judgment of non-suit shall be awarded against the Plaintiff, as the Court shall direct.

**XII.** *And be it further enacted,* That every such action shall be brought within three calendar months after the cause thereof, and shall be laid and tried in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province, and the Defendant may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence; and, if the Plaintiff shall become non-suited, or shall discontinue the action, or if, upon a verdict of demurrer, judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff, the Defendant shall receive treble costs, and have such remedy for the same as any Defendant can have in other cases where costs are given by Law.

**XIII.** *And be it further enacted,* That in case any Information or Suit shall be brought to Trial, on account of any seizure made under this Act, and a verdict shall be found for the claimant thereof, and the Judge or Court before whom the Cause shall have been tried, shall certify on the Record that there was probable cause of seizure, the claimant shall not be entitled to any costs of Suit, nor shall the person who made such seizure be liable to any Action, Indictment, or other Suit or Prosecution, on account of such seizure; and if any Action, Indictment or other Suit or Prosecution, shall be brought to Trial against any person on account of such seizure, wherein a verdict shall be given against the Defendant, the Plaintiff, beside the thing seized, or the value thereof, shall be entitled to no more than Two Pence damages, nor to any costs of Suit, nor shall the Defendant in such Prosecution be fined more than One Shilling.

**XIV.** *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for any such Officer of the Customs, Excise or Sheriff, or Magistrate, or other person authorized to seize as aforesaid, within one calendar month after such notice, to tender amends to the party complaining or his Agent, and to plead such tender in bar to any Action, together with other Pleas; and if the Jury shall find the amends sufficient they shall give a verdict for the Defendant, and in such case, or in case the Plaintiff shall become non-suit, or shall discontinue his Action, or Judgment shall be given for the

Defendant upon demurrer, then such Defendant shall be entitled to the like costs as he would have been entitled to in case he had pleaded the general issue; *Provided always*, that it shall be lawful for such Defendant, by leave of the Court where such Action shall be brought, at any time before or after issue joined, to pay money into Court as in other Actions.

XV. *And be it further enacted*, That in any such Action, if the Judge or Court before whom such Action shall be tried, shall certify upon the Record that the Defendant or Defendants in such Action acted upon probable cause, then the Plaintiff in such Action shall not be entitled to more than Two Pence damages, nor to any costs of Suit.

XVI. *And be it further enacted*, That all Actions or Suits for the recovery of any of the penalties or forfeitures imposed by this Act, may be commenced or prosecuted at any time within three years after the offence committed, by reason whereof such penalty or forfeiture shall be incurred, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

XVII. *And be it further enacted*, That no appeal shall be prosecuted from any decree or sentence of any of His Majesty's Courts in this Province, touching any penalty or forfeiture imposed by this Act, unless the Inhibition shall be applied for and decreed within twelve months from the time when such decree or sentence was pronounced.

XVIII. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall not go into force or be of any effect until His Majesty's Assent shall be signified thereto, and an order made by His Majesty in Council, that the clauses and provisions of this Act shall be the rules, regulations and restrictions, respecting the Fisheries on the Coasts, Bays, Creeks or Harbours, of the Province of Nova Scotia,

*And whereas*, His Majesty, by His Order in Council, bearing date the 15th day of June, 1836, was graciously pleased to declare His special confirmation of the said Act; *And whereas*, by another Order of the King's Most Excellent Majesty, bearing date the 6th day of July, 1836, it is declared, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, that the Clauses and Provisions of the said Act shall be the Rules, Regulations and Restrictions, respecting the Fisheries on the Coasts, Bays, Creeks or Harbours, of the Province of Nova Scotia.

*And whereas*, I have deemed it expedient to make known by this, my Proclamation, the powers and authorities by the said Act conferred on the several Officers therein mentioned, and also to require their immediate and effectual observance thereof: I do, therefore, in the name of Her Majesty, and by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council, charge and command all Officers of Her Majesty's Customs, the Officers of Impost and Excise, all Sheriffs and Magistrates throughout the Province, and all persons already commissioned, or who shall be from time to time commissioned for that purpose, that they be vigilant and active in enforcing a strict observance of the stipulations of the said Convention, and of the provisions of the before recited Statutes of the Imperial Parliament and of the Legislature of this Province, and in prosecuting and bringing to punishment all persons who shall be found acting in opposition to the terms of the said Convention, or the provisions of the said Statutes, or any of them.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 14th day of May, 1844, and in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

## APPENDIX No. 20.

(See Page 13.)

By His Excellency the Right Honorable  
LUCIUS BENTINCK,

**Viscount Falkland,**

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and  
Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable  
Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and  
Commander in Chief in and over Her Ma-  
jesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its  
Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

**TO THE HONORABLE MATHER BYLES ALMON, JOHN BAILEY  
BLAND, AND DAVID ALLISON, ESQUIRES.**

GREETING :

**W**HEREAS a Committee of the House of Assembly at the last Session, reported their opinion, that the mode in which the Accounts and Books have been kept, and business transacted in the Offices of the Provincial Treasurer and the Collector of Excise at Halifax, required examination and improvement, and they recommended an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from the House, respectfully requesting the appointment of a Commission for these objects during the Recess, and the House passed thereon a Resolution that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to appoint the Commission recommended in the said Report. Now know ye, that having confidence in your ability, zeal, and integrity, I have appointed you, the said Mather Byles Almon, John Bailey Bland, and David Allison, Commissioners, to execute the said duty, and I do hereby authorize and require you carefully to examine the Accounts and Books of the Treasurer of the Province, and report such examination to me; and also to examine and report the mode in which the business of the said Office is and has been transacted, and whether the same is conformable to Law, and to suggest and report any defects and deficiencies which may appear to you to be necessary or proper in the mode of keeping the Accounts and Books, and transacting the business of the said Office.

And I do hereby authorize and require you carefully to examine the Accounts and Books of the present Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax, and of the late Collector of Impost and Excise, and of his predecessor, and to report such examination to me; and also to examine and report the mode in which the business of the said Office is and has been transacted, and whether the same is conformable to Law, and to suggest and report any defects and deficiencies which may appear to you to exist, and such improvements as may appear to you to be necessary or proper, in the mode of keeping the Accounts and Books, and transacting the business of the said Office, and generally to report whether the system pursued in relation to the Business and Accounts of the said Offices affords the guarantees and checks necessary or proper for the public interest and security, and to report such improvements as may be necessary or proper in that respect.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 28th day of  
May, in the 7th year of Her Majesty's Reign, 1844.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

**RUPERT D. GEORGE.**

To

To His Excellency the Right Honorable

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

**Viscount Falkland,**

*Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

*May it please Your Excellency,—*

In pursuance of a Commission issued by Your Excellency, authorising and requiring us carefully to examine the Accounts and Books of the Treasurer of the Province, the mode in which the business of the said Office is and has been transacted, and to report to Your Excellency any defects and deficiencies which may have appeared to us to exist, as well as to suggest any improvements which may be necessary in keeping the Books and transacting the business of the said Office.

Also, authorising and requiring us to make a like examination of the Accounts and Books of the present Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax, and of the late Collector and his Predecessor, the mode in which the business of the said Office is and has been transacted, and to make a like Report thereof, and to offer such suggestions of improvement as may have occurred to us as proper in the mode of keeping the Books and Accounts, and transacting the business of the said Office of Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax; and further, to report generally whether the system pursued in relation to the Business and Accounts of the said Offices affords the guarantees and checks necessary or proper for the public interest and security, and to report such improvements as may be necessary or proper in that respect.

We, the undersigned, most respectfully inform Your Excellency, that we have performed the duties required, and beg leave to report as follows:

FIRST.—As respects the Office of *Provincial Treasurer*.

The Books of this Office are in number sufficient, but from the mode in which they are kept can only be considered as Books of Reference, containing, doubtless, a correct Record of the transactions of the Office, but defective in system, and altogether unsuitable for the most important of our Public Departments, the Books of which should be kept on the most approved principles, that they may exhibit the state of the Provincial Accounts at any given period of the current year, and also afford the checks which are essential to insure correctness in the Receipts and Payments of Monies. Since the commencement of the present year the Treasurer has kept a Cash Book, which contains the total Debits and Credits of Cash received and paid, but not the particulars of each day in detail.

This Book should contain minutely every Cash Transaction—and each day, at the close of the Office hours, the balance should be struck, the Money counted, and if any difference appear it should be ascertained and the error rectified before the Officer leaves the premises. Besides the Cash Book other Subsidiary Books will be required, into which the Annual Appropriations may be transcribed, and all transfers from one account to another recorded. The Ledger should contain a Dr. and Cr. Account for each of the Main Branches of the Public Revenue, the Provincial and County Loans, and Miscellaneous Services. Monies appropriated by the Legislature should at once appear at the credit of their proper Accounts, and the payments being charged from time to time as made, the sums remaining un-withdrawn will at once be seen.

Thus a Regular Balance Sheet of the General Financial state of the Province, could at any time be struck, and it is our opinion that the Books should be balanced monthly

monthly, and an Abstract thereof transmitted to the office of the Provincial Secretary, at the expiration of each Quarter.

The Order of Your Excellency, under date of the 1st May last, which has been shewn to us, whereby the Treasurer is directed at the close of each month to ascertain by actual count the Monies in the Provincial Treasury, and to transmit a statement thereof, with a transcript of his Cash Account, stating also the specific authority and service under and for which the payments and receipts occur, has already given a new complexion to the general business of the Office, and has been productive of the most beneficial results.

We have not been able to ascertain that there is any Provincial Statute in operation which points out any mode by which the Books of the Provincial Treasurer shall be kept, or that regulates the general business of his office. The changes which we have recommended may occasion some additional labor, but they should not involve any additional expence to the Provincial Treasurer.

Secondly. As respects the Office of *the Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax*.

