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Annual Report

OF THE STATE OF THE

MADRAS SCHOOL,

IN

NEW-BRUNSWICK,

FOR THE YEAR

1820.

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ANNUAL REPORT, &c.

REPORT of the state of the MADRAS SCHOOL, Incorporated by the name of the "*Governor and Trustees of the Madras School in New-Brunswick,*" made agreeably to the direction in that behalf in the Charter, at the first Annual Court or Meeting of the said Corporation, on the first Tuesday in July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

This School was originally formed at the City of Saint John, in the Province of New-Brunswick, under the Patronage and liberal encouragement of HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE TRACEY SMYTH, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the said Province, in the month of July, 1818, by the voluntary contributions of Trinity Church, and of the Corporation and Inhabitants of the City, for the instruction of Children and Youth of both sexes, and particularly the indigent in the principles of true Religion and useful Learning according to the system invented and first practised by Dr. BELL, at *Madras*, and in use and practice in the British National Education Society, incorporated and established in England. The School was placed under the direction of Mr. GEORGE BRAGG, who was licensed for that purpose by HIS EXCELLENCY, and by whose abilities and persevering zeal and diligence, the School became so eminently useful that a Grant was made by the Legislature of the Province

vince at the Session of the General Assembly in the year 1819, of the sum of *L.* 250 towards erecting a suitable building, in the said City, for the accommodation of the School. Aid having also been given towards the support of the School by the National Society in England, the Committee chosen and appointed by the Subscribers to the Institution, Inhabitants of the said City, for managing and conducting the affairs of the School, were encouraged to undertake the purchase of a Lot, and the erection of a Brick Building thereon, for the accommodation of the School, one story in height, which has been since completed of the following dimensions in the inside, viz. 78 feet in length, by 33 feet in breadth, and the height of the School Room from the floor to the centre of the arched ceiling 17 feet.

As it was found that many difficulties might arise in managing the affairs of the School from the want of corporate powers for the purpose, the Committee above mentioned presented a Petition to HIS EXCELLENCY in the month of July, 1819, praying that a Royal Charter might be granted for the more perfect establishment of the School, and for erecting a Corporation for receiving, managing, and disposing of the property and funds for the use of the School, and extending the benefits of the Institution.

HIS EXCELLENCY being desirous to promote and encourage an Institution so useful and important, and to extend the benefit thereof to other parts of the Province, was pleased to direct that a Royal Charter should be prepared without delay for the purposes mentioned in this Petition, and the Charter was accordingly prepared and granted by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the Province, bearing date the 23d day of August, 1819, by which it is among other things required that the Central School be always held and kept in the said City of Saint John, and that

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that the benefits of the Institution be extended to every other part of the Province from time to time, and as often as the funds and means of the Corporation may enable them so to do.

At the Session of the General Assembly of the Province the present year, the sum of *L.* 750 was granted "To the Governor and Trustees of the Madras School in New-Brunswick towards the support of that Institution *throughout the Province.*"

It being required by the Charter that the Corporation cause to be kept by their Treasurer regular and fair accounts of all sums *received* and *paid* for the use of the Corporation, and to render the account thereof each and every year at the Annual Court or Meeting of the Corporation, on the first Tuesday in July, in writing, on oath of the said Treasurer.

EDWARD J. JARVIS, Esquire, the Treasurer of the Corporation accordingly exhibited, on oath, an account of the sums received and paid by him for the use of the Corporation up to that day, as follows, viz :

The Governor and Trustees of the Madras School in New-Brunswick, in Account with the Treasurer, 1st July, 1820.