Previous to the year 1835 it does not appear that any daily account of Cash Receipts was kept, beyond that paid into the office in liquidation of Bonds, but subsequently a Cash Book was opened, which embraced the amounts paid on the daily entries of Goods not bonded, without particularizing the names of the payers, or the distinct sums paid by each; there was also a Ledger kept by single entry, containing the Personal Accounts of Parties giving Bonds for Duties; and an account with the Province showing the payments made for each Quarter; and a Warehouse Book containing the Account of deposits into, and deliveries from, the Warehouses.

All these Books are still continued in the same form, with the exception of the Cash Book for daily entries, which was improved on by the Commissioners who executed the duties of Collector from the 1st January to the 1st of May, of the present year. They also introduced another Book, which exhibited the daily balance of Cash on hand, and their system is still continued by the present incumbent.

To enter into a minute detail of the manner in which the various duties of this Office are conducted is probably unnecessary—we believe they are most efficiently performed—but with reference to the mode of keeping the Accounts, to which our attention has been more especially directed, our opinion is, that the existing practice of the Department is susceptible of further improvement—and we would recommend that instead thereof a set of Books be kept by Double Entry, as required by the Provincial Act 47, Geo. 3, cap. 16, sect. 7, and according to the best system of Accounts adapted to Public Departments. In a Book (somewhat similar to that used in the Custom House for the same purpose), should be recorded all entries at the office, whether for duties, for or from Warehouse, or for Free Goods, each Entry and Bond to be numbered, and a corresponding number to be prefixed to the entry in the Cash Book, and the Book in which Entries are recorded, and the amount of duty (if any) extended in a Money Column, which will serve as a check upon the Collector—shewing the amount for which he is responsible, whether in Money or Bonds, and further, should any Entry be lost or mislaid, the deficiency will be supplied by referring to the number: thus greater facility will be afforded for making out the Quarterly Returns, besides leaving an useful book of reference for various information, not to be obtained under the present system without much research and delay. The Cash Book will contain all sums daily received, whether for Duties or on account of Bonds, as well as all payments made to the Treasurer, which should not, as now, be introduced in one sum at the end of each Quarter; each day at the close of the Office Hours the balance should be struck, the Cash counted, and the like mode adopted as has already been recommended at the Treasury.

The Ledger will contain accounts of the Public Revenue, Provincial Treasurer,

Cash, Personal Accounts of Merchants, &c., in the usual form; a trial balance of the Books should be made monthly, and a Quarterly balance sheet, with the Accounts, should be handed to the Provincial Treasurer.

This system will, we think, be found to combine a safe, easy, and comprehensive mode of keeping the Books of this Office—in order, however, to carry it into effect (the labor being considerably increased), another Clerk may be necessary, that the Books containing the daily entries may always be written up, immediately after they are passed by the Officer who examines them, and receives the duties.

The Order which Your Excellency was pleased to give in the month of May last, namely, that all Monies received by the Collector of Impost and Excise should be paid into the Treasury at least as often as once a week, and further, that no greater sum than Two Hundred Pounds, should be permitted to remain in the Excise Chest at any one time, is a great improvement on the previous practice of the Department.

In suggesting the foregoing alterations in the mode of keeping the Accounts at the Treasury and the Excise Office, we have not deemed it necessary to go into a particular detail of all the changes which it may be desirable to introduce. In adopting a new system improvements will often suggest themselves to a practical Accountant, useful only to the peculiar business where they are intended to be applied; but while this discretion may be safely reserved, it is indispensable that the Books and Accounts in all the Public Departments should be kept in a clear and systematic form, which may be readily understood by those whose duty it may be to have occasional reference to them.

In view of the great accumulation of duties at the Treasury, arising from the Provincial Debt, and other branches of the public service, we consider that we should not discharge the duty which we have undertaken if we did not state to Your Excellency, that in order to obtain the guarantees and checks necessary for the public interest, and to make the system efficient as a whole, it is in our opinion absolutely necessary that another Office should be created, namely, that of an Inspector and Auditor of the Accounts of the respective Provincial Departments, and we feel the more encouraged to make this suggestion as it is an appointment which was recommended by the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts at the last Session, and who state that “such an appointment the Committee believe would effect a saving probably far exceeding any expense it might involve.”

The duties of the Inspector and Auditor, we conceive, would be a general supervision of all the Excise Offices throughout the Province, the Treasury, the Savings Bank, the Quarterly Returns from the Custom House, and in fact all the Accounts and Papers in anywise connected with the public service should be subject to his minute and thorough investigation.

The Out-ports he should be required to visit once in each year, and oftener if directed by the Lieutenant-Governor. He should introduce into all the Departments one uniform system of keeping the Accounts—to him should be sent their Quarterly or Annual Returns for examination, and he should have regular advice of all remittances to the Treasurer on account of duties collected at the time they were made.

The Inspector and Auditor should have free access at all times to the Books and Papers of all the Departments—he should personally attend at the Treasury and Excise as often as he deemed necessary during the hours of business, in order that he might notice whether the affairs were conducted with correctness and punctuality—it should be his duty from time to time to examine the Books and ascertain whether they were rightly kept, and regularly posted.

The Inspector and Auditor should also be required to ascertain the correctness of the Monetary Balances at the Treasury and Excise Office once in each month, or oftener, if necessary; and should any inaccuracy or deficiency appear it should be immediately reported to the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Balance Sheet of the Books of these two Offices respectively should be given to the Inspector and Auditor quarterly, which, having been audited by him, should be transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor, with a Report of their correctness.

The checks which would be necessary to insure the regular performance of the duties of the Inspector and Auditor should be found in the Returns which he would be expected to make to the Lieutenant-Governor at regular and stated periods of the year.

In concluding this Report we are desirous of stating to Your Excellency that we have experienced during the investigation of the Books and Papers of the Treasury and Excise Departments, the polite attentions of the Gentlemen in charge thereof, and every facility has been afforded to us by them in the discharge of the duties which Your Excellency's Commission required us to perform.

Having also had occasion to refer to the system in operation at the Custom House, we feel it equally our duty to acknowledge the readiness with which the Hon. Collector and the Officers of that Department have exhibited its Books and explained its practice.

All of which we beg leave respectfully to submit.

(Signed)

M. B. ALMON,  
J. B. BLAND,  
DAVID ALLISON.

Halifax, N. S., 22d November, 1844.

APPENDIX No. 21.

(See Page 13.)

*Treasurer's Office, Halifax, 1st June, 1844.*

SIR,—

I beg leave to state for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that in compliance with the instructions received from your office on the 1st May last, I counted the actual sum of money in the Provincial Treasury on that day, which amounted to the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds Sixteen Shilling and Eight Pence Half-penny. And I have the honor to enclose a transcript of the actual Cash payments out of, as well as receipts into the Provincial Treasury, from the 1st to 31st day of May last, shewing the balance on hand on the 1st day of said month.

I have likewise to state, that as soon as I could procure such monies as could be properly offered the Bank of British North America, I paid that Institution the amount due by the Province, for the constant use which is daily made by the Banks and the Public of the Provincial Paper causes it to become very soon mutilated and defaced, and as the worst description of it only is paid into the Excise Office, it is impossible for me to pay it as I receive it. I have consequently to select such portions of it as will pass current, and the remainder having to be cancelled by the Commissioners of Province Notes, and others issued in their place, which requires much time and attention.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WALLACE,

*Treasurer.*

The Honorable Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., Provincial Secretary.

## APPENDIX, No. 22.

(See Page 13.)

Copy.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,**Halifax, 8th June, 1844.*

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, has been pleased to order, that the several Collectors of Impost and Excise throughout the Province, shall within ten days after the end of every quarter, commencing with the Quarter ending on the 30th day of September next, forward to this office an authentic List of the defaulters in their offices respectively, specifying particularly the sums in which they are defaulters on the several quarter days, and whether for instalments, or the whole amount of their respective Bonds, together with the Bonds and Warrants of such defaulters, in order that the necessary steps may be taken for protecting the public interests.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

(Signed)

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

## APPENDIX No. 23.

(See Page 13.)

Copy.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,**Halifax, 7th December, 1844.*

SIR—

It being the desire of His Excellency to be informed of the state of the Provincial Revenue of the present, as compared with that of the last year, I have it in command from His Excellency to request that you will, as soon after the first January next as possible, transmit to this office a comparative statement of the Revenue paid and secured in your office for the years 1843 and 1844 respectively, and also of the several payments at various times made by yourself and your predecessors into the Provincial Treasury, during the same period, with the dates at which the same were made.

It is the wish of His Excellency that the information to be furnished by you, should be as full and accurate as possible, in order that it may, (if His Excellency think fit) be transmitted to the Legislature at its next Session. You will therefore give the quantities, as near as may be, in each year, of the Articles which have produced the greatest amounts, in order that by such comparative statement, His Excellency may be enabled to ascertain what effect the alterations made in the Revenue Laws in the Winter Session of the present year, have had in augmenting or diminishing the Revenue. With this view, your statement should distinguish how far the Revenue is indebted for its very considerable increase in the last twelve months to such alterations, and how far such increase is attributable to the more prosperous condition of the Trade of this Port, or to any other cause during the same period.

Any further information which may suggest itself to you, as likely to assist His Excellency in his desire to obtain a thorough knowledge of this subject, will be acceptable.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Thos. A. S. Dewolf, Esquire, Collector of Excise.

Excise

*Excise Office, Halifax, 29th January, 1845.*

SIR,—

In compliance with the request of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, communicated by your Letter of the 7th December last, I now beg to submit, for the information of His Excellency, the accompanying papers, shewing the comparative amounts of Revenue collected at this Office, and the payments made therefrom to the Treasurer in the years 1843 and 1844, and the sources from which those collections have been made in the respective years.

I fear that the desire of His Excellency to ascertain from these Returns how far the alterations in the Revenue Laws, made at the last Winter Session of the Legislature, have contributed to the augmentation of the Revenue will not be realized. This cannot be made definitely to appear by any statement I can make—though the satisfactory and beneficial result of those amendments, and especially of that clause which makes the producing the Invoice, to be sustained by affidavit imperative, have been to myself, and others conducting the business here, quite evident.

The prevailing opinion of Merchants and others, conversant with the Trade of the Province is, that the Importations of Dutiable Goods the past year have not greatly exceeded those of former years. It must therefore appear that the large increase in the Receipts at this Office is attributable to other causes, among which I conceive are chiefly the following, viz:—First, the better and more strenuous collection of Bonds and Balances long due, and of payments on Bonds more recently given as they became due. Secondly, the enlarged Entries under the amended Law—the production of Invoices, supported by affidavit, having, as there is reason to believe, secured a much more just and equitable collection of Duties, particularly on Importations from the United States, in which branch of the general trade of the Province it is supposed extensive evasion of Duties has heretofore been practised. Thirdly, the increased Duties realized upon Entries from the Warehouses, arising from increased and improved attention to that branch of this Department, and by ascertaining more minutely the weights and contents of parcels as delivered in and taken out from thence. Fourthly, the vigilance and persevering efforts of A. Richardson, Guager and Weigher, and of several of the Waiters, in endeavouring to detect and prevent illicit trading—the several seizures made by them, though comparatively of small amount, yet exceeding what has been done in that way for many years previous, have apparently given a very considerable check to the extensive Smuggling known to be carried on here, and have doubtless induced many Entries that would not otherwise have been made.

There are other, though minor causes, which might be referred to as tending to swell the amount of Receipts during the past year—such as the enlarged amount paid by Distillers in this City—the result probably of the appointment of Overseers to superintend their operations when at work—and it would appear that other advantages to the Revenue have arisen from these appointments, as there have been greatly increased Importations of Rum from the West Indies and elsewhere, induced probably by the short supply from the Distilleries under these restrictions—these have added materially to the amounts collected and secured.

It has been my earnest endeavor to infuse into the Waiters, and others employed by and in this Office, a deeper interest in the objects for which the office was created and is sustained, and I have had the gratification to find in them generally a ready co-operation in striving to accomplish these objects—to this, together with the establishing a Night Watch upon Vessels discharging Dutiable Goods, I attribute a very considerable part of the increased collections of the year, I should say more than almost any other cause yet assigned.

In reference to the mode of keeping the Accounts and conducting the general business of the Office, I consider the practice of the past year a decided improvement upon that of the former, and especially so in reference to the Account kept of Cash Entries, which formerly were entered at the close of each day in gross amount

mount, without giving the names of the parties making the Entries, or the amounts paid by them respectively, and this, as I believe, without any supervision or check on the part of the Collector—whereas now the name of the party to each distinct Entry is recorded, and the amounts paid by each carried out separately, and these are examined, checked off, and the monies counted, and the amounts carried into a separate Book, shewing the exact balance on hand every day before closing the Office.

I do not find from any Books or Records in the Office the means of ascertaining at what particular dates the payments into the Treasury were formerly made, further than by the quarterly statements made in the general Cash Book—by which it appears that it was the practice with the former Collector to retain considerable balances in hand at the end of the quarter—which sometimes amounted to over One Thousand Pounds. During the past year, and especially since I assumed the duties of the Office, the payments to the Treasurer have been made in accordance with His Excellency's Instructions, at farthest once in every week—and frequently at much shorter periods—and the entire balance at the close of each quarter wholly paid up. I feel it is but just to add, that the improvements here noticed, as well as many others in the general affairs of the office, were commenced by my more immediate predecessors, Messrs. Bland and Brown, Commissioners, from whose experience and suggestion I have derived very considerable advantage. I presume it may not be thought amiss for me to observe that the alterations in the Revenue Laws, as well as the Law imposing additional guards and checks upon Distilleries, have added largely to the duties, labor, and responsibilities of the office.

I have to regret the delay that has unavoidably attended the making these returns—the required Statistics could not be given until the whole Accounts for the year were completed—and these have been made with as much despatch as was at all practicable.

I have the honor to be, Sir, &c., &c., &c.,

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

Collector of Impost & Excise.

Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c., &c., &c.

*A Return of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, entered for Duties between the 1st day of January and 31st December, 1843.*

ARTICLES.	RATE OF DUTY.	DUTIES STERLING.
	STERLING.	
Apples, 26 bbls.	4s. per bbl.	£7 14 0
Bacon, 6 cwt. 2 qrs.	6s. per cwt.	1 19 0
Beef, 674 cwt.	9d. per cwt.	25 5 6
Brandy, 418 galls.	1s. 4d. per gall.	27 17 4
Brandy, 13,648 galls.	1s. 8d. per gall.	1,137 6 8
Bread, 441 cwt.	9d. per cwt.	16 10 9
Bread, 9 cwt. 3 qrs.	1s. 8d. per cwt.	16 3
Butter, 17 cwt. 21 lbs.	4s. per cwt.	3 8 9
Butter, 36 cwt. 1 qr.	8s. per cwt.	14 10 0
Coffee, 348 cwt.	4s. 4d. per cwt.	75 8 0
Coffee, 4 cwt. 2 qrs.	5s. per cwt.	1 2 6
Chocolate, 1140 lbs.	1d. per lb.	2 7 6
Flour, 17,518 bbls.	2s. per bbl.	1,751 16 0
Geneva, 30 galls.	1s. 4d. per gall.	2 0 0
Geneva, 7,288 galls.	1s. 8d. per gall.	607 6 8
Lard, 5,014 lbs.	1d. per lb.	10 8 11
Lard, 46 cwt.	8s. per cwt.	19 12 0
Leather, 10,163 lbs.	1d. per lb.	42 6 11

Articles

ARTICLES.	RATE OF DUTY.	DUTIES STERLING.
	STERLING.	
Leather, 25 lbs.	4d. per lb.	8 4
Molasses, 73,186 galls.	2½d. per gall.	762 7 1
Onions, 163 cwt. 2 qrs.	2s. 6d. per cwt.	20 8 9
Pork, 2,335 cwt.	1s. 3d. per cwt.	145 18 9
Pork, 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.	12s. per cwt.	13 7 9
Rum, 5,847 galls.	9d. per gall.	219 5 3
Rum, 64,209 galls.	1s. 3d. per gall.	4,013 1 3
Rum, 12,141 galls.	1s. 4d. per gall.	809 8 0
Spirits and Cordials, 245 galls.	1s. 8d. per gall.	20 8 4
Sugar, 9,217 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.	2s. per cwt.	921 15 9
Sugar, 379 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.	6s. per cwt.	113 16 3
Sugar, 2,999 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.	8s. per cwt.	1,199 17 6
Tea, 574,972 lbs.	¾d. per lb.	1,796 15 9
Tea, 273,706 lbs.	1½d. per lb.	1,710 13 3
Tea, 6,882 lbs.	3d. per lb.	86 0 6
Tobacco, 119,554 lbs.	½d. per lb.	249 1 5
Tobacco, 119,208 lbs.	1½d. per lb.	745 1 0
Whiskey, 1487 galls.	1s. 4d. per gall.	99 2 8
Whiskey, 196 galls.	9d. per gall.	7 7 0
Wine, 30,165 galls.	1s. per gall.	1,508 5 0
Wine, 5,115 galls.	1s. 3d. per gall.	319 13 9
Wine, 267 galls.	1s. 6d. per gall.	20 0 6
Wine, 1,539 galls.	1s. 8d. per gall.	128 5 0
Wine, 10,780 galls.	1s. 11d. per gall.	1,033 1 8
Wine, 176 galls.	2s. 1d. per gall.	18 6 8
Wine, 705 galls.	2s. 3d. per gall.	79 6 3
Wine, 4,490 galls.	2s. 6d. per gall.	561 5 0
Wine, 427 galls.	3s. per gall.	64 1 0
Value of Goods, £1,080 0 0	2½ per cent.	27 0 0
" " 174,443 0 0	5 per cent.	8,722 3 0
" " 3,274 16 8	7½ per cent.	245 12 3
" " 1,020 17 6	10 per cent.	102 1 9
" " 1,247 0 0	15 per cent.	187 1 0
" " 99 8 9	20 per cent.	19 17 9

£2,9717 11 11

Less Duty paid at Customs on Pork

2 16 2

Sterling £29,714 15 9

Add 1-4 7,428 13 8½

Currency £37,143 9 5½

Excise Office, 29th January, 1845.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

*A Return of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize entered for Duties between the 1st January and 31st December, 1844.*

ARTICLES.	RATE OF DUTY.	DUTIES STERLING.
	STERLING.	
Apples, 29½ bbls.	4s. per bbl.	£5 18 0
Beef, 543 cwt.	9d. per cwt.	20 7 3
Beef, 72 cwt. 1 qr.	3s. per cwt.	10 16 9

Articles

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF  
Excise Office, 29th Jan 1845