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	£	s	d	£	s	d
Sept. 27, To Cash paid at sundry times for Building the National School-house,	940	2	4	348	9	5½
to " on account for the Lot,	25	0	0	100	0	0
" " for Room Rent,	20	0	0	100	0	0
July 1, " J. Wilson's expenses to Halifax to qualify him,	52	10	0	300	0	0
1820. " Mr. Bregg's salary at sundry times,	20	0	0	250	0	0
" S. Humbert for a Stove,	206	10	0	233	6	8
" A. Lawrence, Cabinet-maker,	9	0	0	9	12	0
" D. Green, do.	10	4	0	105	18	6
" J. Wetmore, for tables, &c.	5	0	0	3	15	10
" J. L. Venner, for Stationery in London,	11	4	6			
" for fuel, stationery, postage, &c.	59	4	9			
" Balance in hand,	66	12	9½			
	25	14	1			
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Mr. BRAGG, the Preceptor of the School, also exhibited his account of fums received and paid by him, by which there appears to be a balance due to him of the fum of $L.12 : 10 : 10$, exclusive of a fum allowed to him at the present meeting of the Corporation of $L.35$, to make his falary up to the fum of $L.200$ per annum, commencing the 1st day of January last, these fums amounting in the whole to the fum of $47 : 10 : 10$, due to Mr. BRAGG; the fums stated in his account as received by him, are for tuition money, and the Books belonging to the Corporation fold by him to the Scholais.

Upon a Representation made by the Reverend Mr. ARNOLD, of the State of the Madras Schools, two at Suffex Vale and one in Norton, in King's County, the fum of $L.40$ has been allowed at the present Meeting of the Corporation to Mr. and Mrs. LEGGETT, as Instructors in one of the Schools at Suffex Vale, of the fum of $L.15$ to Miss MARTIN, the Preceptress in the School at Norton, and of the further fum of $L.15$ to Mr. TRURO, late Preceptor in the other School at Suffex Vale, amounting in the whole to the fum of $L.70$, payable out of the Provincial Grant made as before mentioned at the last Session of the General Affembly.

Out of the same Grant there have been paid the following fums, viz :

	£	S.	D.
To the Madras School at Fredericton,	100	0	0
To Do. at Kingston, in King's County,	60	0	0
To Do. at Gagetown, in Queen's County,	40	0	0
Reserved for Books and School Apparatus, Seal, &c.	50	0	0
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	L.250	0	0

E. J. JARVIS, Treasurer.

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The sum above mentioned allowed to the Schools at Suffex Vale and Norton,	}	70	0	0
Will leave a balance of the Grant to be disposed of by the Governor and Trustees, of the sum of		420	0	0

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Amount of sums remaining due from the Corporation as before mentioned,	}	472	12	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
To Mr. BRAGG, as before mentioned,		47	10	10

Deduct balance in the Treasurer's hands,		520	2	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
		25	14	1
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		494	8	10 $\frac{3}{4}$

If the above balance of the Grant should not be wanted for more pressing calls, and can be appropriated in liquidation of these debts,	}	420	0	0

There will remain a balance to be provided for hereafter of the sum of	}	64	8	10 $\frac{3}{4}$

From the returns made to HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, the State of the Madras School in New-Brunswick appears to be as follows, viz.

State of the Madras School in New-Brunswick, July 1820.

INSTRUCTORS	Nos. in daily attendance.
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State of the Madras School in New-Brunswick, July 1820.

PLACES.	Commence- ment of the Schools.	Total No. of Children.		Nos. in daily attendance.		INSTRUCTORS.
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
		421	179	224	145	
Frederickton,	July 1818. Sept. 1819.	71	57	50	48	Mr. SHELTON. Mrs. BAIRD,
Kingston,	Jan. 1819.	54		35		Mr. CONDLE.
Gage Town,	March 1819.	35		35		Mr. BABBIT.
Sassex Vale,	1819.	30	33	45		Mr. and Mrs. LEGGETT.
Norton,	April 1819.		32		32	Miss MARTIN.
Westmorland,	March 1818.	60		45		Messrs. GORE and CAREY.
Hampton,	1820.	20		20		Mr. DAVIDSON.
TOTAL.		691	301	454	225	

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It is satisfactory in this place to state the encouragement that has been given to the Institution by the Grants that have been ordered to be made by HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, by and with the advice of HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, from time to time, viz.

For the benefit and support of the Central School, a lot escheated to the Crown for failure of heirs, adjoining to the lot purchased for the erection of the School House thereon, four lots in Duke-street, escheated for a like cause, with the buildings thereon, and regranted to Mr. HENRY GARDNER, who had an equitable claim thereon, upon his offer to pay to the Corporation the sum of Two Hundred Guineas, mentioned in the Treasurer's account as received from him.

The Shag Rocks, so called, lying near the mouth of the harbour of St. John: This Grant has not been hitherto productive on account of a restrictive clause in an Act of Assembly, which, from its inefficiency will probably be repealed.