ARTICLES.	RATE OF DUTY.	DUTIES STERLING.
	STERLING.	
Brandy, 25,017 galls.	1s. 8d. per gall.	2084 15 0
Bread, 500 cwt.	9d. per cwt.	18 15 0
Bread, 1412 cwt. 2 qrs.	1s. 8d. per cwt.	117 14 2
Butter, 45 cwt. 1 qr.	4s. per cwt.	9 1 0
Bacon, 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.	6s. per cwt.	5 5 9
Clocks, 80.	10s. per cwt.	40 0 0
Coffee, 990 cwt. 1 qr.	4s. 4d. per cwt.	214 11 1
Coffee, 347 lbs.	2d. per lb.	2 17 10
Candles, 9,329 lbs.	1d. per lb.	38 17 5
Candles, 4,670 lbs.	3d. per lb.	58 7 6
Chocolate, 220 lbs.	1d. per lb.	0 18 4
Flour, 26 bbls.	2s. per bbl.	2 12 0
Geneva, 16,005 galls.	1s. 8d. per gall.	1333 15 0
Leather, 251 lbs.	4d. per lb.	4 3 8
Leather, 6,467 lbs.	2d. per lb.	53 17 10
Leather, 79,853 lbs.	1d. per lb.	332 14 5
Lard, 110 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.	8s. per cwt.	44 7 6
Molasses, 126 galls.	3d. per gall.	1 16 9
Onions, 130 cwt. 2 qrs.	2s. 6d. per cwt.	16 6 0
Pork, 14 cwt. 1 qr.	12s. per cwt.	8 11 0
Pork, 217 cwt.	1s. 3d. per gall.	13 11 3
Pork, 1130 cwt. 3 qrs.	3s. per cwt.	169 12 3
Rum, 7972 galls.	1s. per gall.	398 12 0
Rum, 37,190 galls.	1s. 3d. per gall.	2324 7 6
Rum, 73,222 galls.	1s. 6d. per gall.	5491 13 0
Rum, 347 galls.	1s. 4d. per gall.	23 2 8
Spirits, 626½ galls.	1s. 8d. per gall.	52 4 2
Sugar, 21,641 cwt. 14 lbs.	2s. per cwt.	2164 2 3
Sugar, 138 cwt. 21 lbs.	4s. per cwt.	27 12 9
Sugar, 258 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.	6s. per cwt.	77 11 9
Sugar, 1834 cwt. 2 qrs.	8s. per cwt.	733 18 0
Tea, 380,740 lbs.	1½d. per lb.	2379 12 6
Tea, 3,899 lbs.	3d. per lb.	48 14 9
Tobacco, 197,288 lbs.	1½d. per lb.	1233 1 0
Wine, 16,413 galls.	1s. 3d. per gall.	1025 16 3
Wine, 9,111½ galls.	2s. 6d. per gall.	1138 18 9
Wine, 1,461½ galls.	3s. per gall.	219 4 6
Whiskey, 1,264 galls.	1s. 8d. per gall.	105 6 8
Whiskey, 39 galls.	1s. per gall.	1 19 0
Value of Goods, £ 971 10 0	2½ per cent.	24 5 9
" 250,473 6 8	5 per cent.	12523 13 4
" 30 0 0	7½ per cent.	2 5 0
" 75 0 0	7 per cent.	5 5 0
" 10,096 7 6	10 per cent.	1009 12 9
" 1,672 8 4	15 per cent.	250 17 3
" 27 0 0	20 per cent.	5 8 0
Raisins, 9,640 lbs.	1d. per lb.	10 0 10
Raisins, 74,750 lbs.	½d. per lb.	155 14 7

£36,042 13 0

Less Duty paid at Customs on Pork

2 2 10

Sterling  
Add 1-4£36,040 10 2  
9010 2 6½

Excise Office, 29th Jany., 1845.

Currency £45,050 12 8½  
THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

Comparative

*Comparative Statement of Amounts collected and paid from the Excise Office in 1843 and 1844.*

**1843.**

The Receipts as appear by the Quarterly Returns for ordinary purposes of Revenue, £29,342 9 3  
 And for Duties appropriated to the support of the Poor, 600 0 0

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£29,942 9 3

The Amount paid, as appears by the above Returns, was :

In March Quarter, £5,000 0 0  
 June " 8,000 0 0  
 September " 7,000 0 0  
 December " 8,680 0 0

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28,680 0 0

And for duties appropriated to the support of the Poor, 600 0 0

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£29,280 0 0

Shewing a Balance of £662 9 3

Which was paid early in the ensuing year, and will appear in the Treasurer's Account for 1844.

**1844.**

The Receipts as appear by the Quarterly Accounts for ordinary purposes of Revenue, £48,393 0 0  
 Ditto for Duties appropriated for the support of the Poor, 940 0 0

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£49,333 0 0

The amount paid, as appear by the above Accounts, between 1st January and 1st May, by the Commissioners, £13,809 0 0

Between the 1st May and 30th June, by present Collector, in 15 several payments, 8,305 17 0

For the Quarter ending 30th September, in 20 several payments, 9,764 10 5

For the Quarter ending 31st December, in 19 several payments, 16,513 12 7

And on Account of Duties appropriated for the support of the Poor, 940 0 0

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£49,333 0 0

Excise Office, Halifax, 29th January, 1845.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

## APPENDIX No. 24.

(See Page 13.)

(Circular.)

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
 Halifax, 24th January, 1845.*

SIR—

The Lieutenant Governor having reason to believe that the sixth Section of the Act, passed by the Legislature in March last, "For regulating the Importation of Goods," has been disregarded at some of the Out-port Excise

Offices, I am commanded by His Excellency to require you to enforce, in all cases, a strict compliance with the requisitions of the Section referred to—a copy of which, with the Forms of Entry and Affidavits to be used, is annexed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

To Collector of Excise.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where Impost Duties imposed by any Act for granting Colonial Duties upon the importation of Goods into this Province, are charged not according to the weight, tale, guage, or measure, but according to the value thereof, the Importer, or his known Agent, shall be required to declare on oath before the Collector of Impost, what is the invoice price of such articles, and that he verily believes such invoice price is the current value of the articles at the place from whence the said articles were imported, and shall, at the same time exhibit to the Collector the original Invoice of the said Goods, and shall on oath before such Collector, verify the same as such original Invoice, or if he has not, and cannot procure such original Invoice, he shall, on oath, before such Collector, declare that he has not in his possession, or under his controul, and cannot procure such original Invoice, and shall account for the want thereof. *Provided always*, that all such oaths shall be signed by the party who shall make the same; and that in case the Collector shall be prevented by indisposition or other necessary cause, from being present when such entry is made, every such oath shall be administered by the chief clerk or authorized substitute of such Collector.

**Form of Entry.**

*Inwards—per Steamer Cambria, }  
Judkins, Master, from Liverpool, G. B. }*

Four Bales and two Boxes Clothes, Haberdashery, and Silk

Goods—Amount £100 Sterling—Duty 5 per cent.

£5 0 0

Add one-fourth

1 5 0

Currency £6 5 0

Halifax, 22d January, 1845.

(Signed) A. B. & Co.

I. A. B. do solemnly swear that the Invoice now produced by me is the true and original Invoice of all the Goods imported by A. B. & Co. as herein specified—and I verily believe such Invoice price to be the current value of the articles at the place whence the same are imported.

(Signed) A. B.

Sworn before me, this 22d Jany., 1845, }  
at

Collector.

**Form of Affidavit when Invoice cannot be procured.**

I do solemnly swear that I have not in my possession, or under my control, nor can I procure the Original Invoice of the Goods specified in the annexed Entry, no Invoice having been received by me, but I verily believe the value, as within stated, to be the correct value at the place whence the same are imported, as near as can be ascertained.

Sworn before me this }  
day of at } So help me God.

Collector.

APPENDIX, No. 25.

(See Page 14.)

The Province of Nova-Scotia for payments made by the Treasurer between the 1st January, 1844, and 30th January, 1845. Dr.

MARCH QUARTER.

March 31.

To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10	0
Commissioners of Excise for pay of Waiters,	4	192	12	6
Respective Stockholders for one year's interest on Funded Debt,	5	250	0	0
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings' Bank for Interest to date,	6	367	10	0
Collector of H. M. Customs to pay Salaries to Officers of the Customs,	7	1786	4	8½
Commissioners of the Poor,	8	150	0	0
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	9	100	0	0
Secretary of Acadia College,	10	111	0	0
President of St Mary's Seminary,	11	111	0	0
Clerk of Central Board of Education,	12	57	10	0
Commissioners for building Bridewell,	13	1261	9	2
Sheriff of Colchester returning Members,	14	6	0	0
Sheriff of Cumberland ditto,	15	4	10	0
Sheriff of Inverness ditto,	16	3	0	0
Sheriff of Annapolis ditto,	17	4	10	0
Sheriff of Shelburne ditto,	18	4	10	0
Boudrot and Trahan, damage created by the construction of an Aboiteau,	19	40	0	0
John E. Mais, drawback on Refined Sugar,	20	62	18	5
Deputy Post Master General, for Post Communication,	21	210	11	4
The Members of the Assembly,	22	2657	0	0
The Clerk of the House of Assembly,	23	398	0	0
The Assistant Clerk ditto,	24	200	0	0
G. R. Grassie, Sergeant at Arms ditto,	25	50	0	0
John Jennings, Assistant ditto, ditto,	26	30	0	0
John Gibbs, Messenger ditto,	27	30	0	0
Clerk of the Assembly, to pay Chaplains,	28	25	0	0
Clerk of the Legislative Council,	29	646	3	0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy,	30	25	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy,	31	25	0	0
Trustees of Arichat Academy,	32	25	0	0
		£10,299	6	4

JUNE QUARTER.

June 30.

To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10	0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters,	4	316	7	5
				To

To paid the respective Stockholders, for half years interest on Funded Debt,	5	£200	0	0
Ditto. for the Quarter ending this day,	6	250	0	0
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings Bank for interest,	7	255	0	0
Collector of H. M. Customs to pay Salaries of the Officers of Customs,	8	1786	4	8½
Commissioners of the Poor,	9	150	0	0
Ditto. for Support of School.	10	12	10	0
Trustees of the Acadian School,	11	50	0	0
Trustees of the National School,	12	50	0	0
Trustees of the Catholic School,	13	50	0	0
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	14	100	0	0
President and Directors of Acadia College,	15	111	0	0
Trustees of St. Mary's Seminary,	16	111	0	0
Rev. Mr. Uniacke's School in North Suburbs,	17	50	0	0
Trustees of the African School,	18	50	0	0
Trustees of the Methodist School,	19	50	0	0
Clerk to the Central Board of Education,	20	37	10	0
Ladies, Managers of Infant School,	21	50	0	0
Sheriff of Hants, for returning members,	22	7	10	0
Sheriff of Kings, ditto,	23	13	10	0
Sheriff of Lunenburg, ditto,	24	4	10	0
Sheriff of Pictou, ditto,	25	10	10	0
Artillery Mess, for drawback on Wine,	26	45	7	1
James Whitney, for running Steam Boats,	27	125	0	0
Patrick Day, for Road Alteration,	28	2	0	0
Richard Carter, running a Ferry Boat,	29	10	0	0
George Giffin, Breakwater at Lewis Head,	30	50	0	0
Dy. Post Master General, Post Communication,	31	290	18	4
James Whitney for running Steamer to Western Ports,	32	450	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	33	550	0	0
S. Trenholm Return of Duties on Machinery,	34	3	15	0
J. S. Thompson balance as Queen's Printer,	35	274	13	1
Richard Nugent balance due him for Printing,	36	109	19	10
Commissioners of Bridewell,	37	490	8	5
Andrew Stevens, as granted to him,	38	22	0	0
King's College for Drawback on Duties,	39	25	16	6
Wm. T. Moffat, services as a Teacher,	40	26	11	7
Treasurer, to repay O. Wilson and others,	41	14	4	8
Ebenezer Annand, as granted to him,	42	20	0	0
Doctor Pyke, services as Health Officer,	43	10	0	0
Thomas Firth, as granted to him,	44	10	0	0
Thomas J. Wood, ditto,	45	11	10	0
D. M. Cummin, for carrying Mails,	46	7	10	0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	47	25	0	0
Hugh McKinnon, erection of an Oat Mill,	48	10	0	0
Judge Haliburton, Travelling Expenses,	49	42	0	0
Judge Hill, ditto,	50	35	0	0
John Campbell, for carrying the Mails,	51	25	0	0
L. Moorehouse, Ferriage between Digby and Brier Island,	52	10	0	0
Dy. Post Master General, Post Communication,	53	479	11	0
Dr. Carritt, as granted to him,	54	2	10	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	55	400	0	0
				To

To paid the Ladies, Managers of Infant School, Pictou,	56	£25	0	0
Chas. E. Leonard, sums advanced to Shipwrecked Mariners,	57	105	5	7
Commissioners of Public Buildings,	58	455	9	3
J. S. Thompson, Printing for Legislative Council,	59	98	3	9
R. Nugent, Printing for House of Assembly,	60	114	5	7½
Dr. Garraty, support of a Transient Pauper,	61	8	0	0
Dr. Fox, support of ditto,	62	4	0	0
J. G. Bingay, for Return of Duties,	63	3	17	8
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy,	64	18	15	0
Willm. Chipman, for support of a Deaf and Dumb Boy,	65	15	0	0
Benj. Dewolf, for Drawback on Duties,	66	8	0	0
J. Ross, for claims against Post Office,	67	116	0	0
And. Henderson, Teacher of a School,	68	12	10	0
Commissioners of the Penitentiary,	69	300	0	0
Queen's Printer, on account,	70	100	0	0
John C. Mais, drawback on Refined Sugar,	71	88	8	0
Fairbanks & Allisons, ditto,	72	5	18	2
Will. Mayberry, ditto,	73	37	10	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	74	960	0	0
Bank of British North America,	75	8000	0	0
Ditto, for Interest to date,	76	153	11	2
Trustees of Sydney Academy,	77	25	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy,	78	25	0	0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy,	79	25	0	0
Trustees of Lunenburg Academy,	80	100	0	0
Trustees of Digby Academy,	81	25	0	0
Trustees of Arichat Academy,	82	25	0	0
Trustees of Guysborough Academy,	83	60	0	0
Trustees of Shelburne Academy,	84	50	0	0
Trustees of Truro Academy,	85	50	0	0
Edward O'Brien, Drawback on Flour,	86	12	1	7
		£19,797	0	7½

SEPTEMBER QUARTER.

September 30.

To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, per Warrant and Abstract,	1	1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10	0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters,	4	343	13	0
Respective Stockholders, for one year's interest to date,	5	250	0	0
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings Bank, for Interest,	6	381	10	0
Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay the Salaries of the Officers of the Customs,	7	1786	4	8½
Commissioners of the Poor,	8	150	0	0
Clerk to the Central Board of Education,	9	37	10	0
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	10	100	0	0
Trustees of the Acadia College,	11	111	0	0
Trustees of St. Mary's Seminary,	12	111	0	0
David McPherson, for keeping a Ferry,	13	10	0	0
				To

To paid William Kidston, a Road Alteration,	14	£5	0	0
Joseph S. Morse, for drawback of duty,	15	12	10	0
John and Chas. Pernette, Ferry at LaHave,	16	15	0	0
Honorable Chief Justice, Travelling Expenses,	17	39	13	4
Judge Bliss, ditto,	18	43	3	4
Richard Nugent, Printing for the Assembly,	19	100	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	20	25	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	21	1155	0	0
Cornelius Craig, for keeping a Ferry,	22	10	0	0
Charles E. Leonard, as granted to him,	23	53	15	0
Dr. W. L. Bent, as granted to him,	24	2	12	0
McDonald & Richardson, keeping a Ferry,	25	20	0	0
Trustees of the Inverness Academy,	26	25	0	0
Members of the Assembly,	27	1080	0	0
Clerk of the House of Assembly,	28	130	0	0
Hugh McLean, Land Compensation,	29	20	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	30	72	13	8
E. Crowell, keeping Seal Island Establishment,	31	20	0	0
Clerk of the Legislative Council,	32	71	0	0
Alexr. McMillan, keeping a Ferry,	33	10	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	34	250	0	0
John L. Tremain, as granted to him,	35	62	10	0
Officers 52nd Regiment, Drawback on Wines,	36	75	5	8
Trustees of the Yarmouth Academy,	37	101	5	0
Michl. Sellars and others, for Road Alteration,	38	164	0	0
Trustees of Methodist Academy, Sackville,	39	200	0	0
Trustees of Sydney Academy,	40	25	0	0
Trustees of Antigonishe Academy,	41	50	0	0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy,	42	25	0	0
Trustees of Arichat Academy,	43	25	0	0
		£8,654	1	8

## DECEMBER QUARTER.

Decr. 31.

To paid the Salaries of the Officers of Government, per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10	0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters,	4	338	18	0
Respective Stockholders, half year's interest on Funded Debt,	5	200	0	0
Ditto. for the Quarter ending this day,	6	250	0	0
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings Bank for Interest,	7	311	0	0
Commissioners of the Poor,	8	150	0	0
Ditto, for support of a School,	9	12	10	0
Clerk to Central Board of Education,	10	37	10	0
Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay Salaries of the Officers of Customs,	11	1786	4	8
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	12	100	0	0
Directors of the Acadia College,	13	111	0	0
Directors of St. Mary's Seminary,	14	111	0	0
Directors of the Acadian School,	15	50	0	0
Directors of the National School,	16	50	0	0
				To

To paid the Rev. Mr. Uniacke's School, in North Suburbs,	17	£50	0	0
Rev. Dr. Willis, for support of African School,	18	50	0	0
Hon. Hugh Bell, for support of Methodist School,	19	50	0	0
Trustees of the Truro Academy,	20	50	0	0
Trustees of the Guysborough Academy,	21	50	0	0
Trustees of the Arichat Academy,	22	25	0	0
Andrew Henderson, Grammar School,	23	12	10	0
Trustees of the Academy at Annapolis,	24	18	15	0
Trustees of the Liverpool Academy,	25	25	0	0
John Barss, for Drawback on Duties,	26	11	5	0
Wm. Kidston, Road alteration,	27	10	0	0
D. Nicholson, for erecting an Oat Mill,	28	10	0	0
J. Whitney, for carrying Mails,	29	25	0	0
Alex. Forsyth, Drawback of Duties,	30	34	5	3
Hon. Chief Justice, Travelling Expenses,	31	39	13	4
Judge Hill, ditto,	32	42	0	0
Judge Bliss, ditto,	33	31	10	0
Judge Haliburton, ditto,	34	51	6	8
Wm. Annand, Printing for Government,	35	55	16	2
Commissioners of Light-Houses,	36	350	0	0
Officers' Mess of the Royals, Drawback on Wines,	37	7	0	7½
Commissioners of the Penitentiary,	38	300	0	0
McKay & Stevens, maintenance of Deaf and Dumb Boy,	39	20	0	0
Isaiah Smith, for supporting a Boat,	40	30	0	0
Wm. Chipman, for support of Deaf and Dumb Boy,	41	15	0	0
P. Crowell, for replacing a Buoy at Barrington,	42	24	9	3
Dy. Post Master General, for Post Communication,	43	286	7	0½
Matthew Quirk, Road alteration,	44	2	0	0
James Whitney, Steam Communication,	45	1000	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	46	950	0	0
Collector of Sydney, C. B., support of Revenue Boat,	47	40	0	0
Bounty on Seal Fishery,	48	388	0	0
Wm. Pryor & Sons, Drawback on Refined Sugar,	49	81	3	9
Dy. Post Master General, for Postage of Letters,	50	85	4	7½
Bounty on Ship Rose on Whaling Voyage,	51	767	0	0
Drs. Grigor and Sterling, for Halifax Dispensary,	52	50	0	0
Directors of the Catholic School,	53	50	0	0
Trustees of the Inverness Academy,	54	25	0	0
Trustees of the Academy at Cape-Breton,	55	25	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	56	25	0	0
Day and Johnston, expenses incurred on a Trial,	57	5	12	0
Clerk of the Central Board of Education,	58	37	10	0
Trustees of the Shelburne Academy,	59	50	0	0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	60	50	0	0
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy,	61	18	15	0
Alex. Auld, for keeping Ferry Boat,	62	10	0	0
President and Directors Central Board of Agri- culture,	63	1301	10	11
Salary of the Lieutenant-Governor,	64	2500	0	0
Commissioners of the Penitentiary,	65	172	4	0
Dy. Post Master General, for Postage,	66	324	12	9½
Commissioners of the Bridewell,	67	1000	0	0
John Caldwell, Road Service,	68	20	0	0
Commissioners of Sable Island,	69	400	0	0

To

To paid the Commissioners of Fisheries,	70	£500	0	0
Schools,		7807	19	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rations to Troops on Route, per Abstract,		252	18	6
Adjutants of Militia,		70	0	0
Militia Arms,		156	4	2
Coroners,		200	0	0
Criminal Prosecutions		155	2	4
Overseers of the Poor,		274	9	4
Casualty Vote,		812	5	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Old Road Votes and Balances,		805	1	8
Repairing Roads and Bridges throughout the Province,		9789	16	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Commissioners of Light Houses,		783	11	5
Trustees Digby Academy,		25	0	0
Ditto.           Ditto.		25	0	0
Grant to Indians,		200	0	0
Queen's Printer,		100	0	0
Central Board of Agriculture,		150	0	0
		£76,904	14	0
	Balance	12,628	12	6
		£89,533	6	6

*The Province of Nova Scotia in Account Current with Charles W. Wallace,*  
Treasurer. CR.