For the Benefit and support of the Madras School at St. Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, a part of the Town plot there, on the South West side of Water-street.

For the benefit and support of the Madras School in the Parish of Hampton, in King's County, 400 acres of the reserved lands in that Parish.

For the benefit and support of the Madras School in the Parish of Springfield, in King's County, 400 acres of the Crown lands in that Parish.

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The present state of the Madras *Central School* as reported by Mr. BRAGG, on the 1st July, 1820.

Total number of Boys belonging to the School, 224,

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Of which 37 are rated Free,			
85 at 20 <i>f</i> per annum,	85	0	0
41 at 30 <i>f</i> „	61	10	0
61 at 40 <i>f</i> „	122	0	0
—	268	10	0
187 { to pay for books, fuel,			
Free Scholars 37 { &c. each 5 <i>f</i> per Annum,	46	15	0
—	315	5	0
224 Total income from the present number,			

It has however been found, that notwithstanding every practicable exertion to collect the sums above specified, there has been a deficiency and consequent loss of at least one third part; so that even in the present prosperous state of the School, the tuition money cannot be depended upon, as a source of income, for more than L200.

There appears to be a competent supply for the present, of the necessary books and School apparatus, in the Treasurer's hands.

During the last winter the Floor of the Central School has been divided into two parts for the accommodation of the Children of different sexes, but the number of boys in daily attendance has so greatly increased, that it is found that the whole Floor will hereafter be required for their accommodation; it has therefore

therefore been thought expedient to appoint a Committee to make the requisite inquiries and report a proper place for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the female Scholars, together with a plan and an estimate of the expense of a building for that purpose.

It having been thought highly expedient that some means of instruction should be provided for the Children of People of Colour, whose education appears to have been hitherto altogether neglected, a Committee has been appointed to confer with His EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, at his request, upon the measures proper to be adopted for the effecting of so desirable an object.

The Governor and Trustees are aware that the execution of these purposes must be attended with considerable expense but they feel it to be their duty, without delay, to resort to all the means in their power to accomplish them, in full confidence that the aid of the Provincial Legislature will be hereafter extended in reimbursing to them such expenses as may be unavoidably incurred in the prosecution of undertakings which appear to them so useful and important.

It has been thought advisable that arrangements should be made for a public meeting annually of the Children belonging to the Central School, which the Children belonging to other Schools should be invited to join at Trinity Church, in this City, on some convenient week-day, to be appointed for that purpose, at a suitable season of the year, on which day, a Sermon should be preached and a collection made for the benefit of the Central School, and to this end the Church Wardens of this Church have been requested to make such arrangements for the present year on the first Tuesday in August next, on which day the

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All the necessary local Rules and Regulations for the Government of the School have been made and published in the News-papers from time to time for the information of all concerned, and the semi-annual examination of the Scholars has been regularly attended to, at which, suitable rewards have been distributed for the encouragement of merit and industry, and it is but justice to Mr. and Mrs. BRAGG, to remark, that the progress and improvement that have been made by the Children, bear the strongest testimony to their zeal and exertions in the discharge of their respective duties, and evince in the most satisfactory manner and to the fullest extent the utility, importance, and beneficial effects of this Institution.

The foregoing Report is respectfully submitted to the Governor and Trustees by their Committee.

WARD CHIPMAN,
EDWARD J. JARVIS,

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The following Rules and Regulations proposed by His EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for the Government of the Madras School in the other parts of the Province, were approved and adopted by the Court, at the present Meeting,

The Schools with their local funds to be under the immediate management of the Minister and Church Wardens of each Parish, who are to make an annual report to the Secretary of the Board by the first of June, on the following points,

1st.

- 1st. The date of the establishment of each School.
- 2d. The names of Teachers and whether properly qualified in this system, and where and by whom instructed.
- 3d. The number of Children of both sexes entered since the formation of the School.
- 4th. The number of Children of each Sex in daily attendance.
- 5th. That the elementary books of the National Society be ALONE used in the instruction of the Children.
- 6th. From what funds the School is supported, and whether any and what assistance is required for the current year.

N. B. The Secretary of the Central School will furnish the National School books on application.

Saint John, 6th July, 1820.

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