1843.				
Dec. 31.—By Balance of Account rendered at this date,		£463	14	8
1844.				
Dec. 31.—By received from the late Collector, Mr. Howe,		662	9	3
By received from the Commissioners of Excise while in Office,		13809	12	3
By received from the present Collector:				
June Quarter,		8305	17	0
September Quarter,		9764	10	5
December Quarter,		16513	16	10
By received from the Collector's at the Out Ports between 1st January, 1844, and				
Liverpool,		380	15	2
Pictou,		1000	0	0
Lunenburg,		543	5	4
Yarmouth,		738	7	6
Digby,		144	5	0
Shelburne		219	19	6
Barrington,		25	2	8
Londonderry,		122	9	3
Cumberland,		305	9	2
Windsor,		180	0	0
Argyle,		4	14	8
Sydney,		34	6	11
Cornwallis,		19	15	0
Annapolis,		158	13	6
Weymouth,		28	12	1
Sydney, C. B.,		662	12	0
Arichat,		262	10	0
Port Hood,		31	0	1
				Pugwash

Pugwash,	£68	17	4
Brier Island,	1	2	3
Antigonishe,	19	7	0
Chester,			Nil.
Tatamagouche,	36	17	10
Parrsborough,			Nil.
Wilmot,			Nil.

By received from the Collector of H. M. Customs on account of  
Duties between 1st January, 1844, and

## LIGHT DUTY.

By received from the Collector at Halifax :

March Quarter,	162	16	2
June Quarter,	510	7	6
September Quarter,	404	3	0
December Quarter,	291	12	3

By received from the Collectors at the Out Ports, between  
1st January, 1844.

Liverpool,	143	17	3
Shelburne,	68	17	5
Yarmouth,	200	1	7½
Annapolis,	20	7	0
Pictou,	119	17	8
Argyle,	53	12	2
Weymouth,	25	18	0
Digby,	72	12	0
Sydney County,			Nil.
Arichat,			Nil.
Hants County,	111	17	0
Londonderry,	4	18	0
Amherst,	38	0	0
Barrington,	40	8	6½
Lunenburg,	23	6	7
Chester,			Nil.
Tatamagouche,	15	16	5
Parrsboro',	6	18	5
Brier Island,	16	0	0
Pugwash,	56	0	0
Sydney, C. B.	443	8	8
Antigonish,	4	3	3
King's County,	4	12	6
Gut of Canso, (Hadley,)	175	11	8
Ditto, (Bigelow,)	63	5	0
Wilmot,			Nil.
Port Hood,	8	10	10

By received from Government of Prince Edward Island,

By ditto ditto	Canada,	149	1	5
By ditto ditto	New Brunswick,	1984	9	11
By received on account of	Marshall's Justice,	769	4	7
By ditto	Loan to Poor Settlers,	20	13	1
By ditto	Collector of Cornwallis, on act. Seizure,	83	11	3
By ditto	Ditto Windsor proceeds, Revenue	4	5	4
	Boat,	19	1	9

By ditto	Collector at Windsor,	£50 0 0
By ditto	Collector of Parrsboro', omitted	12 1 3
		£89,533 6 6

[Errors excepted.]

Treasurer's Office, Halifax, 31st December, 1844.

CHARLES W. WALLACE, Treasurer.

Balance,	£12628 12 6
Error in Road Account,	21 7 5
Overcharge on School Account (Cumberland),	26 11 7
This sum being excess of interest on Province Stock,	722 10 9
	£13,399 2 3

CHARLES W. WALLACE, Treasurer.

## APPENDIX No. 26.

(See Page 15.)

## ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1845.

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Four Assistant Justices of Supreme Court,	£2,500 0 0
Travelling Expenses of ditto, on Circuit.	
Hire of Vessel to convey Judges to Cape Breton.	600 0 0
Master of the Rolls,	
Counsel conducting Criminal Prosecutions.	
Allowance to Coroners.	10 0 0
Keeper of the Law Library.	
Pensions to late Judges of Common Pleas.	

## LEGISLATURE.

Speaker of the House of Assembly.	
Pay and Travelling Expenses of Members.	
Clerk of Legislative Council.	
Law Clerk of ditto.	
Chaplain of ditto.	
Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.	
Clerk of the House of Assembly.	
Clerk Assistant of ditto.	
Chaplain of ditto.	
Sergeant at Arms of ditto.	
Assistant ditto of ditto.	
Messenger of Legislative Council.	
Assistant ditto of ditto.	
Messengers, &c., of Assembly.	
Stationary, Fuel, Contingencies of Legislative Council and Assembly.	

## REVENUE.

Treasurer,	£600 0 0
Custom House Establishment,	7,144 18 9
Guager and Weigher,	235 0 0
Excise Waiters,	500 0 0
Clerk to Commissioners of Revenue,	45 0 0
Revenue Boats.	

Militia

Adjutant General.  
 Quarter Master General.  
 Adjutants of Battalions.  
 Cleaning Militia Arms.

EDUCATION.

Common and Combined Common and Grammar Schools. £444 8 8  
 King's College. 400 0 0  
 Pictou Academy and Dalhousie College. 150 0 0  
 Halifax Grammar School, 300 0 0  
 Horton Academy,  
 Other Academies in various parts of the Province.  
 National, Acadian, Catholic, African, and Rev Mr. Uniacke's  
 School, Halifax, 460 0 0  
 Infant School and Poor House School. 75 0 0

MISCELLANEOUS.

For maintaining Light Houses. 400 0 0  
 For Establishment on Sable Island,  
 Expense of keeping up Post Communication.  
 Encouragement of Steam Boats, Sailing Packets and Ferries. 600 0 0  
 Commissioners of Asylum for Poor,  
 Towards support of Bridewell and Penitentiary.  
 Interest of Funded Debt.  
 Interest of deposits in Savings Bank.  
 For improving main lines of communication between Halifax and  
 Pictou—between Truro and the New Brunswick Boundary—  
 and between Halifax and Digby.  
 For opening and repairing other Roads, and building and repair-  
 ing Bridges.  
 For casualties to Roads and Bridges.  
 To the Clerks of the Peace for distributing Road Commissions. 300 0 0  
 Drawback on Wine imported for the Army,  
 Repairs of Public Buildings.  
 For assisting Indians.  
 For purchasing Seed Potatoes for Blacks at Preston, Hammond's  
 Plains, 100 0 0  
 Towards support of Halifax Dispensary, 50 0 0  
 Towards the support of the Mechanic's Institute, 50 0 0  
 Rations of Troops on Route.  
 Drawbacks. 20 0 0  
 Keeping of Gunpowder at Halifax Magazine,  
 Hire of Vessels to protect the Fisheries.

FALKLAND.

Government House, Halifax, 11th February, 1845.

APPENDIX No. 27.

(See Page 24)

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, ap-  
 pointed to examine the Public Accounts, report as follows

TREASURER OF THE PROVINCE.

His Accounts to the 31st December, 1844, have been received. Balance in hand to  
 that date, £13399 2 3  
 Collectors

## COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE.

His Accounts to the 31st December, 1844.	HALIFAX.	Bonds in hands,	£21146	8	1
His Accounts received.	LUNENBURG.	Bonds in hand per Statement—(two Bonds of 1844 outstanding,)	801	4	0
His Accounts received.	LIVERPOOL.	Bonds in hand per Statement,	49	11	10
His Accounts received.	SHELBURNE.	Bonds in hand per Statement,	42	11	6
His Accounts received.	BARRINGTON.	Paid in full.			
His Accounts received.	ARGYLE.	Ditto, ditto.			
His Accounts received.	YARMOUTH.	Bonds in hand per Statement,	156	15	3
His Accounts received.	WEYMOUTH.	Paid in full.			
His Accounts received.	BRIER ISLAND.	Paid in full.			
His Accounts received.	DIGBY.	Balance due,	226	15	0
His Accounts received to 30th Sept.	FARRSBOROUGH.	Due by him,	5	19	1
(No Return for Quarter ending 31st Dec.)	ANNAPOLIS.	Balance due,	0	2	10
His Accounts received.	WILMOT.	No Return.			
His Accounts received.	CORNWALLIS.	Balance due,	1	12	6
His Accounts received.	WINDSOR.	Balance due,	76	7	11
His Accounts received.	COLCHESTER.	Balance due,			
(It does not appear that the balance of the former Collector's Account has as yet been paid. £19 1 9 received for Revenue Boat in Treasurer's Account.)	AMHERST.	Paid in full.	38	11	9
His Accounts received.	PUGWASH AND WALLACE.	Balance due,	90	10	0
His Accounts received.	TATAMAGOUCHE.	Balance due,	70	14	1
His Accounts received.	ANTIGONISH.	Paid in full.			
His Accounts received.	GUYSBOROUGH.	Balance due,	20	13	1
His Accounts received.	ARICHAT.	Balance due,	499	11	5
His Accounts received.	PORT HOOD.	Amount paid in full.			
His Accounts received.	SYDNEY, C. B.	Balance due,	30	4	7
Balance due on Judgment,	PICTOU.		1585	13	8
					Bonds

Bonds on hand 31st Decr., per Account,

£244 4 2

£1,829 17 10

The Judgement has been reduced during the past year by the sum of £121 7s. 9d., and the amount collected in 1844 has been paid up.

LIGHT DUTY COLLECTORS.

	HALIFAX.		£1390 18 11	
Collected in 1844	LUNENBURG.	£1369 18s. 11d. Paid in,	23 6 7	
Collected, and paid in,	LIVERPOOL.		143 17 9	
Collected, and paid in,	SHELBURNE.		68 18 5	
Collected, and paid in,				
On this Account £2 8s. 8d. appears overcharged being Commission on amount collected at the Ragged Islands, &c.				
No Return. Paid in,	BARRINGTON.		40 8 6	
Collected, £201 17s. 6d. Paid in,	YARMOUTH.		200 1 7½	due 1 15 11
Collected, and paid in,	ARGYLE.		53 12 2	
Collected, and paid in,	WEYMOUTH.		25 18 11	
Collected, £15 5 3.	BRIER ISLAND.			
Balance of 1843, 12 13 8.—Paid in,	DIGBY.		16 0 0	due 11 18 11
Collected, and paid in,	ANNAPOLIS.		72 12 0	
Collected, and paid in,	WILMOT.		20 7 0	
Collected,	CORNWALLIS.		Nil.	
Collected, and paid in,	WINDSOR.		4 12 6	
Collected, and paid in,			111 17 0	
Due from former Collector,				53 1 1
No Return. Paid in,	PARRSBOROUGH.		6 18 4	
Collected, £38 13s. 4d. Paid in,	AMHERST.		38 0 0	due 13 4
Collected, and paid in,	LONDONDERRY.		4 18 0	
Collected, and paid in,	TATAMAGOUCHE.		15 16 5	
Collected, £61 18 11.	PUGWASH.			
Balance, 1843, 10 11 4.—£72 10 3. Paid in,	PICTOU.		56 0 0	due 16 10 3
Collected, and paid in,			111 17 8	
Collected, and paid in,	ANTIGONISH.		4 3 3	
Collected,	GUYSBOROUGH.			due 9 4 5
Collected, £320 4 4.	GUT OF CANSO.			
Balance, 1843, 109 5 6.—£429 9 10. Paid in	LITTLE CANSO.		175 11 8	due 253 18 2
Collected, and paid in,			63 5 0	

Collected, and paid in,	SYDNEY, C. B.	£443 8 8	
Collected, £52 10s. Since paid	ARICHAT.		£52 10 0
Collected, and paid in,	PORT HOOD.	8 10 10	
<b>COMMISSIONERS OF LIGHT HOUSES,</b>			
Their Accounts have been received to 31st Decr,			
Amount,		£5746 16 6	
They have received from New Brunswick half expenses Seal Island,			
£156 8s. 8d. Brier Island £100.	£256 8 8		
Premium on last two sums,	3 16 11		
Proceeds of Oil Casks, &c. sold,	75 5 10		
They have received from the Province Treasury,	5471 5 1		
		<u>5746 16 6</u>	

**LIGHT HOUSES.**

Amount of Annual expence, per Account of the Commisioners,	£5,746 15 6	
Less, Sales of Oil Casks,	15 5 10	
	<u>5731 10 8</u>	
Amount received from Collectors of Light Duty,	3087 19 11	
Due by them, 31st Decr.,	92 12 10	
Due by New Brunswick, for expences of Seal Island,	157 19 9	
Allowance for Brier Island,	100 0 0	
Annual contribution from Canada to St. Paul's and Scatarie,	500 0 0	
Proportion of over-expenditure,	280 14 11	
Annual contribution of New Brunswick to the same,	250 0 0	
Annual contribution of Prince Edward's Island to the same,	30 0 0	
Proportion of over-expenditure,	16 16 11	
Charge on the General Revenue,	1215 6 2	5731 10 8

**CUSTOM HOUSE.**

The Collector of H. M. Customs has paid into the Treasury to 31st December last,	28943 14 5
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**COMMISSIONERS OF SABLE ISLAND.**

Their Accounts to 31st December have been received. Balance in hands of Treasurer,	720 7 11
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**ANNAPOLIS LOAN OFFICE.**

Balance due as reported, 1843,	16 13 0
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**PUBLIC BUILDINGS.**

By the Accounts of the Commissioners, the expenditure of the past year has been :

On Government House, to 31st Decr.,	£327 11 11
On Province Building,	831 1 11

1158 13 10

By the Report of Committee last year, there was due for the Book, entitled, "Marshall's Justice,"

£144 0 4

The Treasurer has received per Acct. to 31st Dec.	20 13 1	due	123 7 3
Short reported due last year			18 11 1

£141 18 4  
Funded

## FUNDED DEBT.

Balance of Amount funded in 1834, '35, & '36, at 5 per cent.,	£20,026	0	0
Amount Funded in 1836, at 4 per cent.,	10,000	0	0
In Savings' Bank, at 5 per cent.,	20,000	0	9
ditto. at 4½ per cent.,	7,000	0	0
	<u>£57,026</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## PROVINCE NOTES.

Amount in circulation, 31st December, 1844,	£59,864	10	0
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The Province of Nova Scotia, to 31st December, 1844, Dr.

To this sum undrawn on account Roads, Bridges, and other services, per Abstract,	£2,651	7	8
Loan Certificates due sundry persons, including the amount funded in Savings' Bank,	57,026	0	0
Amount due Commissioners of Public Buildings,	1,158	13	10
Annual Vote to Sable Island,			
Province Notes in Circulation,	59,864	10	0
	<u>£120,700</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

Contra,

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By Balance in hands of Treasurer, 31st Decr., 1844,	£13,399	2	3
ditto, ditto, Account Sable Island,	726	7	11
Due by Collectors Light Duty,	92	12	10
Amount of Bonds in Excise Offices :			
Halifax,	£21,146	8	1
Out Ports,	3,941	2	4
	<u>£25,087</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>
Deduct probable Drawbacks,	2,487	10	5
		<u>22,600</u>	<u>0</u>
Due from Canada, for Light Houses, 1844,	780	14	11
New Brunswick, ditto,	507	19	9
P. E. Island, ditto,	46	16	11
Balance for Book, entitled, "Marshall's Justice,"	141	18	4
Loan to Dalhousie College,	5,000	0	0
Balance of Loan to Annapolis County,	16	13	0
Balance in Treasurer's hands, Account Passengers Act,	4	0	1
	<u>£43,316</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance,	77,384	5	6
	<u>£120,700</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>

The Committee have given their best attention to the examination of the Accounts submitted to them, and have found the Excise Accounts from the Outports, generally in a more satisfactory state than last year. There are, however, yet outstanding, several large Balances, against which the Collectors have made claims for services, the justness of which the Committee have no means of ascertaining, and would recommend that the Board of Revenue be requested to examine and adjust the same. These remarks refer more particularly to Arichat and Digby.

The Committee deem it proper to remark on certain charges which have been included

included in the Accounts of the Collectors of Excise at the different Outports, and which, although they would appear to have been sanctioned by custom, yet the Committee think are improper and contrary to Law. They allude to the Collector's Commission being charged on that already paid to the Guager, and on his own Commission previously inserted in his Accounts; thus subjecting the Province to Commission not only on the amount of Revenue, but on the expences of its collection. The Commission of the Guager is charged not where duty is performed, but on Merchandize which pay ad valorem duty, and which from their nature do not require the supervision of that Officer. These observations apply to Outport Excise Accounts with but few exceptions.

The Collection of Light Duty in the Gut of Canso is attended with great expence. There was collected in the years 1843 and 1844, £635 3s. 8d., the charges made by Mr. Hadley for collection in these two years, amount to £343 12s. 9d. leaving the net receipt £291 1s. 11d.; the Collector's charge, if allowed, makes the expence of collection amount to upwards of 50 per cent. The Committee therefore recommend that the accounts of Mr. Hadley be referred to a Special Committee to examine and report thereon, that any balance found due to him should be provided for, the present expensive system of collection at once be abandoned, and no further sum be in future allowed but the legal Commission for collecting these Duties, or rather, if practicable, that the Collection of the same should be offered to public competition.

The Committee refrain from making any suggestions on the system at present pursued in the Offices of the Treasurer and Collector of Excise, from their knowledge of the fact that an elaborate Report on this subject is now on the Table, and their conviction that it will receive the careful consideration of the Legislature.

The Committee have great satisfaction in reporting an increase in the Revenue in the Port of Halifax during the past year. From the Customs there has been received £28,943, from the Excise there has been received and secured £41,952, making an excess over the previous year of £2,603 on the former, and of £7,725 on the latter. This increase the Committee are of opinion is attributable mainly to the judicious change introduced in the Revenue Acts of the last Session. The Receipts from the Outports have varied but little from former years.

Committee Room, 28th February, 1845.

MICHL. TOBIN,	} Committee of Legislative Council.	JAMES McNAB.	} Committee of House of Assembly.
M. B. ALMON,		JAMES D. FRASER,	
EDWD. KENNY,		G. W. McLELAN,	
	S. S. THORNE,		

*Abstract of Monies granted for Road and Bridge Service in the following Counties, undrawn on 31st December, 1844.*

No. 32.	William McKitterick, for 1843.		£30 0 0
KING'S COUNTY.			
No. 170.	Caleb Lake, for 1843,	£10 0 0	
384.	Archibald Smith, 1844,	8 0 0	
387.	Silas Crawford, "	5 0 0	
391.	Caleb Lake, "	5 0 0	
399.	Jacob Withrow, "	7 10 0	
412.	James Mosher, "	7 4 0	
393.	Isaac Lake, "	5 0 0	
			47 14 0
LUNENBURG.			
No. 239.	George Young, 1843.		5 0 0
CUMBERLAND.			
No. 459.	Nelson Forrest, 1844,	£20 0 0	
			No.

No. 476.	Kenneth McKenzie,	£5 0 0	
			£25 0 0
COLCHESTER.			
No. 621.	James Urquhart, 1843,	2 10 0	
647.	McDormont Bond, "	5 8 8	
481.	Simon Blair, 1844,	1 14 11	
487.	George McKay, "	6 10 0	
499.	John McKay, "	6 10 0	
527.	David Murray, "	4 0 0	
541.	Henry Christie, "	7 10 0	
			34 3 7
SYDNEY.			
No. 802.	Donald Gillis, 1843,	4 0 0	
664.	Harrington & McDonald, 1844,	37 11 6	
			41 11 6
CAPE BRETON.			
No. 831.	No Commissioner, 1844,	5 0 0	
911.	Michael McKeen, 1843,	10 0 0	
953.	Watson, "	10 0 0	
	Unappropriated, 1844.	85 0 0	
			110 0 0
QUEEN'S.			
No. 38.	Stephen Mack, 1844,		10 0 0
No. 973.	Donald McLean, 1843,	7 10 0	
974.	John G. McLean, "	7 10 0	
983.	Alexander McDonald, "	10 0 0	
1002.	Duncan McDonald, "	5 0 0	
907.	John McLean, 1844,	5 0 0	
900.	Duncan Ferguson, "	20 0 0	
912.	No Commissioner, "	15 0 0	
881.	No Commissioner, "	10 0 0	
890.	William McKeen, "	5 0 0	
921.	Alex. McDonald, "	7 10 0	
	Unappropriated, 1843,	82 8 9	
	Unappropriated, 1844,	24 4 0	
			199 2 9
HALIFAX.			
No. 1014.	William Fultz, 1843,	10 0 0	
1036.	William Faulkner, "	24 0 0	
1037.	Antoni Fouche, "	10 0 0	
			44 0 0
DIGBY.			
No. 159.	William Aymar, 1844,		10 0 0
GUYSBOROUGH.			
No. 754.	Alexander Martin, 1844,		7 10 0
RICHMOND.			
No. 1045.	Lauchlan McLean, 1843,		25 0 0
			589 1 10
	Balance due on Casualty Votes for 1843 and 1844, undrawn,		640 4 10
			£1,229 6 8
<i>Abstract of undrawn Monies voted in 1844.</i>			
	Sable Island, for 1844,	£400 0 0	
	Balance of drawback on Wine to Military Messes,	44 9 5	

Judges

Judges expenses to Cape Breton,	£25	17	6	
Balance on Whale Bounty,	391	0	0	
Breakwater, Spelt's Cove,	50	0	0	
Balance on Agricultural Vote,	110	14	1	
				£1422 1 0

Committee Room, 28th February, 1845.

MICHL. TOBIN, }  
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JAMES D. FRASER, }  
G. W. McLELAN, } Committee  
S. S. THORNE, } of House of  
                  } Assembly.

APPENDIX No. 28.

(See Page 36.)

(Copy.)

Fredericton, N. B., March 6, 1845.

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to inclose to Your Lordship the Copy of a Resolution this day passed by the House of Assembly of this Province, and through Your Lordship to invite the co-operation of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in erecting a suitable Establishment for the reception and treatment of Lunatics.

I will take an opportunity of forwarding for Your Lordship's information a copy of the latest Report of the Establishment in St. John, in which, from judicious treatment, a number of persons afflicted with Insanity have been cured. The necessity of enlarging the Institution and removing it from the City has now become apparent, and if a commodious building could be erected in a central situation for the reception of Patients from the three Provinces, I entertain no doubt that it would be a means of affording an Asylum to many afflicted persons whose derangement only becomes chronic and incurable from neglect or injudicious treatment in the early and incipient stages of their malady.

I have, &c.

(Signed.)

W. M. COLEBROOKE.

*New Brunswick House of Assembly, March 6th, 1845.*

*Resolved,* That a copy of the Resolution passed in Committee of the whole House on the Report of the Select Committee on the subject of providing a commodious Lunatic Asylum in this Province be laid before His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that His Excellency will be pleased to correspond with the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, with a view of obtaining the co-operation of those two Colonies in carrying such a desirable object into effect, in the hope that it may lead to the erection of a building suitable to the wants and condition of three Provinces.

CHAS. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

*New Brunswick House of Assembly, Thursday, 6th March, 1845.*

The House in Committee of the whole on the Report of the Select Committee on the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, passed the following resolution.

*Resolved,* as the opinion of this Committee, that measures should be forthwith taken to provide for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum, and that communication should be had through the Executive Government of this Province with the Governments of Nova-Scotia and Prince Edward Island, with a view of obtaining their co-operation in the erection of a commodious building suitable to the wants of that unfortunate class of persons in the three Provinces.

CHAS. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

APPENDIX No. 29.

(See Page 38.)

Account of the Receipts and Payments of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, for the half year ending 30th June, 1844.

1844. PAID.		Sterling.	Currency.
March 31.—Harbor Master at Sydney, arrears of Salary to 31st Decr., 1843,		£86 13 4	£108 6 8
Surveyor General of Cape Breton, arrears of Office Rent, ditto,		13 17 4	17 6 8
June 30.—Lieut. Governor's allowance for contingencies for the half year,		100 0 0	125 0 0
Private Secretary of Lieut. Governor, salary for the half year,		125 0 0	156 5 0
Miss Cox, her pension for the half year, with premium of exchange,		50 0 0	62 15 0
Mr. James, Chief Clerk Secretary's Office, salary for half year,		125 0 0	156 5 0
Mr. Keating, salary as Clerk in ditto,		80 0 0	100 0 0
Mr. Pyke, ditto,		50 0 0	62 10 0
Messenger,		5 10 4 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	6 18 0
Mr. Thompson, for Printing,		3 17 2 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	4 16 6
Mr. Belcher, for Stationary for Secretary's Office,		8 12 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	10 15 2
Mr. Elliot, Naval Storekeeper, for a Flag supplied for Governor-in-Chief,		0 13 0 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	0 16 4
<i>Two fifths of the Salaries or allowances due to the following Officers respectively for the half year ending this day.</i>			
June 30.—Lieutenant-Governor,		300 0 0	375 0 0
Chief Justice,		200 0 0	250 0 0
Provincial Secretary,		200 0 0	250 0 0
3 Puisne Judges each £34 Stg.		102 0 0	127 10 0
Master of the Rolls		34 0 0	42 10 0
Ditto, for Crier, Fuel, &c.		6 0 0	7 10 0
Attorney General,		120 0 0	150 0 0
Clerk of the Crown,		20 0 0	25 0 0
Surveyor-General of Nova-Scotia proper,		30 0 0	37 10 0
Ditto, Cape-Breton,		20 0 0	25 0 0
Ditto, ditto, for Office Rent,		3 4 0	4 0 0
Superintendent of Mines,		20 0 0	25 0 0
Harbor Master,		20 0 0	25 0 0
		£1,724 11 5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	£2,155 14 4

1844. RECEIVED.		Sterling.	Currency.
Jan'y. 1.—Balance in hand,		£0 0 7 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	£0 0 9
March 6.—Surplus proceeds of Sales of Crown Lands in Cape Breton, in 1843,		137 2 4	171 7 11
Fees on Commissions sent in 1843 to Mr. Crawley,		6 17 4	8 11 8
Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova-Scotia and Cape-Breton, for the half year ending this day,		1333 6 8	1666 13 4
Rent of Mines under the late Duke of York's Lease, for the year ended 24th June inst.		1 0 0	1 5 0
			Premium

Premium on the two preceding sums, payable in Dollars, but paid in Provincial Paper Money, 2 <sup>d</sup> the Dollar,	£55 11 0 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	£69 9 10
Fees paid at the Secretary's Office,	174 16 1 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	218 10 2
Balance due to the Treasurer,	15 16 6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	19 15 8

Halifax, July, 1844. £1,724 11 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> £2,155 14 4  
RUPERT D. GEORGE.

DR. *Account of Receipts and Payments of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue in Nova-Scotia and Cape-Breton, for the half year ending 31st Dec., 1844.*

1844.	PAID.	Currency.
Dec. 31.—	Balance due to the Treasurer, 1st July, 1844,	£19 15 8
	Lt. Governor's allowance for contingencies for half year,	125 0 0
	Private Secretary of Lt. Governor, salary for half year,	156 5 0
	Miss Cox's pension for half year, with premium of exchange,	63 12 3
	Mr. James, 1st Clerk Secretary's Office, half year's salary,	156 5 0
	Mr. Keating, 2nd ditto. " " "	100 0 0
	Mr. Pyke, 3rd ditto. " " "	62 10 0
	Messenger (£6 18d.) Fuel, &c., of Secretary's Office,	15 19 9
	Mr. Belcher, Stationary for Lieut. Governor, for 1844,	31 16 6
	Ditto. for Secretary for half year,	11 16 1
	Mr. McKenzie, £2 16s. 9d., Mr. McKinlay, 10s. 3d. for do.	3 7 0
	Surveyor General, C. B., balance of Salary for 1844,	75 0 0
	Ditto. balance of Office rent for do.	16 0 0
	Superintendent of Mines, balance of salary,	75 0 0
	Harbor Master, Sydney, balance of salary,	75 0 0
	Solicitor General, salary 14th Novr. to 31st Decr.	15 19 3
	Master of Rolls, balance of allowance for Crier and Fuel of Chancery and Vice Admiralty Courts for the year 1844,	30 0 0
	<i>Two-fifths of Salaries or allowances of the following Officers.</i>	
	Lieutenant Governor,	375 0 0
	Chief Justice,	250 0 0
	3 Puisne Judges, each £42 10s.	127 10 0
	Master of the Rolls,	42 10 0
	Attorney General,	150 0 0
	Clerk of the Crown,	25 0 0
	Provincial Secretary,	250 0 0
	Surveyor General, Nova-Scotia,	37 10 0
	Balance,	68 7 9
		£2,359 4 3

1844.	RECEIVED.	Currency.
Decr. 31.—	Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, for the half year ending this day,	£1666 13 4
	Premium on dollars received in payment of ditto,	69 8 10
	Fees received at Secretary's Office, for half year,	294 3 4
	Ditto. Sydney, C. B., in 1844, £34 17 1	
	Less Mr. Crawley's Commission, 1 14 10	
		33 2 3
	Surplus proceeds of Sales of Crown Lands in Nova Scotia Proper, for the year 1844,	17 3 1
	Ditto. in Cape Breton,	188 13 5
		£2,359 4 3

Halifax, 1st February, 1845.

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

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